

Summary of Additional Key Findings

Gender

- Females in every age group aged 15 years and over are more likely than males to be living on low incomes. This gap between the genders increases as women age.

Age

- In York Region there are over 71,000 low income residents of all ages. Of these, 23% are children (0-14), 16% are youths (15-24), 49% are adults (25-64) and, 12% are seniors (65 and over).

Family Type

- The highest risk groups are people living alone and lone parents.
- In York Region, 13% of people living alone and 7% of lone parents are living on low incomes (population 15 and over).
- 36% of couples with children and 14% of couples without children are living on low incomes in York Region.

Education

- The risk of living on a low income decreases as the level of education increases.
- In York Region, 15,330 low income residents (32.9%) age 15-64 have not graduated from high school (less than grade 9 education - 7.9%, grade 9-13 without certificate – 25%).
- 51% of York Region's low income residents have some post-secondary education or a university degree.

Work Activity

- 53% of York Region's low income residents worked in 2000. 18% worked full time all year, 18% worked full time part of the year, 4% worked part time all year and 13% worked part time part of the year.
- 60% of York Region's working low income residents age 15-64 have some post-secondary education or a university degree.
- 24% of York Region's working low income residents age 15-64 have not graduated high school.
- There were 21,820 (47%) low income York Region residents who did not work in 2000.