



LIVING IN POVERTY IN SURREY

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There were 557,270 families living in Metro Vancouver in 2006. Of the families in Metro Vancouver, 231,045 included children under the age of 18. Of the families in Metro Vancouver, approximately 95,290 (17%) were living in poverty.

In Surrey there were 103,210 families of which 55,485 included children under 18. Of those households, 16,100 families (16%) were living in poverty.



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In 2006, there were almost 4,000 female-led single parent families in Surrey living in poverty.

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TABLE 1 ECONOMIC FAMILIES LIVING IN LOW INCOME (BEFORE AND AFTER TAX)

	Total Economic Families	Total Economic Families in Low Income (Before Tax)		Total Economic Families in Low Income (After Tax)		Change (After vs Before Tax)
	#	#	%	#	%	#
Metro Vancouver	557,270	95,293	17.1	73,002	13.1	-22,291
Surrey	103,210	16,101	15.6	11,869	11.5	-4,232
Burnaby	54,300	12,000	22.1	9,394	17.3	-2,606
Coquitlam	31,355	5,644	18	4,358	13.9	-1,286
Delta	26,775	2,678	10	1,981	7.4	-696
Greater Vancouver A	2,825	955	33.8	791	28	-164
Langley City	6,335	988	15.6	703	11.1	-285
Langley District	26,560	1,859	7	1,461	5.5	-398
Maple Ridge	19,240	2,193	11.4	1,674	8.7	-519
New Westminster	15,290	2,309	15.1	1,804	11.8	-505
North Vancouver City	12,325	1,972	16	1,565	12.7	-407
North Vancouver District	23,560	2,427	10.3	1,932	8.2	-495
Pitt Meadows	4,485	435	9.7	292	6.5	-144
Port Coquitlam	14,500	1,929	13.3	1,508	10.4	-421
Port Moody	7,945	810	10.2	683	8.6	-127
Richmond	47,835	11,576	24.2	9,041	18.9	-2,535
Vancouver	141,695	29,614	20.9	22,246	15.7	-7,368
West Vancouver	11,905	1,441	12.1	1,214	10.2	-226
White Rock	4,990	439	8.8	369	7.4	-70
Other*	1660	100	15.3	65	15.3	-35

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 Census

*Other includes Anmore, Belcarra, Bowen Island and Lions Bay

Families with children and single parent families

Across Metro Vancouver, there were 231,045 families with children including 191,155 couples with children and 39,890 single parent families. Of the families living in Surrey, 55,485 had dependent children including 44,110 couples and 11,375 single parent family households.

Approximately 1 in 5 (22%) of Metro Vancouver male-led single parent families were living in poverty before tax. This represents approximately 3,201 households region-wide. In Surrey, there were approximately 535 male-led single parent families living in poverty in 2006, representing 21% of all male-led families in Surrey.

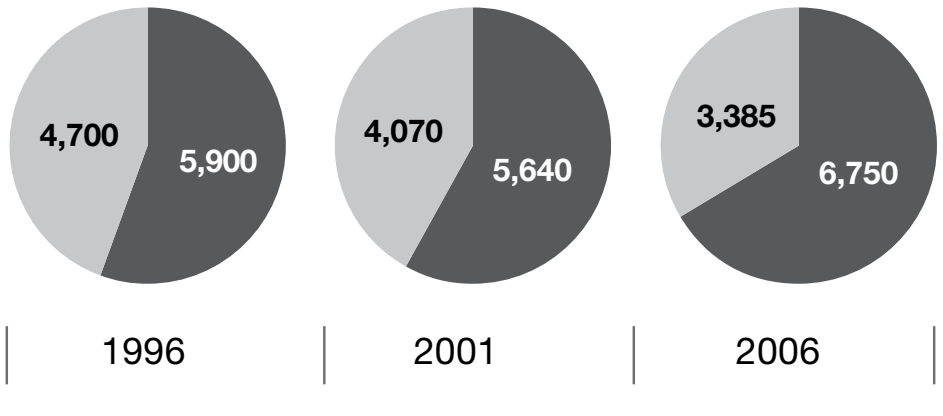
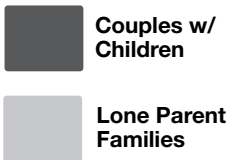


Our research also shows that approximately 1 in 3 (35%) of all female-led single parent families in Metro Vancouver were living in poverty in 2006 (before tax). This represents 22,428 households region-wide and accounts for approximately 24 per cent of all families living in poverty. In Surrey, there were approximately 3,966 female-led single parent families living in poverty in 2006.

How does poverty affect families in Surrey?

NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN LOW INCOME — 1996 TO 2006

GRAPH 1 Our research shows that single parent families are more likely to be living in poverty than couples with children



Note: differences between graph 1 and table 1 are due to rounding

How does poverty affect single parent families?

PREVALENCE OF LONE PARENT FAMILIES IN LOW INCOME

GRAPH 2 This graph shows that between 1996 and 2006, the percentage of lone parent families in low income decreased.

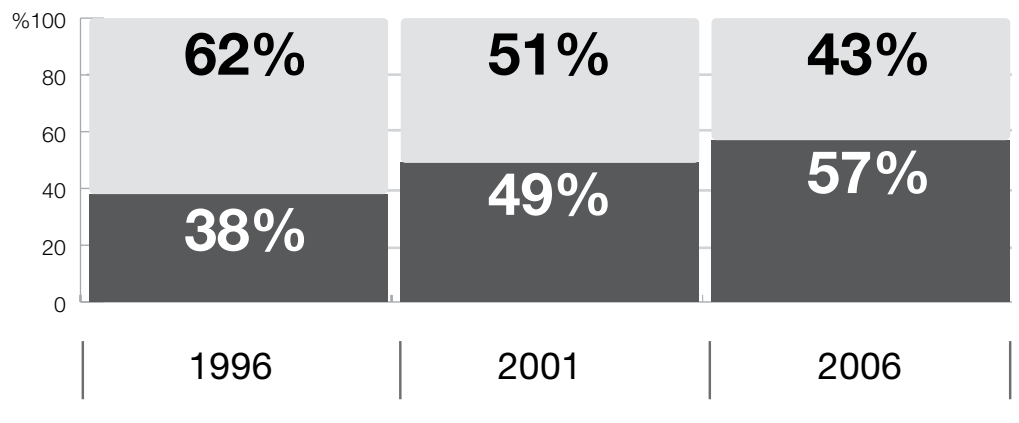
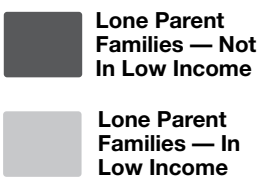


TABLE 2 MALE VS FEMALE LED SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES IN LOW INCOME

	Male-Led Single Parent Families (In Low income)			Female-Led Single Parent Families (In Low income)		
	All Male Led Single Parent Family Households	Incidence of Low Income (%)	Male-Led Single Parent Households in Low Income	All Female Led Single Parent Family Households	Incidence of Low Income (%)	Female-Led Single Parent Households in Low Income
Metro Vancouver	14,420	22.2	3,201	64,080	35	22,428
Surrey	2,510	21.3	535	11,300	35.1	3,966
Burnaby	1,330	20.7	275	6,925	36.3	2,514
Coquitlam	840	21.9	184	3,510	40	1,404
Delta	670	17.8	119	2,440	29.5	720
Greater Vancouver A	65	15.4	10	295	52.5	155
Langley City	235	25.5	60	905	38.5	348
Langley District	655	9.2	60	2,415	19.9	481
Maple Ridge	610	22.1	135	2,035	36.4	741
New Westminster	440	15.7	69	1,950	40.1	782
North Vancouver City	425	22.4	95	1,970	32	630
North Vancouver District	565	8.8	50	2,350	27.2	639
Pitt Meadows	85	17.6	15	445	40.4	180
Port Coquitlam	450	13.3	60	1,735	35	607
Port Moody	205	19.5	40	825	26.7	220
Richmond	1,020	25.9	264	5,680	35.6	2,022
Vancouver	3,740	29.5	1,103	17,615	37.5	6,606
West Vancouver	330	21.2	70	1,010	27.7	280
White Rock	170	8.8	15	580	22.4	130
Other *	65	61.5	40	75	0.0	0

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Housing need among renter households

Of the 557,270 families living in Metro Vancouver approximately 138,800 were renters. Of these, 36,855 (27%) were in core housing need. These are households who were unable to find housing in their community that is suitable in size and that is in good repair without spending 30 per cent or more of their income on their housing. In Surrey, there were approximately 20,935 families who were renters including 13,325 with children. Of these, 4,015 were in core housing need, representing approximately 30 per cent of all families with children in Surrey.



Housing assistance for low income families

BC Housing reports that, as of December 2009, there were 1,921 social housing units targeted to low income families in Surrey. This is shown in the table on the following page. In addition, there were approximately 850 families in Surrey who were receiving assistance under the Province's Rental Assistance Program for Working Families (RAP) program. Our research also shows that, as of June 2011, there were approximately 3,211 family households across Metro Vancouver who were on BC Housing's Applicant Registry and who were eligible for social housing. This includes approximately 1,319 families living in Surrey.

BC Housing's RAP Program makes a difference

Our research shows that BC Housing's Rental Assistance Program for working families makes a difference. A single parent family living in Surrey in a 2 bedroom unit with an annual income of \$23,832 would be eligible for RAP assistance of approximately \$179.42 per month. This assistance helps to close the gap between what a low income family can afford to pay and the average market rent. While the RAP program can help to make a real difference for some families, the maximum income ceiling is \$35,000. This means a family of four (4) living at the poverty line would not be eligible for assistance as the poverty line for a family of four is \$35,573.

TABLE 3 SUBSIDIZED UNITS BY HOUSEHOLDS SERVED AND UNIT TYPES
COMMUNITY OF SURREY — AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009

UNIT TYPE	HOUSEHOLDS SERVED					
	Individuals At-Risk	Special Needs	Frail Seniors	Low Income Seniors	Low Income Families	Total Subsidized Housing
Shelters, Group Homes, Transition Homes, Special Facilities, Residential Care (Beds)	28	129	0	0	0	157
Public Housing owned by PRHC *	0	60	0	579	702	1,341
Other Subsidized Housing Units *	352	89	817	401	1,219	2,878
Total Subsidized Housing Units	380	278	817	980	1,921	4,376

Source: BC Housing Unit Count by Community and CPS

* Definitions:

PRHC: Provincial Rental Housing Corporation was incorporated in 1973 and exists solely as BC Housing's land-holding company. Other Subsidized Housing Units include housing stock owned by a non-profit society or housing co-operative and subsidized through a federal or provincial funding program. Total Subsidized Housing Units include all of the housing stock for which BC Housing has an agreement and provides either subsidy or other funding support



The Canada Child Tax Benefit has helped to lift many low income families out of poverty.

Federal tax measures and programs also help

The Canada Child Tax Benefit is a tax-free monthly payment made to eligible families to help them with the cost of raising children under age 18. The Canada Child Tax Benefit has two components – the National Child Benefit Supplement and the Child and Family Benefit. This assistance is available to families with annual incomes of \$24,183 or less. This assistance has helped to play a significant role in helping to lift a number of low income families out of poverty.

TABLE 4 CHILD BENEFITS BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN

Family Size	Child and Family Benefit	National Child Benefit Supplement	Annual Assistance Per Household
1 child	\$113.91	\$176.50	\$3,484.92
2 children	\$113.91	\$156.08	\$6,724.80
3 children	\$121.82	\$148.50	\$9,968.64
4+ children	\$121.82	\$148.50	\$13,212.48

Notes: This assistance is available to households with incomes of \$24,183 or less. For households with an annual income above \$24,183 the level of assistance is reduced by the following 12.2 per cent for a one child family, 23 per cent for a 2 child family and 33.3 per cent for a family with 3 or more children.

Universal Child Care Benefit

The Universal Child Care Benefit also provides families with up to \$1,200 per year for each child under the age of 6. This initiative is structured to help provide assistance to parents with young children. In the City of Surrey there were more than 29,220 children between the ages of 0 and 6 in 2006. Of these, approximately 23% or almost 1 in 4 was living in poverty in 2006.



Tax measures are making a difference for families with young children.

TABLE 5 CHILDREN 0-6 YEARS LIVING IN LOW INCOME

	Total Population	In Low Income (Before Tax)		In Low Income (After Tax)		Change
	#	%	#	%	#	#
Metro Vancouver	126,105	21.5	27,113	17.2	21,690	-5,423
Surrey	29,220	23.2	6,779	18.1	5,289	-1,490
Burnaby	11,330	26.8	3,036	22.5	2,549	-487
Coquitlam	6,860	17.4	1,194	14	960	-233
Delta	6,055	14.1	854	11.1	672	-182
Greater Vancouver A	695	46.8	325	35.3	245	-80
Langley City	1,585	25.6	406	19.6	311	-95
Langley District	6,165	10.5	647	7.5	462	-185
Maple Ridge	4,690	17.5	821	11.9	558	-263
New Westminster	3,535	19.2	679	16.1	569	-110
North Vancouver City	2,535	17.6	446	15.4	390	-56
North Vancouver District	4,885	12.3	601	10	489	-112
Pitt Meadows	1,035	10.6	110	4.3	45	-65
Port Coquitlam	3,490	16.8	586	13.8	482	-105
Port Moody	2,015	13.4	270	10.4	210	-60
Richmond	9,790	26.3	2,575	22.6	2,213	-362
Vancouver	29,375	25.3	7,432	19.8	5,816	-1,616
West Vancouver	1,665	14.7	245	14.7	245	-
White Rock	660	13.7	90	12.1	80	-11
Other*	115	--	45	--	48	3

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