More than one in four children in Toronto are living in poverty, says a new report.

Toronto named the child poverty capital of Canada
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Toronto is following suit to become one of the many cities in the region to publish an in-depth report on poverty for the first time in recent memory. The report, a step in meeting its commitment to monitor the health and well-being of its children, says that 27 per cent of Toronto children lived in low-income families in 2014, according to the Children’s Society of Canada.

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