Nutritious Food Basket (NFB) 2023 Report

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Link to Ontario Public Health Standards

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Population Health Assessment and Surveillance Protocol, 2018

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Monitoring Food
Affordability Reference
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Population and Public Health Division, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

August, 2018



Population Health Assessment

Food Affordability

Chronic Disease Prevention Guideline

Healthy eating behaviours

Health Equity Guideline

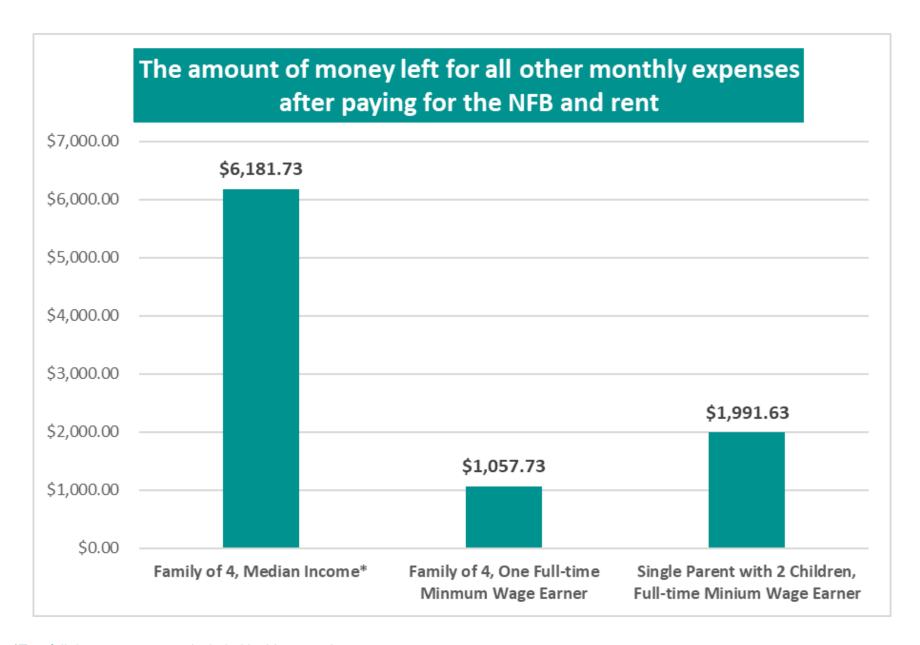
Food insecurity as a social determinant of health

NFB results

The cost of the NFB for a family of four in 2023 is \$311.61 per week (\$1349.27 month)

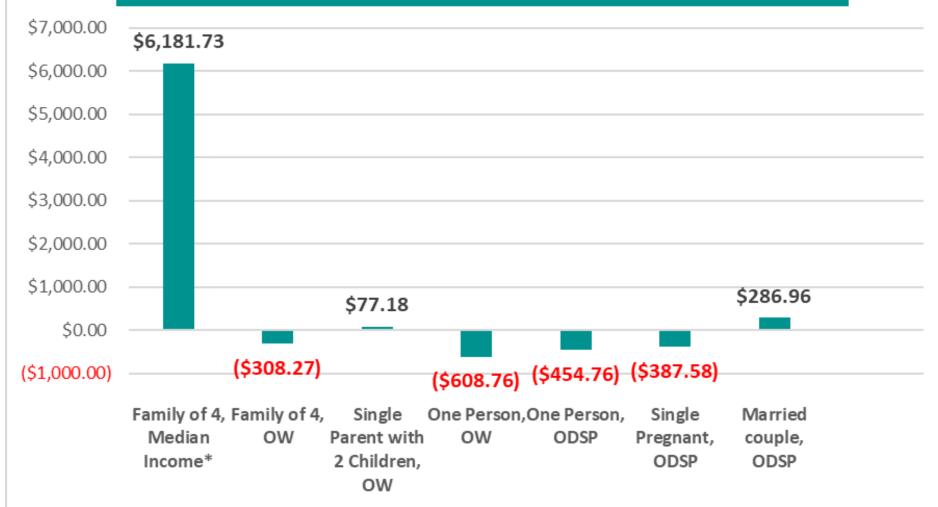


Nutritious Food Basket Income Scenarios



^{*}Two full-time wage earners included in this scenario

The amount of money left for all other monthly expenses after paying for the NFB and rent



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Food insecurity

In Canada, food insecurity rates have increased 14% since 2019 despite dipping during the pandemic

2022

In Ontario, 19% of households were food insecure

2020-2022

17.9% of households were food insecure in WDG

2019

17% of children age1-17 lived in food insecure households in WDG

2022

U of G reported 39.5% of students were food insecure

2023

Food Banks Canada report a 32% increase in food bank usage since March 2022 and 78.5% increase since 2019

Highest risk groups for food insecurity

households with limited assets

Indigenous
households and
other racial/cultural
groups

low-income households

households reliant on income supports

female-led lone parent households

WDGPH collaborates with community groups to address food insecurity including:









A Smart Cities Challenge initiative



Questions?