Child Poverty in Canada

- ⇒ 1.2 million children in Canada experience poverty. If gathered into one area, they would create Canada's 4th largest city.
 - World Vision Canada, Always Among Us, 1995
- ⇒ Sixteen countries have lower child poverty rates than Canada.
 - UNICEF, Child Poverty in Rich Nations, 2000
- ⇒ This House "seeks to achieve the goal of eliminating poverty among Canadian children by the year 2000."
 - House of Commons resolution, November 24, 1989.



- ⇒ One in three children in Toronto is living in poverty.
 Toronto Campaign 2000, June 2003, Annual Report
- ⇒ 40 percent of people being served by Canada's food banks are children under the age of 18.
 - The Progress of Canada's Children, 2001
- ⇒ There are more than 1 million Canadian children living in poverty.
 Statistics Canada, 2005
- ⇒ The average family in Canada spends 35 percent of its income on housing, clothing, and food.
 Campaign 2000, 2003 Report Card on Child Poverty in Canada
- ⇒ Despite a commitment made in 1989 by the federal government to eradicate child poverty by the year 2000, the number of poor children had increased between 1989 and 1999 by 39 percent.
 - Campaign 2000, 2003 Report Card on Child Poverty in Canada
- ⇒ Canada has the greatest number of children, per capita, living in poverty within the 18 most industrialized countries.
 - UNICEF, Child Poverty in Rich Nations
- ⇒ In the boom year of 2000, Ontario was home to 390,000 children defined as poor, a 41 percent increase over the decade.
 - Ontario Campaign 2000, Toronto Star, March 26, 2003