



Alternatives North

Quick NWT Poverty Facts

- There are about 1,000 homeless women in the NWT (YWCA 2007)
- In smaller NWT communities, up to 50 per cent of households have total incomes below \$30,000. Twenty per cent of all NWT households have incomes below \$30,000. Forty per cent of households with a senior have incomes below \$30,000 (GNWT 2008)
- The NWT has the highest percentage of households in Canada with houses in need of major repairs ((GNWT 2004)
- Rates of ill health, illiteracy, criminal activity, substance abuse, family violence and illiteracy are consistently among the highest in the country
- The GNWT has no official definition of poverty.

Poverty in Canada 2007*

2.9 million Canadians lived in poverty 2007.
More than half a million were children.

	Poverty rate	Number living in poverty
All persons	9.2%	2,952,000
Children (0-17)	9.5%	637,000
Adults (18-64)	9.9%	2,113,000
Seniors (65+)	4.8%	201,000

*Statistics Canada

The CCSD's major statistical report, Urban Poverty Project, Community Profiles lists 111 cities, but contains no data on the NWT. These basic statistics are not collected in the NWT.

www.ccsd.ca/pubs/2007/upp/community_profiles/Urban_Poverty_Community_Profiles_National_Edition.pdf