

How Does Poverty And Homelessness Affect You?

“I work with people in mental health and have friends who have been homeless. We are all on the verge of being homeless.”

Peter, Port Moody

“I look at it every single day when I walk out my door. I see how money goes to things that don't matter instead of things that do, like the Olympic, a big issue.”

Christina, Chilliwack

“It bothers me very much.”

Marian, Abbotsford

“It hurts me to see people on the street that have nothing.”

Greg, Abbotsford

“It doesn't affect me, but it makes me sad to see the people that are.”

Marcela, Abbotsford

“It doesn't affect me.”

Liz, Abbotsford

“It affects me indirectly, when I walk certain areas I see people who don't have homes, they ask for money, I see them around, I feel bad for them. I help when I can.”

Barb, Abbotsford

“We don't like it. When people are in poverty and we see them smoking and drinking, we don't like that. We volunteer at an organization that helps the homeless.”

Kathy & Lorence, Abbotsford

“I was once there myself. I don't feel sorry for the drug users. More housing needs to be available.”

Sasha, Abbotsford

“I have really low income; I have to watch every penny so I can survive.”

Colleen, Abbotsford

“It upsets me; it should never be that way.”

Sharon, Mission

“It doesn't affect me.”

James, Abbotsford

“It doesn't affect me.”

Davin, Abbotsford

“I think it's terrible, awful. I wish there was something we could do for them.”

Diana, Abbotsford

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“I have a lot of friends who are struggling with the economy. I feel bad and hope it will never happen to me.”

Renee, Mission

“I wouldn’t want it to happen to me. There should be more shelters built.”

Joann, Abbotsford

“It doesn’t affect me. I feel sorry for the people that it does affect.”

Harriet, Abbotsford

“It affects everyone, jobs with no benefits. Poverty is everywhere. Worst drug populated community, high drug use rate. Climate makes it a good place to live in homelessness.”

Andrew, Abbotsford

“It doesn’t personally affect me. It affects people I know after losing their jobs.”

Maggie, Abbotsford

“It is atrocious how the government has spent no money on improving it. I see it every day and help where I can.”

Victoria, Abbotsford

“It does currently affect me.”

Audrey, Abbotsford

“I have no money; I manage to pay the rent and then its food bank and churches.”

Terry, Abbotsford

“We’re homeless”

Joseph & Arthur, Abbotsford

“Living below the poverty level sucks.”

Dave, Abbotsford

“It makes us feel bad for those people, wish it wasn’t that way. We support groups at church and food bank.”

Ruth & Ed, Abbotsford

“I’ve been homeless. There is a need for more housing available.”

Candice, Abbotsford

“It affected me; I was homeless a while ago.”

Anonymous

“It’s hard to say, it’s sad. Usually First Nations, and it’s their own land, don’t have access to their resources. Thousands of dollars are being taken away and should be added instead.”

Percy, Abbotsford

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“It doesn’t affect us; we have a lovely home, adequate income but feel very badly for the homeless. We help by donating to Salvation Army, MCC and food bank.”

George & Mona, Abbotsford

“It doesn’t affect me.”

Eila, Abbotsford

“It is not very good. Unemployment affects everybody.”

Sharon, Abbotsford

“It does not affect me. The homeless don’t bother me, I want to help and that’s why I’m taking up Social Services.”

Ashley, Abbotsford

“I am so frustrated because I know somebody who was on drugs and died. The government refused to help to make a memorial for her.”

Tanya, Abbotsford

“It doesn’t affect me but I find it so upsetting, I do things to help in any way.”

Audrey, Abbotsford

“I know somebody who used to be a rich man but used to live as homeless. For myself, I do not like it. If it’s their choice, I can do nothing about it.”

Dora, Abbotsford

“I do not know anybody who is homeless. We have enough money to build anything that can help. People can do more.”

Natasha, Abbotsford

“I am in a similar situation; it’s hard to ask for help, some people do not know how to ask for help. I help in some ways; money is now always the answer. It can happen to anybody. Responsibility falls for each individual.”

Diana, Abbotsford

“It does not affect me personally but I am definitely aware of it”

Heidi, Abbotsford

“It affects everybody, 80% can be homeless. I just ignore them and help them in any way.”

Ali, Abbotsford

“It does not affect me but I help in any way I can: feed, clothe them.”

Shawna, Abbotsford

“I does not affect me a bit.”

Richard, Abbotsford

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“I am from Envision. We helped people. I volunteer for Fraser Valley Cleaners.”

Rosemarie, Abbotsford

“Only when I see people, I like to help as much as I can. I work at the thrift store that is doing the same thing.”

Jean, Abbotsford

“It upsets me.”

Nicole, Abbotsford

“I work with homeless people, street people.”

Rudy, Abbotsford

“Health wise, I am battling with breast cancer. It is difficult being homeless and being sick.”

Florence, Abbotsford

“It does not affect me too much. I moved from Vancouver and I have seen what poverty has done. I have seen many mothers lose their children.”

Judy, Abbotsford

“My friends live in poverty, it affects me. There is a constant debate in our house on what should be done.”

Patricia, Abbotsford

“I tried to help people.”

Matthew, Abbotsford

“I am glad I am not there now, because I have been, 6 months during the winter. A growing concern, it is not getting better. Take people on assistance and make hostile housing.”

Hadyn, Abbotsford

“It does not personally affect me. In weather like this I sure would not want to be homeless. There needs to be better resources, housing and shelter.”

Judy, Abbotsford

“It affects everyone pretty much.”

Julie, Abbotsford

“It affects me a great deal. Crime situation can go up because people are hungry. How come they are homeless? Half are drug users; they expect people to help them.”

Jas, Abbotsford

“I never really thought about it. I see it, it is upsetting.”

Courtney, Mission

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“It affected me; recently, I had a break in. I am a student on a student loan. Everyone should make an effort to help others, working in food banks. Poverty causes crime; it makes me want to help others.”

Samantha, Abbotsford

“Poverty affects me because of the people that steal and rob. Poverty itself is tough. The economy is bad, a lot of people out of work. Get rid of how government wastes money e.g. Olympics, Indian affairs. Let the Indians govern themselves.”

James & Kevin, Abbotsford

“It affects me if I see it around me.”

Teresa, Abbotsford

“Social security system is not working.”

Aileen, Abbotsford

“I am living in it. Nobody wants to give me a chance.”

Jim, Abbotsford

“It does not affect me directly. I help in any way.”

Paula, Abbotsford

“I see many homeless people. I always help in any way. Some people always say they are willing to help but not doing it.”

Roy, Abbotsford

“It affects me big time, we used to be homeless. Wish they could do something instead of building highways, putting the money towards shelters for the people to go to.”

Kerri, Abbotsford

“Actually, I feel pain, I can't help them. They need someone to help them mentally, education for the old, they need to help the druggies.”

Arti, Abbotsford

“It affects everyone that is in a low-income bracket. It has to do with the provincial government. If you look at other provinces, there a system in place/programs, say a person on disability, social assistance you would have a program of contributing back to. People make more money on social assistance and it lowers self-esteem.”

David, Abbotsford

“Myself? Not really”

Bonnie, Abbotsford

“I'm in recovery, in housing for moms & tots.”

Sandra, Mission

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“It affects us, to see people like this. We help people through our church, making meals, helping them in any way.”

Anonymous

“I think it could be changed with the individual, find a shelter, and work your up from the bottom instead of being homeless. People have to do it themselves.”

Anonymous

“I’m a Christian and I like to help people. I have used the food bank.”

Anonymous

“It raises taxes to support businesses who under pay employees, higher EI premiums & taxes instead of training, higher policing costs when combined with substance abuse issues, exploits women (sex trade), diverts charitable \$ that could be preventative.”

Wayne, Abbotsford

“It affects me so much, especially for the last two years, I don’t have a job, although, poverty is not a disgrace but it is terribly inconvenient.”

Carmencita, Abbotsford

“It is a reality for me; I am a single mom with 3 young children living in low-income housing, receiving funding and trying to better my working circumstances so I can get back on my feet and support my family.”

Dawn, Abbotsford