

# New data shows epidemic poverty levels in Toronto <sup>[1]</sup>

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## Summary:

This four-page fact sheet visualizes new data on poverty in Toronto. The document has been jointly prepared by the Alliance for a Poverty-Free Toronto, Children's Aid Society of Toronto, Colour of Poverty - Colour of Change, Ontario Campaign 2000, and Social Planning Toronto. A full report will be released in the fall. Data analysis support from City of Toronto staff is also gratefully acknowledged.

## Highlights:

New Statistics Canada family data released on July 23 shows:

### *Striking disparity in neighbourhood low-income rates*

- The percentage of children living in low-income families (measured by after tax Low Income Measure) varies dramatically from 5% in Leaside-Bennington, Lawrence Park, and Kingsway, to 50% or over in Regent Park, Moss Park, Thorncliffe Park and Oakridge

### *High poverty rates in many of Toronto's 140 neighbourhoods*

- 15 neighbourhoods have child poverty rates of 40% or more, and an additional 40 neighbourhoods have child poverty rates of 30% or more

### *Toronto poverty rates are the highest in the GTA and among the highest in Canada*

- Child poverty in Toronto is the highest in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area and tied with Saint John for the highest among 13 major Canadian cities

### *Poverty rates are on the increase once again*

- Child poverty rates increased between 2010 and 2011, and again in 2012

**Region:** Ontario <sup>[6]</sup>

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