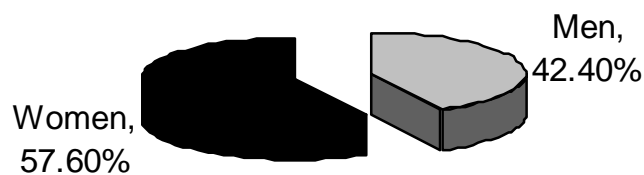


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People below the Low Income Cut Off (LICO) by Municipality

	1995		2000	
	Numbers of people	% of population	Numbers of people	% of population
Core				
Esquimalt	3,485	21.6%	3,100	19.7%
Oak Bay	1,880	10.5%	1,850	10.6%
Saanich	12,860	12.7%	11,915	11.7%
Victoria	17,705	24.1%	17,395	24.5%
Peninsula				
Central Saanich	975	6.7%	890	5.8%
North Saanich	530	5.1%	390	3.7%
Sidney	1,265	11.8%	1,080	10.2%
Western Communities				
Colwood	1,045	7.5%	1,210	8.9%
Highlands	50	3.5%	65	3.9%
Langford	2,600	14.9%	2,435	13.1%
Metchosin	255	5.4%	405	9.1%
Sooke	1,420	12.2%	1,210	14.0%
View Royal	1,105	17.2%	910	12.6%
CRD				
	47,550	15.0%	42,850	13.2%
British Columbia				
	708,200	19.0%	672,045	18.9%

Poverty by Gender in BC's Capital Region



Between 1995 and 2000:

- Minimum wage was increased.
- The BC Family Bonus was introduced, and child care costs were reduced.
- Income assistance rates were increased.
- Tuition fees were frozen.

Since 2000:

- An entry level minimum wage was introduced.
- The income level for eligibility for child care subsidies was reduced.
- Income assistance rates were reduced.
- The tuition fee freeze was lifted.

Children (0-14) below the Low Income Cut Off (LICO) by Municipality

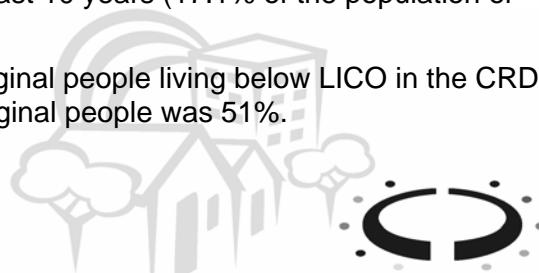
	1995		2000	
	Numbers of children	% of population	Numbers of children	% of population
Core				
Esquimalt	790	28.5%	595	23.8%
Oak Bay	235	8.6%	230	9.1%
Saanich	2,795	15.9%	2,025	12.4%
Victoria	2,670	32.8%	1,990	27.2%
Peninsula				
Central Saanich	190	7.0%	130	4.9%
North Saanich	130	7.2%	30	2.0%
Sidney	185	12.2%	180	12.1%
Western Communities				
Colwood	270	7.7%	360	11.3%
Highlands	10	3.2%	0	0.0%
Langford	835	20.8%	645	15.8%
Metchosin	75	8.2%	60	8.2%
Sooke	400	15.6%	385	22.0%
View Royal	390	29.9%	150	12.6%
CRD				
	9,430	17.8%	6,785	13.7%
British Columbia	163,230	22.2%	138,940	19.9%

People below the Low Income Cut Off (LICO) by Age Group and Subregion in 2000

	Core		Peninsula		Western Communities	
	Numbers of People	% of Population	Numbers of People	% of Population	Numbers of People	% of Population
0-14 years	4,840	16.9%	340	6.0%	1,600	14.1%
15-24 years	8,730	30.5%	275	7.2%	905	14.2%
25-44 years	9,790	16.5%	400	5.0%	1,800	10.5%
45-64 years	6,625	12.6%	720	6.6%	1,370	10.0%
65 years & over	4,270	11.6%	610	7.7%	560	9.8%
Total - All Ages	34,260	16.6%	2,360	6.5%	6,235	11.5%

Of the people living below LICO in the Victoria Census Metropolitan area in 2000:

- 5,205 are visible minorities (18.9% of the population of visible minorities)
- 1,755 are new Canadians who immigrated within the last 10 years (17.1% of the population of new Canadians)
- Reliable data is not available on the numbers of Aboriginal people living below LICO in the CRD. However, in 1996 in Victoria the poverty rate for Aboriginal people was 51%.



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