

MANITOBA

POVERTY REPORT CARD IN REVIEW



FULL REPORT



OVERALL GRADE

REPORT CARD
HIGHLIGHTS

PEOPLE SPENDING
MORE THAN 30% OF
INCOME ON HOUSING:



FOOD INSECURITY RATE:



PERCENT OF INCOME
SPENT ON FIXED COSTS
BEYOND HOUSING:



CONTEXT

Manitoba was one of the better graded provinces in 2023, but it has since declined. While it is understandable that a new government will need time to find footing, the clock is ticking and many people in the province are struggling with unprecedented rates of poverty and food insecurity.

KEY FINDINGS

AN IMPOSSIBLE HOUSING MARKET

Historically the province with the most affordable housing, **2 in 5** Manitobans this year are spending 30% or more of their income on housing.

INEQUALITY AND POVERTY

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

UNPRECEDENTED FOOD INSECURITY

More than a quarter (27%) of residents are food insecure and children represent **2 in 5** food bank clients.

SELECT POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Establish a \$100 million annual Manitoba Builds program modelled on the BC Builds program.
2. Present a poverty reduction strategy for all Manitobans, with a particular focus on single people and Indigenous peoples.
3. Raise the minimum wage to match Ontario's.



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