



DECENT WORK & LIVABLE INCOMES

GUELPH & WELLINGTON TASK FORCE FOR POVERTY ELIMINATION / 2019



66%

Percentage of the working poor in Guelph-Wellington that held multiple jobs to make ends meet



Poverty rates of workers in non-standard employment are two to three times higher than the poverty rates of workers in standard employment.



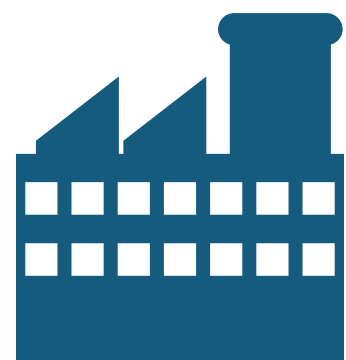
15.2%

of children age 5 and younger live in low-income households in Guelph-Wellington.



\$16.90/hr

is the Guelph-Wellington Living Wage, the hourly wage a worker needs to earn to meet basic needs. The minimum wage in Ontario falls short at \$14/hr.



30 - 32%

Percentage of vulnerable workers in precarious work in Ontario



10.2%

Prevalence of **low-income** in Guelph-Wellington, based on the Low Income Measure, after tax (LIM-AT)

Policy change that supports decent work...

Decent work sums up the aspirations of people in their working lives. It involves opportunities to work that are productive and offer:

- a fair income (increasing minimum wages to living wage rates)
- security in the workplace
- social protection for families
- better prospects for personal development
- social integration
- freedom for people to express their concerns, organize and participate in the decisions that affect their lives
- equality of opportunity and treatment for all.

Source: The International Labour Organization

A basic income guarantee...

A basic income guarantee ensures everyone an income sufficient to meet basic needs and live with dignity, regardless of work status.

Learn more: Basic Income Canada Network - www.basicincomecanada.org



SOLUTION

LEARN MORE

Read more about the impacts of being working poor on health and wellbeing in Guelph-Wellington: www.gwpoverity.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Working-Poor-Research-Report-2017.pdf

Check-out the Ontario Living Wage Network website: www.ontariolivingwage.ca

Read more about the Ontario Nonprofit Network's decent work advocacy: <https://theonncan.ca/our-work/our-people/decent-work/>

TAKE ACTION

Ask a candidate:

What will you and your party do to ensure decent work for all, including living wages and fair working conditions?

Get involved with the Poverty Task Force's decent work project. Contact us to learn more! Email: info@gwpoverity.ca

Show your support for a basic income guarantee at: www.basicincomecanada.org/support

