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The end of the world as we know it

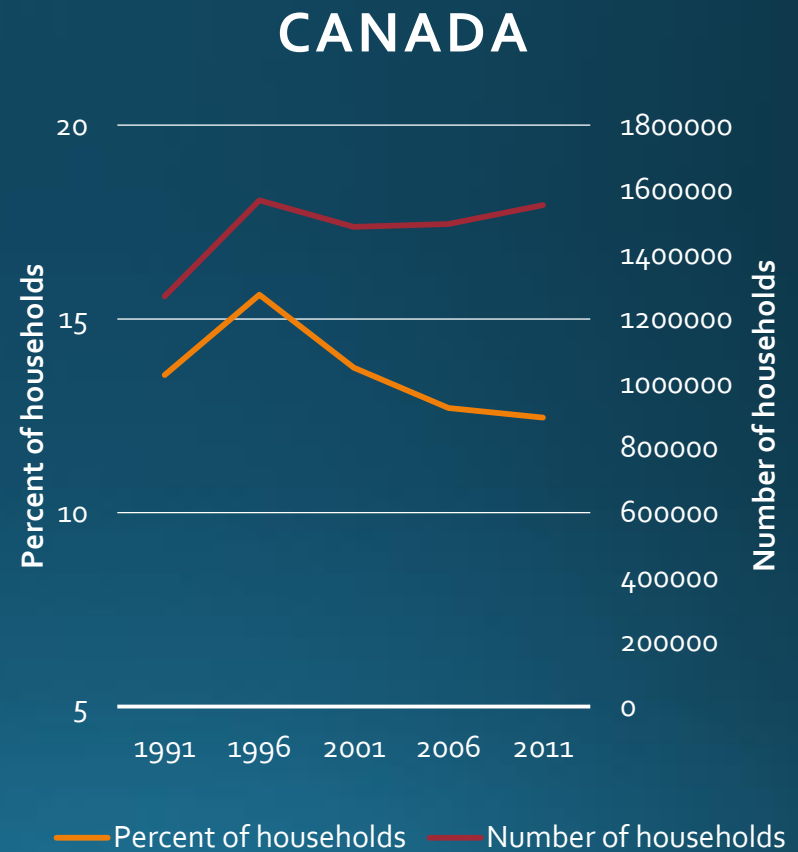
The context of the expiring social housing operating agreements

Core Housing Need

A household is in core housing need if their housing does not meet one or more of the following standards:

- Adequate: no major repairs needed
- Suitable: enough room for everyone in the household (according to National Occupancy Guidelines)
- Affordable: Costs less than 30% of household income

AND the household could not afford adequate and suitable housing in the local area.



Core Housing Need and the Market

- Most households find housing through the private market
- Market failure occurs when the market does not provide housing for a certain group
- Social housing aims to provide housing outside the market



Housing in Toronto, ON

Social Housing Since WWII

- 1950s: Public housing
- 1970s: Nonprofit and cooperative housing, UNHP
- 1980s: Transfer to provinces
- 1993: Funding cut for new social housing
- 2000s: Reinvestment and expiring operating agreements



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Commodifying housing

- Housing a social good: a place for people to live, raise families
- Housing as an investment: a way to make money



Sean_Marshall 2011, April 17 - Condo and public housing together

Implications for Policy

- Social housing vs. affordable housing
- Collective vs. individual
- Opportunities for new directions?
- Focus on core housing need



Housing in Winnipeg, MB

Thank you!

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