

# ***Poverty isn't letting up in Markham and York Region ...and neither are we***

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**Meeting House ...more than roads, sewers, stores and schools.**



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## **Markham**

Date: **Tuesday, May 1, 2012**  
Time: **6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**  
Location: **Milliken Mills Community Centre  
North & South Hall**







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# Meeting House – What we heard



- Hidden poverty
- Significant housing affordability issues
- Insufficient programs for youth
- Social isolation – aging population



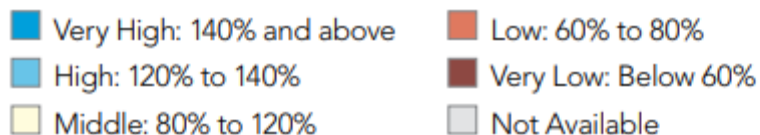
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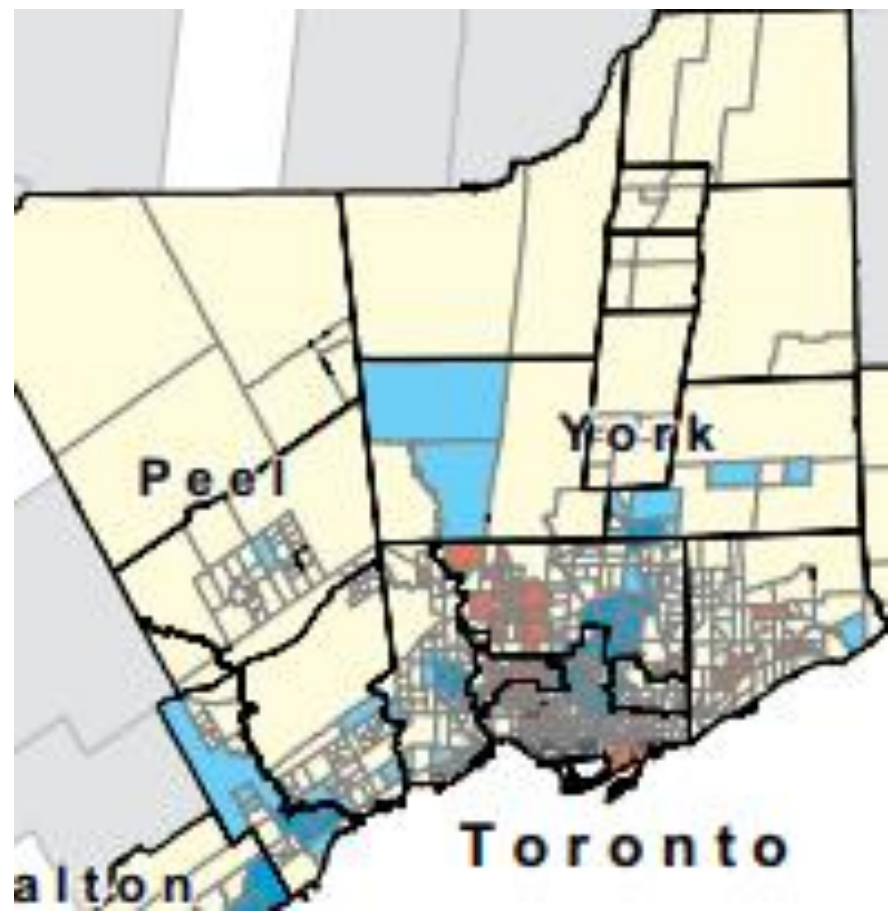
# Our research – What we found

**Map 2: Average Individual Income, Toronto Census Metropolitan Area**

Census Tract Average Income Compared to the CMA Average



1980







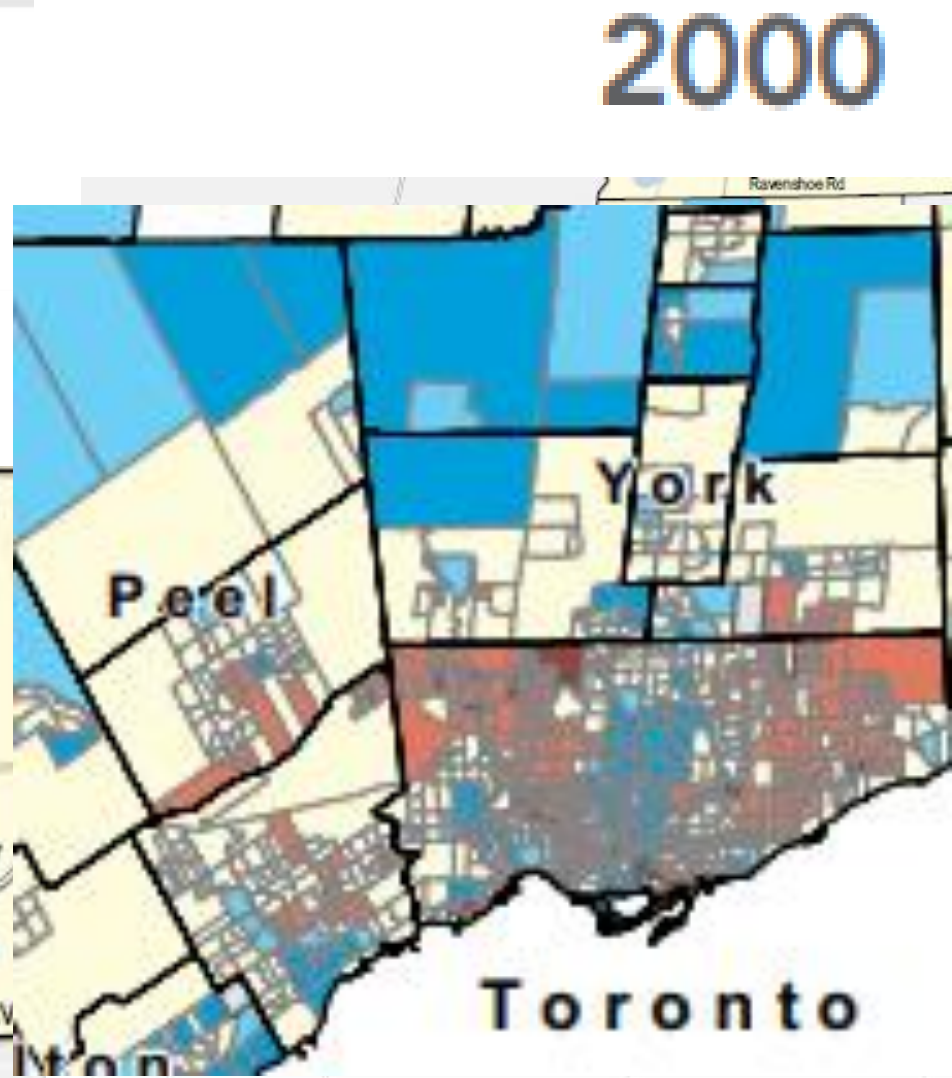
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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Very High: 140% and above | Low: 60% to 80%     |
| High: 120% to 140%        | Very Low: Below 60% |
| Middle: 80% to 120%       | Not Available       |



2000

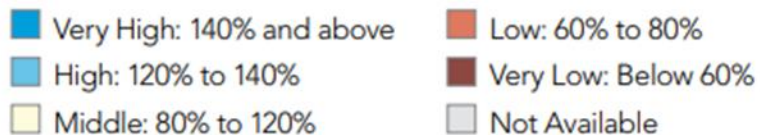


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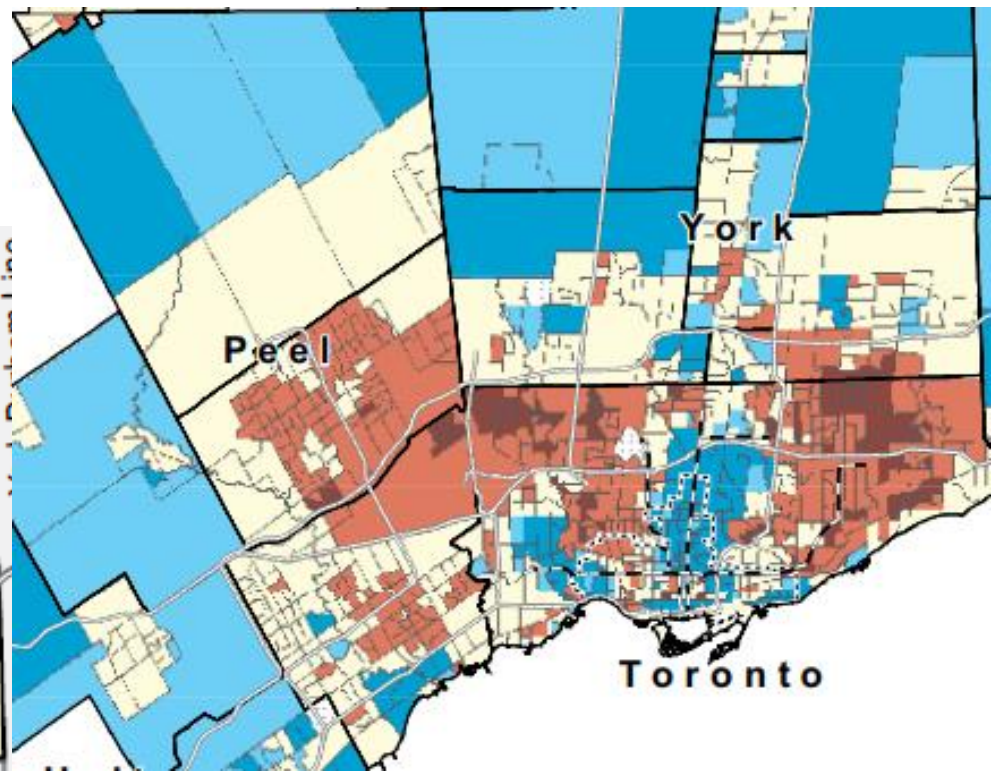
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**2015**

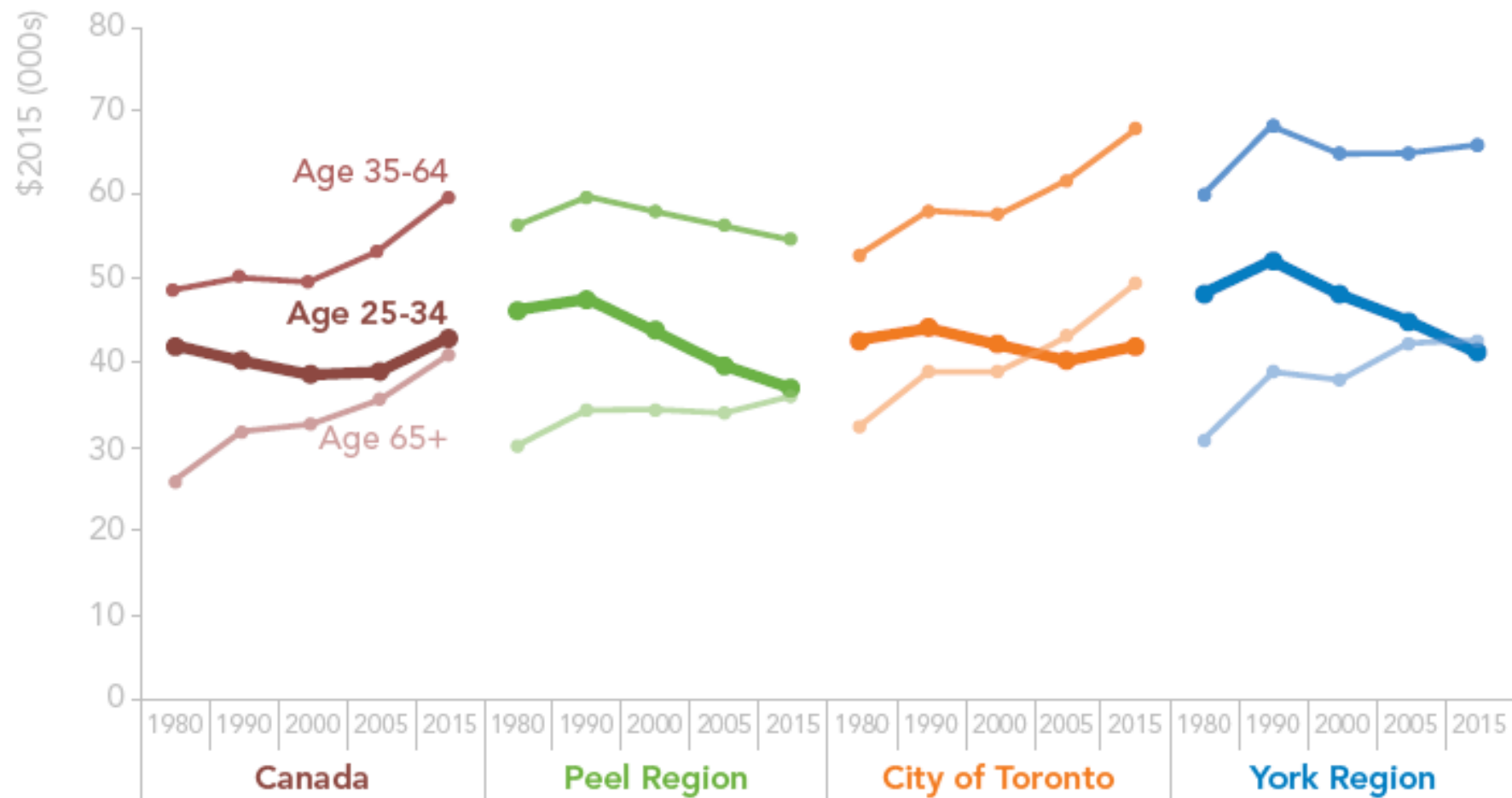




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**Figure 1: Average income (constant \$2015) by age groups, 1980–2015\***

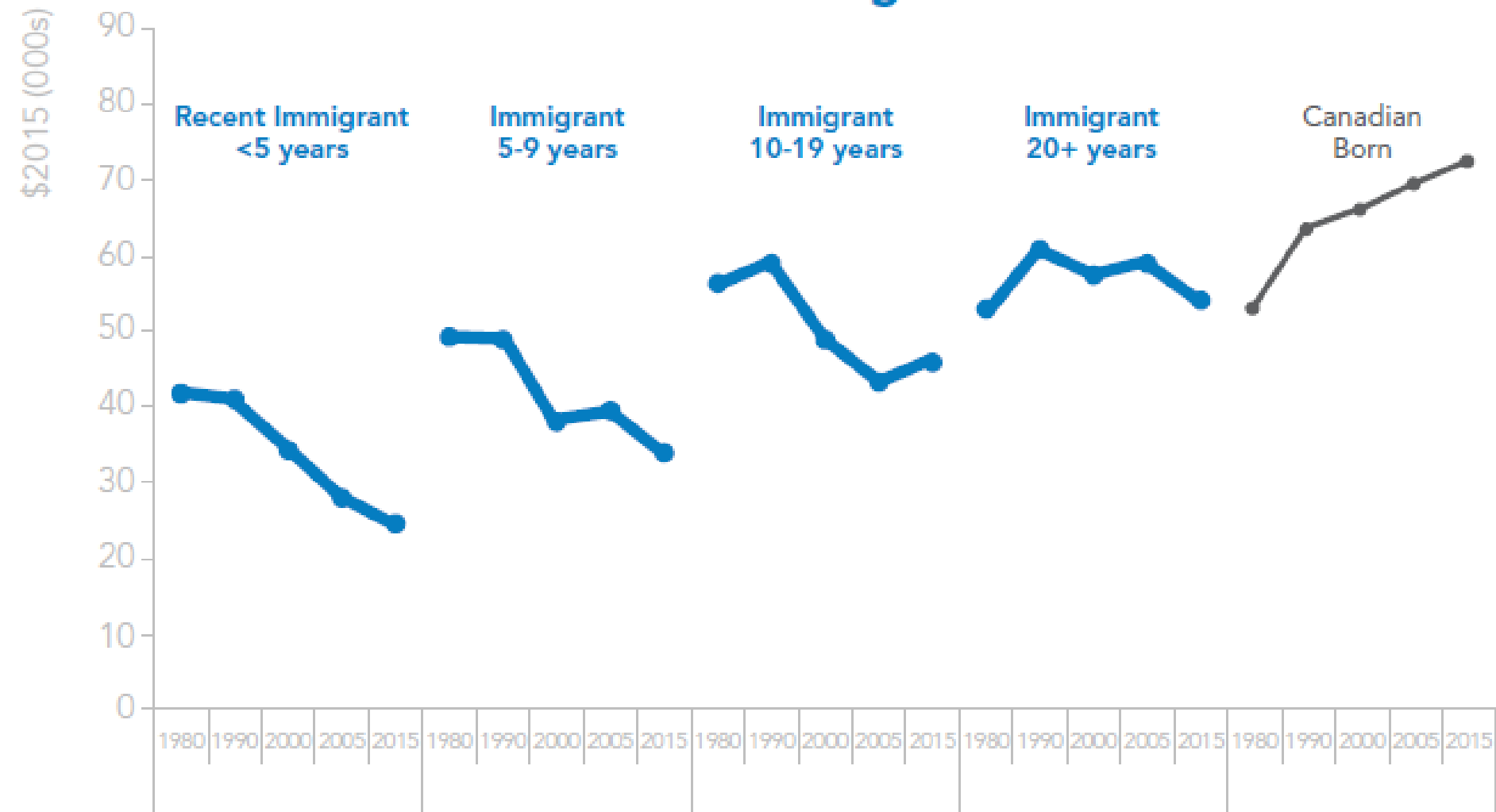




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## York Region

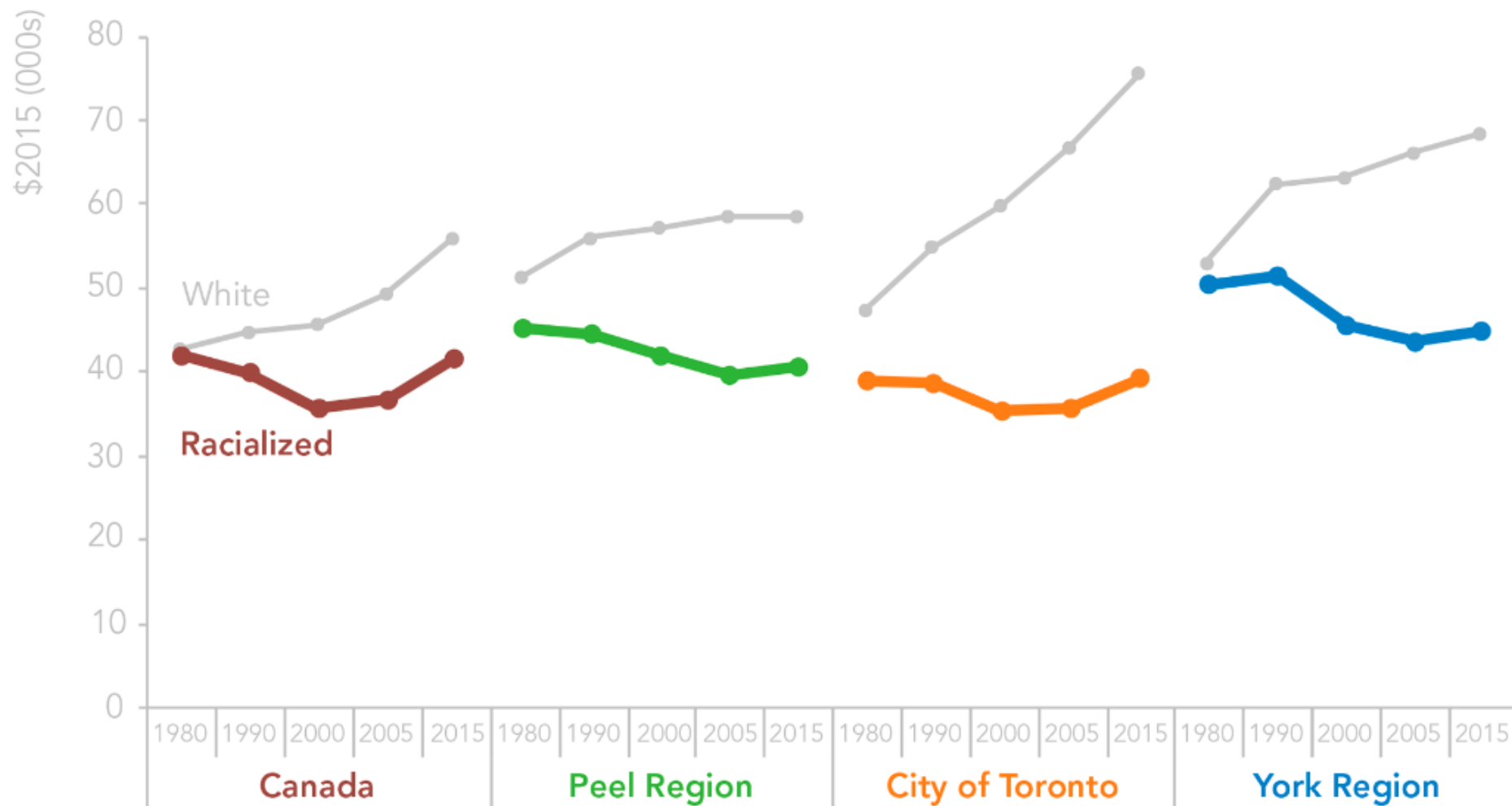






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# Wait list for Affordable Housing

## **York Region - 16,500**

- Applicants with no dependents – 3,714
- With dependents – 4,021
- Seniors – 8,765

## **Markham - 11,801**

*2<sup>nd</sup> largest wait list after Richmond Hill*

- Applicants with no dependents - 2,440
- With dependents – 2,992
- Seniors – 6,369

*(Applicants can be on multiple waiting lists)*

Source: Housing Access, York Region April 2019





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# Addressing Unignorable Issues

- Our network of agencies
- Our research and leadership in advocacy
- Corporate partnerships



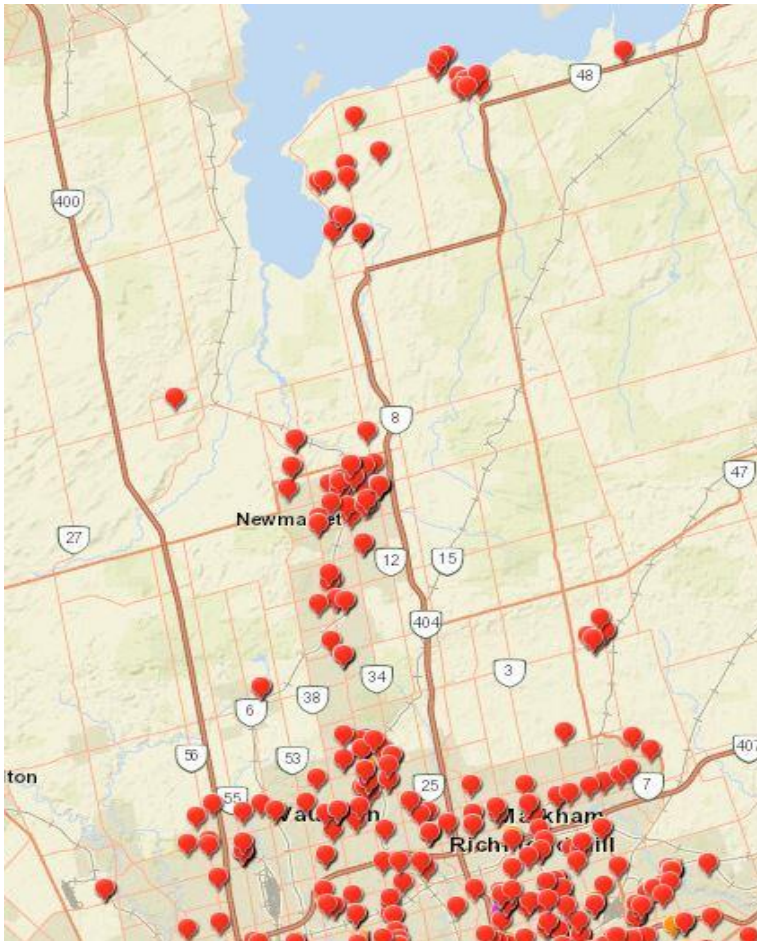




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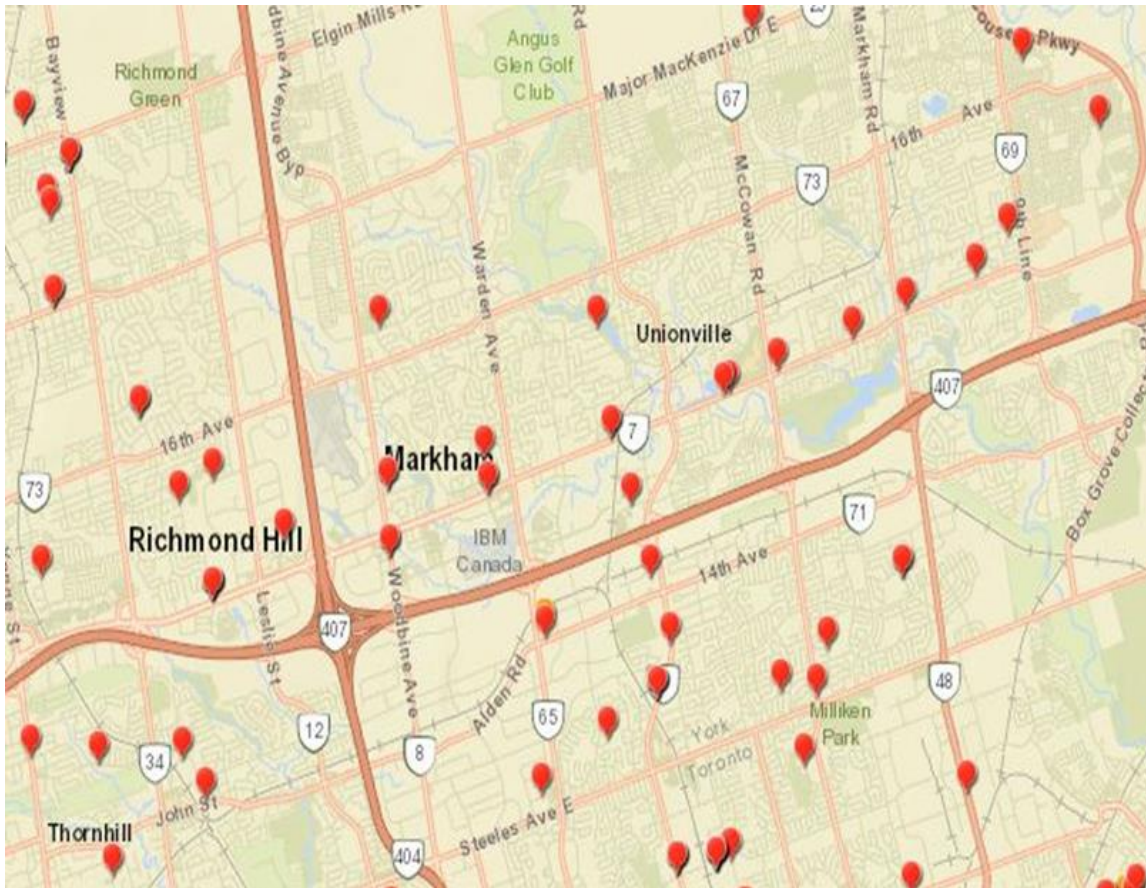
# Our Network of Care across York Region





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# Our Network Of Care in Markham



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# Investing in neighbourhoods that are falling behind:

The York Region Neighbourhood Development Grants are invested in:

- **Markham, *Building a Better Milliken*.** Agincourt Community Services Association will work with Social Services Network, Ebenezer United Church, Family Services York Region and Centre for Immigrant & Community Services to engage local residents and identify opportunities for partnership and collaboration. Together, these organizations will enable residents to continue problem-solving pressing social issues —such as how to better support newcomers, and other community priorities.



**Mayor Frank Scarpitti** @frankscarpitti · 18 Dec 2018

I applaud @UWGreaterTO for investing \$400,000 to help residents tackle local issues, fight poverty and better support newcomers through the York Region Neighbourhood Development Grants. Learn more: [bit.ly/2xocisN](https://bit.ly/2xocisN) #MarkhamProud



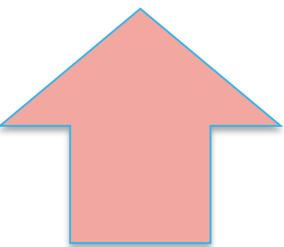




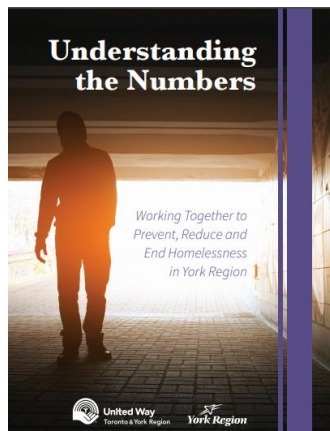
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# Research, Investments & Advocacy on Housing Affordability



- 10% increase in support for two local agencies through the federal Reaching Home program
- Successful advocacy for a Portable Housing Benefit as part of the National & Provincial Housing strategies
- Continued research partnerships to understand housing issues & homelessness across York Region





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# Supporting youth facing multiple barriers to the labour market:

## Career Navigator – Tech Sector

- 176 enrolled in NPower Canada Program (in Markham)
- 88% of resident alumni secured employment and/or enrolled in PSE within 6 months of graduation
- Many Markham based corporate partners

The NPower Canada logo, with 'npower' in white and 'canada' in light blue, set against a dark blue rectangular background.

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# Systemic Solutions – Community Benefits

- Connecting community pool of talent to employer led demand in infrastructure projects.

## **Intake**

- Identify candidates through assessment process

## **Technical Certification**

- Inside/outside classroom – 8 week curriculum

## **Essential Skills**

- Key skills related to construction industry – numeracy, oral communication, document use, teamwork, critical thinking

## **Field Placement**

4 week work placement

**Apprenticeships,  
Employment and  
Continued  
Education**





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# It's all because of you...

 **Mayor Frank Scarpitti** ✓ @frankscarpitti · 20 Feb 2018  
A proud moment for the **City of Markham**, a @unitedwaytyr Spirit Award recipient. We are a generous and giving city. Thank you for another impressive year of fundraising for a great cause. @MarkhamFire #MarkhamProud





## City of Markham Inclusion Charter

*Together with other participating organizations, **The City of Markham** is committed to taking action to achieve the vision of the Charter in our organization and in the community*

- We support every person's right to be treated in a respectful, dignified and equitable manner
- We embrace diverse perspectives and constructive conversations
- Markham will proactively address discrimination to foster a cohesive community where people feel welcome and encouraged to contribute
- We believe it is essential to continue to learn about and value differences

Markham will continue to proudly promote inclusion through our Diversity Action Plan and community engagement and hold all staff accountable to provide empathetic, diverse and inclusive service.







Thank you!

