

Eviction Prevention Programs & Collection of Socio-Demographic Data

Housing Secretariat Presentation to the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee

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Presentation Highlights

1. Disproportionate Impact of Evictions on Black & Indigenous Tenants
2. Eviction Prevention Programs
 - Socio-Demographic Data Collection

Disproportionate Impact of Evictions on Black and Indigenous Tenants in Toronto

Black and Indigenous populations continue to face systemic and structural inequities that increase risks of housing instability and eviction.

- According to a 2021 Canadian Housing Survey, 13 percent of Black respondents and 12 percent of Indigenous respondents have experienced an eviction in their lifetime, nearly double the rate of other respondents.
- A 2020 Wellesley Institute report found that census tracts with a higher proportion of Black renter households (36%) had nearly twice the rate of eviction filings compared to areas with 2 percent Black householders, even controlling for poverty and other variables.

City-Supported Eviction Prevention Programs & Socio- Demographic Data Collection

Eviction Prevention in the Community (EPIC)

EPIC supports tenants at imminent risk of eviction by providing short-term case management to prevent evictions and sustain tenancies.

- Delivered by six community organizations including one Black-led organization
- Socio-demographic data is collected, including Indigenous identity data and racial identity
- Key performance indicator: number of household evictions prevented through case management services



| Data | Collected Information |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Age | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of birth |
| Indigenous Identity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations • Inuit • Metis • Other |
| Racial Identity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian • Black (Torontonians of African descents, Black Torontonians, Canadians of African descents, and African Canadians) • East Asian • First Nations, Inuit or Metis • Latin American • South Asian or Indo Caribbean • Southeast Asian • White • More than one race category or mixed race, please describe: • Not listed, please describe: |
| Gender | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male, Female, or Transgender, Non binary or Two Spirit |
| Toronto Residence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postal code |
| Primary Income Source and Amount | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided by the client |

| Reporting period | # of Evictions Prevented | Indigenous Households | Black Led Households |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Jan-Dec 2025 | 1105 | 44 (4%) | 465 (42%) |

Toronto Rent Bank

The Rent Bank supports Toronto tenants facing imminent eviction by providing one-time financial assistance for rental arrears to prevent eviction or for a rental deposit to avoid homelessness

- Delivered by the Neighbourhood Information Post and nine Local Access Centres, including two Black-led organizations (Margaret's Housing and Community Support Services and Centre francophone du Grand Toronto)
- Socio-demographic data is collected, including Indigenous identity data and race-based identity
- Outcome indicator: number of approved applications



| Data | Collected Information |
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| Indigenous Identity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations • Inuit • Metis • Other |
| Racial Identity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arab, Middle Eastern or West Asian • Black (Torontonians of African descents, Black Torontonians, Canadians of African descents, and African Canadians) • East Asian • First Nations, Inuit or Metis • Latin American • South Asian or Indo Caribbean • Southeast Asian • White • More than one race category or mixed race, please describe: • Not listed, please describe: |
| Disability Status | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visible, Invisible, Both |
| Gender | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female, Male, Transgender, Non binary, Two Spirit, Other |

| Reporting period | # of Approved Grants | # of Approved Grants for Black led Households | Black led Households % |
|------------------|----------------------|---|------------------------|
| Jan-Dec 2025 | 2961 | 441 | 15% |

Toronto Tenant Support Program (TTSP)

TTSP provides information, outreach, and legal services to Toronto tenants in private market rental housing.

- Delivered by three organizations: Canadian Centre for Housing Rights, Centre for Immigrant and Community Services, Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations
- TTSP information services are low barrier and do not collect socio-demographic data
- TTSP legal representation services collect age, gender, and Membership in Target Group data, but currently not race-based data
 - Race-based data will begin to be collected in Q3 2026

| Legal Representation Services | | |
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| Data | Collected Information | |
| Age | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of Birth | |
| Gender | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female • Male • Transgender • Non binary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two spirited (if Indigenous) • Other • Prefer not to say |
| Membership in Target Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People experiencing Chronic Homelessness • People living with Mental Health Conditions • People with Addictions or Substance Use Challenges • People who Identify as LGBTQ2S • People Fleeing Domestic Violence • People Exiting Public Institutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Peoples • Immigrants • Refugees • Veterans • Family • Children (aged 0 11) • Youth (12 14) • Youth (15 17) • Youth (18 24) • Youth (25 30) • Adults (aged 31 64) • Seniors (aged 65+) • Not Applicable • Official Language • Minority Community • People with Disabilities |

Extreme Clean & Hoarding Supports

Extreme clean projects provide low-barrier cleaning services to avoid eviction related to safety issues.

Hoarding support projects provide case management for tenants whose hoarding behaviours put their housing at risk.

- Extreme clean and hoarding supports are delivered by two organizations.
- Extreme clean projects do not collect race-based data.
- Hoarding supports project collects age, gender, and Membership in Target Group data, but currently not race-based data.
 - Race-based data will begin to be collected in Q3 2026
- Outcome indicator for hoarding supports: number of clients receiving hoarding supports



| Hoarding Supports | | |
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| Data | Collected Information | |
| Age | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of Birth | |
| Gender | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Female • Male • Transgender • Non binary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two spirited (if Indigenous) • Other • Prefer not to say |
| Membership in Target Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People experiencing Chronic Homelessness • People living with Mental Health Conditions • People with Addictions or Substance Use Challenges • People who Identify as LGBTQ2S • People Fleeing Domestic Violence • People Exiting Public Institutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Peoples • Immigrants • Refugees • Veterans • Family • Children (aged 0 11) • Youth (12 14) • Youth (15 17) • Youth (18 24) • Youth (25 30) • Adults (aged 31 64) • Seniors (aged 65+) • Not Applicable • Official Language • Minority Community • People with Disabilities |

| Reporting period | # of clients served |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| April 2024-March 2025 | 101 |

Partnering with Black-led & Indigenous organizations to better serve Black and Indigenous tenants

Black- and Indigenous-led partners providing eviction prevention services include:

- **Midaynta Community Services** is a Black-led, Black serving agency funded to deliver eviction prevention case management services, working in partnership with EPIC.
- **Margaret's Housing and Community Supports** is a Black-led Housing Hub that acts as a Local Access Centre for the Rent Bank and delivers a supportive housing project.
- **Wigwamen - Aboriginal Housing Support Centres** (two locations) provide housing assistance for Indigenous families or individuals in need of affordable housing or at risk of being homeless, and support tenants with Rent Bank applications.

Questions