

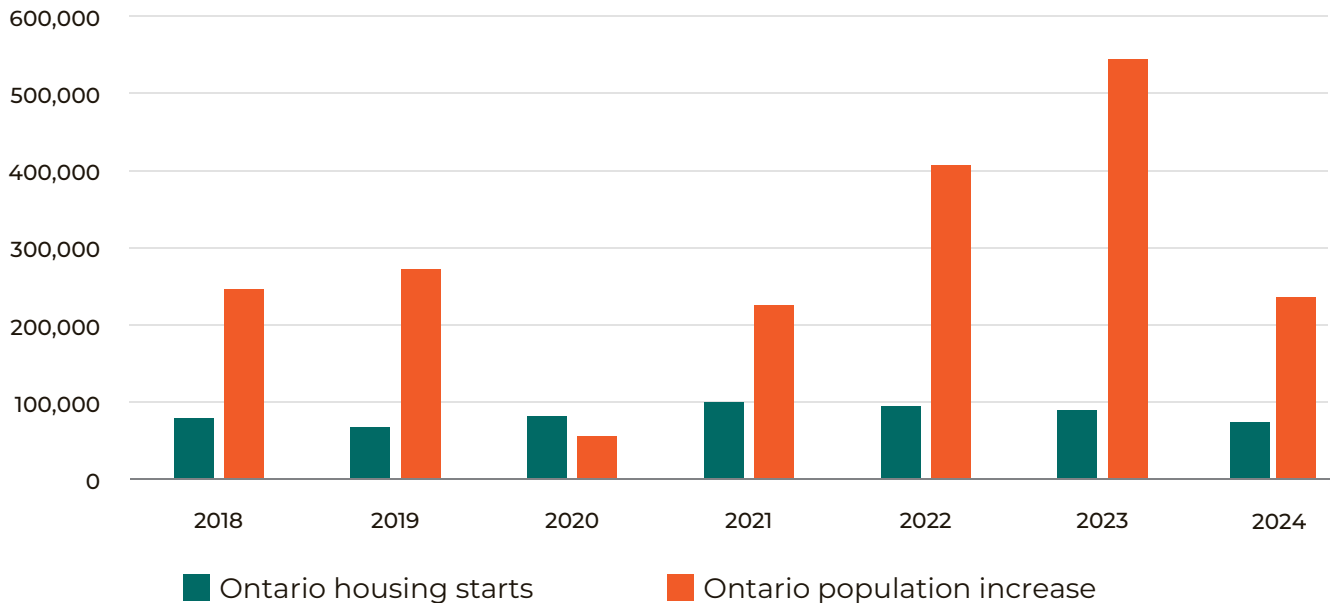
Non-market housing describes units owned, managed or subsidized by a non-profit housing organization or government agency to offer rents below the standard market rate. This includes housing cooperatives and housing commonly described as “social housing” or “community housing”.

Supportive housing is a form of non-market housing that enables people to live as independently as possible in the community. It offers a range of housing assistance and publicly funded health and support services.

Affordable housing is generally understood to be housing that costs less than 30 per cent of household before-tax income. It often refers to non-market housing as well as market housing that is offered at below-market rates.

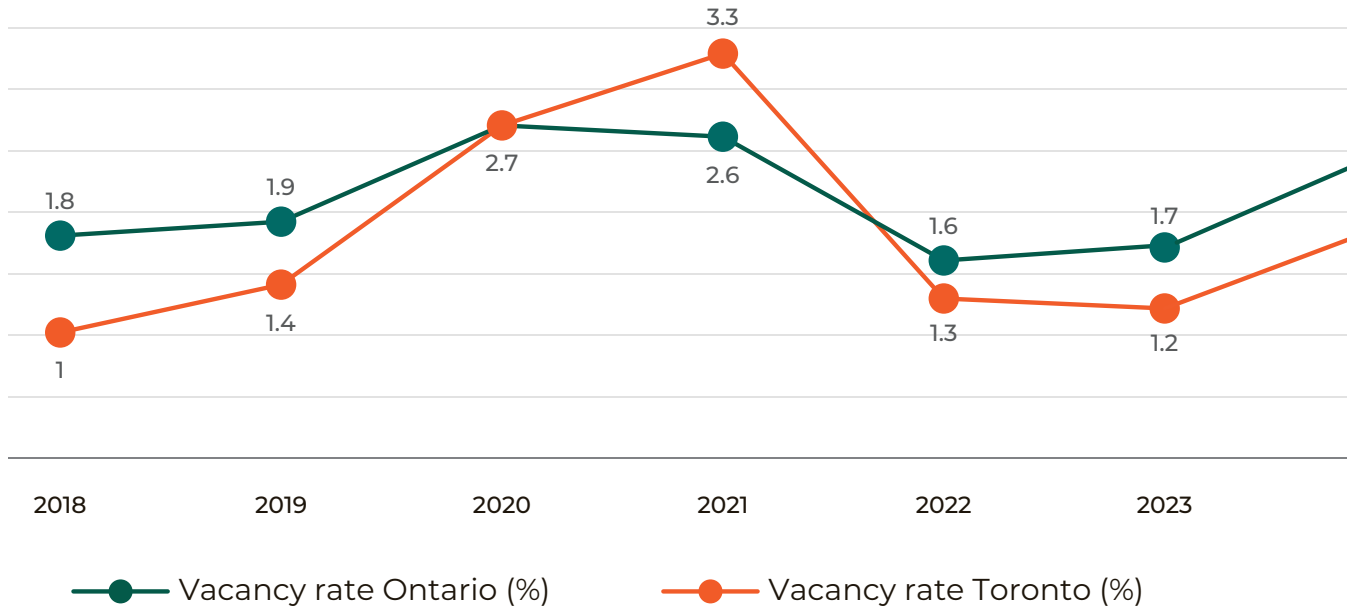
Core housing need measures the dwelling’s state of repair, its size in relation to the number of occupants, and its affordability. Someone is in core housing need if their housing is in a state of disrepair, overcrowded or unaffordable.

Ontario housing starts vs. population increase¹

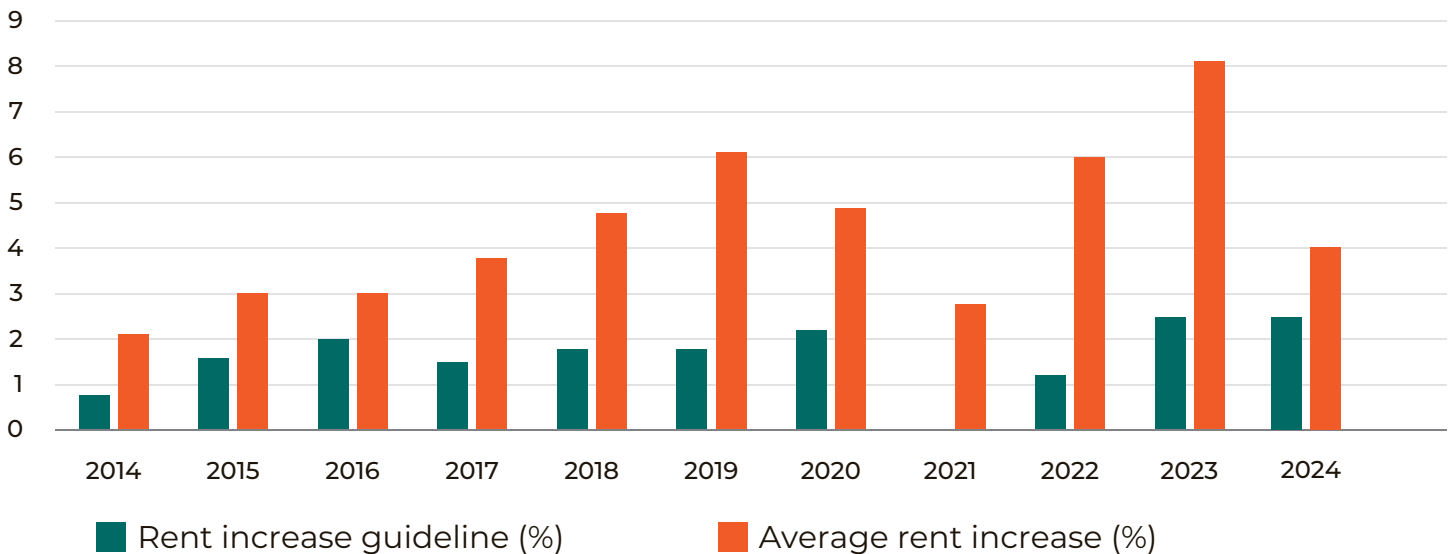


Overall housing shortage in Ontario²

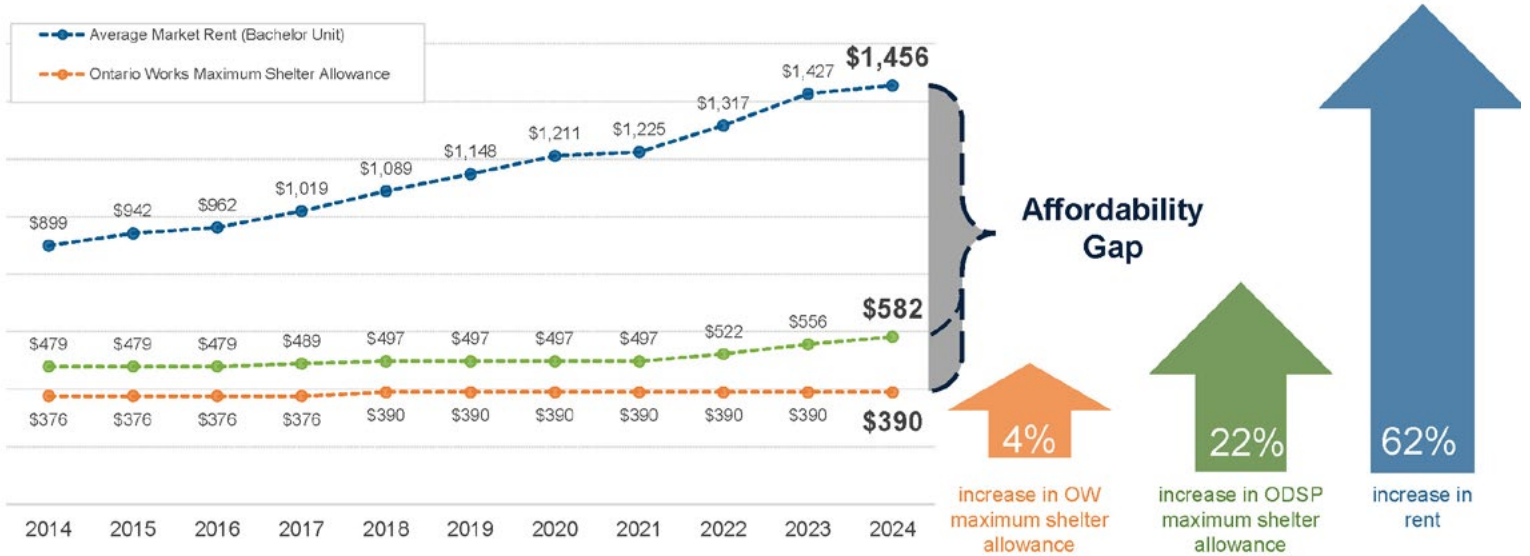
Vacancy rate (%) for two-bedroom rental



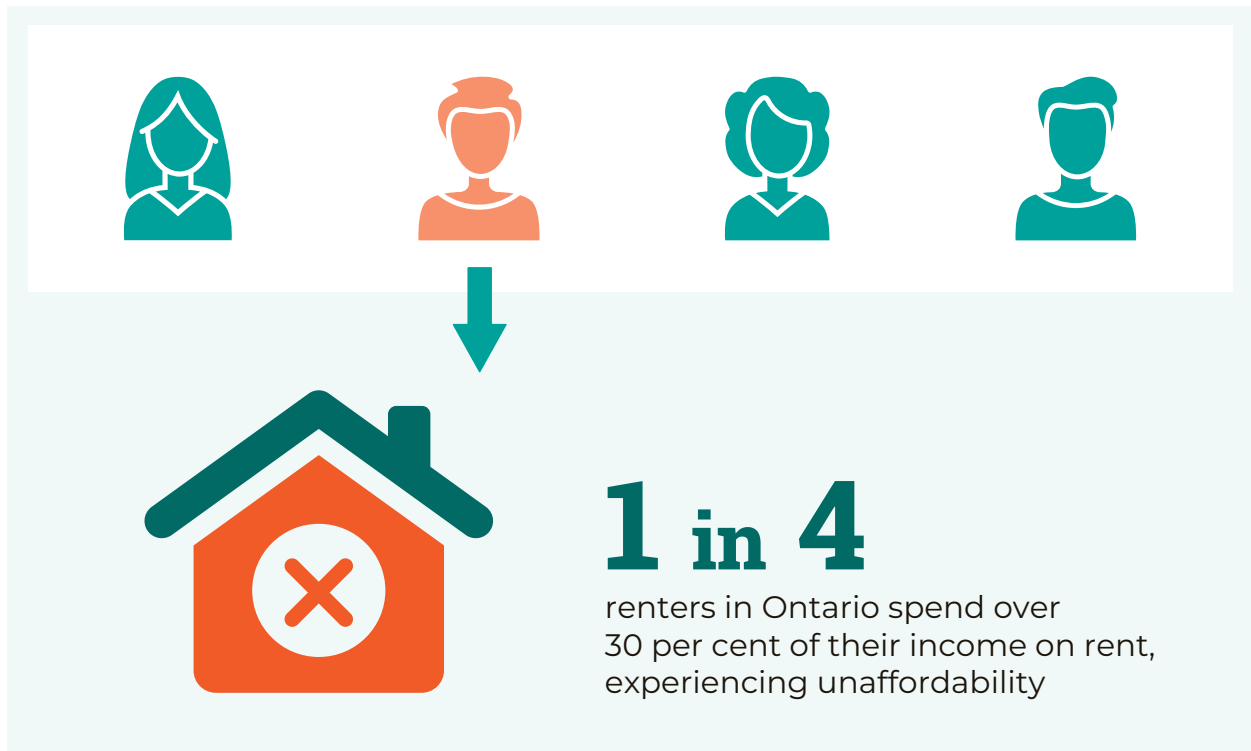
Rent increase guideline vs. average rent increase - Ontario³



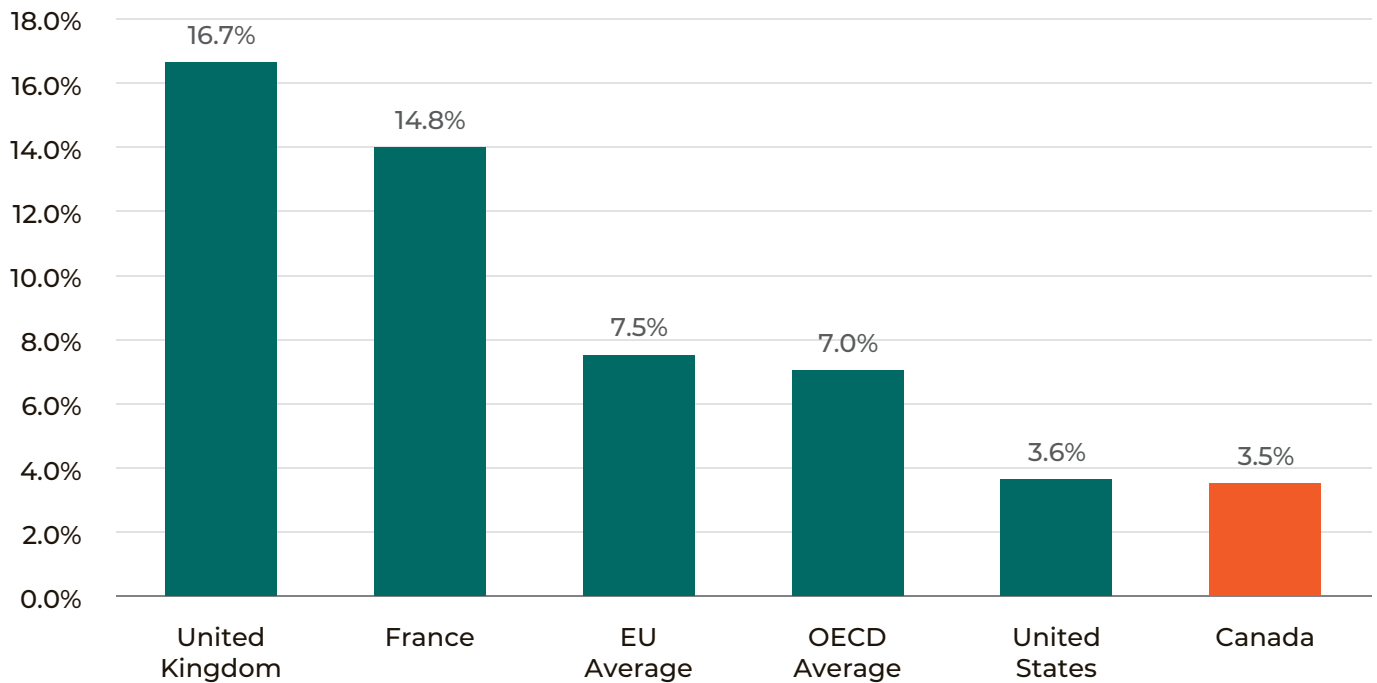
OW & ODSP Maximum Shelter Allowance (one person) & Average Market Rent Bachelor Unit, Toronto, 2014-2024⁴



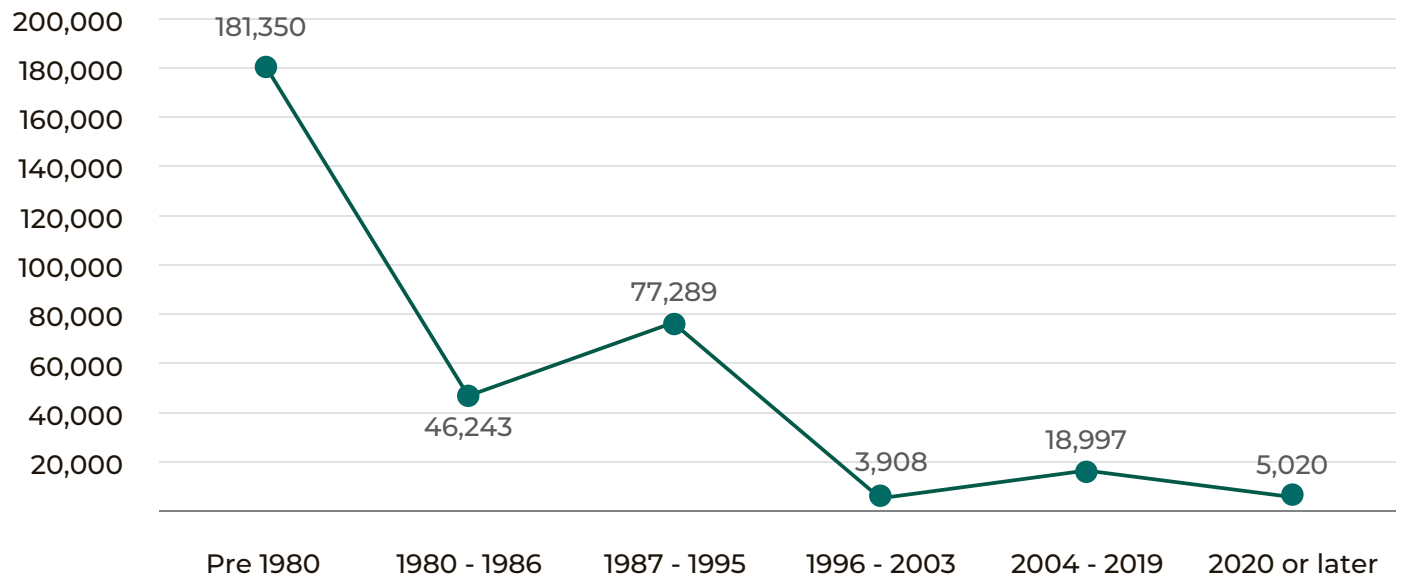
Housing unaffordability among renters in Ontario⁵



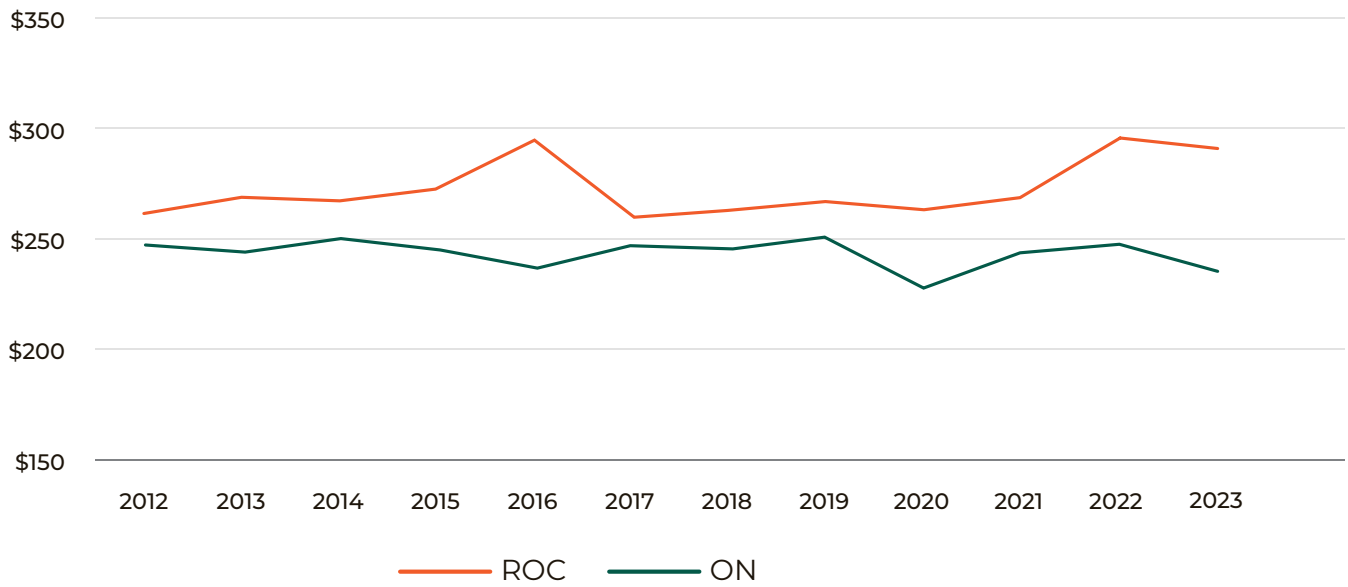
Number of social housing units as a share of total housing⁶



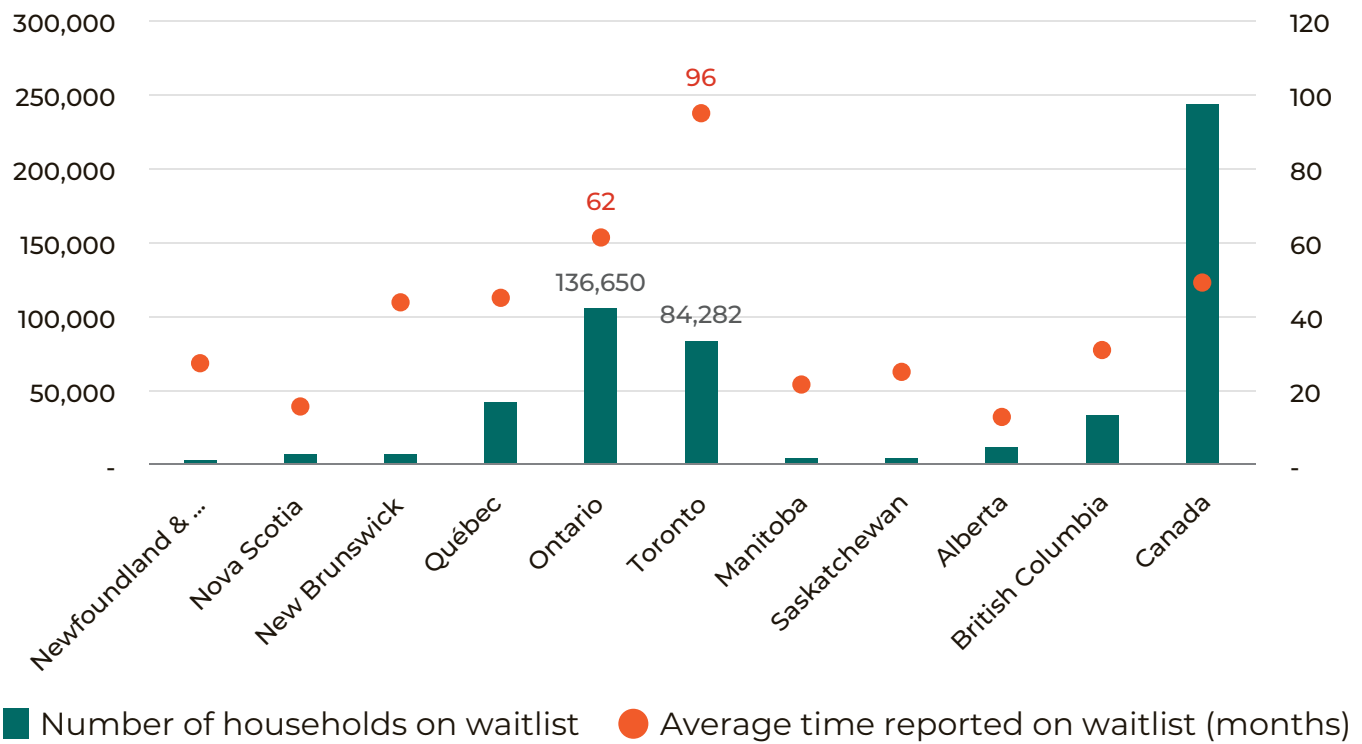
Number of social and affordable housing units by year of construction - Ontario^{7a}



Consolidated provincial-territorial and local governments housing and community amenities spending per capita (constant 2023\$)^{7b}



Ontario social housing demand⁸

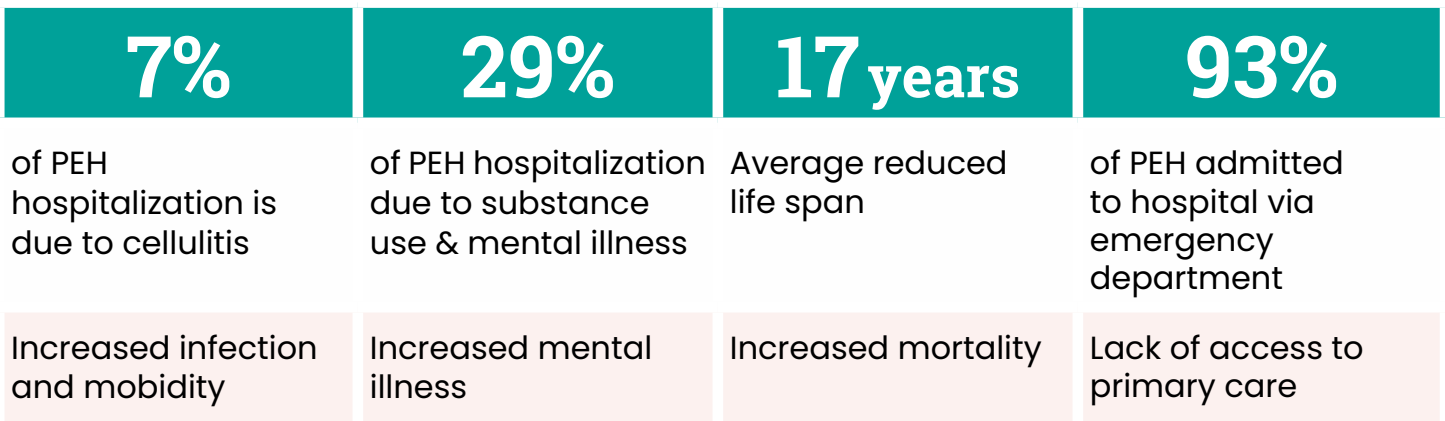


Homelessness in Ontario ⁹

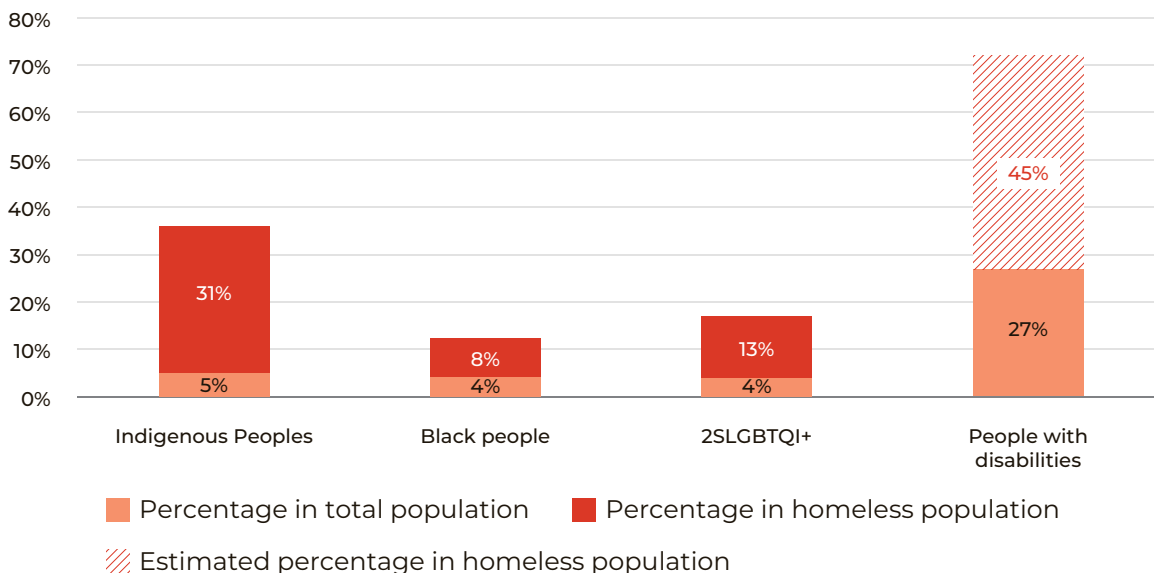


*Approximate value

Health impacts for People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH)¹⁰



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

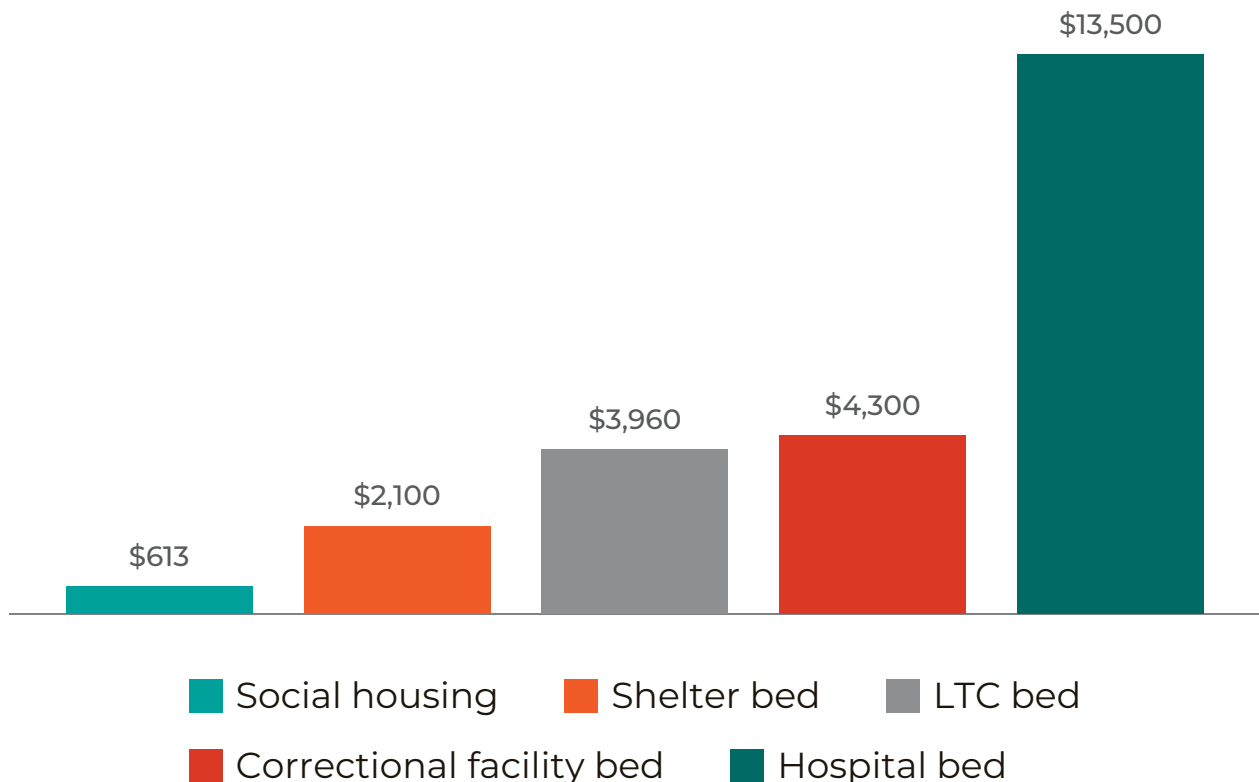


Estimated average cost

\$ 16.8K

\$ 7.8K

Average cost of public services per month¹³



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