



**INTERSECTIONAL
GENDER LENS**

21% of residents
in Ottawa's
emergency shelters are
single women.

Women given shelter
in motels at risk of
being trafficked.

Violence
Against
Women Shelters
are full.

33% of residents
in Ottawa's emergency
shelters are families.
How many are
single-mother-led?

Housing: Women at Risk

Immigrant and
Indigenous
women new to
Ottawa are
unfamiliar with
the local housing
system.

Immigrant women
may have larger
families.

Some senior
women have little
or no retirement
savings.



Indigenous experience of intergenerational trauma
leads to need for culturally sensitive supports.

Women are
usually the
primary
caregivers.

Racialized, Muslim
and Indigenous
women face
discrimination.

Women with
disabilities
need units to
be accessible.

Housing and Homelessness

\$588/month Full-time
minimum wage
Average Rental Market:
Bachelor \$836/month
1 Bedroom \$1023/month
2 Bedroom \$1232/month
3 Bedroom \$1568/month

A significant over-
representation of First
Nations, Metis among
shelter users in Ottawa.

Newcomers represented
20% of all shelter users
in Ottawa; and 36% of
families living in shelters

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Housing for All Women



Ottawa Housing Crisis
10,000 households
on wait list.
How many are female
led households?

Let's Build a Strong Foundation

Consider How Housing and Homelessness Differs across Genders

Women who have experienced violence need housing that satisfies psychological and safety needs.

Trans persons are overrepresented among the homeless and vulnerable to negative treatment.

Women are more likely to be in poverty as they earn less and have more precarious work than men.

Women's homelessness is less visible as they tend to couch surf or stay in unsafe conditions.

Make Housing Work for All women

Connectivity to transit, grocery stores, schools and culturally sensitive services.

Deeply affordable for people below low-income cut off.

Safe with supports.

Range of housing options: supportive, transition, second stage, larger units.

Funding from All Levels of Government

Municipal
\$15 M in capital spending for new affordable housing is in 2019 City Budget.

Provincial

- Need increased funding for Violence Against Women Shelters.
- Need to renew Ontario Aboriginal Housing Fund.

Federal
Need to maintain and increase funding for social housing.

Respect we are building on the unceded land of the Algonquin people