

Facts about homelessness

in TORONTO

5,253

Estimated number of homeless people sleeping outside, in emergency shelters, Violence Against Women shelters, and health and correctional facilities in Toronto. Estimate from 2013 Street Needs Assessment. About the same as in 2009. Next survey is in 2018.

OUTDOOR HOMELESS WHO:

85% are male

33% self-identify as Aboriginal

Estimate of those sleeping rough in April 2013



WHO ARE THE HOMELESS?

65% are male

16% of all homeless identify as Aboriginal; 1% of Toronto's total population is Aboriginal

21% of those staying in youth shelters identify as part of the LGBTQ community

7% report experience in the Canadian military

29% are 51+; Seniors more than doubled in four years as a proportion of the homeless population.

Fastest growing group

93% of people experiencing homelessness who want a permanent home

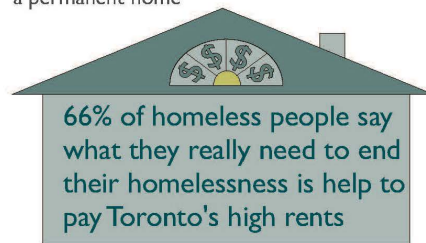
SHELTER USE ON THE RISE

4,434

Number of men, women and children using the emergency shelter system on an average night in 2017 (to March 26). In 2016, the number was 4,122

80%

Percentage increase in number of refugees (mostly families) seeking shelter services over the course of 2016. Those citing "refugee" as reason for service accounted for most of the 2016 rise in demand



DISCONNECT BETWEEN SOCIAL ASSISTANCE RATES AND TORONTO RENTS

Ontario Works total basic monthly allowance, fall 2016

\$706 one person

\$1,205 family of four

How can Torontonians afford rent?

Average private market rents

\$942 bachelor

\$1,301 2-bedroom

Lack of units for rent

Overall vacancy rate in Toronto private market rentals

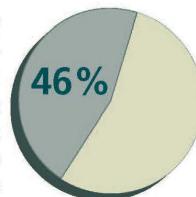
1.3%

AND THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

94,000 Number of social housing units (2017 all programs under administration by the City of Toronto)

69,000 Number of households receiving housing benefit in Toronto (rent-geared-to-income unit, housing allowances, rent supplements)

Percentage of Toronto renter households that spend more than 30% of pre-tax income on rent. Almost half of Toronto households rent



THE COST OF HOMELESSNESS

\$2,250

Monthly cost of a single shelter bed and services in Toronto



\$305.92

Monthly cost of subsidizing each unit of Toronto's social housing



181,390

Number of people on the Centralized Waiting List for a Rent-Geared to Income unit; average wait for a 2-bedroom: 8.5 years

SOURCES: City of Toronto 2017 budget analyst notes for Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, Ministry of Community and Social Services, 2013 Street Needs Assessment results, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Housing Connections