

# WHO'S HUNGRY

## 2008 PROFILE OF HUNGER IN THE GTA

### SUBPOPULATIONS ACCESSING FOOD BANKS

2008

#### PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Clients who say they have a disability or serious illness	47%
People who did not use a food bank before they became disabled	64%
People with disabilities who are not on ODSP (Ontario Disability Support Program) or CPP-D (Canada Pension Plan-Disability)	48%
Average length of food bank use (compared to 8 months in the rest of the sample)	24 mos

#### PEOPLE EXPERIENCING PERSISTENT POVERTY

Clients who experience persistent poverty (more than two years of food bank use)	29%
Those who experience persistent poverty who have a disability	65%
Clients who are 45 years or older	55%

#### SINGLE PARENTS

Clients who are single parents	19%
Single parents who are female	89%
Parents who could not enter the work force due to cost and/or access to daycare	44%

#### IMMIGRANTS

Clients who were born outside of Canada	46%
Percentage of this group that has been in Canada for four years or less	39%
Non-Canadian born food bank clients who have either graduated from college or university or have a post-graduate degree (versus 16% Canadian born)	37%

#### WORKING POOR

Households using food banks that have at least one person working	28%
Median hourly wage	\$10.36
Median number of hours per week worked by food bank clients	25 hrs
Working food bank clients who lack drug or dental benefits	80%



### AT A GLANCE

2008

#### GTA FOOD BANK USE

People served by a neighbourhood food banks	952,883
Increase since 2007	5%
Increase from 1995	90%
Average number of people relying on food banks per month	79,407
Percentage of food bank clients who are children (compared to 37% in 2003)	34%
Percentage of food bank clients who are singles (compared to 37% in 2003)	47%

#### SCOPE OF HUNGER IN THE GTA

Clients who have used a food bank for one year or less	57%
Clients who have used a food bank for more than two years	29%
Children who go hungry at least once a week	13%
Adults who go hungry once a week	33%

#### HUNGER: THE COST OF LIVING

Median monthly household income	\$967
Income spent on rent	77%
People who pay market rent	72%