



**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.

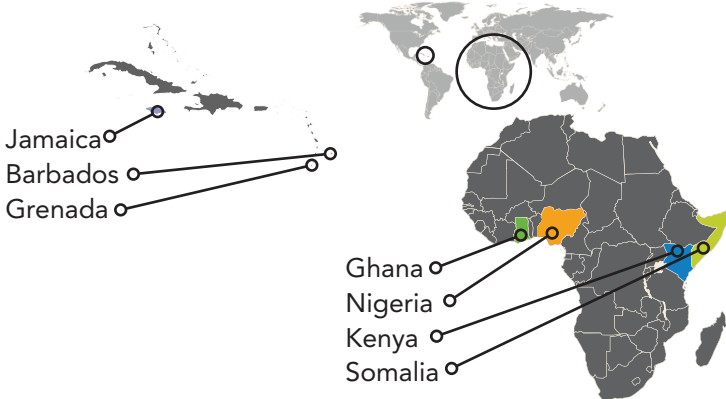
## DEMOGRAPHICS

**15.3%**

15.3% of the racialized population in Peel are Black Individuals.

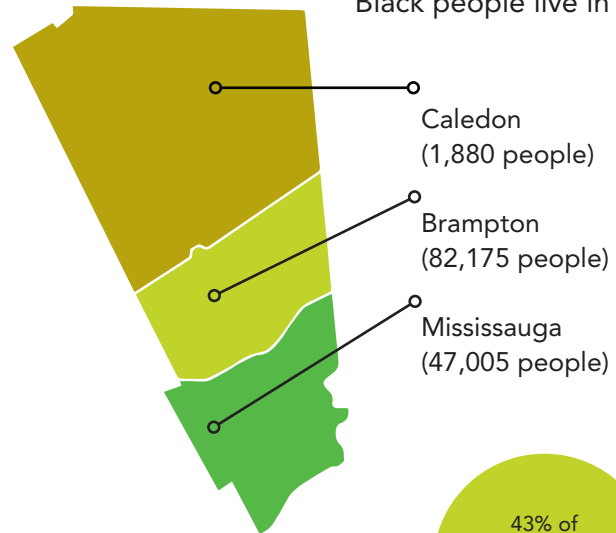
Blacks are the second largest racialized group in Peel (9.5%).

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



**131,060**

Black people live in Peel



Caledon  
(1,880 people)

Brampton  
(82,175 people)

Mississauga  
(47,005 people)

43% of  
Black people  
in Peel are  
Canadian born

**20%**  
of the racialized  
population in Peel  
live in poverty

Peel has  
seen a 12%  
increase  
in Black  
residents.

## 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

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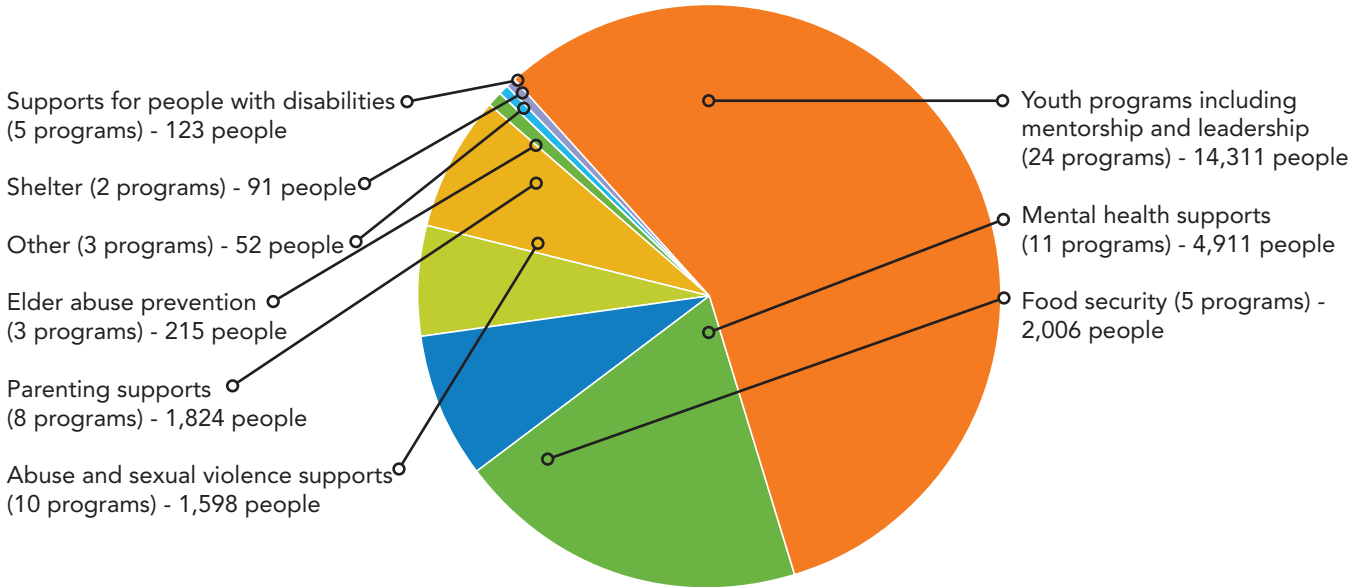
# \$7.0-MILLION

INVESTED BY UNITED WAY IN 88 PROGRAMS RUN BY 53 AGENCIES IN 2016/17

\$6.08-million was invested in 71 programs accessed by the Black Community

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

## 25,131



Total of 71 programs grouped under 9 service areas  
\*71 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 25,131 people.

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people who self-identified as Black participated in programs funded by United Way in 2016/17. This was an increase of 62% compared to 2015/16.

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

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

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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