the Need in our community

Food insecurity is affecting individuals and families across Greater Victoria.

The Mustard Seed Food Bank usage

2,036

visits to The Mustard Seed Food Bank in a single month

29%

of food bank clients were first time users in 2026

23.7%

of food bank households rely primarily on employment income

The rise of cost of living

$27.40/hr

living wage in Greater Victoria (2025)

1 in 3

B.C. workers do not earn a living wage

68,000

People in Greater Victoria earn below a living wage

The living wage has risen from $19.39/hour in 2019 to $27.40/hour in 2025, a 41% increase in six years. Meanwhile, B.C.'s $18.25/hour minimum wage remains more than $9/hour below Greater Victoria's living wage. Women represent 55% of those earning less than a living wage.

The broader challenges facing our community

1 in 3

of food bank clients are children in Canada

23.2%

of the population experiences food insecurity in BC.

1,749

people experienced homelessness in Greater Victoria in 2025

Sources: The Mustard Seed Food Bank data (FY2026); Living Wage Report 2025 (BC); HungerCount 2025; Point-in-Time Count 2025; other source as applicable.

Together, we can help more neighbours access nutritious food.

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