

Toronto Shelters*

Analyzing the State of Homeless Shelters in Toronto

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Abstract

This paper presents a report on the conditions of various homeless shelters across the city of Toronto. Various factors such as location, occupancy, program type are taken into account. The aim is to find areas where these shelters are lacking and further improvement can be made.

1 Introduction

Homelessness is a big problem in almost every country around the world. Despite being one of the most developed countries in the world, Canada has around quarter of a million people living without a roof on their head. As you may expect, these rates are even higher for a busy metropolitan city such as Toronto. For every 10,000 people, 30 are homeless. While this may not sound like a lot at first glance, there are over 2 million people living in the city. This brings up multiple questions. Who are these people? How do they live? And perhaps most importantly, what is the government doing for them?

The government of Canada has a lot of shelters for helping such people. The city of Toronto has 65 such shelters, each of various services and programs to help the people that they take in. This paper aims to analyze and report the conditions of these shelters, such as how much are they being used? Is a specific area in the city a hot spot for homeless people? Do certain programs get less people than others?

*Code and data are available at: [LINK](#).

2 Data

3 Results

4 Discussion

4.1 First discussion point

4.2 Second discussion point

4.3 Third discussion point

4.4 Weaknesses and next steps

Appendix

A Additional details

B References