



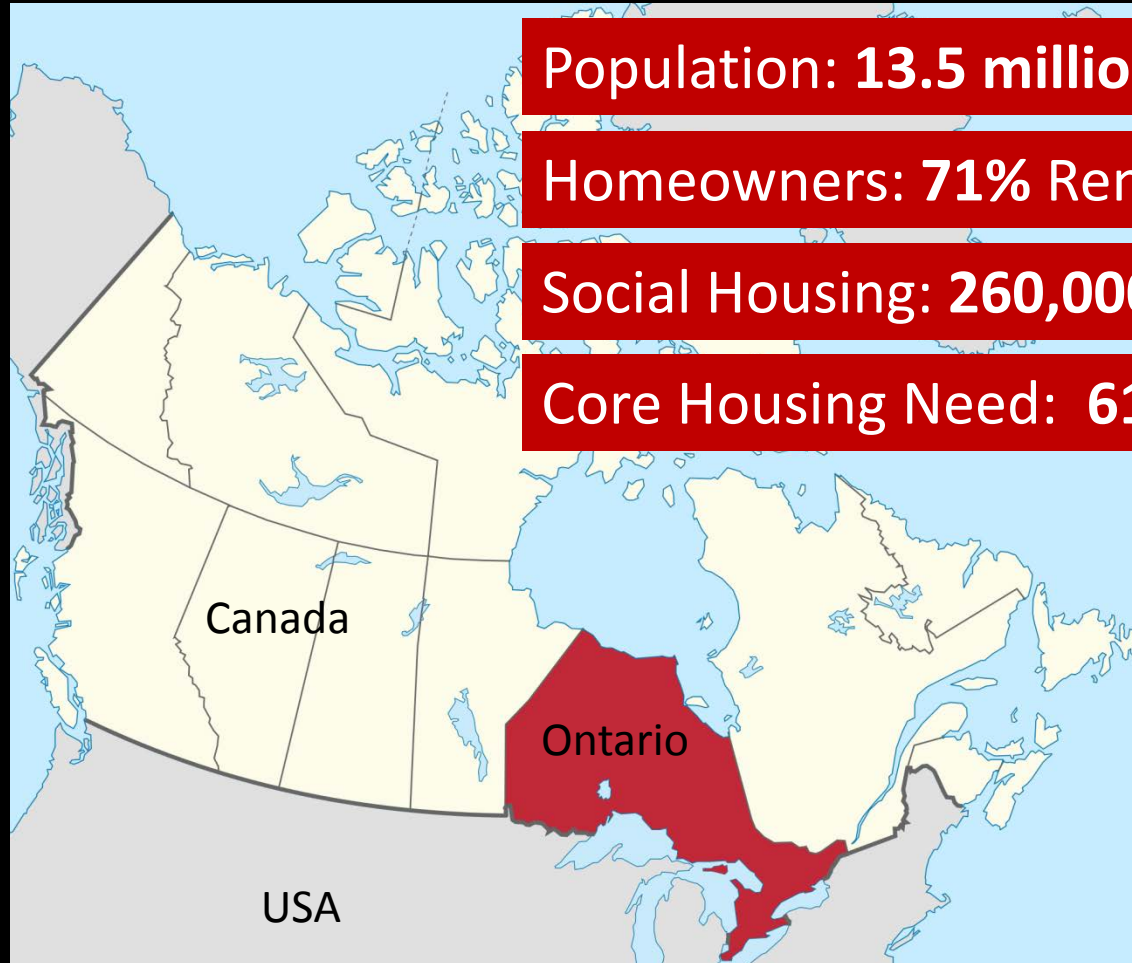
**North American Housing and HIV Research Summit, 2015**  
*Policies to impact social drivers: Successes and challenges –  
Perspectives from Ontario*



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**ABOUT** POVERTY HOUSING HOMELESSNESS HEALTH



Population: **13.5 million** (est. 2014)

Homeowners: **71%** Renters: **29%** (2011)

Social Housing: **260,000 units** (186,717 RGI)

Core Housing Need: **616,935 households** (2011)

# FOUR PILLARS

## Realizing Our Potential



Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy  
2014-2019

Children and Youth

Employment and  
income security

Long-term goal to  
end homelessness

Evidence based  
policy

**Vision:** *Every person has an affordable, suitable, and adequate home to provide the foundation to secure employment, raise a family, and build strong communities.*



**Building Foundations: Building Futures**  
*Ontario's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy*

[Ontario.ca/HousingStrategy](http://Ontario.ca/HousingStrategy)





## A Long-Term Goal to End Homelessness in Ontario

### Expert Advisory Panel on Homelessness - Mandate



**Define**

**Measure**

**Set Targets**

**Build Capacity**

**Evidence**

Comprehensive strategy that reinforces our efforts on *The Poverty Reduction Strategy*, and the *Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy*



Open Minds, Healthy Minds

Ontario's Comprehensive Mental Health and Addictions Strategy

1

Promote mental health and well-being for all Ontarians

2

Ensure early identification and intervention

3

Expand housing and employment supports;

4

Improve health and social service coordination; and

5

Provide funding based on need and quality.



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## CONCLUSION

**COORDINATION BETWEEN  
LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT**



**WORK ACROSS MINISTRIES**



**ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS  
AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR**



**Realizing Our Potential: Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy (2014-2019)**

<http://www.ontario.ca/home-and-community/realizing-our-potential-ontarios-poverty-reduction-strategy-2014-2019-all>

**Ontario's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy**

<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page9187.aspx>

**Expert Advisory Panel on Homelessness**

<http://news.ontario.ca/mah/en/2015/01/ontario-appoints-panel-to-look-at-ending-long-term-homelessness.html>

**Open Minds, Healthy Minds:**

**Ontario's Comprehensive Mental Health and Addictions Strategy**

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