

# SASKATCHEWAN

## POVERTY REPORT CARD IN REVIEW



FULL REPORT



OVERALL GRADE

REPORT CARD  
HIGHLIGHTS

PERCENT OF INCOME  
SPENT ON FIXED COSTS  
BEYOND HOUSING:



FOOD INSECURITY:



LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS:



### CONTEXT

People in Saskatchewan responded to this year's national survey with a clear message – they're struggling to keep up with the cost of living and aren't getting the support they need from their government. Without action soon, Saskatchewan risks being the second province to receive an overall failing grade in next year's Poverty Report Cards.

### KEY FINDINGS

#### POVERTY ON THE RISE

**With an 11% poverty rate**, a full half (50%) of Saskatchewan residents feel worse off this year compared to last year.

#### INEQUALITY AND POVERTY

**20% of First Nations people** in Saskatchewan live in poverty, nearly twice the rate for the province as a whole.

#### UNPRECEDENTED FOOD INSECURITY

**More than a quarter (28%)** of residents are food insecure.

### SELECT POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Update and modernize the 2016 Poverty Reduction Strategy.
2. Improve and index Saskatchewan's support programs.
3. Raise the minimum wage to match Ontario's going forward.



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