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?

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.



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



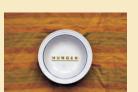
382 nights of hotel accommodations were provided to the homeless.10

27 individuals were referred to a shelter.10

Food



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



62% of people getting help from Gleaners Food Bank were renters and 20% of people live in geared-toincome 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

Sources: 1. Hastings Housing Resource Centre, 2015 statistics; 2. Hastings County Community and Human Services; 3. Community Advocacy & Legal Centre, 2015 statistics; 4. Canadian Mental Health Association, 2015 statistics; 5, 2011 Census, Statistics Canada; 6, Gleaners Food Bank, 2015 Statistics; 7, Hastings-Prince Edward Public Health, 2015 statistics; 8. Salvation Army, 2015 statistics; 9. Bridge Street United Church, 2015 statistics; 10. Canadian Red Cross, 2015 statistics.