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A newsletter from the

Social Planning Council of Peel

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DATA TO DECISIONS

From Census Numbers to Community Action

How local data can help your community plan and advocate

In October, we introduced Data to Decisions, our project turning 2021 Census numbers into neighbourhood action. This month, all 55 community profiles were finished, covering regions across Ontario, plus Ontario and Canada as a whole. Each profile combines Statistics Canada data with our own community-based research to show what the numbers mean for local residents and services. All 55 are now live on Portraits of Peel, our subscription-based data portal.

55
community profiles
from Brampton & Caledon to Thunder Bay & Kenora

A PEEK INSIDE THE PEEL PROFILE

1.45M
people live in Peel

$1,580
median monthly shelter cost for renters

~60,000
households in core housing need

~430,000
mostly speak a language other than English or French at home

What's inside each profile

i. **Growth**
How fast the community is changing

ii. **Diversity**
Who lives there and what languages they speak at home

iii. **Vulnerability**
Who is struggling most with housing costs and low income

iv. **Resilience**
What the community already has going for it, like education, jobs and local involvement

Each profile then suggests what can help at home, in the neighbourhood and in city policy.

Who can use them

Non-profits
Show funders what's happening in the neighbourhoods you serve.

Community groups
Back up what you're already seeing on the ground.

City leaders & planners
Decide where programs, housing and services are needed most.

Funders & researchers
See where needs are growing and where support goes furthest.

FIND YOUR COMMUNITY ON PORTRAITS OF PEEL

1. Log in (or create an account) and subscribe to Portraits of Peel
2. Click SPC Peel Publications → 2026 AI-Based Census Data
3. Pick your community and download

Annual plans start at
$60/year

Click here to subscribe

Thank you to our research, marketing, IT and support teams, led by Dr. Srimanta Mohanty, for building and checking every profile.

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census Data & SPCP Analysis

Thrive • Friday Mentoring

Fridays, from 5 to 7pm

17 months of Thrive mentoring



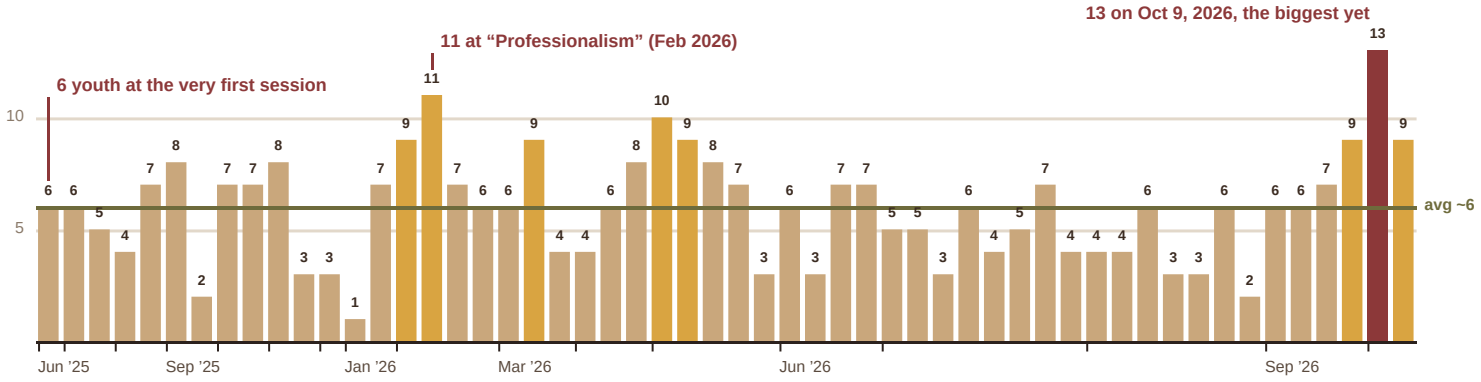
Thrive mentoring started on June 26, 2025, with six youth and a session on goal setting. The plan was simple: group sessions every other Friday, with volunteer mentors helping youth with school, work and life.

By February 2026 it was running every week, and in the summer of 2026 some weeks had a Tuesday session too. The group talked about everything from budgeting and resumes to social media, friendship and politics.

Thrive: Volunteers for Community Harmony is funded by the Canada Service Corps (CSC) program

Every session since June 2025

How many youth came to each mentoring session, from the first one to October 2026



What they’ve covered

- **Jun 2025** Kick-off & goal setting, with 6 youth
- **Summer 2025** Confidence, school & career pathways, mental wellness
- **Fall 2025** Resume writing, hate crime prevention, the 7 Habits
- **Winter 2026** Money management, budgeting, professionalism (11 youth)
- **Spring 2026** Email etiquette, emotion wheels, resumes & cover letters
- **Summer 2026** Social media, making & keeping friends, global issues, plus extra Tuesday sessions
- **Fall 2026** Personal growth, social skills and debate practice
- **Nov 2026** One-on-one check-ins

WHY IT WORKS

Every session is two hours on a Friday evening, with a lead facilitator and a team of volunteer mentors. Youth set their own goals at the start, and mentors help them reflect on how they’re doing.

“I would talk a bit more about my experience at my high school now that I know that there are a few others in the program who are attending the same school as me.”

— a Thrive participant

Source: Thrive mentorship records, June 2025 – November 2026

Thrive • In Their Words

What Youth Told Us

18 youth filled out our mentorship feedback survey

15/18
would recommend Thrive mentoring to other youth

13/18
feel more confident about their personal goals

12/18
rated sessions 4 or 5 out of 5 for helpfulness

What they'd change

Many said they wouldn't change a thing. The most common ask was more group activities and more time with each other.

"I think giving a little more activities would make the session even better. The session was still helpful though!"

"to engage more with peers"

"NOTHING!!! ITS AWESOME AS IT IS!"

— a Thrive participant

WHAT THEY WANT TO LEARN NEXT

- time management
- mental health
- healthy friendships
- how to get a job
- graduate school
- leadership
- business & finance
- other cultures
- Canadian history & government

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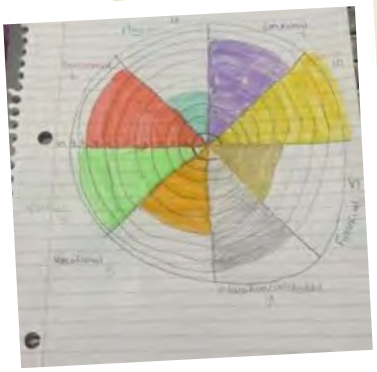
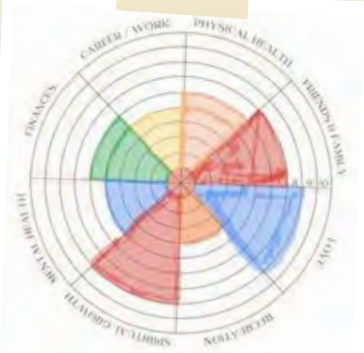
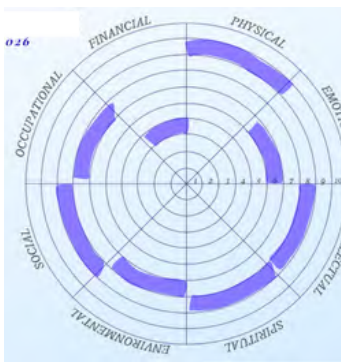
This month: one-on-ones

In November, the group sessions introduced one-on-one check-ins. On Nov 13, mentors met with youth in eight 15-minute slots between 5 and 7 PM, talking through their social life, emotional health, and school and career goals.

To start, youth filled out a wellness wheel, rating parts of their life like physical health, relationships, finances and spiritual growth from 1 to 10.







Source: Thrive mentorship feedback survey (18 responses) and session records

Coming Up • December

SAVE THE DATE · FRI, DEC 4 · FREE · ONLINE

Financial Empowerment for Women

A free online workshop for racialized women in Peel. Kamal Gawri, CPA, CA, will walk through budgeting, credit and debt, and saving and investing, including TFSAs and RRSPs.

Fri, Dec 4 · 6–7 PM · on Zoom

with Kamal Gawri, CPA, CA

Scan the QR code or

click here to register



Thrive Saturday workshops continue into December

Free for youth aged 12 to 30 · 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM · Sheridan College (Davis Campus, Brampton) Room C224 · Sign up: communityharmonyyouth@spcpeel.com

Dec 5	**Your Network Is Your Net Worth**	*with Amit Nayak*
Dec 12	**Mental & Physical Wellness Workshop (Title TBD)**	*with Anupam Thakur*
Dec 19	**Understanding Self Through a Historical Lens**	*with Dr. Diamond Rattansi*



WATCH

Intro to Thrive Project

The Thrive Project, led by the Social Planning Council of Peel and funded by Canada Service Corps, offers 107 youth-led volunteer placements (ages 12–30) and workshops across Peel, Halton, and Toronto to build skills and community inclusion.

Click Here

to learn more about our project

Let's work together!

Have a project idea, want to collaborate on research, or need custom support?

Reach out directly to us.

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