

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

POVERTY REPORT CARD IN REVIEW



FULL REPORT



OVERALL GRADE

REPORT CARD HIGHLIGHTS

PEOPLE FEELING WORSE OFF COMPARED TO LAST YEAR:



FOOD INSECURITY RATE:



PEOPLE SPENDING MORE THAN 30% OF INCOME ON HOUSING:



CONTEXT

Newfoundland has had a promising year in terms of policy action on poverty reduction. While many promising announcements have been made, follow-through with concrete planning and long-term targets is needed if Newfoundland is to turn things around as one of the provinces with the worst grades in 2024.

KEY FINDINGS

FORGOTTEN SINGLES

Nearly a quarter of adults who live alone and **1 in 5** single parents lived in poverty.

HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT

1 in 10 Newfoundlanders are unemployed and this rises to nearly **1 in 5** for those aged 15 – 29.

UNPRECEDENTED FOOD INSECURITY

More than a quarter of Newfoundland and Labrador residents experience food insecurity and 40% are worried about feeding themselves and their family.

SELECT POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Implement widespread indexation of benefits and brackets.
2. Work with the federal government to pilot new employment initiatives the long-term unemployed and youth.
3. Reduce clawbacks on the Moving into the Workforce program, providing an earnings exemption of \$500 and a 50-cent clawback on each dollar earned thereafter.



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