

ALBERTA

POVERTY REPORT CARD IN REVIEW



FULL REPORT



OVERALL GRADE

REPORT CARD
HIGHLIGHTS

PEOPLE SPENDING
MORE THAN 30% OF
INCOME ON HOUSING:



PERCENTAGE OF INCOME
SPENT ON FIXED COSTS
BEYOND HOUSING:



LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS:



CONTEXT

Despite being the nation's wealthiest province, Alberta has not introduced investments that will sufficiently tackle the ongoing housing and affordability crisis. As such, the province has declined or stagnated in nearly all indicators this year.

KEY FINDINGS

WORKING AND FOOD INSECURE

1 in 5 food bank visits in Alberta come from someone whose main income source is a job.

AN IMPOSSIBLE HOUSING MARKET

Nearly half of residents (45%) said they spend 30% or more of their income on housing costs.

UNPRECEDENTED FOOD INSECURITY

27% of Albertans are food insecure – a **24% increase** from just one year ago.

SELECT POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Introduce an updated provincial poverty reduction strategy with real targets.
2. Establish a Housing Accelerator Fund with dedicated new funding of at least 0.5 per cent of the province's annual operating and capital budgets.
3. Raise the minimum wage to \$17/hour and index it to inflation going forward.

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