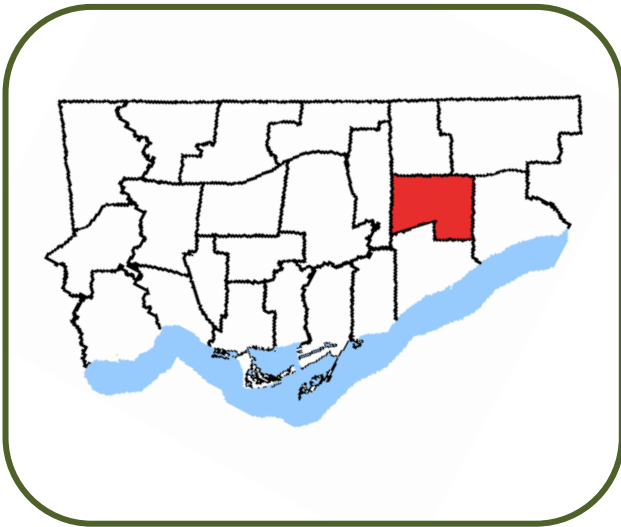


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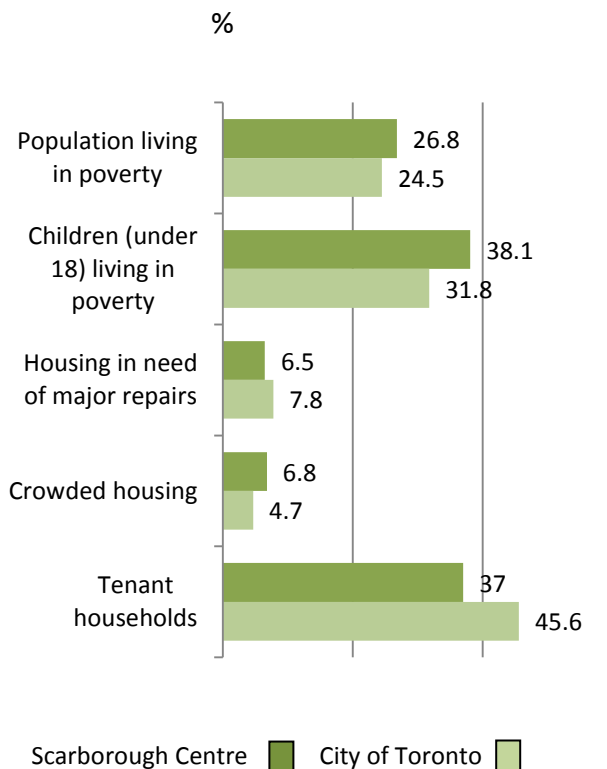


Story Behind the Stats

Scarborough Centre lies towards the east end of Toronto and is bordered by Victoria Park Avenue, Highway 401, Bellamy Road North, and the hydroelectric transmission line/Eglinton Avenue East. It includes parts of Wards 37, 38, and 40.

Residents in this area face challenges in finding employment, a fact that is reflected by the 26.8% of Scarborough Centre's population living in poverty. There are also issues related to transit access, rising rates of hidden homelessness, and a lack of accessible housing.

Key Figures



**108,015 people live in
Scarborough Centre**
28,509 live in poverty – 26.8%*

**“A big issue that we see
throughout Scarborough is
the need for affordable
housing, which is also
habitable.”**

S. Gopikrishna
Executive Director
Scarborough Housing Help Centre



The Action on Poverty profile series was created by Social Planning Toronto and the Alliance for a Poverty-Free Toronto. The profile includes Census data from Statistics Canada's Federal Electoral District Profiles and Community Profiles.

*For details on calculations and definitions, go to www.spno.ca



Taking Action in Scarborough Centre

Scarborough Housing Help Centre (SHHC) is a non-profit agency with a mandate to help people access and maintain affordable and safe market rent accommodation. It is the City of Toronto's designated housing help services provider for all of Scarborough, offering residents a range of programs and services designed to meet service users' diverse and changing needs.

SHHC's rent bank program works with households that are at risk of losing their homes due to personal financial emergencies that have resulted in rental arrears. The organization provides clients with assistance in securing an interest-free loan from the Central Administration Office at the City of Toronto so that they can avoid eviction and stay in their homes. This program has had a tremendously positive impact on the community.

While many of SHHC's programs are delivered post-crisis, the organization also believes that their work in raising awareness on tenant rights through information dissemination in the community is a powerful and preventative tool in fighting poverty.

www.shhc.org

Alliance for a Poverty-Free Toronto Takes Action

APT is made up of 40 community members and organizational representatives, including individuals with lived experience of poverty, from across the city. We are working together to develop and promote a comprehensive plan of action to eliminate poverty in Toronto.

Want to get involved?

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