

HUNGER FACTS 2006

MORE DEMAND NATIONALLY

Number of people using a food bank in one month of 2006: 753,458
Food Bank use since 2005:-8.5%; since 1997: +13.4%; since 1989:+99.3 %
Number of food banks in Canada: 649 (638 participated)
Number of meal programs surveyed: 155 food banks (150 provided statistics)
Number of provinces & territories without a food bank: 0
Years since Canada's first food bank opened in Edmonton: 25

MORE DEMAND REGIONALLY

Highest provincial per capita food bank use: Newfoundland (5.6%)
Province assisting largest share of food bank recipients: Ontario (330,491)

CHALLENGES MEETING DEMAND

Percentage of food banks with difficulty meeting demand: 34.5%
Number of meals served in one month: 2, 9 million
Full-time equivalent jobs provided by volunteers in one month: 1,635

INSUFFICIENT INCOME

Percentage of food bank clients whose primary source of income is from employment: 13.4%
Percentage of food bank clients whose primary source of income is from social assistance: 53.5%

MORE HUNGRY CHILDREN

Percentage of food bank clients who are children: 41.0%
Years since the federal government promised to eliminate child poverty: 17
Change in the number of hungry children since then (1989): +157,917

Canadians who believe that hunger is a problem in Canada: 73%*
Percentage of donations to CAFB spent on charitable work: +90
Amount of government funding for CAFB core operations: \$0

* These data are taken from a national poll with a sample size of 808 randomly selected eligible Canadian voters, fielded by Strategic Communications, December 27-30, 2005 and January 2-3, 2006. Margin of error is +/-3.4%, 19-times-out-of-20.