

Hunger exists in every corner of Ontario.
This is what it looks like in:

Windsor West



Food Bank Use

Food banks serve people in need in Windsor West. In 2023...



16,329

People used a food bank a total of **106,032** times.

In Ontario, 967,978 people used a food bank 7.4 million times in 2023. In many communities, food bank use is higher than what is represented.



30%

Of those visits **30%** were made by children.

In Ontario, 29% of food bank visitors are children, even though they only represent 19% of the general population.

Food banks are honoured to serve people in need, but we cannot do it alone.



Social Assistance

In **Windsor**, there are **12,758** people receiving OW and **20,441** people on ODSP.



30%

of food bank clients in our riding rely on social assistance

\$733

In **Ontario Works** per month

\$1,368

In **Ontario Disability Support Program** per month

Social assistance does not provide enough to meet someone's basic needs.



Housing





41% of households in **Windsor West** are renters, and 37% of those renters are in core housing need. Unfortunately, the wait list for social housing in **Windsor** is **7,300** households long.



\$1,042

Average rent for an apartment in **Windsor**

Rent is considered affordable when it's less than 30% of gross income. In most places in Ontario, rent consumes far more than that, leaving little for essentials like food.

-  142% of Ontario Works
-  76% of Ontario Disability Support Program
-  37% of Minimum wage, full-time
-  70% of Minimum wage, part-time

No one should have to choose between paying rent and buying groceries.



Hunger and Poverty

Poverty exists in **Windsor West**:



18%

Poverty Rate

In Ontario, 10% of people live in poverty



23%

Child Poverty

In Ontario, 11.5% of children live in poverty

To address hunger and poverty in Ontario, the Feed Ontario network of food banks urges the provincial government to:



Invest in a strong social safety net

Align social assistance rates with the cost of living, modernize rules to ensure resilience and dignity, improve access to supports, extend social assistance benefit coverage



Invest in affordable housing

Strengthen laws to protect tenants and create more affordable housing, invest in social and supportive housing, expand the housing benefit



Invest in a strong workforce

Develop and protect labour laws that benefit workers, allow low-income workers to keep more of their income, enhance worker support programs like WSIB

You can also explore ways to take action at www.feedontario.ca/policy-recommendations/