

Poverty Trends Highlights Canada 2013

There is no reason why poverty should exist in a country as wealthy as Canada. Past progress proves that we can be successful in reducing poverty when governments make it a priority, but the evidence shows further action is clearly needed:

- Even according to the lowest commonly accepted measure, 2.96 million people in Canada are poor.
- Single working-age adults are becoming trapped in poverty in record numbers.
- Lone-parent families have disproportionately low income.

The social and economic costs of poverty affect us all. A comprehensive federal poverty elimination plan is desperately needed.

Here, using the most recent data from Statistics Canada, Citizens for Public Justice not only illustrates the breadth of the problem, but proposes specific changes that can be made for the good of all.

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