

## WARD POVERTY PROFILES



The Calgary Food Bank has a comprehensive data collection and analysis system. We know from our research and 39 years of providing emergency food support, that food insecurity does not have a face. A crisis can happen to anyone, for any reason, and food insecurity is not just about a lack of food, it's about a lack of money. Household food insecurity is inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints. See this report from [PROOF](#).

The following is the compilation of our data on unique hamper requests in relation to Calgary's 14 wards. The purpose of this piece is to communicate the issue of poverty in our city with local municipal candidates during the 2021 election. However, this information can have longer-reaching benefits by providing an opportunity to understand, through the data, that inequalities exist in every neighbourhood.

Wondering what Ward you are in? Check out the map on the City of Calgary website.

### References

[Government of Alberta \(2021\)](#)

[Employment standards rules – Minimum wage](#)

[The City of Calgary \(2018\) Housing Needs Assessment Report](#)

# WARD 1

*Ward 1 is comprised of the following communities: Bowness, Crestmont, Greenwood Village/Green Briar, Rocky Ridge, Royal Oak, Scenic Acres, Silver Springs, Tuscany, Valley Ridge, and Varsity.*

In the past year, a typical Ward 1 hamper request came from a household whose monthly income was \$1,515. With their primary income source being income support, and monthly expenses at \$1,150, fixed government benefits were insufficient to meet the basic needs of this household.

## AVERAGE WARD 1 HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (40%)  
11% unemployment, 10% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,515/month  
18% wage, 28% income support, 15% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,150/month  
\$925 housing, \$265 utilities, \$273 child care

**Net Income Remaining:** \$365/month

## AVERAGE CALGARY HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (35%)  
11% unemployment 11% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,415/month  
27% income support, 22% wage, 12% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,100/month  
\$900 housing, \$360 child-care, \$300 credit/ lease payments

**Net Income Remaining:** \$300/month

The most frequently reported reason for requesting a hamper is insufficient fixed government benefits (40%). This is followed by unemployment (11%) and reasons related to COVID-19 (10%).

The primary household income source is income support (28%), followed by wage (18%), and Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) (15%).

The primary expense for these households is rent, with households allocating a median of \$925/month towards housing. This is followed by child-care (\$273) and utilities (\$265).

The City of Calgary defines a household in need of affordable housing when more than 30% of income is spent on housing and earning less than 65% of Calgary's median household income (\$5,272/month as of 2016) (Housing Needs Assessment Report, 2018). **The average Albertan spends nearly 50% of income on shelter, transportation, and food, combined** (The City of Calgary, 2018). **Whereas households in Ward 1 spend an average of 61% of income on shelter alone.**

Regardless of the source, the median net monthly income of this ward (\$1,515) falls \$546 short of Alberta's minimum wage (\$2,061) (Government of Alberta, 2021). And, even earning minimum wage, these households would still lie well above the shelter-to-income ratio at 45%. Supports for this population should be aimed at both affordable housing and income-based interventions to reduce the risk of continued food insecurity.

# WARD 2

*Ward 2 is comprised of the following communities: Arbour Lake, Citadel, Evanston, Hamptons, Hawkwood, Kincora, Nolan Hill, Ranchlands, Royal Oak, Royal Vista, Sage Hill, Sherwood.*

In the past year, a typical Ward 2 hamper request came from a household whose monthly income was \$1,825. With monthly expenses at \$1,450, this wage was insufficient in covering the cost of their basic needs.

## AVERAGE WARD 2 HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (26%)  
15% unemployment, 13% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,825/month  
27% wage, 21% income support, 13% child tax benefit

**Expenses:** \$1,450/month  
\$1,180 housing, \$605 utilities, \$500 child care

**Net Income Remaining:** \$375/month

## AVERAGE CALGARY HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (35%)  
11% unemployment 11% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,415/month  
27% income support, 22% wage, 12% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,100/month  
\$900 housing, \$360 child-care, \$300 credit/lease payments

**Net Income Remaining:** \$300/month

The most frequently reported reason for requesting a hamper is insufficient fixed government benefits (26%). This is followed by unemployment (15%) and reasons related to COVID-19 (13%). The primary household income source is wage (27%), followed by income support (21%), and Child Tax Benefit (13%).

The primary expense for these households is rent, with households allocating a median of \$1180/month towards housing. This is followed by utilities (\$605) and child-care (\$500).

The City of Calgary defines a household in need of affordable housing when more than 30% of income is spent on housing and earning less than 65% of Calgary's median household income (\$5,272/month as of 2016) (Housing Needs Assessment Report, 2018). **The average Albertan spends nearly 50% of income on shelter, transportation, and food, combined** (The City of Calgary, 2018). **Whereas households in Ward 2 spend an average of 65% of income on shelter alone.**

Regardless of source, the median net monthly income of this ward (\$1,825) falls \$236 short of Alberta's minimum wage (\$2,061) (Government of Alberta, 2021). And, even earning minimum wage, these households would still lie well above the shelter-to-income ratio at 57%. Supports for this population should be aimed at both affordable housing and income-based interventions to reduce the risk of continued food insecurity.

# WARD 3

*Ward 3 is comprised of the following communities: Country Hills, Country Hills Village, Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills, Panorama Hills.*

In the past year, a typical Ward 3 hamper request came from a household whose monthly income was \$1,790. With monthly expenses at \$1,440, this wage was insufficient in covering the cost of their basic needs.

## AVERAGE WARD 3 HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (23%)  
14% unemployment, 14% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,790/month  
19% income support, 32% wage, 12% child tax benefit

**Expenses:** \$1,440/month  
\$1,200 housing, \$600 child-care, \$375 utilities

**Net Income Remaining:** \$350/month

## AVERAGE CALGARY HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (35%)  
11% unemployment 11% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,415/month  
27% income support, 22% wage, 12% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,100/month  
\$900 housing, \$360 child-care, \$300 credit/lease payments

**Net Income Remaining:** \$300/month

The most frequently reported reason for requesting a hamper is insufficient fixed government benefits (23%). This is followed by reasons related to COVID-19 (14%) and unemployment (14%). The primary household income source is wage (32%), followed by income support (19%), and Child Tax Benefit (12%).

The primary expense for these households is rent, with households allocating a median of \$1,200/month towards housing. This is followed by child-care (\$600) and utilities (\$375).

The City of Calgary defines a household in need of affordable housing when more than 30% of income is spent on housing and earning less than 65% of Calgary's median household income (\$5,272/month as of 2016) (Housing Needs Assessment Report, 2018). **The average Albertan spends nearly 50% of income on shelter, transportation, and food, combined** (The City of Calgary, 2018). **Whereas households in Ward 3 spend an average of 67% of income on shelter alone.**

Regardless of the source, the median net monthly income of this ward (\$1,790) falls \$271 short of Alberta's minimum wage (\$2,061) (Government of Alberta, 2021). And, even earning minimum wage, these households would still lie well above the shelter-to-income ratio at 58%. Supports for this population should be aimed at both affordable housing and income-based interventions to reduce the risk of continued food insecurity.

# WARD 4

*Ward 4 is comprised of the following communities: Beddington Heights, Brentwood, Cambrian Heights, Charleswood, Collingwood, Dalhousie, Edgemont, Greenview, Highland Park, Highwood, Huntington Hills, MacEwan, North Haven, Queens Park Village, Rosemont, Sandstone Valley, Thorncliffe.*

In the past year, a typical Ward 4 hamper request came from a household whose monthly income was \$1,510. With their primary income source being income support, and monthly expenses at \$1,190, fixed government benefits were insufficient to meet the basic needs of this household.

## AVERAGE WARD 4 HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (33%)  
12% unemployment, 11% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,510/month  
21% wage, 29% income support, 12% child tax benefit

**Expenses:** \$1,190/month  
\$950 housing, \$610 utilities, \$416 child care

**Net Income Remaining:** \$320/month

## AVERAGE CALGARY HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (35%)  
11% unemployment 11% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,415/month  
27% income support, 22% wage, 12% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,100/month  
\$900 housing, \$360 child-care, \$300 credit/lease payments

**Net Income Remaining:** \$300/month

The most frequently reported reason for requesting a hamper is insufficient fixed government benefits (33%). This is followed by unemployment (12%) and reasons related to COVID-19 (11%). The primary household income source is income support (29%), followed by wage (21%), and Child Tax Benefit (12%).

The primary expense for these households is rent, with households allocating a median of \$950/month towards housing. This is followed by child support (\$610) and child-care (\$416).

The City of Calgary defines a household in need of affordable housing when more than 30% of income is spent on housing and earning less than 65% of Calgary's median household income (\$5,272/month as of 2016) (Housing Needs Assessment Report, 2018). **The average Albertan spends nearly 50% of income on shelter, transportation, and food, combined** (The City of Calgary, 2018). **Whereas households in Ward 4 spend an average of 63% of income on shelter alone.**

Regardless of the source, the median net monthly income of this ward (\$1,510) falls \$551 short of Alberta's minimum wage (\$2,061) (Government of Alberta, 2021). And, even earning minimum wage, these households would still lie well above the shelter-to-income ratio at 46%. Supports for this population should be aimed at both affordable housing and income-based interventions to reduce the risk of continued food insecurity.

# WARD 5

Ward 5 is comprised of the following communities: Saddleridge, Falconridge, Castleridge, Martindale, Taradale, Skyview Ranch, Redstone, Cityscape, Cornerstone.

In the past year, a typical Ward 5 hamper request came from a household whose monthly income was \$1,668. With monthly expenses at \$1,310, this wage was insufficient in covering the cost of their basic needs.

## AVERAGE WARD 5 HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (28%)  
12% unemployment, 14% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,668/month  
21% income support, 27% wage, 13% child tax benefit

**Expenses:** \$1,310/month  
\$1,000 housing, \$400 child-care, \$265 child support

**Net Income Remaining:** \$358/month

## AVERAGE CALGARY HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (35%)  
11% unemployment 11% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,415/month  
27% income support, 22% wage, 12% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,100/month  
\$900 housing, \$360 child-care, \$300 credit/lease payments

**Net Income Remaining:** \$300/month

The most frequently reported reason for requesting a hamper is insufficient fixed government benefits (28%). This is followed by reasons related to COVID-19 (14%) and unemployment (12%).

The primary household income source is wage (27%), followed by income support (21%), and Child Tax Benefit (13%).

The primary expense for these households is rent, with households allocating a median of \$1,000/month towards housing. This is followed by child-care (\$400) and child support (\$388).

The City of Calgary defines a household in need of affordable housing when more than 30% of income is spent on housing and earning less than 65% of Calgary's median household income (\$5,272/month as of 2016) (Housing Needs Assessment Report, 2018). **The average Albertan spends nearly 50% of income on shelter, transportation, and food, combined** (The City of Calgary, 2018). **Whereas households in Ward 5 spend an average of 60% of income on rent alone.**

Regardless of the source, the median net monthly income of this ward (\$1,668) falls \$393 short of Alberta's minimum wage (\$2,061) (Government of Alberta, 2021). And, even earning minimum wage, these households would still lie well above the shelter-to-income ratio at 49%. Supports for this population should be aimed at both affordable housing and income-based interventions to reduce the risk of continued food insecurity.



# WARD 6

Ward 6 is comprised of the following communities: Coach Hill-Patterson Heights, Discovery Ridge, Glamorgan, Glenbrook, Glendale, Glendale Meadows, Signal Hill, Springbank Hill, Strathcona Park, Christie Park, Aspen Woods, West Springs, Cougar Ridge, Westgate.

In the past year, a typical Ward 6 hamper request came from a household whose monthly income was \$1,457. With their primary income source being income support, and monthly expenses at \$1,049, fixed government benefits were insufficient to meet the basic needs of this household.

## AVERAGE WARD 6 HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (38%)  
10% unemployment, 10% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,457/month  
19% wage, 26% income support, 14% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,049/month  
\$800 housing, \$225 utilities, \$500 child care

**Net Income Remaining:** \$408/month

## AVERAGE CALGARY HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (35%)  
11% unemployment 11% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,415/month  
27% income support, 22% wage, 12% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,100/month  
\$900 housing, \$360 child-care, \$300 credit/lease payments

**Net Income Remaining:** \$300/month

The most frequently reported reason for requesting a hamper is insufficient fixed government benefits (38%). This is followed by reasons related to COVID-19 (10%) and unemployment (10%).

The primary household income source is income support (26%), followed by wage (19%), and Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) (14%).

The primary expense for these households is rent, with households allocating a median of \$800/month towards housing. This is followed by child-care (\$500) and utilities (\$225).

The City of Calgary defines a household in need of affordable housing when more than 30% of income is spent on housing and earning less than 65% of Calgary's median household income (\$5,272/month as of 2016) (Housing Needs Assessment Report, 2018). **The average Albertan spends nearly 50% of income on shelter, transportation, and food, combined** (The City of Calgary, 2018). **Whereas households in Ward 6 spend an average of 55% of income on shelter alone.**

Regardless of the source, the median net monthly income of this ward (\$1,457) falls \$604 short of Alberta's minimum wage (\$2,061) (Government of Alberta, 2021). And, even earning minimum wage, these households would still lie above the shelter-to-income ratio at 38%. Supports for this population should be aimed at both affordable housing and income-based interventions to reduce the risk of continued food insecurity.

# WARD 7

*Ward 7 is comprised of the following communities: Banff Trail, Capitol Hill, Chinatown, Crescent Heights, Downtown Commercial Core, East Village, Eau Claire, Hillhurst/Sunnyside, Hounsfield Heights/Briar Hill, Montgomery, Mount Pleasant, Parkdale, Point McKay, Rosedale, St. Andrews Heights, Tuxedo Park, University Heights, West Hillhurst, Winston Heights/Mountview.*

In the past year, a typical Ward 7 hamper request came from a household whose monthly income was \$1,227. With their primary income source being income support, and monthly expenses at \$900, fixed government benefits were insufficient to meet the basic needs of this household.

## AVERAGE WARD 7 HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (42%)  
10% unemployment, 9% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,227/month  
31% income support, 15% wage, 15% AISH

**Expenses:** \$900/month  
\$720 housing, \$400 child-care, \$200 utilities

**Net Income Remaining:** \$327/month

## AVERAGE CALGARY HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (35%)  
11% unemployment 11% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,415/month  
27% income support, 22% wage, 12% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,100/month  
\$900 housing, \$360 child-care, \$300 credit/lease payments

**Net Income Remaining:** \$300/month

The most frequently reported reason for requesting a hamper is insufficient fixed government benefits (42%). This is followed by unemployment (10%) and reasons related to COVID-19 (9%).

The primary household income source is income support (31%), followed by wage (15%), and Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) (15%).

The primary expense for these households is rent, with households allocating a median of \$720/month towards housing. This is followed by child-care (\$400) and utilities (\$200).

The City of Calgary defines a household in need of affordable housing when more than 30% of income is spent on housing and earning less than 65% of Calgary's median household income (\$5,272/month as of 2016) (Housing Needs Assessment Report, 2018). **The average Albertan spends nearly 50% of income on shelter, transportation, and food, combined** (The City of Calgary, 2018). **Whereas households in Ward 7 spend an average of 59% of income on shelter alone.**

Regardless of the source, the median net monthly income of this ward (\$1,227) falls \$834 short of Alberta's minimum wage (\$2,061) (Government of Alberta, 2021). And, even earning minimum wage, these households would still lie above the shelter-to-income ratio at 35%. Supports for this population should be aimed at both affordable housing and income-based interventions to reduce the risk of continued food insecurity.



# WARD 8

*Ward 8 is comprised of the following communities: Altadore, Bankview, Beltline, Cliff Bungalow, Currie, Downtown West, Downtown Core, Garrison Green, Garrison Woods, Killarney / Glengarry, Lincoln Park, Lower & Upper Mount Royal, Richmond / Knob Hill, Rutland Park, Scarboro, Shaganappi, South Calgary, Spruce Cliff, Sunalta, Rosscarrock, Wildwood.*

In the past year, a typical Ward 8 hamper request came from a household whose monthly income was \$1,268. With their primary income source being income support, and monthly expenses at \$945, fixed government benefits were insufficient to meet the basic needs of this household.

## AVERAGE WARD 8 HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (45%)  
10% unemployment, 9% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,268/month  
17% wage, 33% income support, 17% AISH

**Expenses:** \$945/month  
\$800 housing, \$185 utilities, \$480 child care

**Net Income Remaining:** \$323/month

## AVERAGE CALGARY HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (35%)  
11% unemployment 11% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,415/month  
27% income support, 22% wage, 12% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,100/month  
\$900 housing, \$360 child-care, \$300 credit/ lease payments

**Net Income Remaining:** \$300/month

The most frequently reported reason for requesting a hamper is insufficient fixed government benefits (45%). This is followed by unemployment (10%) and reasons related to COVID-19 (9%).

The primary household income source is income support (33%), followed by Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) (17%) and wage (17%).

The primary expense for these households is rent, with households allocating a median of \$800/month towards housing. This is followed by child-care (\$480) and utilities (\$185).

The City of Calgary defines a household in need of affordable housing when more than 30% of income is spent on housing and earning less than 65% of Calgary's median household income (\$5,272/month as of 2016) (Housing Needs Assessment Report, 2018). **The average Albertan spends nearly 50% of income on shelter, transportation, and food, combined** (The City of Calgary, 2018). **Whereas households in Ward 8 spend an average of 63% of income on shelter alone.**

Regardless of the source, the median net monthly income of this ward (\$1,268) falls \$793 short of Alberta's minimum wage (\$2,061) (Government of Alberta, 2021). And, even earning minimum wage, these households would still lie above the shelter-to-income ratio at 39%. Supports for this population should be aimed at both affordable housing and income-based interventions to reduce the risk of continued food insecurity

# WARD 9

*Ward 9 is comprised of the following communities: Albert Park-Radisson Heights, Applewood Park, Belvedere, Bridgeland-Riverside, Dover, Erin Woods, Fairview, Forest Heights, Forest Lawn, Inglewood, Manchester, Ogden, Penbrooke Meadows, Ramsay, Red Carpet, Renfrew, Southview.*

In the past year, a typical Ward 9 hamper request came from a household whose monthly income was \$1,355. With their primary income source being income support, and monthly expenses at \$1,015, fixed government benefits were insufficient to meet the basic needs of this household.

## AVERAGE WARD 9 HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (41%)  
11% unemployment, 9% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,355/month  
18% wage, 30% income support, 14% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,015/month  
\$800 housing, \$400 utilities, \$400 child care

**Net Income Remaining:** \$340/month

## AVERAGE CALGARY HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (35%)  
11% unemployment 11% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,415/month  
27% income support, 22% wage, 12% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,100/month  
\$900 housing, \$360 child-care, \$300 credit/lease payments

**Net Income Remaining:** \$300/month

The most frequently reported reason for requesting a hamper is insufficient fixed government benefits (41%). This is followed by unemployment (11%) and reasons related to COVID-19 (9%).

The primary household income source is income support (30%), followed by wage (18%), and Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) (14%).

The primary expense for these households is rent, with households allocating a median of \$800/month towards housing. This is followed by child-care (\$400) and utilities (\$400).

The City of Calgary defines a household in need of affordable housing when more than 30% of income is spent on housing and earning less than 65% of Calgary's median household income (\$5,272/month as of 2016) (Housing Needs Assessment Report, 2018). **The average Albertan spends nearly 50% of income on shelter, transportation, and food, combined** (The City of Calgary, 2018). **Whereas households in Ward 9 spend an average of 59% of income on shelter alone.**

Regardless of the source, the median net monthly income of this ward (\$1,355) falls \$706 short of Alberta's minimum wage (\$2,061) (Government of Alberta, 2021). And, even earning minimum wage, these households would still lie above the shelter-to-income ratio at 39%. Supports for this population should be aimed at both affordable housing and income-based interventions to reduce the risk of continued food insecurity.

# WARD 10

*Ward 10 is comprised of the following communities: Abbeydale, Calgary Marlborough, Coral Springs, Crossroads Community, Marlborough Park, Monterey Park, Pineridge, Rundle, Temple, Whitehorn.*

In the past year, a typical Ward 10 hamper request came from a household whose monthly income was \$1,550. With their primary income source being income support, and monthly expenses at \$1,200, fixed government benefits were insufficient to meet the basic needs of this household.

## AVERAGE WARD 10 HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (32%)  
12% unemployment, 12% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,550/month  
22% wage, 27% income support, 13% child tax benefit

**Expenses:** \$1,200/month  
\$950 housing, \$477 child support, \$432 child-care

**Net Income Remaining:** \$350/month

## AVERAGE CALGARY HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (35%)  
11% unemployment 11% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,415/month  
27% income support, 22% wage, 12% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,100/month  
\$900 housing, \$360 child-care, \$300 credit/lease payments

**Net Income Remaining:** \$300/month

The most frequently reported reason for requesting a hamper is insufficient fixed government benefits (32%). This is followed by reasons related to COVID-19 (12%) and unemployment (12%). The primary household income source is income support (27%), followed by wage (22%), and Child Tax Benefit (13%).

The primary expense for these households is rent, with households allocating a median of \$950/month towards housing. This is followed by child support (\$477) and child-care (\$432).

The City of Calgary defines a household in need of affordable housing when more than 30% of income is spent on housing and earning less than 65% of Calgary's median household income (\$5,272/month as of 2016) (Housing Needs Assessment Report, 2018). **The average Albertan spends nearly 50% of income on shelter, transportation, and food, combined** (The City of Calgary, 2018). **Whereas households in Ward 10 spend an average of 61% of income on shelter alone.**

Regardless of the source, the median net monthly income of this ward (\$1,550) falls \$511 short of Alberta's minimum wage (\$2,061) (Government of Alberta, 2021). And, even earning minimum wage, these households would still lie well above the shelter-to-income ratio at 46%. Supports for this population should be aimed at both affordable housing and income-based interventions to reduce the risk of continued food insecurity.

# WARD 11

Ward 11 is comprised of the following communities: Acadia, Bayview, Bel-Aire, Beltline, Braeside, Britannia, Cedarbrae, Chinook Park, Cliff Bungalow, Eagle Ridge, Elbow Park, Elboya, Erlton, East Fairview Industrial, Haysboro, Kelvin Grove, Kingsland, Lakeview, Maple Ridge, Mayfair, Meadowlark Park, Mission, North Glenmore Park, Oakridge, Palliser, Parkhill, Pumphill, Rideau Park, Roxboro, Southwood, Stanley Park, Victoria Park, Willow Park, Windsor Park.

In the past year, a typical Ward 11 hamper request came from a household whose monthly income was \$1,480. With their primary income source being income support, and monthly expenses at \$1,170, fixed government benefits were insufficient to meet the basic needs of this household.

## AVERAGE WARD 11 HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (34%)  
12% unemployment, 12% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,480/month  
23% wage, 27% income support, 11% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,170/month  
\$1,000 housing, \$760 credit/lease payments, \$488 child care

**Net Income Remaining:** \$310/month

## AVERAGE CALGARY HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (35%)  
11% unemployment 11% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,415/month  
27% income support, 22% wage, 12% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,100/month  
\$900 housing, \$360 child-care, \$300 credit/lease payments

**Net Income Remaining:** \$300/month

The most frequently reported reason for requesting a hamper is insufficient fixed government benefits (34%). This is followed by unemployment (12%) and reasons related to COVID-19 (12%). The primary household income source is income support (27%), followed by wage (23%), and Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) (11%).

The primary expense for these households is rent, with households allocating a median of \$1000/month towards housing. This is followed by credit/lease payments (\$760) and child-care (\$488).

The City of Calgary defines a household in need of affordable housing when more than 30% of income is spent on housing and earning less than 65% of Calgary's median household income (\$5,272/month as of 2016) (Housing Needs Assessment Report, 2018). **The average Albertan spends nearly 50% of income on shelter, transportation, and food, combined** (The City of Calgary, 2018). **Whereas households in Ward 11 spend an average of 68% of income on shelter alone.**

Regardless of the source, the median net monthly income of this ward (\$1,480) falls \$581 short of Alberta's minimum wage (\$2,061) (Government of Alberta, 2021). And, even earning minimum wage, these households would still lie well above the shelter-to-income ratio at 49%. Supports for this population should be aimed at both affordable housing and income-based interventions to reduce the risk of continued food insecurity.

# WARD 12

*Ward 12 is comprised of the following communities: Auburn Bay, Copperfield, Cranston, Douglas Glen, Mahogany, McKenzie Towne, New Brighton, Quarry Park, Riverbend, Seton, Shepard.*

In the past year, a typical Ward 12 hamper request came from a household whose monthly income was \$1,989. With monthly expenses at \$1,693, this wage was insufficient in covering the cost of their basic needs.

## AVERAGE WARD 12 HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** COVID-19 (19%)  
18% insufficient fixed government benefits,  
14% full-time wages being insufficient

**Income and Source:** \$1,989/month  
34% wage, 13% income support, 12% child tax benefit

**Expenses:** \$1,693/month  
\$1,350 housing, \$350 utilities, \$600 child care

**Net Income Remaining:** \$296/month

## AVERAGE CALGARY HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Request Reason: Insufficient fixed government benefits (35%)  
11% unemployment 11% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,415/month  
27% income support, 22% wage, 12% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,100/month  
\$900 housing, \$360 child-care, \$300 credit/lease payments

**Net Income Remaining:** \$300/month

Financial difficulty related to COVID-19 (19%) is the most frequently reported reason for requesting a hamper. This is followed insufficient fixed government benefits (18%) and full-time wages being insufficient (14%).

The primary household income source is wage (34%), followed by income support (13%), and Child Tax Benefit (12%).

The primary expense for these households is rent, with households allocating a median of \$1,350/month towards housing. This is followed by child-care (\$600) and utilities (\$350).

The City of Calgary defines a household in need of affordable housing when more than 30% of income is spent on housing and earning less than 65% of Calgary's median household income (\$5,272/month as of 2016) (Housing Needs Assessment Report, 2018). **The average Albertan spends nearly 50% of income on shelter, transportation, and food, combined** (The City of Calgary, 2018). **Whereas households in Ward 12 spend an average of 68% of income on shelter alone.**

Regardless of the source, the median net monthly income of this ward (\$1,989) falls \$72 short of Alberta's minimum wage (\$2,061) (Government of Alberta, 2021). And, even earning minimum wage, these households would still lie well above the shelter-to-income ratio at 66%. Supports for this population should be aimed at both affordable housing and income-based interventions to reduce the risk of continued food insecurity

# WARD 13

Ward 13 is comprised of the following communities: Bridlewood, Canyon Meadows, Evergreen, Millrise, Shawnee Slopes, Evergreen Estates, Shawnessy, Somerset, Woodbine, Woodlands, Silverado, Belmont, Yorkville, Alpine Park, Sirocco, Pine Creek.

In the past year, a typical Ward 13 hamper request came from a household whose monthly income was \$1,770. With monthly expenses at \$1,400, this wage was insufficient in covering the cost of their basic needs.

## AVERAGE WARD 13 HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (24%)  
13% unemployment, 15% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,770/month  
29% wage, 20% income support, 12% child tax benefit

**Expenses:** \$1,400/month  
\$1,110 housing, \$400 utilities, \$600 child care

**Net Income Remaining:** \$370/month

## AVERAGE CALGARY HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (35%)  
11% unemployment 11% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,415/month  
27% income support, 22% wage, 12% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,100/month  
\$900 housing, \$360 child-care, \$300 credit/lease payments

**Net Income Remaining:** \$300/month

The most frequently reported reason for requesting a hamper is insufficient fixed government benefits (24%). This is followed by reasons related to COVID-19 (15%) and unemployment (13%). The primary household income source is wage (29%), followed by income support (20%), and Child Tax Benefit (12%).

The primary expense for these households is rent, with households allocating a median of \$1,100/month towards housing. This is followed by child-care (\$600) and utilities (\$400).

The City of Calgary defines a household in need of affordable housing when more than 30% of income is spent on housing and earning less than 65% of Calgary's median household income (\$5,272/month as of 2016) (Housing Needs Assessment Report, 2018). **The average Albertan spends nearly 50% of income on shelter, transportation, and food, combined** (The City of Calgary, 2018). **Whereas households in Ward 13 spend an average of 62% of income on shelter alone.**

Regardless of the source, the median net monthly income of this ward (\$1,770) falls \$291 short of Alberta's minimum wage (\$2,061) (Government of Alberta, 2021). And, even earning minimum wage, these households would still lie well above the shelter-to-income ratio at 53%. Supports for this population should be aimed at both affordable housing and income-based interventions to reduce the risk of continued food insecurity.



# WARD 14

Ward 14 is comprised of the following communities: Bonavista Downs, Chaparral, Deer Ridge, Deer Run, Diamond Cove, Douglasdale/glen, Lake Bonavista, Legacy, McKenzie Lake, Midnapore, Parkland, Queensland, Sundance, Walden.

In the past year, a typical Ward 14 hamper request came from a household whose monthly income was \$1,722. With monthly expenses at \$1,325, this wage was insufficient in covering the cost of their basic needs.

## AVERAGE WARD 14 HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (25%)  
14% unemployment, 12% full-time income being insufficient

**Income and Source:** \$1,722/month  
31% wage, 17% income support, 14% child tax benefit

**Expenses:** \$1,325/month  
\$1,000 housing, \$300 utilities, \$600 child care

**Net Income Remaining:** \$397/month

## AVERAGE CALGARY HOUSEHOLD

**Request Reason:** Insufficient fixed government benefits (35%)  
11% unemployment 11% reasons related to COVID-19

**Income and Source:** \$1,415/month  
27% income support, 22% wage, 12% AISH

**Expenses:** \$1,100/month  
\$900 housing, \$360 child-care, \$300 credit/lease payments

**Net Income Remaining:** \$300/month

The most frequently reported reason for requesting a hamper is insufficient fixed government benefits (25%). This is followed by unemployment (14%) and full-time income being insufficient (12%). The primary household income source is wage (31%), followed by income support (17%), and Child Tax Benefit (14%).

The primary expense for these households is rent, with households allocating a median of \$1000/month towards housing. This is followed by child-care (\$600) and utilities (\$300).

The City of Calgary defines a household in need of affordable housing when more than 30% of income is spent on housing and earning less than 65% of Calgary's median household income (\$5,272/month as of 2016) (Housing Needs Assessment Report, 2018). **The average Albertan spends nearly 50% of income on shelter, transportation, and food, combined** (The City of Calgary, 2018). **Whereas households in Ward 14 spend an average of 58% of income on shelter alone.**

Regardless of the source, the median net monthly income of this ward (\$1,722) falls \$339 short of Alberta's minimum wage (\$2,061) (Government of Alberta, 2021). And, even earning minimum wage, these households would still lie well above the shelter-to-income ratio at 49%. Supports for this population should be aimed at both affordable housing and income-based interventions to reduce the risk of continued food insecurity.