



United Way

Peel Region

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

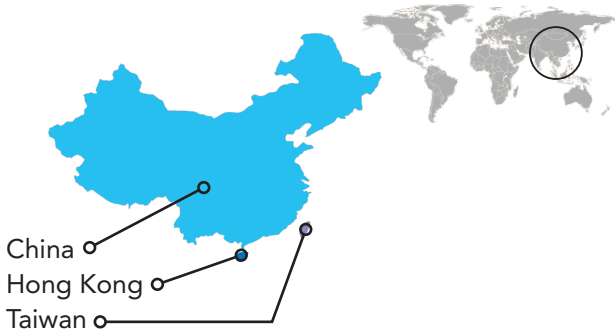
DEMOGRAPHICS

8%

8% of the racialized population in Peel are Chinese individuals

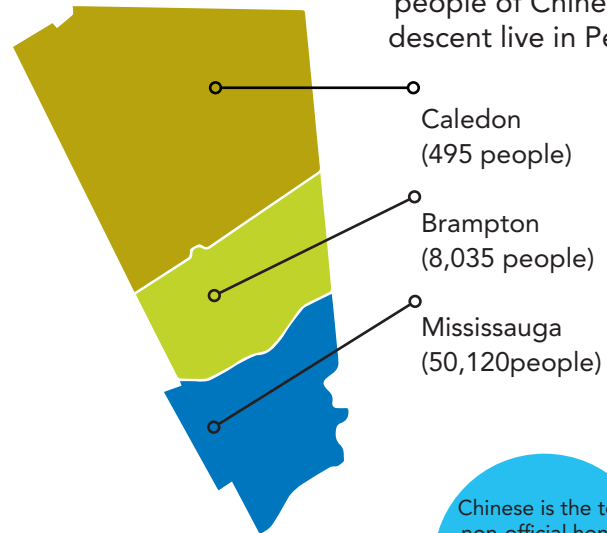
Chinese represent the third largest racialized group in Peel (5%).

Chinese have ancestral origin from mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong.



58,645

people of Chinese descent live in Peel



Chinese is the top non-official home language spoken in Mississauga

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

CHALLENGES

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

Limited employment and entrepreneurship support for youth

Mental health stigma and language barriers for newcomers and seniors

Lack of language specific and culturally appropriate mental health supports for seniors

Access to childcare and parenting supports

Social isolation for youth and seniors

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

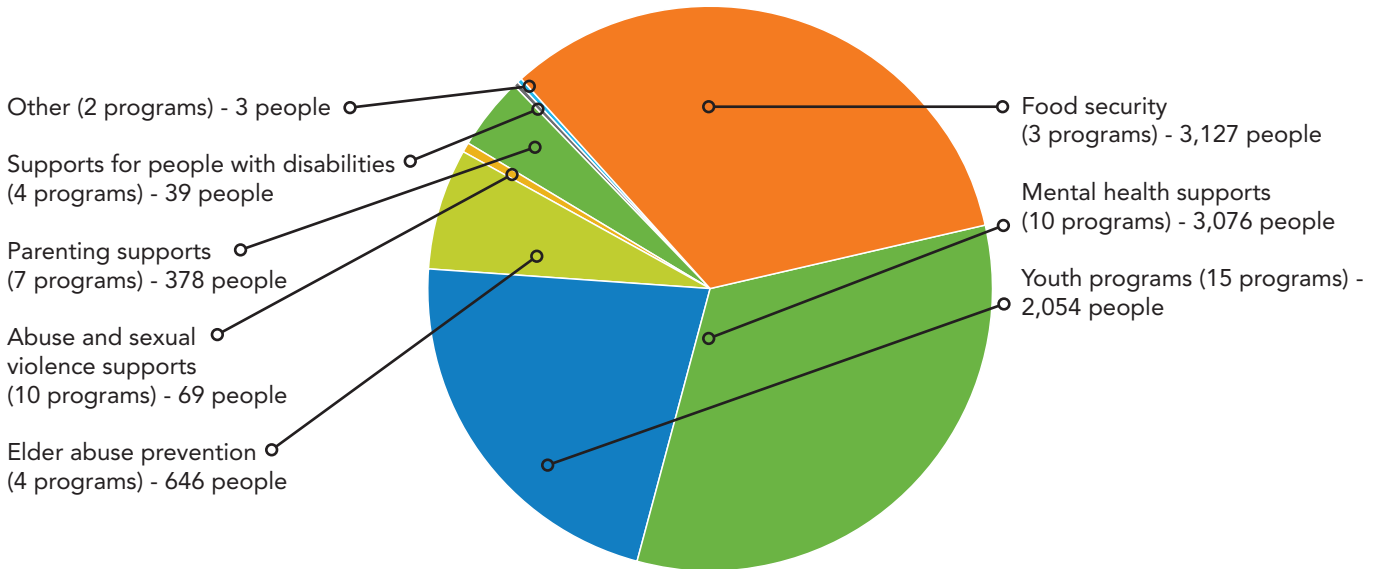
\$7.2-MILLION

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

\$4.9-million was invested in 55 programs accessed by the Chinese Community

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

9,388



Total of 55 programs grouped under 8 service areas
*55 of 89 programs with service users identifying as Chinese as reported by funded agencies
Percentages represent the proportion of Chinese individuals out of a total of 9,388.

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people who self-identified as Chinese participated in programs funded by United Way in 2015/16. This was an increase of 37.4% compared to 2014/15.

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

- **Food security**
(e.g. cooking programs and food distribution)
- **Mental health supports**
(e.g. counselling and community wellness)
- **Youth well-being**
(e.g. drop-in, afterschool and mentoring)
- **Elder abuse and sexual violence supports**
(e.g. crisis intervention and support for seniors)
- **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 Chinese Advisory Council.



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