



Federal Election 2025 Fact Sheet: Affordable Housing & Homelessness

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In Guelph and Wellington County, housing is out of reach for too many. This election, vote for long-term solutions to the affordable housing and homelessness crisis.

Why This Matters...



No one should fear losing their home.

In a September 2024 poll,

57% of Canadians

feared losing their home, whether owned or rented, if their financial situation were to change.³

Homelessness is a policy failure, not a personal one.

203 people are experiencing homelessness in Guelph-Wellington.¹



Affordable housing is being lost.

For every **1 new home added** Canada is **losing 11** lower-rent affordable homes.²



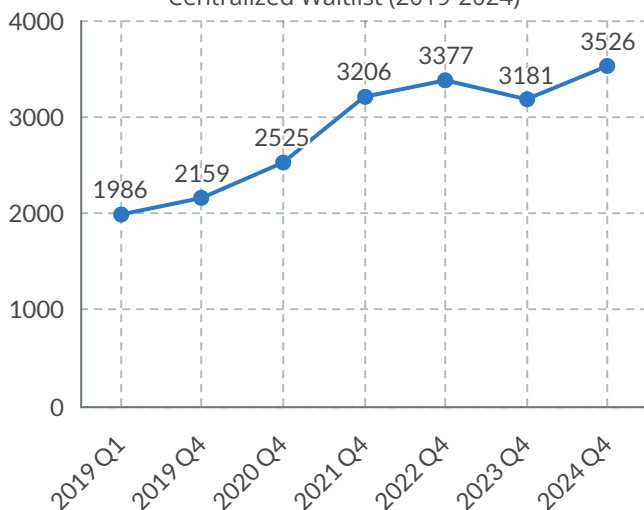
Rent is unaffordable.

0 neighbourhoods in Guelph are affordable for a full-time minimum wage worker to rent.⁴

Need for rent-geared-to-income housing in Wellington-Guelph is increasing.

Since 2019, there has been a **sharp increase** in the number of households on the centralized waitlist. The average wait time is **5 years**, while some households wait for **8+ years**.⁵

Applicant households on the Wellington-Guelph Centralized Waitlist (2019-2024)⁵



Affordable Housing & Homelessness Policy Solutions

- Increase federal investment in deeply affordable, non-market housing and create net new rent-geared-to-income social housing
- Invest in the acquisition, construction, operation, and maintenance of new and existing public, non-profit, and cooperative-owned housing
- Recognize and support housing as a human right in all policies and program
- Fund upstream solutions to prevent homelessness, including an adequate Canada Housing Benefit
 - Support and fund Indigenous housing solutions
 - Implement rent and vacancy control measures through federal paths, like tying it to funding

Learn More & Take Action!

Take Action:

Tell party leaders to expand social housing to help Canadians and the economy!

www.moresocialhousing.ca/tell-party-leaders-to-expand-social-housing

End The Housing Game Campaign:

Add your name to the campaign to send a letter to federal political party leaders calling on them to build a housing safety net amidst all this political uncertainty.

www.endthehousinggame.ca

Ask a Candidate:

What actions will you and your party take to end homelessness and ensure everyone has access to safe, affordable, and permanent housing?

VOTE

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