



Niagara Poverty Reduction Network

Working collectively to wipe out poverty in Niagara through information sharing, changing attitudes, and compelling Niagara citizens to get involved and take action.

Vision All Niagara residents live above the poverty line.

2013 Statistics in Niagara

67,525

shelter bed nights are occupied each year

1 in 3



who access food banks are children

11,035

people are waiting for affordable housing



13%



are occupied by children

34%



Families

29%



Single adults & couples

37%



Seniors

Four things we know about poverty

- 1 Poverty is complex with interlocking causes and effects. Solutions must be interlocking, comprehensive and preventative.
- 2 We absolutely must address income to address poverty.
- 3 Poverty is an individual experience and the whole community's problem.
- 4 Poverty comes with a price tag.

consequences of poverty cost Niagara **\$1.38 billion per year**
healthcare, crime, lost productivity, social assistance

Do the Math! Poverty looks like this...

Monthly Income

for a single adult

\$1,779 **Poverty Line**
Based on Provincial Low
Income Measure


\$1,285 **Full-Time Minimum Wage**
After Tax

\$1,096 **Ontario Disability Support**
\$619 Basic Needs,
\$479 Max. Shelter

\$656 **Ontario Works**
\$280 Basic Needs,
\$376 Max. Shelter

Monthly Expenses


for a single adult living on
full-time minimum wage

\$718  **56%** of
income spend
on housing

Average Market rent for
a one bedroom apartment

\$567   
  
remaining for basic expenses

What is the impact on health?

6 Million 
Canadians are unable
to pay for dental care

The poorest fifth of
the population face
358%
higher rate of disability
compared to the richest
fifth of the population

1 in 10 
Canadians are unable
to pay for prescriptions

Become informed & get involved in addressing the root causes of poverty

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