

Housing, health and human rights

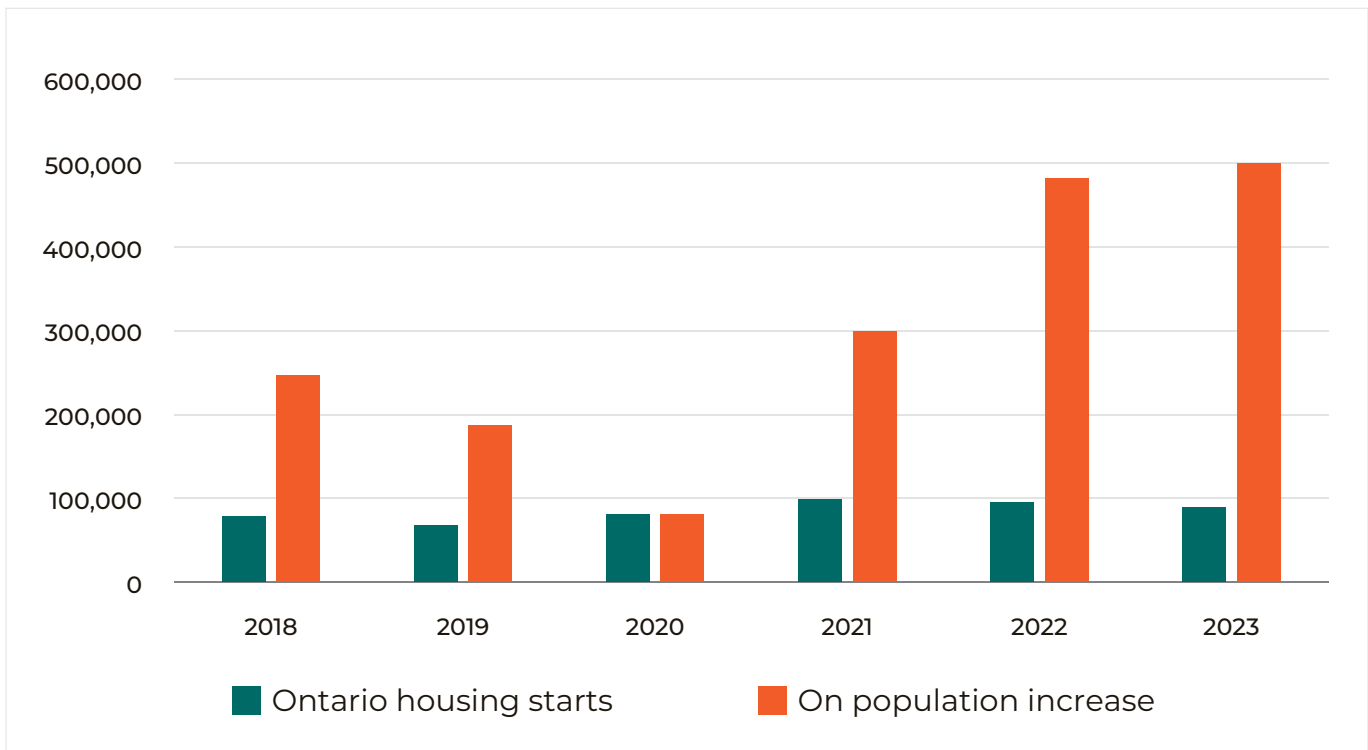
Affordable housing is defined in many contexts as housing that costs less than 30 per cent of household before-tax income. It applies to any type of housing.

Social housing (sometimes known as community housing) is government-assisted housing or rental housing supplements that provide lower-cost rental units or rent subsidies to households with low-to-moderate incomes. Rural and urban Indigenous-specific housing options are also typically classed as “social housing”.

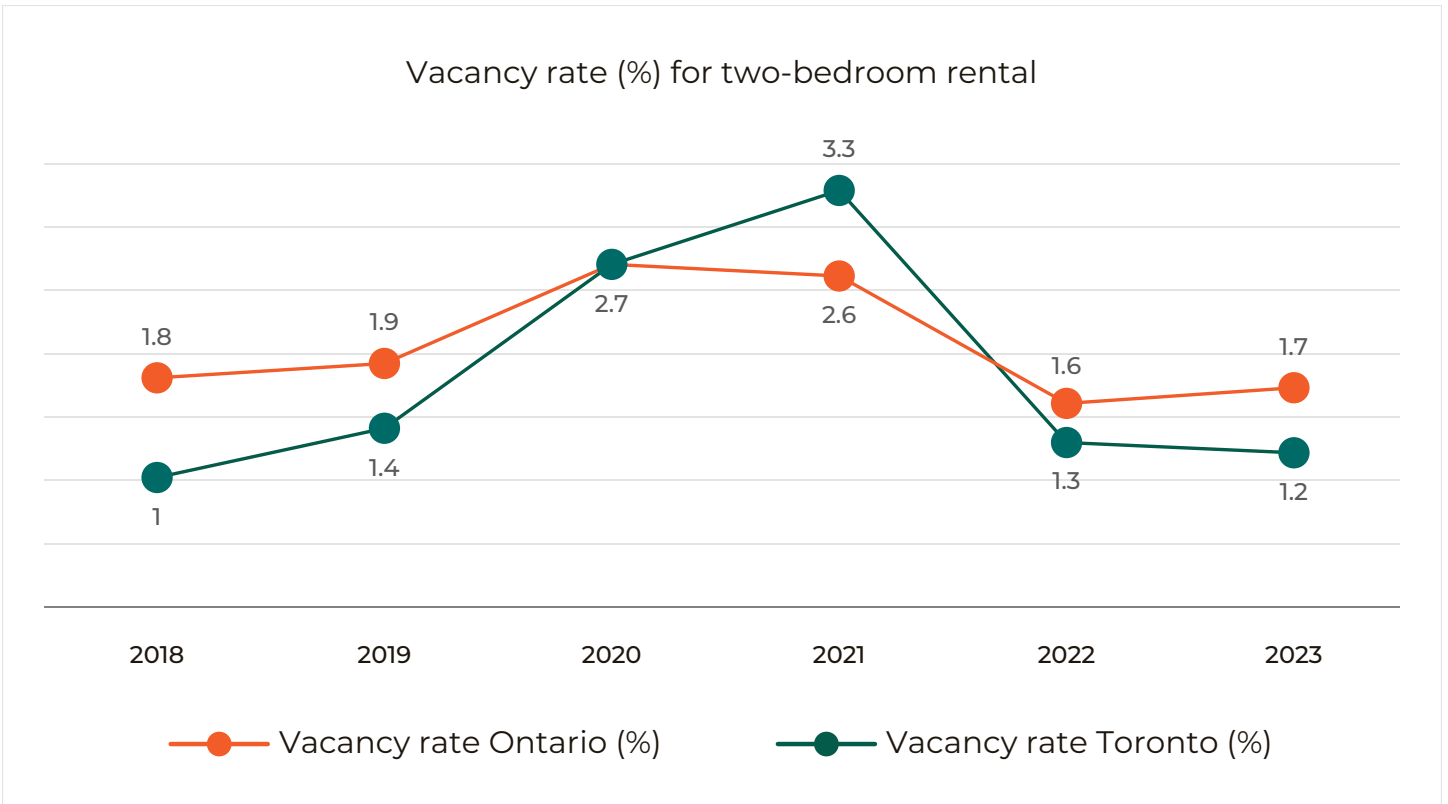
Supportive housing is social housing with medical and/ or social support services included to help people live independently.

Core housing need measures the dwelling’s state of repair, its size in relation to the number of occupants, and its affordability. Someone is in core housing need if their housing is in a state of disrepair, overcrowded or unaffordable.

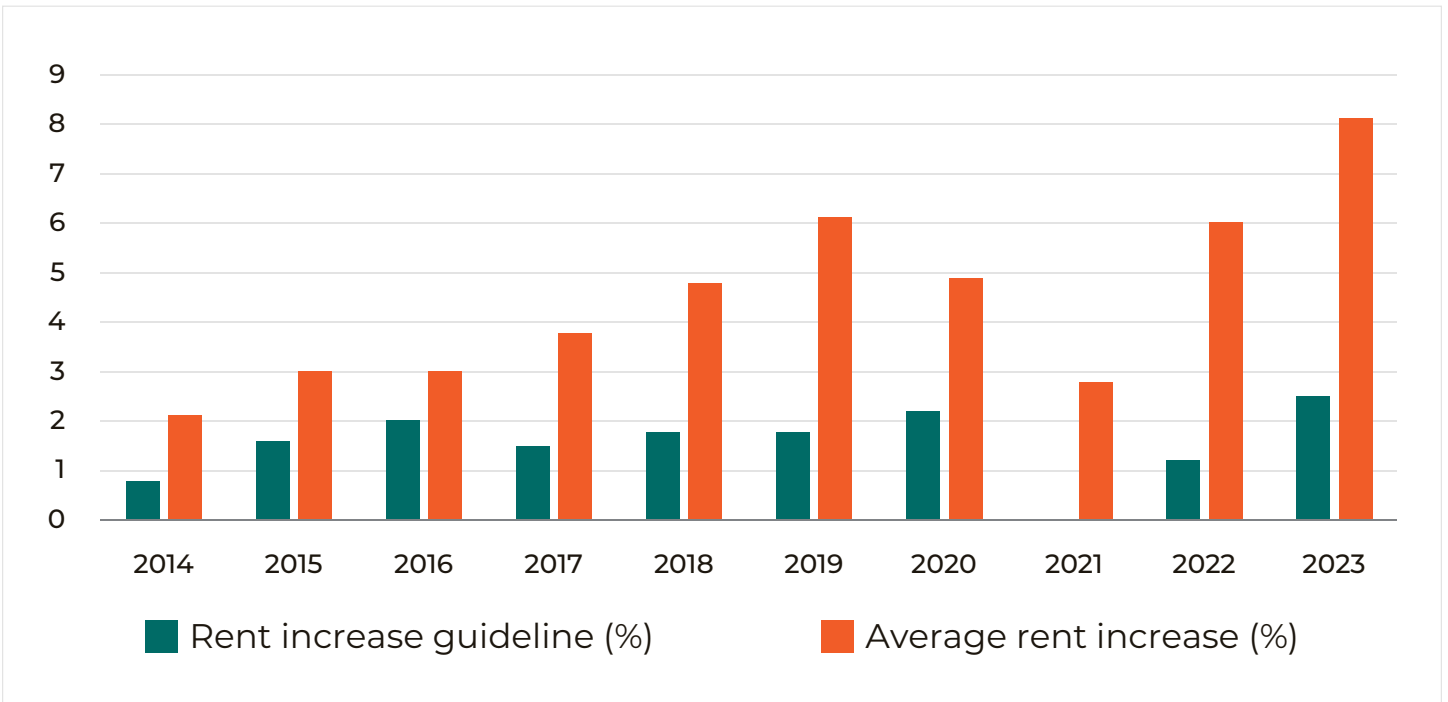
Ontario housing starts vs. population increase¹



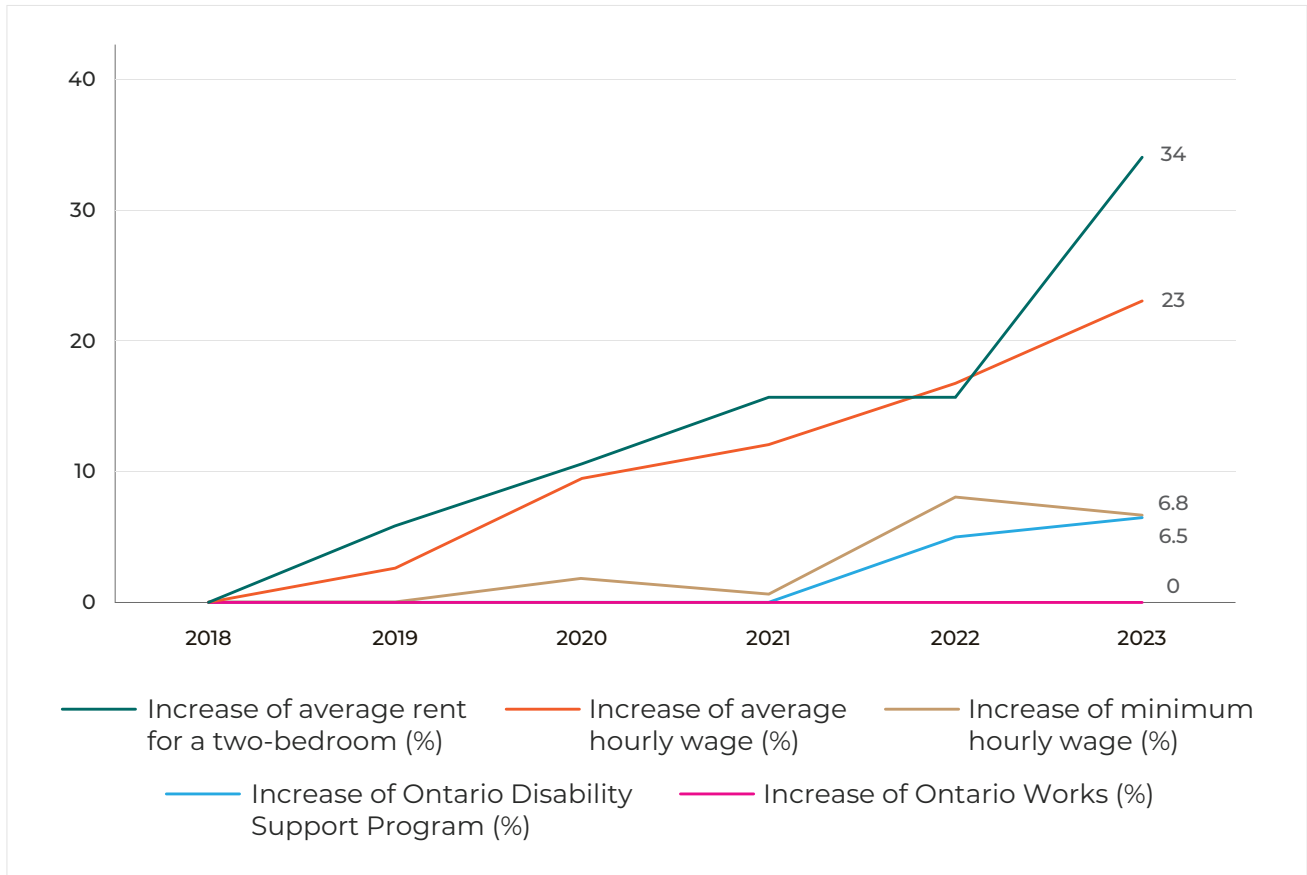
Overall housing shortage in Ontario²



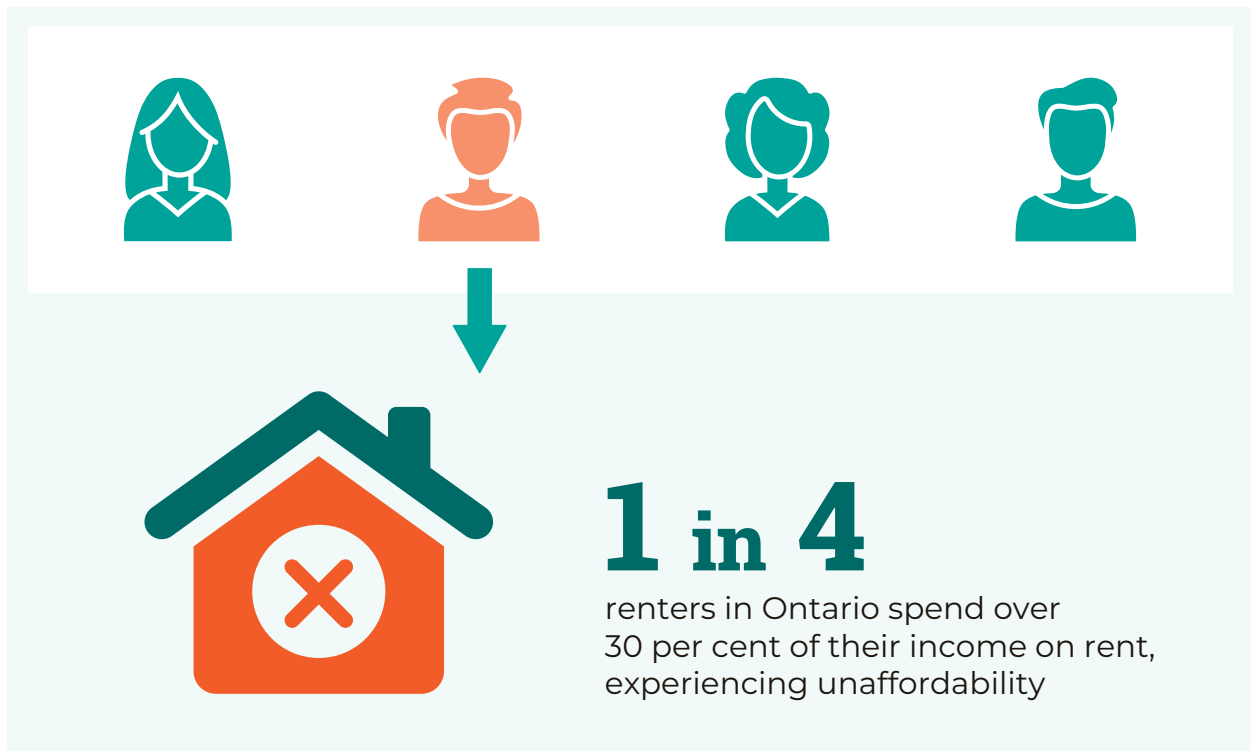
Rent increase guideline vs. average rent increase - Ontario³



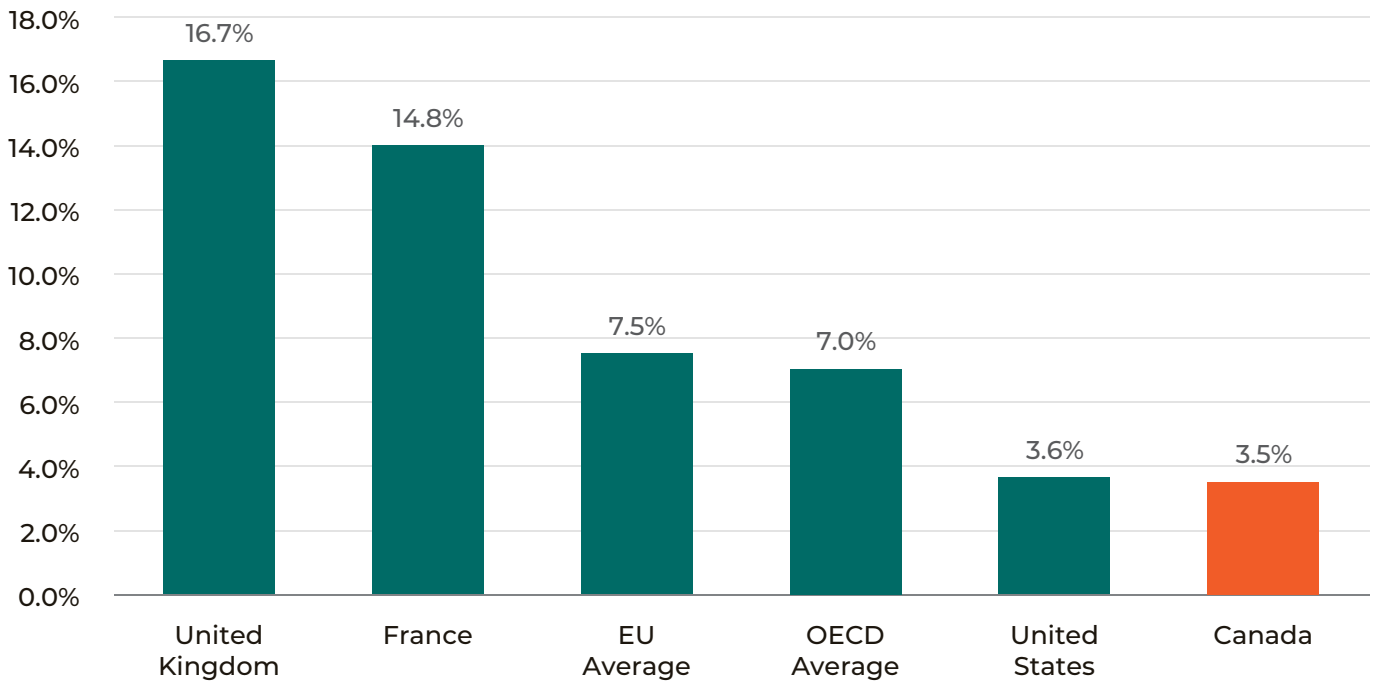
Increase of average rent, average hourly wage, minimum wage, ODSP and OW⁴



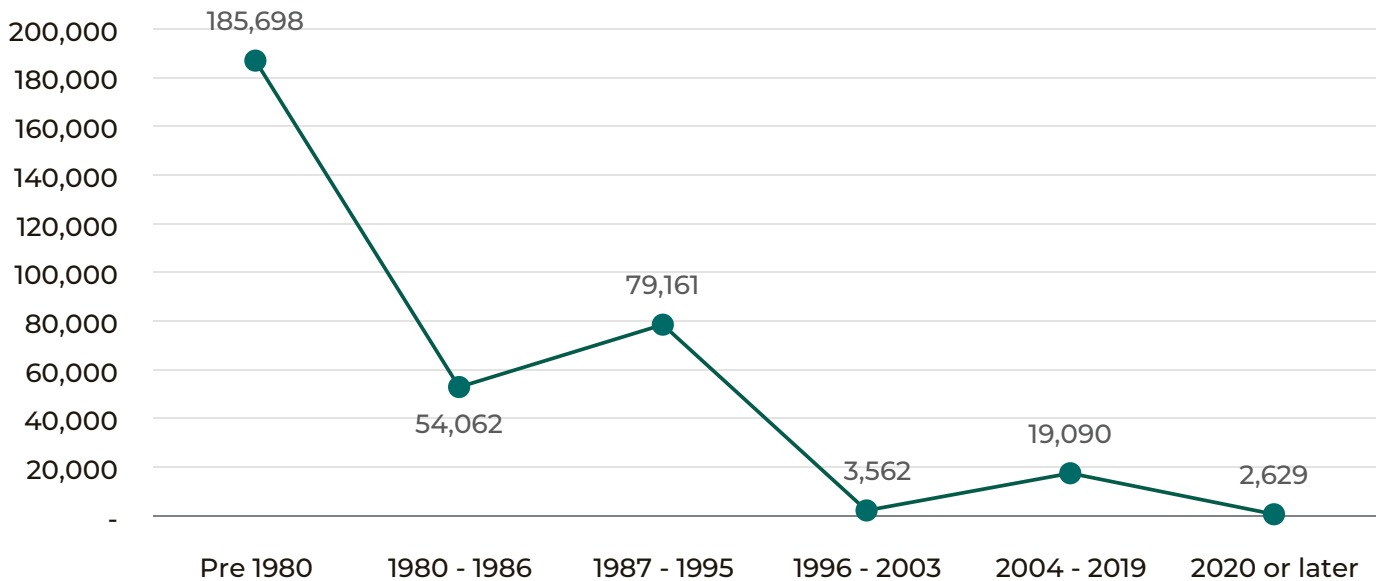
Housing unaffordability among renters in Ontario⁵



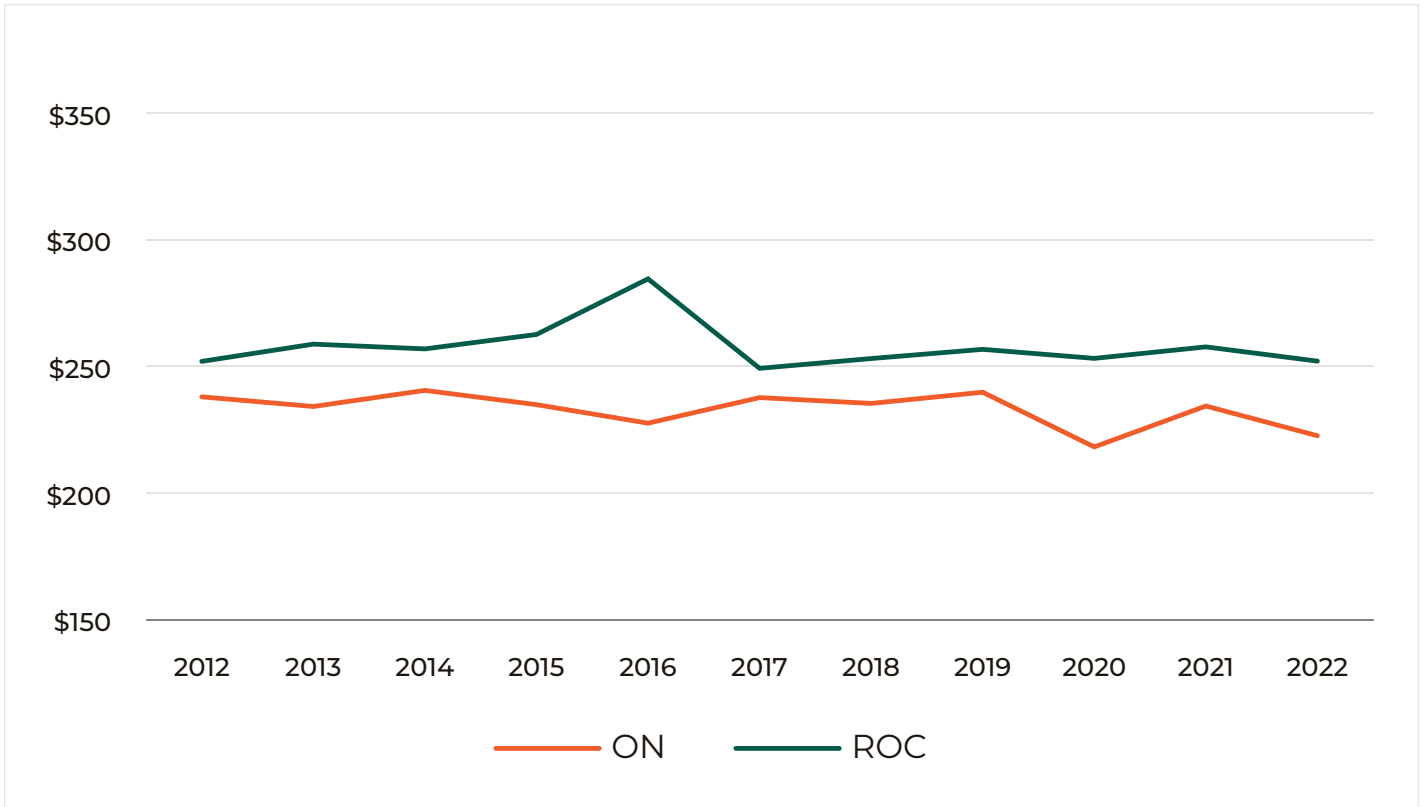
Number of social housing units as a share of total housing⁶



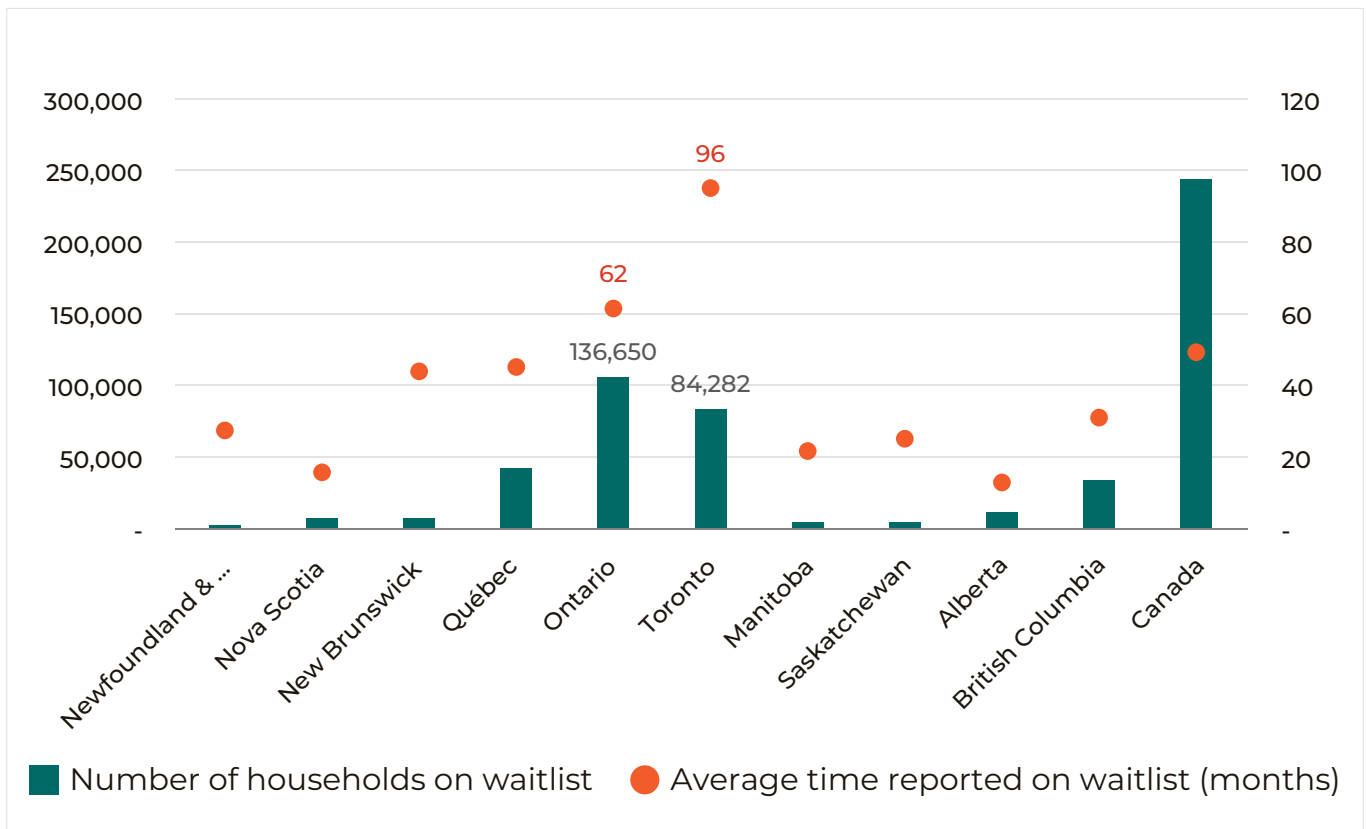
Number of social and affordable housing units by year of construction - Ontario^{7a}



Consolidated provincial-territorial and local governments housing and community amenities spending per capita (constant 2022\$)^{7b}



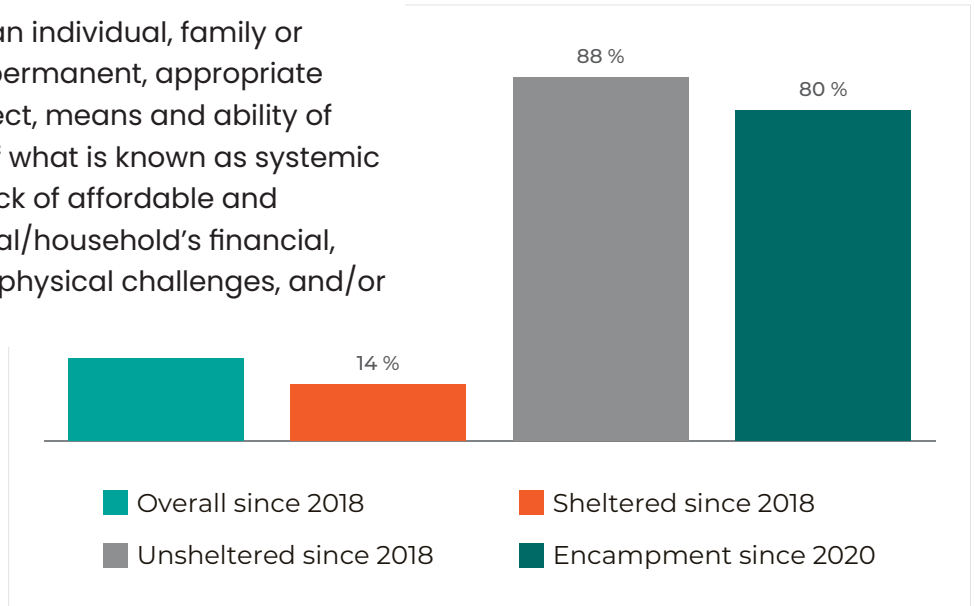
Ontario social housing demand⁸



Homelessness counts increase in Canada⁹

Homelessness – the situation of an individual, family or community without stable, safe, permanent, appropriate housing, or the immediate prospect, means and ability of acquiring it. It is often the result of what is known as systemic or societal barriers, including a lack of affordable and appropriate housing, the individual/household’s financial, mental, cognitive, behavioural or physical challenges, and/or racism and discrimination.

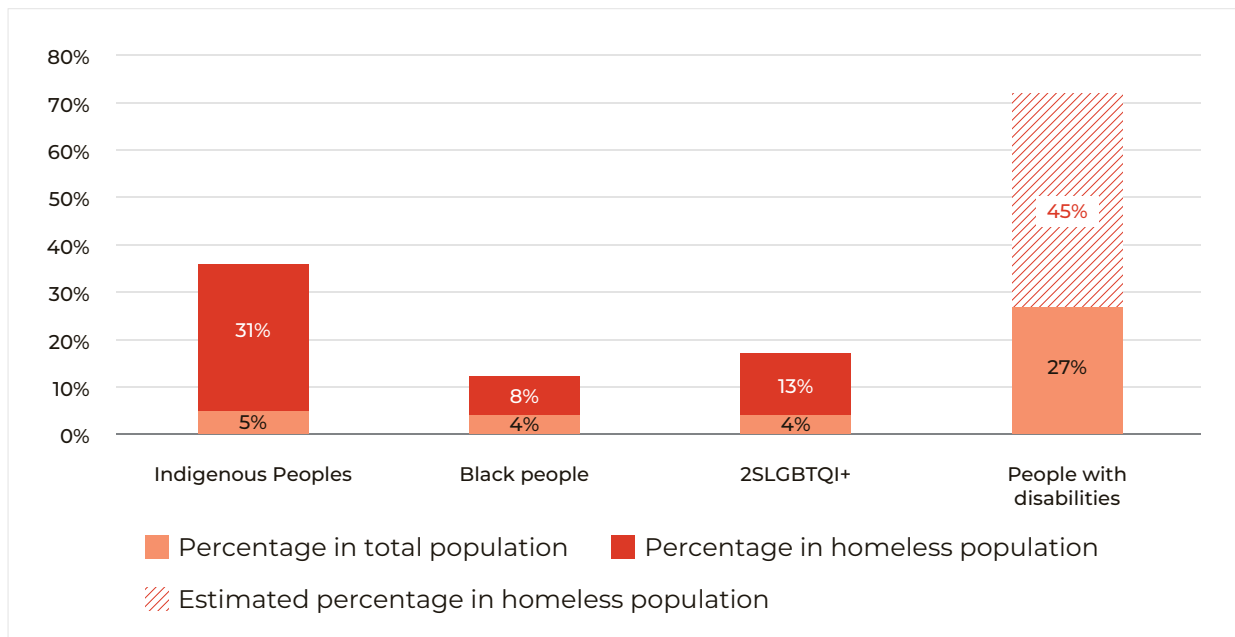
– Canadian Observatory on Homelessness



Health impacts for People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH)¹⁰

7%	29%	17 years	93%
of PEH hospitalization is due to cellulitis	of PEH hospitalization due to substance use & mental illness	Average reduced life span	of PEH admitted to hospital via emergency department
Increased infection and mobility	Increased mental illness	Increased mortality	Lack of access to primary care

Percentage of four equity-deserving groups in total population vs. unhoused population¹¹



Homelessness and health care¹²

93%

Up to 93 per cent of PEH were admitted to hospital through the emergency department



Patients experiencing homelessness



National average



Average length of stay

15.4
days

8.0
days

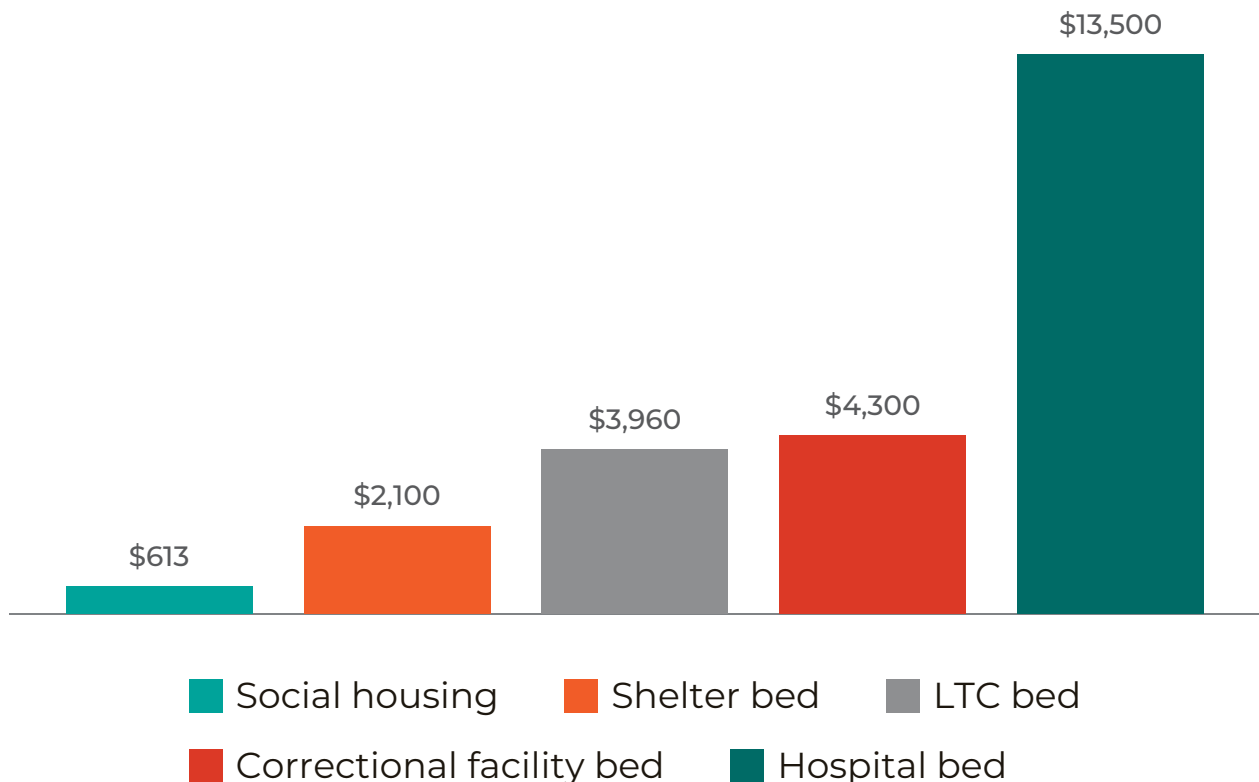


Estimated average cost

\$ 16.8K

\$ 7.8K

Average cost of public services per month¹³



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