

Poverty in Peel

Facts at a Glance 2023

1 INCOME*

(Source: Statistics Canada, 2021)

In Peel



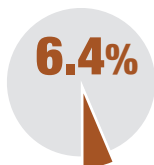
123,660 or **8.6%** of the population live in poverty, including **27,900** or **9.5%** of children 0–17 years.



2 EMPLOYMENT & Income Supports**

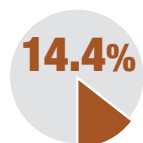
(Source: Statistics Canada, 2022)

Unemployment rate in Peel is



higher than Ontario's rate of **5.6%**

Youth (15–24) Unemployment rate in Peel is



higher than Ontario's rate of **11.5%**

48% of those employed in Peel work part of the year or part time



29,962 persons receive Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit (as of 2022)

* This includes Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities (ACSD).

Monthly Social Assistance Entitlement for a single individual is **\$733**

Average monthly Ontario Works (OW) households assisted in **2022, 12,530**



3 CHILD CARE

(Source: Statistics Canada, 2022)

\$20,000

The Province's annual income cut-off for families to receive full child care subsidy (no cost).

78% of children receiving subsidy are already receiving child care for **\$10 or less a day**, meaning that even with **Canada-Wide Early Learning & Child Care (CWELCC)**, these families would not be able to afford child care without subsidy.



4 HOUSING

(Source: 2021 Census and Statistical Adjustments)

91K Number of Peel households in **Core Housing Need (CHN)** ~19% of CHN households currently being served

Black households are the most likely to be in **Core Housing Need** compared to all other households.



Households that **immigrated** to Peel within the last 5 years are **150%** more likely to be in **Core Housing Need**.



5 LIVING WAGE***

(Source: Ontario Living Wage Network, 2022)

Peel Region's 2022 living wage rate was **\$23.15**

6 FOOD

(Source: Canadian Income Survey, Statistics Canada, 2021)

19.8% In 2021 **19.8%** of Peel residents were **marginally, moderately, or severely** food insecure.



* Based on Market Basket Measure (MBM) which is Canada's official measure of poverty. Market Basket Measure (MBM) refers to Canada's official measure of poverty based on the cost of a specific basket of goods and services representing a modest, basic standard of living. The introduction of CERB and other federal benefits have had a short term improvement on poverty numbers but this impact is not expected to continue past the 2021/22 income years as the financial relief programs have since ended.

** Ontario's rate is not comparable to Peel's rate. The rate for Ontario is the rate for March 2022 while the rates for Peel and the Toronto CMA are three month moving averages (January – March 2022).

*** The hourly wage a worker needs to earn to cover their basic expenses and participate in their community.