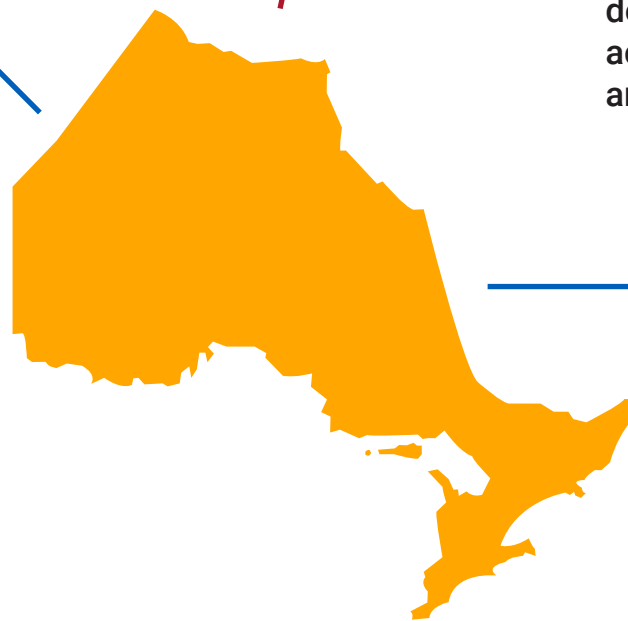


# Far too many women and children fleeing domestic violence live in poverty, or at risk of falling into poverty.

Women represented 42% of respondents in the Toronto 2018 Street Needs Assessment, a survey of Toronto's homeless population. The survey also found that women led 75% of all family units that were experiencing homelessness.

Social discrimination faced by individuals living with low income, or who are recipients of social assistance, can make it more difficult to access supports, including access to stable employment.



Leaving an abusive situation can place women at elevated risk of poverty. Poverty limits and often denies personal agency, and access to resources to protect and free oneself from violence.

In 2018, approximately 39% of female lone-parent families lived in poverty in Ontario  
*(Canadian Income Survey.)*