



**United Way**  
Peel Region

Black Community  
Advisory Council

United Way of Peel Region is focused on poverty reduction. Collectively, we work to reduce poverty, prevent poverty and support people living in crisis right now.

The Black Community Advisory Council (BCAC) works with United Way of Peel Region to tackle the impact and consequences of poverty promote achievements within the Black community and support United Way's work in the Black community.

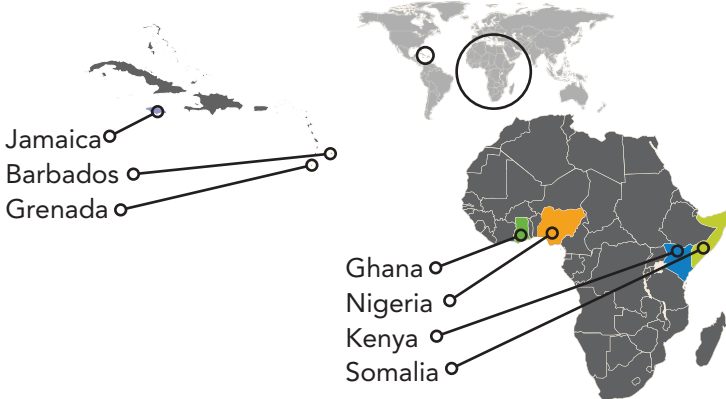
## DEMOGRAPHICS

**15.9%**

15.9% of the racialized population in Peel are Black Individuals.

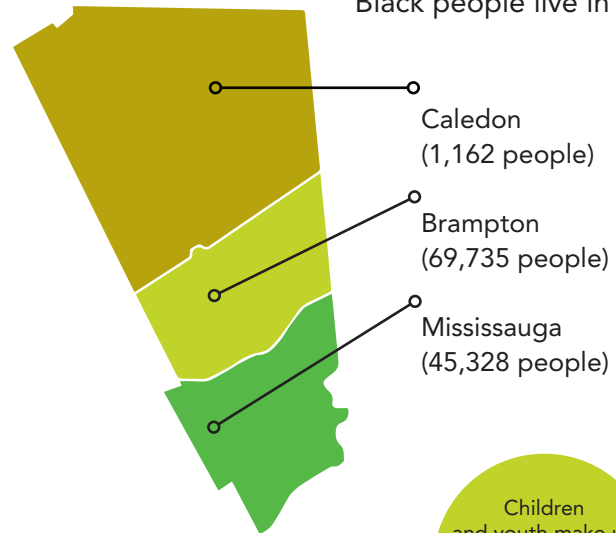
Blacks are the second largest racialized group in Peel (9%).

Blacks have ancestral origin from continental Africa, the Caribbean and the African Diaspora.



**116,225**

Black people live in Peel



Children and youth make up 44% (70,700) of the Black population in Peel.

The Peel poverty rate is 17% for the general population. The racialized and child poverty rate is 3% higher than the general population at 20%.

43% of Blacks in Peel are Canadian born.

## CHALLENGES

The following challenges are currently facing the Black population in Peel:

Systemic racism and discrimination

Limited access to culturally appropriate services

Inaccessibility of safe recreational spaces for Black youth

Lack of access to role models and mentors for children and youth

Higher unemployment and underemployment for Black youth

Lack of diversity in agency staff serving the Black population

United Way of Peel Region is addressing these issues in partnership with the Black Community Advisory Council.

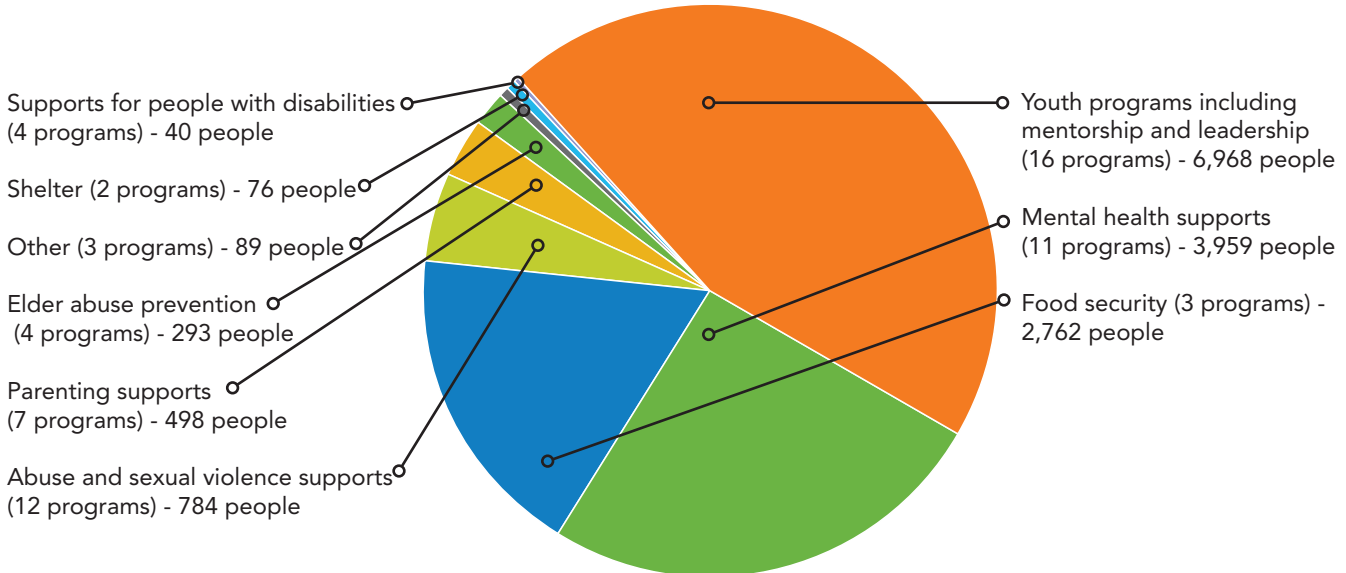
# \$7.2-MILLION

INVESTED BY UNITED WAY IN 89 PROGRAMS RUN BY 54 AGENCIES IN 2015/16

\$4.2-million was invested in 62 programs accessed by the Black Community

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY IN 2015/16

## 15,469



Total of 62 programs grouped under 9 service areas  
\*62 of the 89 programs with service users identifying as Blacks as reported by funded agencies  
\*Percentages represent the proportion of Black individuals out of a total of 15,469 people.

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people who self-identified as Black participated in programs funded by United Way in 2015/16. This was an increase of 11.2% compared to 2014/15.

These are the top five service areas accessed by Blacks in Peel according to individuals served:

- **Youth well-being** (e.g. drop-in, afterschool and mentoring)
- **Mental health supports** (e.g. counselling and community wellness)
- **Food security** (e.g. cooking programs and food distribution)
- **Abuse and sexual violence supports** (e.g. crisis intervention and counselling)
- **Parenting supports** (e.g. family intervention and capacity building)

This data is reflective of how United Way of Peel Region is addressing these issues in partnership with the Black Community Advisory Council.



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