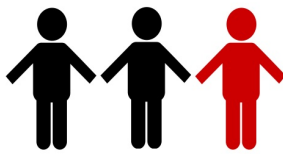


CHILD POVERTY IN SAINT JOHN, NB

1 in 3 kids in Saint John Lives in Poverty

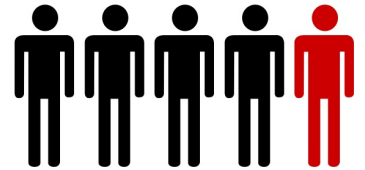
Child Poverty Rate

31.0%

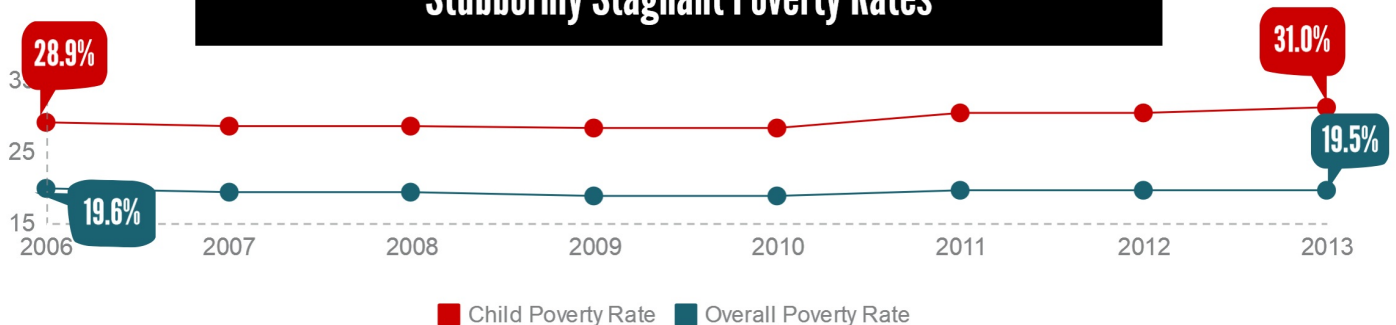


Overall Poverty Rate

19.5%



Stubbornly Stagnant Poverty Rates

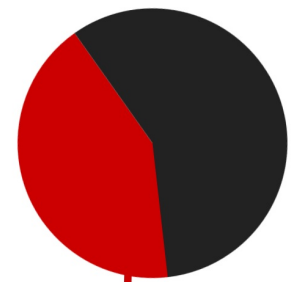


Lone-Parent Families

Across Canada, female led lone-parent families, along with indigenous, racialized, recent immigrants, and families affected by disability, are disproportionately affected by poverty.

-Campaign 2000 Report Card on Child & Family Poverty in Canada, November 2015

► **1 in 4**
families in Saint John
is Lone-Parent



**42% of lone-parent families
in Saint John live in Poverty.**

What Does This Mean For Kids Without Adequate Family Incomes?

“ Many kids are hungry. They live in substandard housing, with little or no heat, and sometimes, no beds. They aren't healthy. They don't have winter coats. They're living in crisis... all of this puts learning on the back burner. ”

-Tina Estabrooks, Principal, Centennial School



The current rates of income poverty are unacceptable. However, there are policies that would go a long way in addressing the problem.

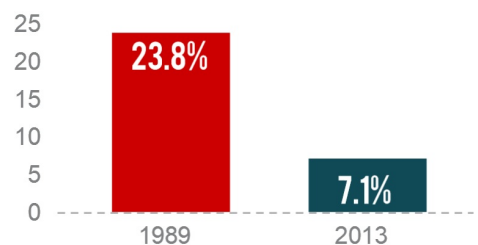
In 2013, the poverty rate for seniors in New Brunswick was 7.1%, down sharply from 23.8 % in 1989. The decline in poverty rates has been attributed to transfer programs that include a universal component [Old Age Security], a negative income tax piece [the Guaranteed Income Supplement] and an earnings related pension [the Canada Pension Plan]. In other words..

WE CAN FIX THIS!

Taxation and transfer policies have a huge impact on poverty rates.

It's time to address child poverty with similar focus and political will.

Senior Poverty Rates in NB, (LIM-AT)



Note: All poverty rates are based on the Low Income Measure, After Tax (LIM-AT).

A Note on Measuring Poverty:

"Statistics Canada produces several measures of low income, including the Low Income Cut-Off (LICO) Before & After Tax, the Market Basket Measure (MBM) and the LIM Before & After Tax. Because Canada does not have an official income poverty threshold, discussions about poverty can cause debates about the prevalence of poverty and the effectiveness of policy measures." -Campaign 2000

Campaign 2000 recommends the Low Income Measure After-Tax be adopted as Canada's official poverty line, and so do we!

Sources: Statistics Canada, T1 Family File, 2013; Campaign 2000 Report Card on Child & Family Poverty in Canada, November 2015; Statistics Canada, Census, 2011.



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