

Peterborough Poverty Reduction Strategy REPORT CARD

Introduction

The goal of the Peterborough Poverty Reduction Strategy is to reduce poverty in Peterborough County and City by 25% over five years. This Report Card is the first in a series of annual reports, and will provide information to let us know how close we are to achieving our goal. It will also tell us where we need to make changes, and will motivate us to continue finding ways to change the conditions that cause poverty in the first place.

This Report Card follows the same format as the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy, and this year, it focuses on child poverty. In some cases, if data is not available at the local level, a different area has been measured. These areas are as similar as possible to the provincial areas that were measured. Some of the provincial statistics, also called “indicators”, are only available at the provincial level and can’t be broken down for Peterborough.

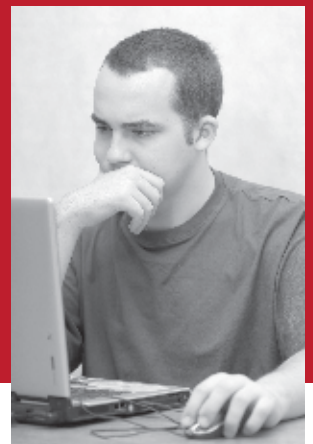
How Do I Get Involved?

There are many ways for individuals and organizations to contribute to poverty reduction in our community. For more information on how you can learn more, take action and support local initiatives visit:

www.pprn.ca
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MEASURE



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School Readiness A population measure of children's readiness to learn at school, based on a representative sample of children from across the province. Administered in Senior Kindergarten, it measures children's readiness to learn at school in five domains: physical health and well being; social competence; emotional maturity; language and cognitive development; and general knowledge and communication skills.



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Educational Progress The score is based on a provincial assessment by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) of student achievement against curriculum expectations. The indicator reflects the overall scores on the Grade 3, 6, and 9 reading, writing and math assessments.



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High School Graduation Rates Represents the percentage of high school students who have earned an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, in each graduating year. Ontario's graduation rate measures the percentage of students who graduated within five years after having started Grade 9 together.



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Birth Weights: The percentage of newborns at a healthy weight for the length of the pregnancy.

Low Birth Weight Rate: The percentage of infants (excluding multiple births) who are born weighing less than 2,500 grams.



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Low Income Measure (LIM50): The percentage of children under 18 years living in a household with an income less than 50% of the average household income, adjusted for family size.

Low Income After-Tax: The percentage of people in low income situations (who spend 20% more of their income than the average family on food, shelter, and clothing).

Low Income After-Tax (under 18 years): The percentage of people under 18 years in low income situations (who spend 20% more of their income than the average family on food, shelter, and clothing).



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Depth of Poverty/Low Income 40 (LIM40): The percentage of children under 18 years living in a household with an income less than 40% of the average household income, adjusted for family size.

Ontario Works (OW) Caseload: The number of cases receiving assistance from OW. A case can represent either an individual or a couple or a family.

Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) Caseload: The number of cases receiving assistance from ODSP. A case can represent either an individual or a couple or a family.

Food Bank Use: The number of different individuals accessing food banks in a one month period.

Nutritious Food Basket: The lowest available cost of a nutritious diet to feed a family of four based on Canada's Food Guide for one month.



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Standard of Living/Ontario Deprivation Index: The measure identifies a household with children as having a poverty-level standard of living if at least two of a list of 10 items are missing from the household because the family cannot afford them.



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Ontario Housing Measure: Indicates how many low income households with children (based on LIM40 measure) spend more than 40% of their income on housing.

Rent as a percentage of income: The proportion of renters who spend more than 30% of their income on rent.

PETERBOROUGH COUNTY AND CITY**ONTARIO**

2008-09: **68.3%** of children showed no vulnerabilities in any of the five key areas of readiness-to-learn at school

2007-09: **71.5%** of children showed no vulnerabilities in any of the five key areas of readiness-to-learn at school

2009-10 Assessment Year, at or above the provincial standard:

Grade 3:	Grade 6:	Grade 9:
· 62% in reading	· 71% in reading	· 43% applied math
· 66% in writing	· 63% in writing	· 80% academic math
· 68% in math	· 57% in math	· 83% literacy

2009-10 Assessment Year, at or above the provincial standard:

Grade 3:	Grade 6:	Grade 9:
· 62% in reading	· 72% in reading	· 40% applied math
· 70% in writing	· 70% in writing	· 82% academic math
· 71% in math	· 61% in math	· 84% literacy

High school graduation rate in Peterborough for students starting grade 9 in September 2004 for the KPR District School Board: **77%**. Rate for PVNC Catholic District School Board: **78.4%**

The high school graduation rate in Ontario for students starting Grade 9 in September 2004 was **79%**

Healthy Weight: N/A at the local level

Healthy Weight (2007-09): **80%** of Ontario-born babies were born at a healthy weight

Low Birth Weight Rate (2008): **5.3%** of babies born had a low birth weight

Low Birth Weight Rate (2008): **6.7%** of babies born had a low birth weight

LIM50: N/A at the local level

LIM50 (2008): **15.2%** of children in Ontario were below LIM50

Low Income After-Tax (2005): **9.1%** of all households in the County and City

Low Income After-Tax (2005): **11.1%** of Ontario households

Low Income After-Tax (under 18 years; 2005): **9.7%** in the County and City

Low Income After-Tax (under 18 years; 2005): **13.7%** in Ontario

LIM40: N/A at the local level

LIM40 (2008): **8.5%** of children in Ontario were in deep poverty

OW Caseload (July 2011): **3,769** cases

OW Caseload (July 2011): **262,143** cases

ODSP Caseload (October 2010): **3,736** cases

ODSP Caseload (February 2011): **286,637** cases

Food Bank Use (March 2011): **6,000** people, or **4.3%** of the County and City population

Food Bank Use (March 2011): **395,106** people, or **3.0%** of the Ontario population.

Nutritious Food Basket (May 2010): **\$742** or **30%** of the income of a minimum wage earner

Nutrition Food Basket (May 2010): **\$733** or **29%** of the income of a minimum wage earner

N/A at the local level

Deprivation Index (2008): **12.5%** of Ontario children were lacking in two or more items in 2008

Housing Measure: N/A at the local level

Housing Measure (2008): **5.4%** of children have very high housing costs relative to their low income

Rent as a percentage of income: **50.4%** of renters spend more than 30% of their income on rent

Rent as a percentage of income: **44.6%** of renters spend more than 30% of their income on rent

Sources

Primary Ontario indicators were obtained from the **Government of Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy 2010 Annual Report**. Available: <http://www.children.gov.on.ca/htdocs/English/breakingthecycle/report/2010/index.aspx>.

Peterborough-specific (and Ontario comparison data) for additional indicators were retrieved as follows:

1 **School Readiness**

Peterborough City and County Early Development Instrument (EDI) summary generated by the Peterborough Family Resource Centre, June 2011.

- The EDI is administered in Ontario over a 3 year cycle. The comparison for Cycle 2 is the 2007 to 2009 Ontario scores.

2 **Educational Progress**

Education Quality and Accountability Office. School, Board and Provincial Results. Available: <http://www.eqao.com/results/?Lang=E> (retrieved Aug 2011)

- Educational Progress data for Peterborough only include scores from schools in Peterborough County

3 **High School Graduation Rates**

Personal Communication, Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board

- Peterborough rates are board-wide and include schools not within County boundaries

Personal communication, Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board

- Peterborough rates are board-wide and include schools not within County boundaries

4 **Low Birth Weight Rate**

BORN Ontario. Perinatal Health Report 2008 Central East Ontario Public Health Region. 2008. Available: http://www.bornontario.ca/_documents/PHU%20Reports/BORN-CE%20PHU%20Report%202008-LR.pdf

5 **Low Income After Tax and Low Income After Tax (<18)**

Statistics Canada. 2006 Community Profiles, Peterborough (County and City), Ontario. 2006 Census, Catalogue no. 92-591-XWE.

6 **Ontario Works (OW) Caseload**

Personal Communication, City of Peterborough.

- Data provided by Social Services Staff - July 2011 SDMT Benefit Unit Summary Report
- Ontario Works data is a snap shot in time as of June 30 for combined City and County of Peterborough

Ministry of Community and Social Services. Ontario Social Assistance. Monthly Statistical Report. June 2011. Available: http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/documents/en/mcsc/social/reports/OW_EN_2011-06.pdf

Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) Caseload

Personal Communication, City of Peterborough.

- Data provided by Social Services Staff- June 2011 SDMT Benefit Unit Summary Report

Ministry of Community and Social Services. Ontario Disability Support Program. Monthly Statistical Report. July 2011. http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/documents/en/mcsc/social/reports/ODSP_EN_2011-07.pdf

Food Bank Use

Kawartha Food Share. Available: <http://www.kawarthafoodshare.com/>

Peterborough County-City Health Unit. Limited incomes: A recipe for hunger. 2010. Available: <http://pcchu.peterborough.on.ca/NP/NP-images/PDF/limited-incomes.pdf>

Food Banks Canada. Hunger Count 2011. Available: <http://www.foodbankscanada.ca/FoodBanks/MediaLibrary/research/HungerCount-2011-web-print-friendly.pdf>

Nutritious Food Basket

Peterborough County-City Health Unit. Limited incomes: A recipe for hunger. 2010. Available: <http://pcchu.peterborough.on.ca/NP/NP-images/PDF/limited-incomes.pdf>

Weekly Cost of a Nutritious Food Basket. Correspondence from the Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport, October 1, 2010, to all Medical Officers of Health.

7 **Standard of Living/Ontario Deprivation Index**

Ministry of Children and Youth Services. Available: <http://news.ontario.ca/mcys/en/2009/12/ontario-deprivation-index.html>

8 **Rent as a Percentage of Income**

Statistics Canada. 2006 Community Profiles, Peterborough (County and City), Ontario. 2006 Census, Catalogue no. 92-591-XWE.