

# 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

id	q1	q2	q3	q4	q5a	q5b	q6a
1	37	2	2	1	Not enough low income housing or affordable housing	H	More housing being built by government, more resources for addiction and family help
2	29	1	1	1	Lack of work, lack of training, lack of housing, lack of transportation	JAHT	More community outreach, better job placement program
3	25	2	2	1	Lack of employment resources	JA	More employment resources, and businesses collaborating with them. More food banks for communities that don't have transportation to town. Clothing/Shoes Share-shed.
4	53	1	0	1	Transportation for those who live out of town such as on horse lake road. Isolation. Need for part time jobs for those who can't work full time.	TJ	Providing transportation for people out of town, providing part time jobs, providing anonymous mental health help.
5	64	1	1	1	No vehicle, paying rent and hydro and not having enough left for food.	TBF	
6	29	1	0	1	Low Income	M	More Jobs
7	62	1	0	1	Lack of Jobs, currently on disability which is not enough to survive month to month.	J	increase monthly disability, more jobs.
8	63	1	0	1	Not enough jobs or housing, not enough financial help.	JHM	more programs to retrain people in poverty.
9	41	1	0	1	Not enough jobs.	J	Jobs
10	56	2	0		No jobs, no affordable housing	JH	More progress in creating jobs, minimum wage should be raised to 15 dollars an hour now, instead of two more years down the road.
11	60	2	0	1	Lack of funding for resources or no resources at all, no essential services.	R	cheaper housing, more housing for families and single people. More or better job opportunities.
12	74	2	0	1	heating costs, housing costs, and food costs.	BF	Politicians properly running the legislature and parliament
13	55	2	0	1	Too big a gap between people with money and jobs compared to people on social assistance. They're just trying to survive, and the prices go up and wealthier class gets all the better things	MJ	
14	34	2	3	1	Paying hydro, gas, and rent	B	More Jobs in area
15	50	1	0	1	Bills are high, like hydro	B	More job opportunities
16	60	2	0	1	Lack of work, high prices	JBF	Break on bills
17	57	1	0	1	unable to get out learning to ask for help	L	jobs?
18	70	1	0	1	No Jobs	J	Getting people transportation to the food bank
19	57	1	0	1	Age discrimination, low pay, and lack of work means people have to use welfare and the food bank.	WJ	more good paying jobs in the region, introduce new industry to the area (ie industrial hemp production)
20	42	2	0	1	Rent cost as well as general living costs are for exceeding incomes, there is a lack of affordable housing appropriate to people's needs	BH	
21	75	1	0	1	Low Income, Old Age Pension inadequate		Increase basic allowance

22	50	2	0	0	Not enough work, there's been a slow down in work since the 2017 wildfires.	J	I guess more jobs
23	48	1	0	0	Lack of reliable public transportation	T	Government subsidised fuel for low income people. Transit loop that would run 3 times a day through Horse Lake to Interlakes to help people go to work or look for work. This would greatly help people with low income. We need public transit!
24	58	1	0	1	Lack of money after rent and bills. No transportation or opportunity to better one's self.	MBT	Increase disability pay 100%, make it two pay days a month.
25	23	2	3	1	Rent too high, no places, not enough food, no transportation housing/transportation, isolation, limited social/employment/educational opportunities, access to	BHFT	More low income housing, food bank open more with more health food, busing/transportation
26	48	2	2	1	nutritional/traditional food	HTIJEF	social inclusion, education (post-secondary) free, equitable pay, tax benefits for growing own food, no property tax for indigenous people on unceded territory
27	37	2	2	0	no money to buy healthy food, no transportation to access healthy services, no funds to enroll children in extra curricular activities to strengthen their social and emotional skills	MFT	living wage, better public transportation
28	51	2	1	1	lack of high protein in diet	F	more reliable community and social services, affordable housing
29	32	3	2	1	No jobs, no training for jobs-- a person needs experience to work but no one will train	JA	more jobs for locals, stop bringing in people from out of town to do local jobs, higher minimum wage, lower rent
30	50	2	2	1	Not enough low income housing, not enough full time employment, childcare too costly, cost of food high in area (to eat healthy is costly)	HJCF	Subsidy, More full time jobs, increase in low income housing, lower food prices, higher wages, more help for all not just some
31	31	1	1	1	Travel, cost of EVERYTHING	TM	
32	50	2	0	1	Affordable and safe housing, public transportation	HT	more housing opportunities
33	63	2	2	0	Not enough good paying jobs	J	Create jobs (factories, mines, logging) education for all, not just for more fortunate families, more hands on training
34	46	2	0	1	Very little low income housing, very little work	HJ	instead of old people housing, more low income housing
35	41	1	0	1	Gas prices, increased food prices, homelessness Availability of resources, accessibility of resources, transportation issues, motivation, need more medical and dental provided, especially for children	GFH	A lower cost of living, a permanent homeless shelter
36	62	1	0	1	With such high prices in insurance, food, gas, rent, you have to decide at times to either eat or pay bills. Not having a food bank that is open during summer is hard as well.	RTX	support for education and practical help to the workforce at any age, a wage that people can live on
37	34	7	5	1	Lack of resources. Everything costs too much. Housing availability, lack of activities for children, lack of opportunities	BGFR	prices need to be reduced to help low income families survive.
38	55	3	0	1		RMH	better education opportunities, more low cost or free activities and variety

39	54	2	0	0	Emotional instability-- high anxiety, depression, hopelessness. Basic needs insecurity-- dependant on rental housing market, subject to little availability, rising food costs, lack of available public transit in rural areas	NHFT	Community Gardens, Volunteer-led food prep courses ie. Canning, freezing, buying in bulk with neighbours. Programs to train volunteers in assisting vulnerable people in making healthy choices, ie. Asking for and accessing support already available to them.
40	33	3	0	1	I believe the biggest issue is affordability. Because we live not close to any bigger city, access to affordable products is not easy. Compare the pricing of South Cariboo and other locations, especially with groceries, it is more expensive. Accessibility to a lot of government help is also an issue. For some people, they don't have the knowledge about the different programs that are accessible to them.	MFR	More knowledge by using different media tools. Getting more bigger companies to donate-- it doesn't matter the amount.
41	66	2	0	1	There are 3 types of people facing poverty in the South Cariboo: #1 The working man and his family, honest sincere. Can't ever get ahead because he is constantly raped by a government in bed with the banks, big oil, ICBC, BC hydro. Constantly raped by income tax, permits, licences and fees. #2 The legitimate handicap who can't work and needs help. Single Moms. #3 The group of culls who are drunks and dopers and able to work but won't and continue to seek help from you because you haven't got the balls to say "get a job" because it's politically incorrect. Let them starve and direct your help to #1 and #2.	B	Open your eyes man. You better start helping #1 because he is the one carrying #2 and #3. Do you know what its like to have a job and sign up for overtime to pay bills and try to get ahead and on pay day your cheque is only slightly bigger despite hours of overtime. You cash your cheque Friday, broke Saturday, and charge gas on a friggin 27% credit card to get to work for the next 2 weeks. What the hell is the sense of even trying to get ahead you can't. How do you expect #1 to help #2 and #3 when he is living on expensive credit between paycheques? Lower: income tax for the working man (the backbone of Canada). Lower: GST, PST, ICBC, house insurance, dental. Lower: gas tax (you do it for the natives). Lower: Neverending licences, fees, permits, property taxesm lower government waste. Get rid of ads on T.V. promoting drugs (real people do drugs) all they do is recruit kids to do drugs and end up in #3 group.
42	70	2	0	1	Same as any are of the world. Not enough, especially for families.		Counselling for food prep and availability of low cost and donated food.
43	51	1	1	1	Depression, substacne abuse, anxiety, PTSD, unable to find housing, unable to get nutritious food, abuse within families, children wearing inappropriate clothing for weather, children ashamed of where they live/clothing, bullying from other children. Children unable to reach potential. Youth get involved with police because can't afford to do other activities (not enough activities). Adults are unable to get proper dental work.	NSHFBX	Affordable housing, affordable transportation to and from outer areas. Mental health specialists that are readily available. Full meals at school.
44	35	2	0	1	Transportation is difficult to secure and limits access to services that could be useful/needed.	T	More funding for transportation, increased transit services.

					Lack of affordable housing, low minimum wage, inadequate mental health services, short-sighted addiction recovery program ie. No rehab space after detox. High cost of food. Very limited transit					Explore "living wage" initiatives. Build or incorporate low rent housing into exiting infrastructure. Hire more qualified mental health professionals/free counselling. Revamp addiction recovery services. Expand transit service. Education about and preventing child sexual
45	52	2	0	1	service. Trauma from child sexual abuse.	HWNSR				abuse. Destigmatize and decriminalize substance abuse.
46	59	1	0	1	We need more better paying jobs in the cariboo	JW				more and better paying jobs for low income earners.
					Employment (gainful employment hard to come by), Housing; low income/affordable housing is next to impossible to find, Lack of access to mental health and addiction services (our mental health department is overloaded and unable to come with the amount of					Incentives offered to new businesses in our community, construction of new rental properites, maybe government regulated low-income housing, expansion of mental health/addiction resources.
47	32	2	1	1	people needing services)	JHNSR				
48	0	2	1	0	Employment opportunities. Rising cost of living, rent, interest, gas, food	JHB				Reduced cost to upgrading education/obtaining employable skills.
					Accessing housing, employment, and post-secondary education.					Increase low income housing. Pay for education for adults, single
49	58	1	3	1	Eating healthy.	HJEF				parents.
					Expensive: food, car insurance. Limited number of businesses to hire					More government funded exercise programs for children. More
50	39	2	2	1	people. Significant travel to get to post-secondary education.	FGJE				government, federal money for daycare for children. Increased
51	37	2	1	0						government assistance programs for retraining/work.
					Providing safe and healthy environments. Food that is nutritious.					Supportive education for parent wanting to go back to school. Support
52	46	2	2	1	Clothing for the appropriate season eg. Winter boots/coat. Self care for parent.	FR				programs for whole family teaching parenting skills-- stress
					Access to childcare. Affordable healthy food. Cost of rent. Cost of					techniques, self-help skills. Affordable housing and child care.
53	31	1	3	0	gas.	CFBG				Programs like Farmer's Market coupons, local shopping incentives.
					Housing: lack of suitable rentals. Stigma. Job insecurity for low-					
54	34	2	3	1	skilled, gaps in history, etc.	HJ				suitable rental housing (more!)
					Affordbale housing, affordable childcare					childcare subsidies, counselling for money mangement, funding for
55	31	1	1	0		HC				education to improve skills.
					Difficulty accessing job training, mental health supports, addiction					Funding and establishment of a rural transit system that makes 2 or 3
					recovery services. Limited transportation and limited local services.					daily stops in community centres in the South Cariboo. More mental
					Scarce employment opportunities available to people with low skills.					health specialists and services in the South Cariboo, campaign to end
					Lack of flexibility in employment to accomodate people with mental					mental health stigmatism. Create adequate addictions recovery
56	33	2	0	0	health issues, addictions or disabilities.	ANTRJ				centres and programs, provision of unbiased education on substance
					Most employment opportunities pay very low wagesm even jobs					abuse and addiction.
					that require some form of training. The cost of housing has increased					
					very quickly and there are hardly any rentals available. Multiple					Much more low income housing available. More awareness of the
					factors: unemployment, mental health, transportation. Healthy food					Rental Assistance program, so that working families can alleviate
					choices are expensive. Shame and stigma regarding visitng food					costly expenses. Satellite food bank locations. Ride share initiatives to
57	38	1	1	1	bank.	WHJNTF				help with transportation.

58	53	2	0	1	Drug and alcohol addiction takes money- then addicts are left with little for rent. Very hard to find affordable housing in 100 Mile and the affordable apartments and motels are less than desirable.	SH	Perhaps housing for people recovering from addiction or dealing with mental health issues. Ie. One house with a certain amount of rooms with 'in house' staff. A drop in centre for a hot meal daily. Education on life skills - how to deal with life after addiction (for our kids too), subsidy for hydro, subsidy for transportation routes/affordability, more low rent housing, increase in financial assistance
59	55	1	1	1	Hydro too expensive, poor/unaffordable transportation, lack of affordable/low-rent housing, Affordable clothing, not just for me but I have a kid to clothe	BTH	
60	59	1	0	1	People living in poverty are not able to access things (food etc) that they need	FR	
61	68	2	0	1	Low self esteem, not enough money to make ends meet, looking for extra work or little jobs.	MJ	Hire people to do chores if you can, give to women's centre, give, give, give if you can in a way thar uplifts others
62	23	2	3	1	Not enough food, not being able to make rent or get a vehicle or transportation.	FBT	more low income housing, more emergency help.
63	56	3	0	1	homelessness, lack of rental units, lack of food, health care, addiction.	HFXS	Outreach workers, affordable housing, direct payment for rent, bills and health care services, more access to physicians, access to rehab. Core funding for women's centre.
64	47	2	0	1	Limited supports in: healthcare, affordable housing, affordable nutritious food, transportation.	XHFT	More outreach services, more food programs (delivery of food, pay what you can) free healthcare clinics.
65	50	2	0	1	Lack of healthy food (but we have food banks thank goodness). Difficult to afford decent housing. Difficult to accomplish employment in the town of 100 Mile House.	FHJ	More low income housing, more more public transportation, a local homeless shelter.
66	43	3	0	0	No job, housing, or food	JHF	help find jobs, housing and food for them.
67	56	2	0	1	No affordable housing. Need more transportatin for rural areas.	HT	Maybe welfare: families need more money-- don't think they've had a raise in years
68		2	0	1	"something so wrong, has no song!" "Also in a land of, why is there hate!" "A land lead country, as Canada rich, why is there hunger, and homeless?"		"To be honest, and actualy care, and for the government, to give rather than take!" "That less, is more."But is it really!!"
69	62	1	0	1	"Freezing." Large hydro bills, cost of transportation, not enough money to eat 3 square meals a day rather than a weeks. No fair costs on rentals, not enough low income housing or affordable clothing.	BTFH	More building in the area, cheaper groceries, support in dealing with bills and household dealings. More Educational programs.