

# QUEBEC

## POVERTY REPORT CARD IN REVIEW



FULL REPORT



OVERALL GRADE

REPORT CARD  
HIGHLIGHTS

PEOPLE SPENDING  
MORE THAN 30% OF  
INCOME ON HOUSING:



POVERTY RATE:



PERCENT OF INCOME  
SPENT ON FIXED COSTS  
BEYOND HOUSING:



### CONTEXT

While Quebec still leads the country in poverty reduction efforts, the gap between them and other provinces is shrinking. Quebec needs to find renewed focus on poverty reduction in 2024 and continue to demonstrate leadership in the sector.

### KEY FINDINGS

#### AN IMPOSSIBLE HOUSING MARKET

Despite historically more affordable housing, this year, **2 in 5** Quebec residents are spending 30% or more of their income on housing.

#### FORGOTTEN SINGLES

**Nearly a fifth (17%)** of those who live alone live in poverty, despite Quebec having the country's lowest poverty rate (7%).

#### INEQUALITY AND POVERTY

People who depend on disability benefits receive less income than those receiving general benefits, **receiving just 69%** of the poverty line in support.

### SELECT POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accelerate the construction of purpose-built affordable rental housing.
2. Make the minimum wage a living wage.
3. Establish parity for Disability Social Assistance Rates.



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