

## Precariously Housed (John)

### Poverty

Proportion of Toronto adults who live in poverty	20%
Median monthly income for a single adult on low income	\$820
Proportion of college and university graduates who work low-wage jobs	23%
Average monthly Ontario Works cheque (2014)	\$585
Ontario Works maximum monthly shelter allowance for a single adult (November 2015)	\$376
Ontario Works maximum monthly shelter allowance for a two-adult family with two children (November 2015)	\$718
Average monthly Ontario disability support cheque (2014)	\$1,020

### Housing

Average market rent for for a bachelor apartment in Toronto (Fall 2015)	\$937
Average market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Toronto (Fall 2015)	\$1,286
Percentage of Toronto households paying more than 30% of income on rent (almost half of Toronto households rent)	43.5%
Number of social housing units in Toronto, including market rent units	94,578
Approximate number of rent-geared to income units where rents are set at 30% of household income	70,000
Number of households on the waiting list for rent-geared to income (RGI) units as of September 2015	95,381
Number of households housed oin RGI units during 2014	3,122

### Rooming Houses in Toronto

Price range of renting a room in a rooming house for one month (2011)	\$350-\$500
Number of licenced rooming houses in the City of Toronto in May 2012	412
Number of licensed rooming houses and converted houses/bachelorette properties in the City of Toronto as of April 2016	265
Number or rental units lost to gentrification-related unit deconversions in the east side of Downtown and in Riverdale between 1978 and 1981	~20,000
Number of people displaced from these rental units (inclding rooming houses) in the east side of Downtown and in Riverdale between 1978 and 1981	54,000

### City of Toronto Rooming House Review (2015)

Total number of rooming house survey participants involved in the study (included tenants, landlords, neighbours, and other stakeholders)	1500
Proportion of Torontonians in a citywide poll who said that they have lived in a rooming house	13%
Proportion of rooming house tenants surveyed who cite affordability as one reason why they chose to live in a rooming house (the most common reason)	74.3%
Proportion of rooming house tenants surveyed who are unaware whether the rooming houses they live in are licensed or not	53.5%
Proportion of rooming house tenants surveyed who feel welcome in their neighbourhood	25.3%
Proportion of rooming house tenants surveyed who feel neither welcome nor unwelcome in their neighbourhood	47.5%
Proportion of rooming house tenants surveyed who feel unwelcome in their neighbourhood	19.2%
Proportion of rooming house tenants surveyed who say their rooming house is affordable	80.2%
Proportion of rooming house tenants surveyed who say their rooming house is not affordable	14.9%

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