“MAN SHOT AT JANE-FINCH”

Discursive media analysis of “Jane and Finch” in the *Toronto Star* between 2018 and 1990

Crime narratives in Toronto Star Headlines featuring the Jane-Finch Region are deeply pervasive. Tracing through digital website archives and print-based digitalized copies of Toronto Star between the years of 1990 and 2018 by looking for any article titles that featured the words “Jane” and “Finch”, commonalities and repeating keywords in the titles are sorted and visualized using pictograms.

total # articles

other articles — crime articles

Proportion of articles with a crime narrative; title features:

“shot”, “stab”, “assault”, “died”, “violent”, “murder”, “killed”, “arrested”, and/or “police”

Title features keyword one time;

= “shot”/“shooting”

= “stab(bed/ing)

= “drug(s)”

1990
- Jane-Finch group supports williams
- Jane-Finch area fights drugs with community celebration

1991
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1994
- Jane-Finch residents worried about new college site

1999
- DiManno cuts through jane-finch stereotype

2000
- A Jane-Finch odyssey
- Jane-Finch teen never gave up

2001
- Taking lessons from Jane-Finch
- Fill me up on Jane-Finch food

2005
- Jane-Finch residents get their feet moving
- Rapping against Jane-Finch’s bum rap
- In the trenches at Jane-Finch
- Province rejects special funding for Jane-Finch community centre
- ‘There are more good things about Jane-Finch than bad’
- Life getting better in Jane-Finch

2007
- Funding cut for Jane-Finch centre
- Man fatally shot near Jane and Finch
- Man slain at Jane-Finch
- Candid Jane-Finch youth enliven school safety hearing
- Alwyn Barry, 18: Filmmaker ‘broke the stereotype’ on Jane-Finch
- Hallelujahs at Jane-Finch church
- Jane-Finch coup at Sundance
- Four sought in brazen Jane-Finch area shooting
- Jane-Finch kids blossom in Temagami
- Man shot and stabbed to death near Jane and Finch
- Jane-Finch voices of change
- He ‘broke the stereotype’ on Jane-Finch

2008
- Teen dies after being shot at Jane/Finch playground
- Banners ‘re-brand’ Jane-Finch
- Video of Jane/Finch shooting suspects released
- Detective says youth targeted in Jane-Finch shooting
- 2 arrested in Jane-Finch shooting death

2009
- CONDO CRITIC: Jane/Finch rehab faces uncertain future
- Scoring hockey pride at Jane-Finch
- Fatal shooting at Jane-Finch
- Jane-Finch fights plan to put police in high school
- Clothes, toys a hit with Jane-Finch kids
- Leadership focus of camp serving Jane-Finch children
- Highrise apartment burns in Jane and Finch area
- Three die after rollover near Jane and Finch
- Caribana’s Junior Carnival lights up Jane and Finch
- Man shot in leg near Jane and Finch
- Boy hit by car near Jane and Finch
- Rebranding Jane and Finch

2010
- Man shot near Jane and Finch
- Gunman ambushes pair near Jane and Finch
- Jane-Finch kids get ready for Caribana
- Golf club, Jane-Finch neighbours drive for the green
- Jane-Finch gets a reprieve for school closing

2011
- Shots fired near Jane and Finch
- Man in hospital after shooting near Jane and Finch
- TDSB staff recommend no schools close in Jane-Finch
- Jane-Finch activist wins multiple awards for community website
- Jane-Finch kids learn to play squash in program that smashes drop-out rates
- Man identified in Jane-Finch shooting death
- Man shot dead near Jane and Finch
- Man stabbed near Jane and Finch
- Violins or violence? Kids of Jane and Finch change their tune
- An explosion of colour as 2,000 kids celebrate Junior Carnival near Jane and Finch

2012
- Jane-Finch has image problem
- James: Bad image intersects with Jane-Finch
- Toronto’s toughest real estate markets? Jane and Finch, and the Bridle Path
- At Jane-Finch, the ‘For Kicks’ sports program helps at-risk kids: Local Legend
- Jane-Finch shooting suspect turns self in
- Man, 24, identified as Jane and Finch homicide victim
- Missing girl found in home at Jane and Finch
- Fiorito: Nomanzland put stories of Jane-Finch neighbourhood on stage
- St. Patrick’s Day at Jane and Finch: Irish music played by 50-year resident
- Popular Jane-Finch principal on home leave pending investigation of complaint
- 2 hurt, 1 arrested after stabbing near Jane and Finch
- Jane-Finch summer program helps Grade 8 kids — and turns older youth into mentors
- Man shot in the head near Jane and Finch

2013
- Jane and Finch: Toronto’s most dangerous place to be a kid?
- Jane Finch shooting leaves two popular teens dead
- Police plead for witnesses to come forward after murder of Jane-Finch teens
- At barbecue, Jane-Finch comes together for vigil for shooting victims.
- Winston LaRose: Jane-Finch’s advocate for 20 years is still working for its betterment
- Middle school scout troop delivers boxes in Jane-Finch
- Jane-Finch scholarship program started with a dream
- Jane-Finch farm rakes in first harvest
- Man dies in industrial accident in Jane and Finch area
- Jane-Finch kids in the spotlight at Caribana Flags and Colours
- Jane and Finch community remembers two slain teens
- Teen shot near Jane and Finch
- Jane-Finch community talks grief and forgiveness
- Urban Squash Toronto mentors Jane-Finch youth well beyond the court
- Second teen shot near Jane and Finch as friends mourn slain 15-year-old boy
- Jane-Finch principal Craig Crone talks tough love after summer of violence
- Man stabbed in the back near Jane and Finch
- Shooting deaths: Grieving seemingly endless in neighbourhoods like Regent Park, Jane-Finch
- “Jane-Finch hardly Dickensian”
- Walk with Excellence redefines graduation at Jane-Finch: James
- Jane-finch risky place to be a teen

2014
- Recap: Jane and Finch live discussion
- Jane-Finch youth use voices and art to inspire change
- Improper police ‘carding’ continues in Jane-Finch area, survey finds
- Paul Nguyen is a success story for Jane-Finch and psychiatric survivors alike: Porter
- Jane-Finch Palisades music program closes amid union battle
- Future opens wide for Jane-Finch teens at downtown Toronto career camp

2015
- Jane-Finch neighbourhood wake-up call for politicians
- Jane-Finch on track to get more than basic transit garage
- Making more out of a garage in the heart of Jane-Finch
- Dispute brews over work conditions at Jane-Finch hotel
- SIU investigating after man shot near Jane and Finch
- Osgoode Law School class targets low voter turnout in Jane and Finch
- GTA: The voices of Jane-Finch
- Locals want more from Jane-Finch garage

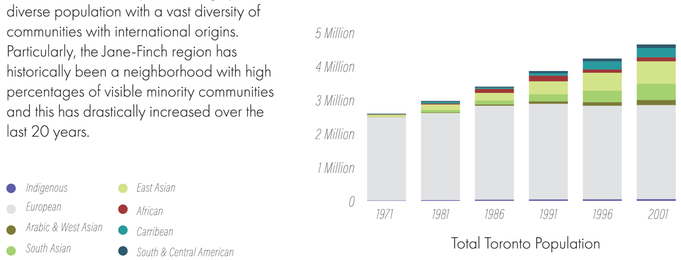
2016
- Teenager dead after shooting in Jane and Finch area
- Free legal help for workplace violations comes to Jane-Finch
- Man in life-threatening condition after shooting near Jane and Finch

2017
- Jane-Finch ER site lies dormant almost a year after closure
- Jane-Finch graduates have diverse backgrounds
- Police say woman found dead in Jane and Finch park died by ‘a very violent act’
- One man seriously injured in Jane and Finch shooting
- Body of woman found in Derrydowns Park near Jane and Finch
- One dead in shooting near Jane and Finch
- 18-year-old male wanted after armed sex assault near Jane and Finch

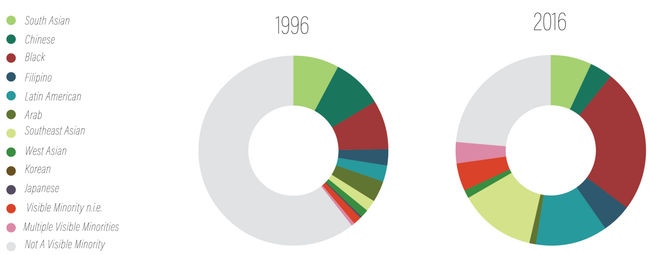
2018
- ‘I went out to Jane and Finch, put on a bulletproof vest ….’, community safety minister reveals
- Woman running against Giorgio Mammoliti says his ‘cockroaches’ comment shows Jane-Finch needs ‘better representation’
- Child, 7, found after going missing near Jane and Finch
- Man killed in Jane-Finch area shooting
- 28-year-old identified in fatal shooting at Jane and Finch apartment
- Sister still ‘hopeful’ brother’s murder in North York 18 years ago can be solved
- Man in serious condition after being struck by car near Jane and Finch
- Does Mammoliti care about the significance of the word ‘cockroaches’ he applied to Jane and Finch constituents?

Global Ethno-Racial Distribution in Toronto

Toronto has historically been a highly diverse population with a vast diversity of communities with international origins. Particularly, the Jane-Finch region has historically been a neighborhood with high percentages of visible minority communities and this has drastically increased over the last 20 years.

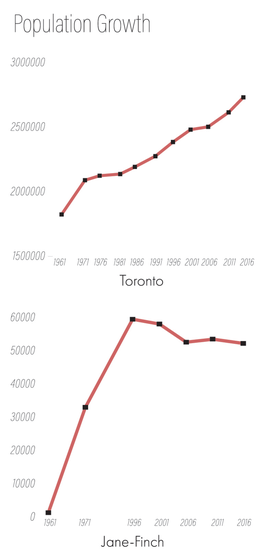


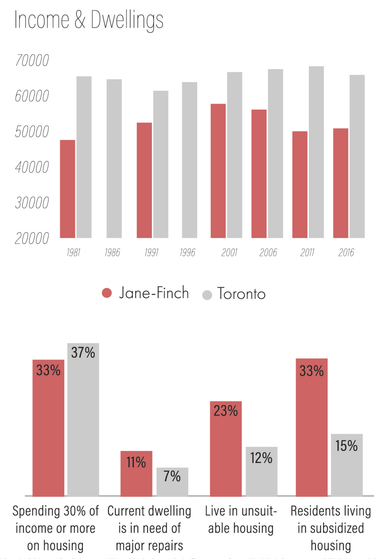
Ethno-Social Distribution in Jane and Finch region



Population and Income of Jane-Finch and Toronto Over time

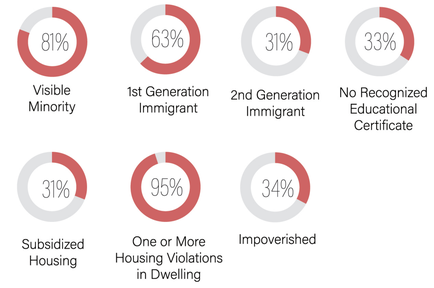
Statistics Canada’s Census surveys of the Jane-Finch region and of Toronto shows differing rates of growth in population and income over time.





Jane-Finch’s Neighborhood Profile

The City of Toronto’s 2016 Neighborhood Profile of the Black-Creek and Glenfield-Jane Heights areas - the primary communities of the Jane-Finch region - showed a high concentration of first and second generation immigrants, high concentration of visible minority individuals, and a high concentration of unsuitable and/or unaffordable housing.



Jane-Finch Community Recommendations

Housing
Develop a transparent social housing waiting list in addition to ensuring all subsidized housing units are in full repair.

Economic
Increasing the minimum wage to relfect the cost of living while implementing city-wide universal child-care programs.

Community
Urgently address the ongoing over-policing of the Jane-Finch region and stop the practice of “carding”.

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