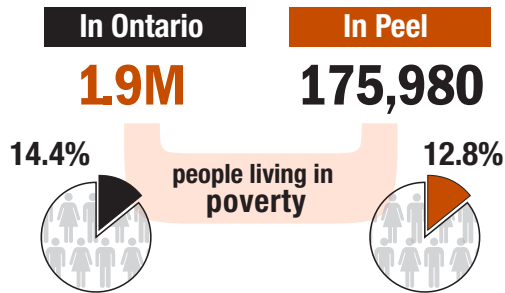


Poverty in Peel Facts

at a Glance 2022

INCOME



In Peel

18% of children 0–17 live in poverty



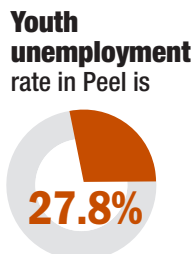
16% of racialized individuals live in poverty



LIM-AT was used as the income measure, however, since 2020 Canada's official measure of poverty is Market Basket Measure (MBM) and will be used in the future.

EMPLOYMENT & Income Supports

Unemployment rate in Peel is **10.5%**
...higher than Ontario's **8.4%**



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



Monthly social assistance entitlement for a single individual is **\$733**

28,019 persons receive Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit (as of Dec. 2021)

Average monthly Ontario Works (OW) households assisted **2021 11,128**

HOUSING

Current housing prices, both rental and ownership, are **unaffordable for**

80% of households in Peel based on their current income



A two-income minimum wage household, working fulltime, **needs 51 years to save** for today's down payment and closing cost

CHILDCARE



\$2,446 average monthly child care cost in Peel for a toddler and preschool child

TRANSPORTATION



Adults spend **5.9%** of minimum wage monthly salary on a bus pass

WELLBEING

Only **30.5%** Low Income individuals in Peel have dental insurance.



FOOD

The cost to feed a family of four per week in Peel



\$156 in 2009 → **\$197** in 2016 = **26% INCREASE**

14% of Peel's households experience marginal, moderate or severe food insecurity

Sources:

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2022 Provincial Election

Key Messages

The Provincial election is Thursday, June 2, 2022! Get involved and consider asking your local candidates about these topics:

- **Housing is increasingly unaffordable. Both renting and home ownership is out of reach for 80 per cent of households in Peel. What will you do to ensure that housing and rents are more affordable in Peel for potential homebuyers and new and existing tenants?**
- **Peel child care costs are among the most expensive in the country. How will you ensure that low-income families have access to safe, affordable child care, and that the new National Child Care plan prioritizes spaces for vulnerable families?**
- **The COVID-19 pandemic has left many people struggling to make enough money, and unable to secure stable employment, especially those in the service industry. Youth and racialized people are having a particularly hard time getting back into the workforce. How will you ensure everyone has access to stable employment and adequate income to live on?**
- **Demand for mental health services is growing in Peel, especially for youth, but waiting lists are long and access is very limited. We need a plan to meet mental health needs in our community. How will you ensure everyone, especially youth, have access to mental health supports?**
- **In Peel, 16% of racialized individuals live in poverty. The rate of children living in poverty in Peel is also higher than that of Ontario. How will you reduce poverty in racialized communities and for women, children, immigrants, and individuals with disabilities?**
- **Lack of access to technology is a critical problem in Peel. Affordable access to high-speed internet is essential for participation in the economy and society. What are you doing to ensure that people have the resources and supports needed to participate in our digital economy?**
- **Many low-income families struggle to afford transportation costs yet, transportation is essential to getting to and from school, appointments, and employment. What are you doing to ensure affordable and accessible transportation options for Peel residents?**
- **Ontario has one of the highest levels of food insecurity in Canada. Food security in Peel is worsening due to rising prices caused by inflation. Many people are forced to choose between putting food on the table and paying other household bills. What will you do to improve access to sustainable, nutritious foods in Peel?**