



NIAGARA POVERTY REDUCTION NETWORK

2013 Statistics in Niagara	
<p>67,525 shelter bed nights are occupied each year</p> <p>13% are occupied by children</p>	<p>This number was calculated using the following statistics:</p> <p>Number of shelter beds available in Niagara: 256 http://www.niagararegion.ca/social-services/technical-report/current-need-report.aspx</p> <p>Average night occupancy rate for emergency beds in 2010. http://www.livinginniagarareport.com/05-housing-shelter-2011/homelessness-and-the-use-of-shelters-in-niagara/</p> <p>Since publishing this number, we have learned that on average, 86% of shelter beds were occupied nightly in 2013. The corrected number of shelter bed nights occupied in 2013 is in fact 80,358.</p> <p>http://www.niagararegion.ca/social-services/technical-report/current-need-report.aspx</p>
<p>1 in 3 who access food banks are children</p>	<p>http://www.niagararegion.ca/social-services/technical-report/current-need-report.aspx and/or http://www.foodbankscanada.ca/getmedia/76907192-263c-4022-8561-73a16c06dd2f/HungerCount_2014_EN_HR.pdf.aspx</p>
<p>11,035 people are waiting for affordable housing</p>	<p>http://www.onpha.on.ca/onpha/Content/PolicyAndResearch/Waiting_Lists_Survey_2014/Resources/Housing_Summaries/Niagara.pdf</p> <p>This number is based on an average of 1.8 people per household</p>
<p>34% Families, 29% single adults & couples, 37% seniors</p>	<p>http://www.onpha.on.ca/onpha/web/Policyandresearch/Waiting_lists_survey_2014/Content/PolicyAndResearch/Waiting_Lists_Survey_2014/Waiting_Lists_Survey_2014.aspx?hkey=4e2e0fee-e3d3-4c4e-9d76-252e07060439</p>
<p>Consequences of Poverty cost Niagara \$1.38 billion per year</p>	<p>Niagara Community Observatory at Brock University, 2012 Policy Brief, "Are the Consequences of Poverty Holding Niagara Back?", published in partnership with Niagara Connects and Niagara Workforce Planning Board.</p> <p>http://www.niagaraknowledgeexchange.com/resources-publications/are-the-consequences-of-poverty-holding-niagara-back-policy-brief/</p>

Monthly Income for a Single Adult

\$1,779 Poverty Line Based on Provincial Low Income Measure	http://www.livinginniagarareport.com/economic-development-poverty-prosperity-2014/income-and-earnings-in-niagara-2/
\$1,285 Full-Time Minimum Wage	https://apps.cra-arc.gc.ca/ebsi/rhpd/wlcm-bnvn.do
\$1,096 Ontario Disability Support	http://www.incomesecurity.org/documents/OWandODSPratesandOCBasofSeptOct2014.pdf
\$656 Ontario Works	

Monthly Expenses for a Single Adult Living on Full-Time Minimum Wage

\$718 average market rent for a one bedroom apartment	http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/odpub/esub/64451/64451_2014_A01.pdf?fr=1424460929966
\$567 remaining for basic expense	This number is based on \$1,285 full-time minimum wage (after tax) minus average market rent

What is the Impact on Health ?

6 Million Canadians are unable to pay for dental care	http://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/Dental_OralHealth_Inequalities_Ontario_2012.pdf This stat was extrapolated from the 1 in 5 or 20-25% that is presented in the above report
The poorest fifth of the population face 358% higher rate of disability compared to the richest fifth of the population	http://www.wellesleyinstitute.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/povertyismakingussick.pdf
1 in 10 Canadians are unable to pay for prescriptions	http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/health-and-fitness/many-struggle-to-pay-for-prescriptions/article1358616/