

# Survey Report

Share your voice on Poverty Reduction

Survey was made available to the public through three different social service providers/organizations in 100 Mile House. There were 69 surveys submitted.

## 1. What is your Age?

There was an age range of 23-75 for participants. The average age of participants was rounded to 48. 40 of the 69 participants (58%) were over the age of 50.

## 2. How many adults live in your household?

37 participants (54%) had 2 adults living in the household, 25 participants (36%) had 1 adult living in the household. The remaining 10% had more than 2 adults living in the household. Many of the single adult households were over the age of 50.

## 3. How many children (ages 0-18) live in your household?

42 participants (61%) had no children living in the household. The remaining 27 participants had mostly 1 or 2 children in the household.

## 4. Have you ever lived in poverty?

59 of the 69 participants (86%) reported to have lived in poverty in their lifetime.

## 5. What are the issues facing people living in poverty in the South Cariboo?

There were various points addressed by all participants. This table ranks the most mentioned issues. Phone service payments and internet service payments were never explicitly mentioned by any participant.

Issues described	Rank
Housing affordability/Availability	30
Jobs, Job opportunities	28
Food affordability/availability	27
Transportation	20
Bills: Rent, Electric, Insurance (Cost of Living)	17
Resources	10
Money/Finances	9
Mental Health (resources, stigma, outreach, etc)	6
Substance Abuse (or access to recovery for)	5
Training (specific job training or job skills training)	4
Gas/Vehicle Costs	4
insufficient Wages	4
Health services, dental services	4
Childcare costs	3
Education (post-secondary, grade 12 equivalent, etc.)	3

## 6. What would address these issues and help people out of poverty?

Responses from participants included these ideas:

- More low-income housing,
- more addiction services,
- more outreach,
- (better) job placement program.
- Employment resources,
- food banks in rural centres,
- better public transport, transportation to rural centres,
- more mental health supports,
- creation of jobs,
- help with bill payments,
- introducing new industry to the area,
- increase to social assistance/disability/pension pay,
- subsidised fuel for low-income individuals,
- easier and less expensive (even free) access to post-secondary education or job training,
- lowered food prices,
- food-prep and storage education,
- build substance abuse recovery and rehabilitation centres,
- build a local homeless shelter