

# Poverty is Real in CK

1 in 6

PEOPLE IN CHATHAM-  
KENT LIVE IN POVERTY

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.

1 in 5

CHILDREN (0-17) IN  
CHATHAM-KENT LIVE IN  
POVERTY

“We must seek to fully understand before we can act effectively”

Below, you will see 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-parent 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 0 to 14 are living in poverty, with 27.5% of children aged 0 to 5 living in poverty

All statistics on this page are collected  
from *Statistics Canada. 2017. Census  
Profile. 2016 Census. Statistics Canada  
Catalogue 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,  
SPENDING  
MORE THAN 30%  
OF THEIR  
INCOME ON  
RENT AND

**62**

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

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

**27,600**

**4481**

**1,360**

HAVE EITHER  
NOT HIGH  
SCHOOL OR  
ONLY A HIGH  
SCHOOL  
DIPLOMA OR  
CERTIFICATE,  
WITH A MEDIAN  
INCOME OF  
\$16,452

AVERAGE  
ACCESS  
ONTARIO  
DISABILITY  
SUPPORT  
PROGRAM  
MONTHLY,  
NEARLY DOUBLE  
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%**

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

**2850**

**INDIVIDUALS  
AGED 18-64  
AND 50 PEOPLE  
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  
AND \$22,133,  
NOT INCLUDING  
STUDENTS,  
CHILDREN  
REGARDLESS OF  
AGE LIVING AT  
HOME, AND  
PARENTS UNDER  
18)

PERCENTILE OF  
\$35,100)

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

# 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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