



BACKGROUND

Toronto's housing affordability crisis is taking a toll on residents, the economy, and directly impacting George Brown College (GBC) students and staff. In February of this year, GBC began work through a Housing Task Force to understand the impact of the housing crisis on its students, employees and the community. The key findings from the review highlight both the housing needs and opportunities available to the college. Based on the review, GBC's Housing Task Force, will not only assess housing needs and inform government engagement, but also demonstrate GBC's thought leadership in housing and city-building.

Key Findings:

- About one in **25** post-secondary school students in Canada experience homelessness on any given day, ranging from couch surfing, sleeping in a vehicle, or using emergency shelters.
- In 2019, Covenant House reported 26 per cent of its residents were students, and in 2022 that estimate is closer to a third of residents.
- Housing represents serious challenges for students, requiring them to **work longer hours and more jobs** to afford the high cost of housing.
- Nearly **half of the students** polled reported a long commute (greater than 1 hour). Many reported they did so in order to obtain more affordable housing or live with family.
- GBC's single student residence, The George (located at 80 Cooperage Street) offers housing for 500 students and has a wait-list averaging between 400 and 600 each year.
- The lack of housing affordability is a critical challenge confronting the region's continued growth and prosperity, with serious implications for employers according to the Toronto Region Board of Trade.

Student Enrolment 2022 – 2023

- 28,584 full-time students (including 873 apprentices)
- 2,856 part-time students
- 53,613 Continuing Education registrations
- 41% international students

Employees

- 1,435 Full-time employees
- 654 Support Staff
- 531 Faculty
- 250 Administrative Staff
- 3,348 Part-time employees