

## Poverty is Real in CK

Poverty is a reality in Chatham-Kent. In fact, there are more people living in low-income than the populations of Blenheim, Bothwell, Thamesville, Tilbury, Wheatley, and Ridgetown put together.

"We must seek to fully understand before we can act effectively"

### 1 in 6

#### PEOPLE IN CHATHAM-KENT LIVE IN POVERTY

1 in 5

CHILDREN (0-17) IN CHATHAM-KENT LIVE IN POVERTY Below, you will the numbers related to poverty in Chatham-Kent. While the numbers are just a snapshot, and do not represent the entirety of the experience of poverty, we hope they empower everyone to engage, understand, and mobilize in our community to eliminate poverty.

### Summary

You are more likely to be living in poverty if

#### • YOU IDENTIFY AS A VISIBLE MINORITY

people who identify as a
 visible minority (30%) are
 almost twice as likely to be
 in poverty compared to
 non-visible minority (16.4%)

## YOU ARE A SINGLE PARENT OR LONE INDIVIDUAL

- female lone-parent
   households are twice as
   likely to be living in poverty
   than male lone-parents
   households, with above 74%
   of female lone-parent
   households with children
   aged 0-5 living in poverty
- lone individuals, regardless
   of age, are the second most
   likely group to live in
   poverty, right behind female
   lone-parent households

# YOU ARE A CHILD BETWEEN 0 AND 14 YEARS OF AGE

an average of 23.8% of
children aged o to 14 are
living in poverty, with 27.5%
of children aged o to 5 living
in poverty

All statistics on this page are collected from *Statistics Canada.* 2017. *Census Profile.* 2016 *Census. Statistics Canada Catelogue no.* 98-316-X2016001. *Ottawa. Released November* 29, 2017.

## The Numbers

## No. of Persons in Low-Income by City, 2015

#### 910

HOUSEHOLDS ARE ON THE WAITLIST FOR **PUBLIC** HOUSING (APRIL 2019) -THAT IS A 4+ YEAR WAIT, ESPECIALLY FOR SINGLE

#### 28.4%

OF HOUSEHOLDS ARE FACING A **CORE HOUSING** NEED, MORE THAN 30% **OF THEIR INCOME ON RENT AND** 

#### 62

**INDIVIDUALS** (MEDIAN) ARE CHRONICALLY **HOMELESS (6+** MONTHS) IN SPENDING CHATHAM-KENT **EVERY MONTH** 

INDIVIDUALS

## No. of Persons in Low-Income by Family Type, 2015

## 27,600 4481 1,360

INDIVIDUALS

INDIVIDUALS ON

HOUSEHOLDS

HAVE EITHER **NOT HIGH** SCHOOL OR ONLY A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE, \$16,452

AVERAGE ACCESS ONTARIO DISABILITY SUPPORT PROGRAM MONTHLY, WITH A MEDIAN NEARLY DOUBLE INCOME OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ACCESSING **ONTARIO** WORKS MONTHLY

ARE ON THE WAITLIST FOR A SPACE IN A LICENSED **CHILDCARE** FACILITY

No. of Persons in Low-Income by Age, 2015

#### 7.0%

#### 2850

UNEMPLOYMENT AS OF FEBRUARY 2019, AND 50 PEOPLE COMPARED **WITH 5.7% FOR ONTARIO** 

INDIVIDUALS AGED 18-64 AGED 65+ ARE CLASSIFIED AS WORKING POOR (A PERSON WITH A WORKING INCOME

#### 19,090

**INDIVIDUALS** ARE EARNING A **MODEST INCOME (AN** INCOME **GREATER THAN** \$21,333 AND **BELOW THE 30TH AFTER-TAX INCOME** 

BETWEEN \$3000 PERCENTILE OF AND \$22,133, NOT INCLUDING STUDENTS, **CHILDREN REGARDLESS OF** AGE LIVING AT HOME, AND PARENTS UNDER 18)

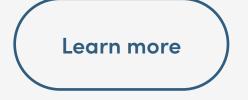
No. of Persons in Low-Income by Identity, 2015

\$35,100)

## Beyond the Numbers

Poverty is often talked about using numbers. Numbers can tell us a lot, but not everything. We need to go beyond the numbers to truly understand how poverty affects our community, and find more creative and effective solutions to poverty.

We are spending 6 months travelling across our community to listen, learn, and build a poverty action plan together. We hope you will join us to share your thoughts, wisdoms, and ideas.



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