



AFFORDABLE HOUSING FACT SHEET

GUELPH & WELLINGTON TASK FORCE FOR POVERTY ELIMINATION / 2015

THE GOAL

Everyone in Guelph & Wellington can find and maintain an appropriate, safe, and affordable place to call home.



\$878

1 BEDROOM



\$994

2 BEDROOM



\$1179

3 BEDROOM

AVERAGE MONTHLY RENT

IN GUELPH AND WELLINGTON

VACANCY RATE

Low vacancy rates typically mean that households will have greater difficulty finding a place to rent. They may also lead to increases in rents, as more households seek to occupy a smaller pool of rental units. A healthy vacancy rate is generally considered 3%.

0.6% Guelph CMA has the lowest vacancy rate in Canada

WAITING LIST FOR SOCIAL HOUSING

The average time for households waiting for rent-geared-to-income housing has decreased in recent years in Guelph and Wellington. This downward trend is the result of the development of new affordable housing rental units, rent supplements, and housing allowance units. While this trend is positive, it is not expected to last due to pressure on our community's rent market.



SENIORS

1.9
YEARS



FAMILIES

1.3
YEARS



COUPLES & SINGLES

1.9
YEARS

If housing fails to meet these three standards and 30% or more of a household's total before-tax income is needed to pay the median rent of alternative local housing that is acceptable, the household is said to be in:



ADEQUATE



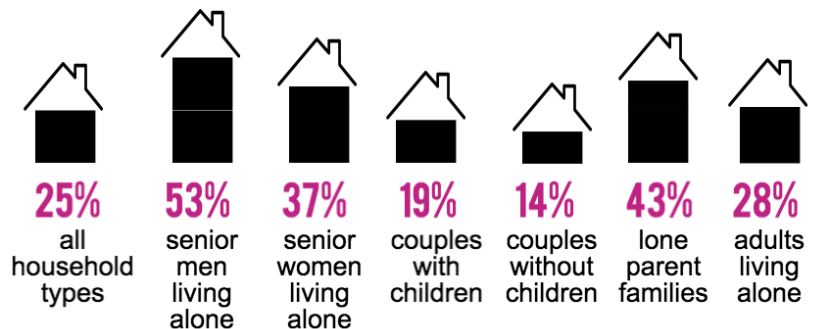
SUITABLE



AFFORDABLE

CORE HOUSING NEED

Incidence of core housing need among renters in Guelph by household type:

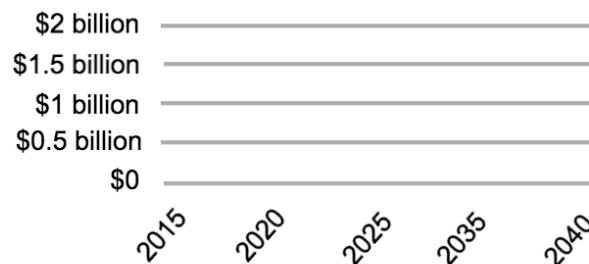


AFFORDABILITY



1 in every 5 (20%) of renter households are spending 50% or more of their income on rent.

SUBSIDY



FEDERAL INVESTMENTS IN SOCIAL HOUSING ARE SET TO EXPIRE

When all new funding except for on-reserve social housing stopped in 1993 and existing agreements started to expire, total federal funding began its annual decline: to \$1.6 billion this year, \$1.2 billion in 2020, \$604 million in 2025 and \$35 million in 2035. By 2040, the federal investment in social housing will be zero.

CANADA NEEDS A NATIONAL ANTI-POVERTY PLAN THAT INCLUDES AFFORDABLE HOUSING

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SOLUTIONS



Develop and implement a National Housing Strategy based in human rights, with a focus on reducing homelessness and securing adequate, accessible and affordable housing for Canadians



Preserve and renew federal investments to sustain and create new affordable housing.



Increase the supply of affordable rental housing

Canada-wide resources on housing & homelessness*

- Watch a short-video on the affordable housing crisis, created by the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association: <http://housing4all.ca/housing-for-all-video>
- Read and share a 1-pager (from CHRA) on the importance of social housing, on what is needed and on what you do about it: <http://housing4all.ca/housing-for-all-one-pager>
- Read how major federal political parties responded to the Canadian Association on Community Health Centre's (CACHC) question about affordable housing: <http://www.cachc.ca/federalelection/>
- Read The State of Homelessness in Canada 2014: <http://www.homelesshub.ca/SOHC2014>
- Read the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) report, outlining what is needed from the federal government to build a housing system that will last: http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/reports/FCM/Built_to_Last-Strengthening_the_foundations_of_housing_in_Canada_EN.pdf

LEARN MORE



Local resources for Guelph-Wellington

- Review the County of Wellington's 10-year Housing & Homelessness Plan and Homelessness Strategy: <http://www.wellington.ca/en/socialservices/10-Year-Housing-and-Homelessness-Plan.asp>
- Visit the Poverty Task Force website with information on issues that matter, and on how and where to vote: www.gwpoverity.ca/vote2015
- Find the candidates in your riding by simply entering your postal code: <http://www.makingvotescount.ca/prime-minister-and-mps>

TAKE ACTION



Add your voice to the Housing for All network: <http://housing4all.ca/vote-housing-for-all-network>

Sign the CACHC's petition calling on party leaders to develop a national housing strategy: <http://www.cachc.ca/federalelection/>

Petition federal party leaders to debate on issues that affect municipalities, including affordable housing

Share these resources on Twitter, Facebook, email, etc.



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* The Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa - In 2015, Let's Vote Housing for All! <http://endhomelessnessottawa.ca/election2015/>