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.

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.

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.

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