Poverty Symposium 2016

TURNING IT UPSIDE DOWN

WATERLOO REGION
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The Demographics

The 45-49 year old age group is the most populous.

This group represents 8.4% of the population, or 10,675 people.

The fastest growing group is the 60-64 age group.

This group has increased by 1,700 residents since 2006.

Population of 126,748 in 2011.

5.3%

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Children age 0-14 represent 19.2% of the population.

This is higher than the national (16.7%) and provincial (17%) averages.

The median age is 38 years.

This is up from 36.4 years in 2006.

The Realities

Work

23% of the employed labor force are in sales and service occupations.

17% are in trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations.

Food

In Waterloo Region, the cost of eating healthy for a family of four in 2015 was $842.75 per month.

This is an increase of 5% since 2014.

Income

The median after-tax income of lone parent families in 2010 was $41,304.

For couple families with children it was $87,627, and $60,620 for those without children.

Education

29.4% of adults age 25-64 have a high school education.

55.3% have a post-secondary education.

15.3% have no certificate, degree or diploma.

17.3% of families are lone-parent led.

Lone-parent families make approximately $45,000 less than couple-with-children families.

12% of the population, or 15,210 people, are living at or below the Low Income Measure - After-Tax Line.

5,005 of these people are children under 18.

In Ontario, the low income cut-off for annual income is $22,720.

The annual income for a person on minimum wage is $20,075.

80% of lone-parents are female.

4 in 5

To be considered affordable, a household should spend no more than 30% of its income on housing costs.

Many households spend more than this.

Homeowners 18%

Renters 41%

In Waterloo Region, 1 in 4 adults had an income of less than $14,000 in 2010.

1 in 4

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