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Community Snapshot

The Hidden Epidemic: A Report on Child and Family Poverty in Toronto



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Organizations

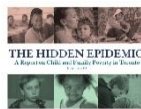
Alliance for a Poverty-free Toronto, Children's Aid Society of Toronto, Colour of Poverty-Colour of Change, Family

Service Toronto (Ontario Campaign 2000), and Social Planning Toronto (with the support of the City of Toronto)

Community data used

- **Taxfiler Family Data Table 18, 2006**
- **Taxfiler Family Data Table 18, 2007**
- **Taxfiler Family Data Table 18, 2008**
- **Taxfiler Family Data Table 18, 2009**
- **Taxfiler Family Data Table 18, 2010**
- **Taxfiler Family Data Table 18, 2011**
- **Taxfiler Family Data Table 18, 2012**

Summary



Members of partner organizations researched and wrote a report outlining prevalence of children living in low-income families in Toronto, an analysis of characteristics of children disproportionately at living on low-incomes, and a discussion of factors influencing family poverty, and recommendations for municipal action to reduce the prevalence of low-income children. Preliminary results were released on August 28, 2014 at public event with Toronto mayoral candidates. The final report was released November 14, 2014. [[View report](#)]



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