

Poverty Facts 2016

Aging Population



80% increase in Seniors accessing Affordable Housing options through the Hastings Housing Resource Centre (HHRC).¹

380 seniors worked with HHRC. Of these, **99** were **homeless**.¹



65% of those in **Canadian Mental Health Association's** transitional homes were **50 or older** in 2015.⁴

By 2017, number is expected to reach **70%**

Income



Based on the 2010 after tax median, income in **Hastings (\$49,583)** was well below the **provincial level (\$58,717)**.⁵



\$702* is the maximum monthly amount that a single person can receive on **Ontario Works**.² (*as of October 2016)

Housing



805 Seniors (50+) are currently on the **Social Housing Wait List**.²

451 single, non-seniors are waiting for geared-to-income housing in Hastings County.²



\$865/month is the average cost for a 1 bedroom apartment in Belleville.¹



\$805/month is the average cost for a 1 bedroom apartment in Quinte West.¹



86 chronically homeless individuals were supported by Intensive Case Managers in Belleville.¹



272 tenants facing eviction were helped by the Community Advocacy & Legal Centre at **39** sittings of the Landlord and Tenant Board.³

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Emergency After Hours



906 calls were answered by the Red Cross After Hours emergency homeless response line. **366** required immediate response.¹⁰

382 nights of hotel accommodations were provided to the homeless.¹⁰



27 individuals were referred to a shelter.¹⁰

Food



7,570 Food hampers were distributed by **Gleaners Food Bank**.⁶

62% of people getting help from Gleaners Food Bank were renters and **20%** of people live in geared-to-income housing.⁶



\$1,785 more is now spent on feeding a family of 4 for a year, than 5 years ago.⁷



A family of 4 (2 parents, 2 children) on Ontario Works (OW), after paying the rent, will have -\$2 left at the end of the month if they purchase nutritious food.⁷



10,270 meals were provided in 4 months at the Warm Room in Belleville. This is an average of **57** meals/night.⁸

8,385 meals were provided by meal programs at Bridge Street United Church.⁹