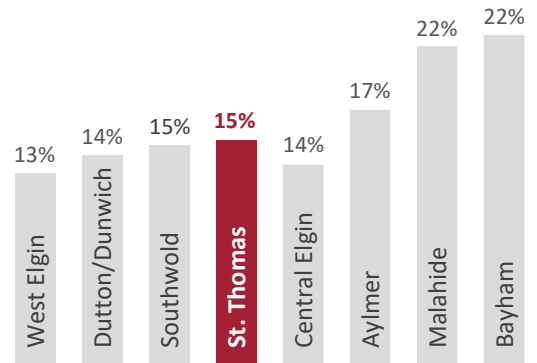


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Early Years Population & Community Characteristics

Municipality	Children 0-6	Children 7-12	Total Pop.	Med. Age
West Elgin	345	305	4,995	48.7
Dutton/Dunwich	290	260	3,865	45.4
Southwold	295	365	4,425	44.7
St. Thomas	3,050	2,880	38,910	42.9
Central Elgin	805	910	12,605	47.4
Aylmer	745	555	7,495	39.3
Malahide	1,045	970	9,290	35.6
Bayham	860	800	7,395	34.3
Elgin County Total	7,440	7,045	88,975	41.3

Percent children aged 0-12



St. Thomas is home to an estimated **5,930 children age 0-12**.

The median age of the population is 42.9 years, which is **slightly higher than the median age of Elgin County** and the provincial median of 41.3.

An estimated 1,050 persons, or **3% of the population** in St. Thomas report **Aboriginal identity**.

Most persons in St. Thomas **speak English** most often at home.

6,210

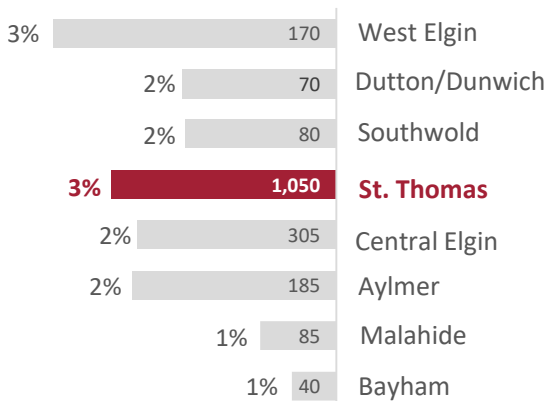
Families with children of any age at home



2,185

Lone parent families

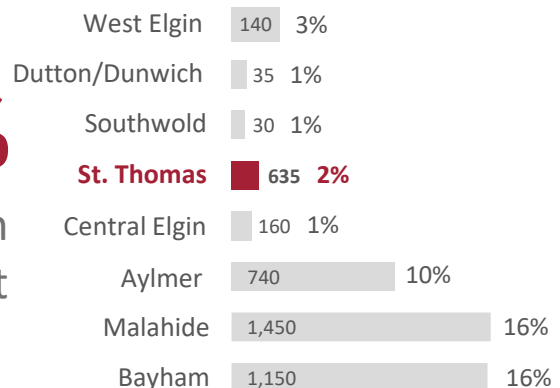
Aboriginal identity



97.1%

Speak English most often at home

Non-official language is spoken most often at home

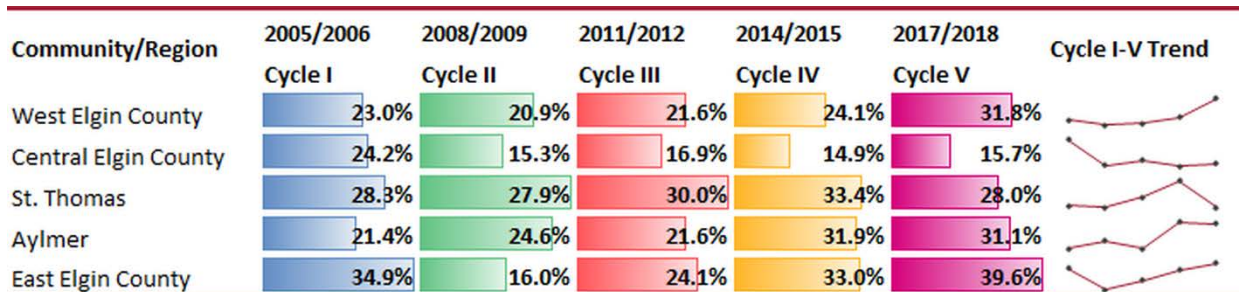


Child Development at School Entry: Early Development Instrument (EDI)

The EDI is a 103-item questionnaire completed by kindergarten teachers that measures children’s ability to meet age appropriate developmental expectations in five general domains. Research has shown that early vulnerability predicts a child’s lifelong health, learning and behaviour.

There have been five complete cycles of the EDI in Ontario: Cycle I (2005/06), Cycle II (2008/09), Cycle III (2011/2012), Cycle IV (2014/15), Cycle V (2017/18).

Children vulnerable in one or more domains of the EDI, by municipality (%)



Some municipalities have been grouped to protect confidentiality.

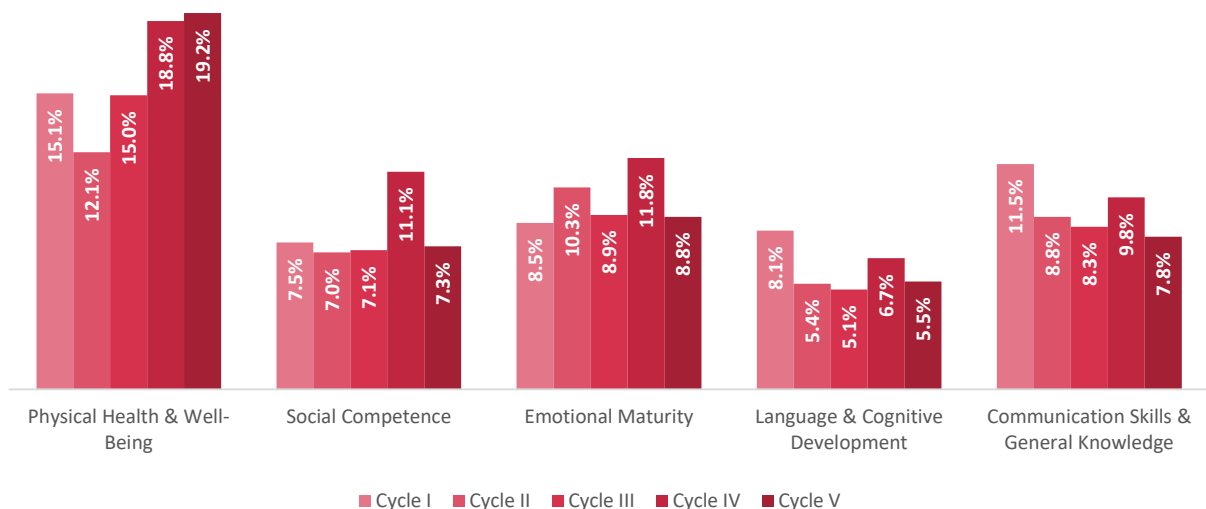
West Elgin County = West Elgin & Dutton/Dunwich

Central Elgin Count = Southwold & Central Elgin

East Elgin County = Malahide & Bayham

29.6% of Ontario kindergarten children were vulnerable on one or more domain in Cycle IV of the EDI

Children vulnerable by domain, EDI Cycles I-V, Elgin County (%)



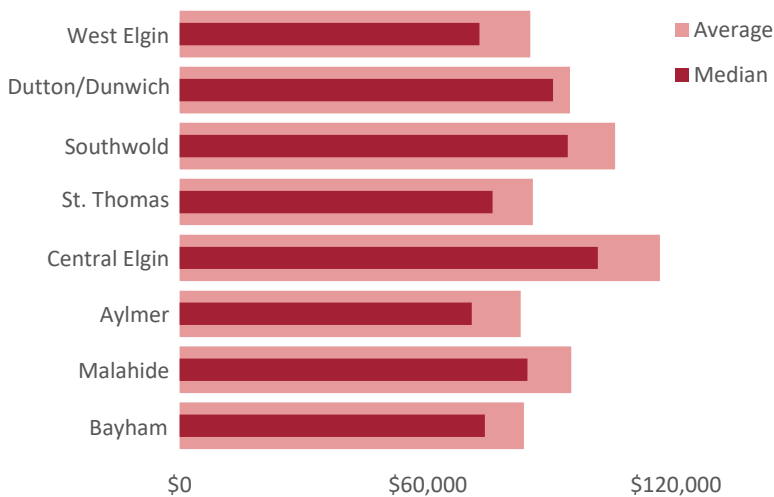
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Household income and financial security

\$16.57

Is the living wage calculated for St. Thomas & Elgin county in 2018/2019. This is the hourly rate needed for two income earners, working 35 hours per week year round to support a family of four with two children aged 3 and 7. This is **equivalent to a before-tax income of \$60,315 per family.**

Total income of families in Elgin County in 2015

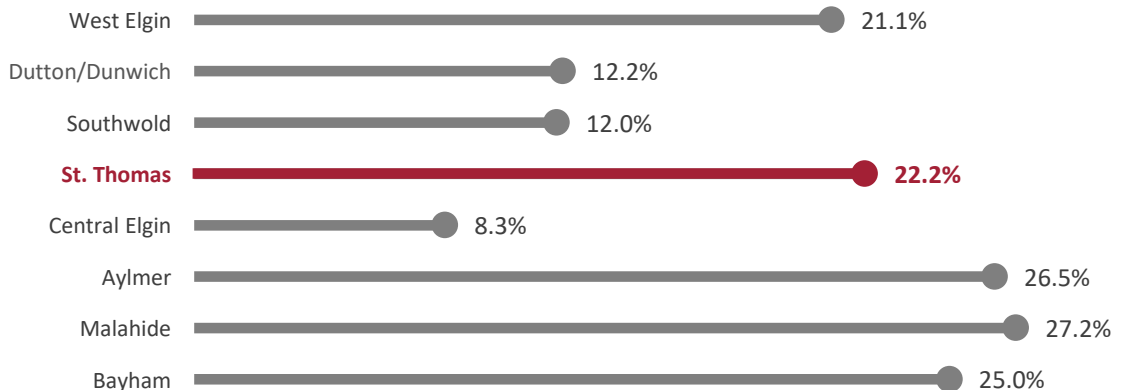


In St. Thomas, the median total income of families is \$75,654 and the average total income of families is \$85,378, **below both the median and average income for families across Elgin County.**

Large disparities between median and average income indicate greater income inequality within a population.

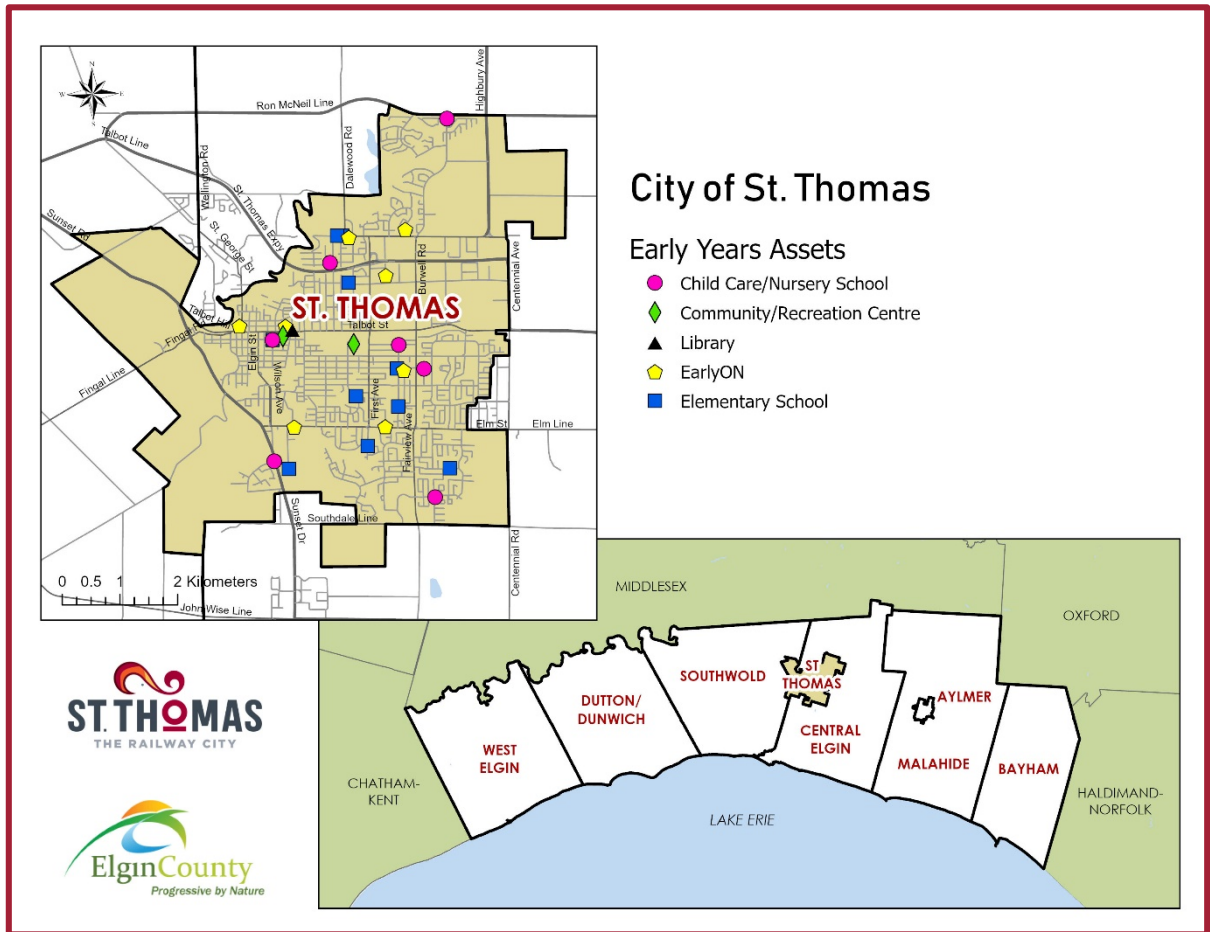
There is a **high prevalence of low income (22.2%)** for children ages 0-5 in St. Thomas. The **rate is higher** than both the prevalence for **Ontario (19.8%)** and **Elgin County (21.4%)** overall.

Prevalence of low income in Elgin County, ages 0-5 years (%) Based on the Low-income measure, after tax (LIM-AT)



St. Thomas

Early Years Community Assets



Licensed Child Care Centres/Nursery Schools

- Early Learning Centre Aspen Ave.
- Early Learning Centre Dalewood
- Early Learning Centre Orchard Park
- Milestones Children's Centre
- Robin's Nest
- St. Thomas Co-operative Nursery School
- YMCA Cornerview

EarlyON Child & Family Centres

- Forest Park Public School
- Monsignor Morrison Catholic School
- Morrison Drive
- Northside Neighbourhood Hub
- St. Thomas First United Church
- St. Thomas Public Library

Elementary Schools

- Elgin Court Public School
- Forest Park Public School
- John Wise Public School
- June Rose Public School
- Lockes Public School
- Mitchell Hepburn Public School
- Monsignor Morrison Catholic School
- Pierre E. Trudeau Public School
- St. Anne's Catholic School

Community/Recreation Centres

- Joe Thornton Community Centre
- Memorial Arena & Auditorium

Libraries

- St. Thomas Public Library