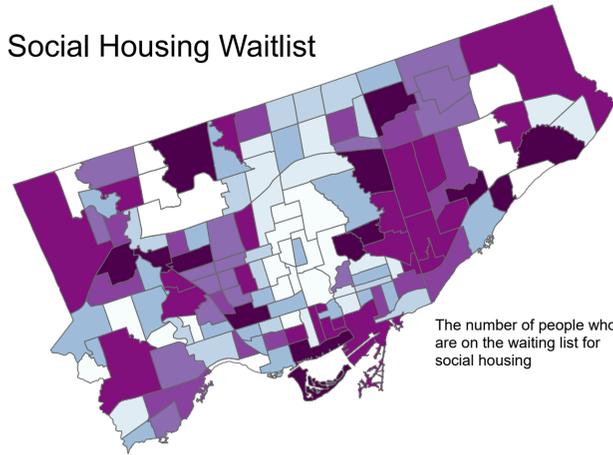


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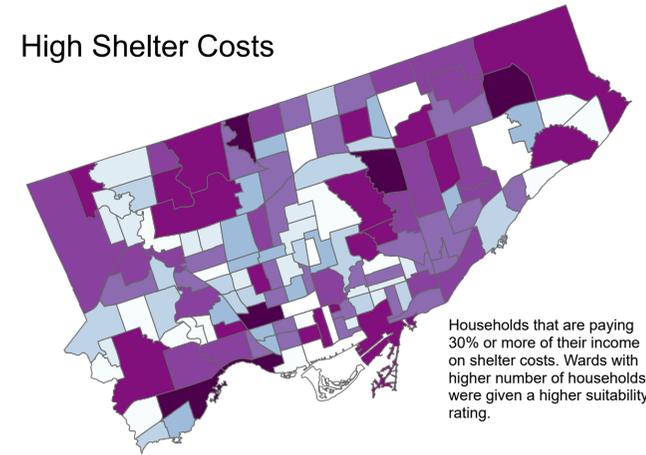
A Multi Criteria Analysis to Determine Which Wards in Toronto Would Benefit Most From the Construction of New Low Income Housing

## Social Housing Waitlist



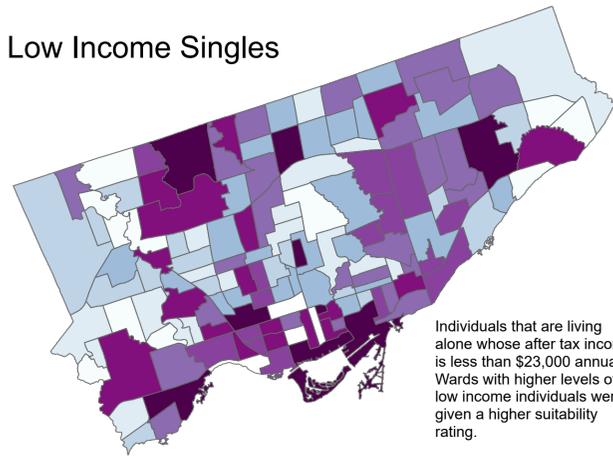
The number of people who are on the waiting list for social housing

## High Shelter Costs



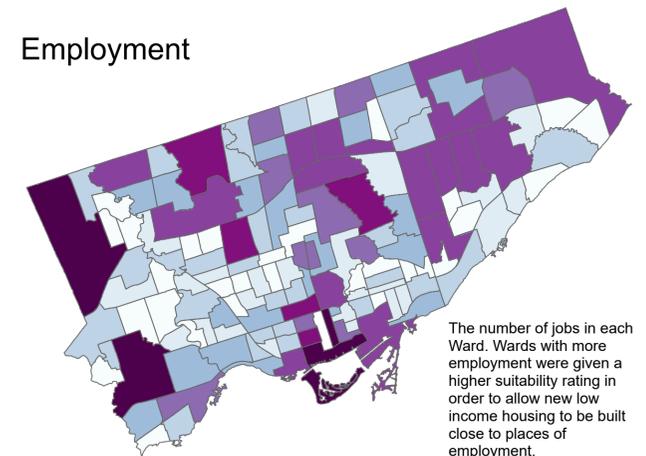
Households that are paying 30% or more of their income on shelter costs. Wards with higher number of households were given a higher suitability rating.

## Low Income Singles



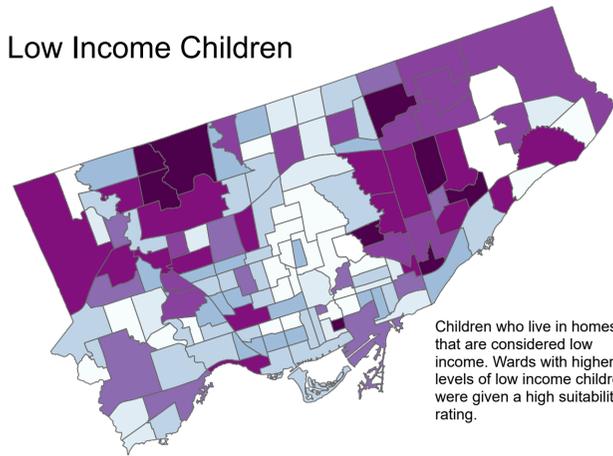
Individuals that are living alone whose after tax income is less than \$23,000 annually. Wards with higher levels of low income individuals were given a higher suitability rating.

## Employment

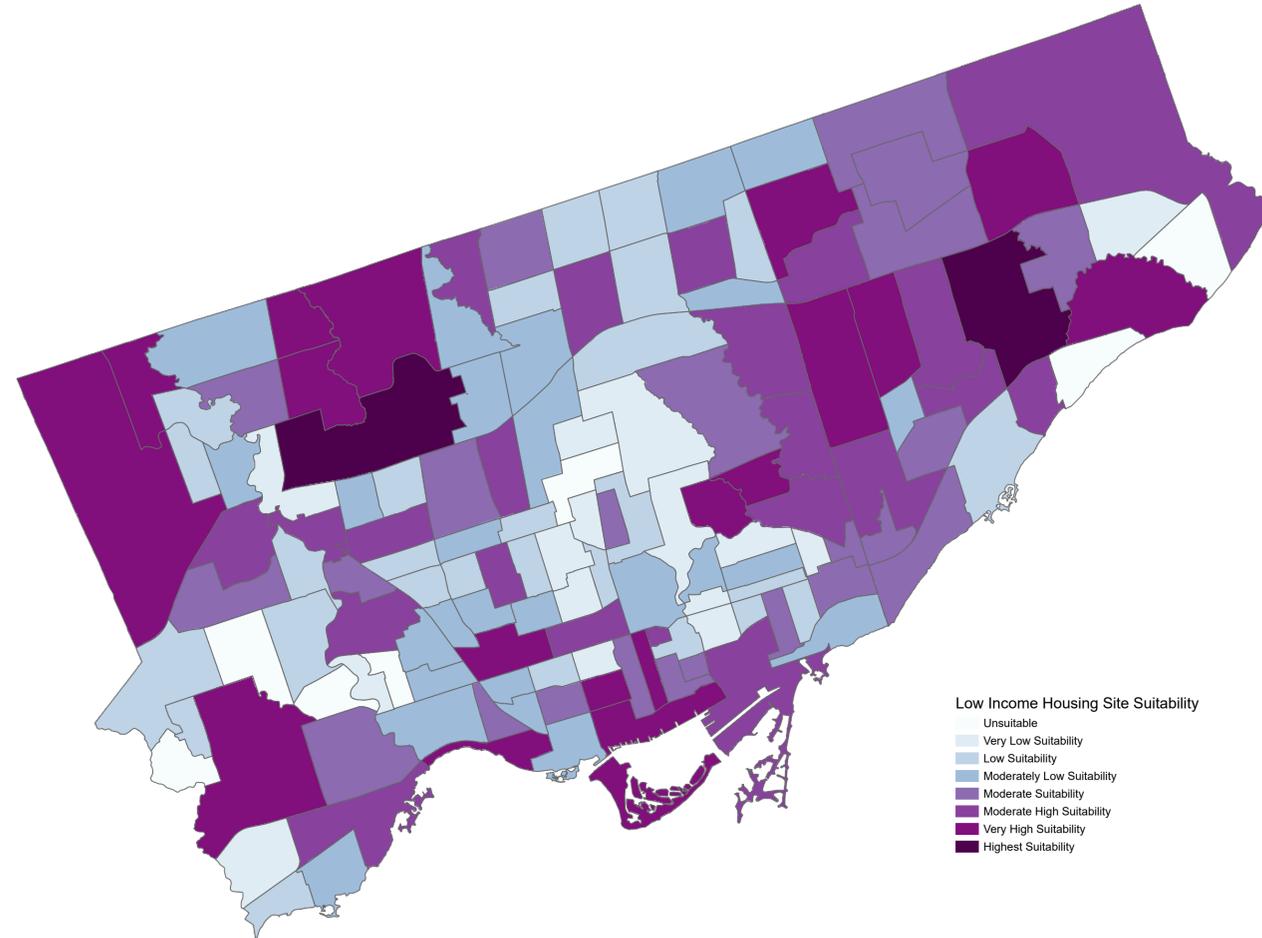


The number of jobs in each Ward. Wards with more employment were given a higher suitability rating in order to allow new low income housing to be built close to places of employment.

## Low Income Children



Children who live in homes that are considered low income. Wards with higher levels of low income children were given a high suitability rating.



**Low Income Housing Site Suitability**  
 Unsuitable  
 Very Low Suitability  
 Low Suitability  
 Moderately Low Suitability  
 Moderate Suitability  
 Moderate High Suitability  
 Very High Suitability  
 Highest Suitability

Criteria	Low income children		Low Income Singles		High Shelter Costs		Seniors Living Alone		Social Assistance Waitlist		Local Employment		Weight
	Count	Weight	Count	Weight	Count	Weight	Count	Weight	Count	Weight	Count	Weight	
Low Income children	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.20
Low Income Singles	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 0.07
High Shelter Costs	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 0.13
Seniors Living Alone	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1 0.07
Social Assistance Waitlist	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5 0.33
Local Employment	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3 0.20
<b>Total</b>													<b>13 1</b>

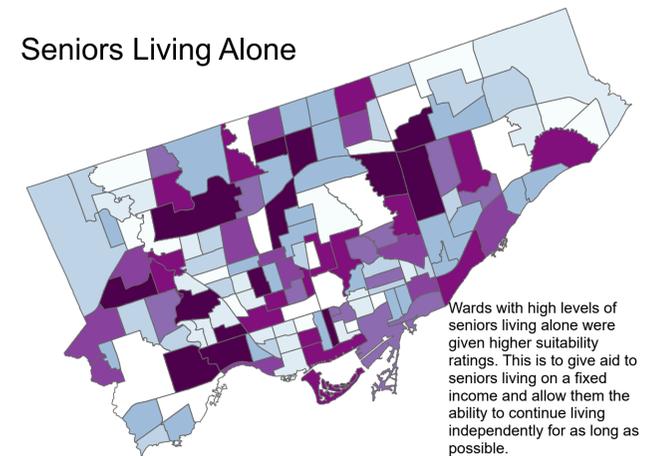
Figure 1: Pairwise Comparison for multi criteria analysis

Affordable housing is an increasingly difficult resource to find in Toronto. With an ever-increasing population and a focus on condos and suburbs, affordable rentals are drying up. Statistics Canada estimates that 1 in 4 Canadian households are currently experiencing housing affordability issues, meaning they spend more than 30% of the household's income on shelter costs. The waitlist in Ontario for affordable housing was over 170,000 households, seniors make up 32% of the waiting list. On average a Toronto household can wait over 8 years for affordable geared to income housing.

This project is intended to highlight which Wards in the City of Toronto would benefit the most from an increase in affordable housing. Many criteria were considered and weighted to create a multi criteria analysis for the city including, length of social housing waitlist, low income singles, low income children, high shelter costs, local employment numbers and seniors living alone. Figure 1 illustrates how each criteria was weighted in order to create the surface, the length of the social housing waitlist was given the highest weight because it illustrates where there is already an increased need for social housing. Other criteria given high priority were local employment in order to give people in social housing the opportunity for employment near their homes and low income children because stable affordable housing is a key component for children and breaking the cycle of poverty.

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## Seniors Living Alone



Wards with high levels of seniors living alone were given higher suitability ratings. This is to give aid to seniors living on a fixed income and allow them the ability to continue living independently for as long as possible.