

The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Ontario Provincial Council



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International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, 17 October

**Ending social and institutional maltreatment**

This 2025 theme focuses on ending social and institutional maltreatment by ensuring respect and effective support for families. Let's put the furthest behind first and build institutions helping families stay together, thrive, and shape their own futures.



See [Food Banks Canada's 2025 Poverty Report Card](#)

- Canada received failing grades for the same indicators as last year (2024): housing affordability, access to health care, and adequacy of government supports.
- These failing grades suggest that Canada is facing a systemic crisis in both health care and housing.
- Calling on the government to commit to reducing food insecurity in Canada by 50% by 2030.

Section 1: Experience of Poverty				
Indicator	Data	2025 Grade	2024 Grade	2023 Grade
People Feeling Worse off Compared to Last Year	40%	C	D+	C-
People Paying More than 30% of Income on Housing	43%	F	F	D-
People Having Trouble Accessing Healthcare	22%	F	F	D
Government Support Recipients Who Say Rates are Insufficient to Keep up with Cost of Living	65%	F	F	D
Percent of Income Spent on Fixed Costs beyond Housing	57.3%	D+	C-	C-
<b>OVERALL</b>		<b>D-</b>	D-	D+



**Catholic Women's League members are called to action!**

2022.01 [Enact Federal Legislation to Reduce Food Loss and Waste](#)

Position Paper: 2023 [Water](#)