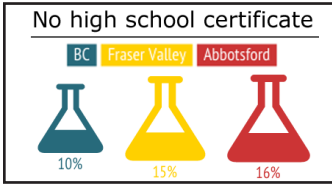
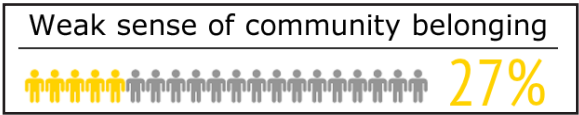


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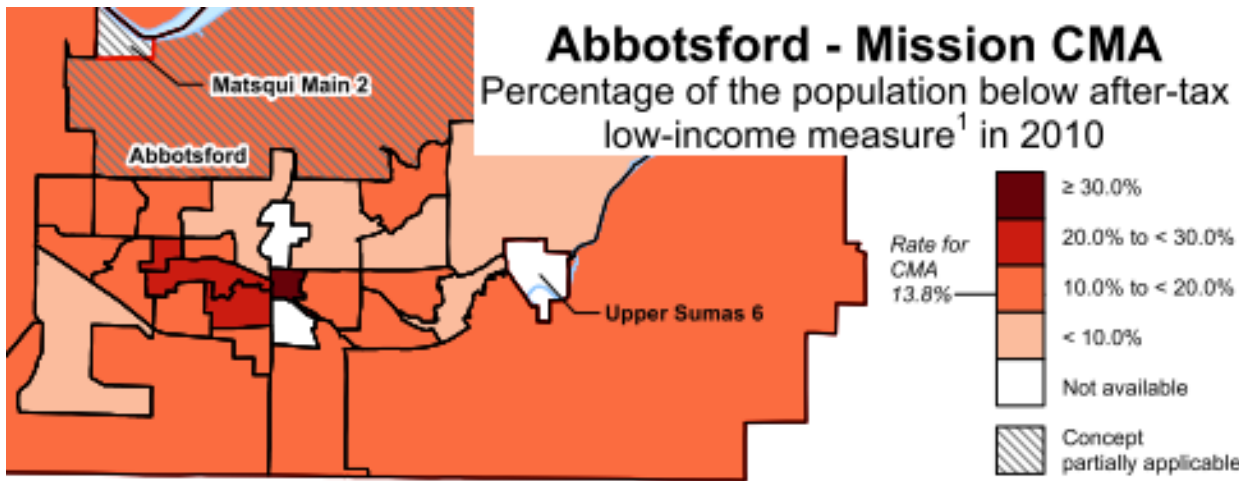


There are over 5,000 lone-parent families in Abbotsford.

Fewer Abbotsford residents hold a high school certificate than the BC average.



## Poverty and Low-Income



## Working Poor

One in three children living in poverty has at least one parent employed full-time, full year.

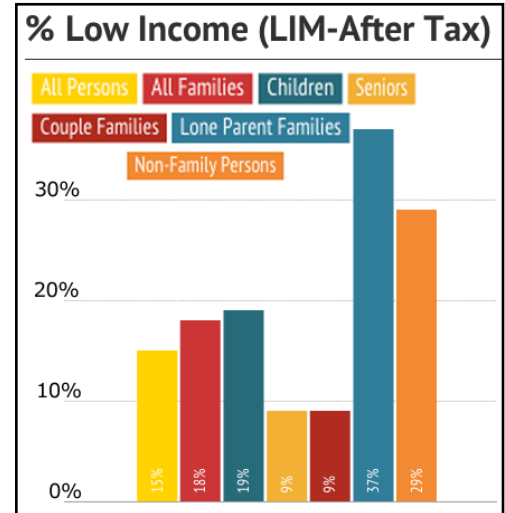
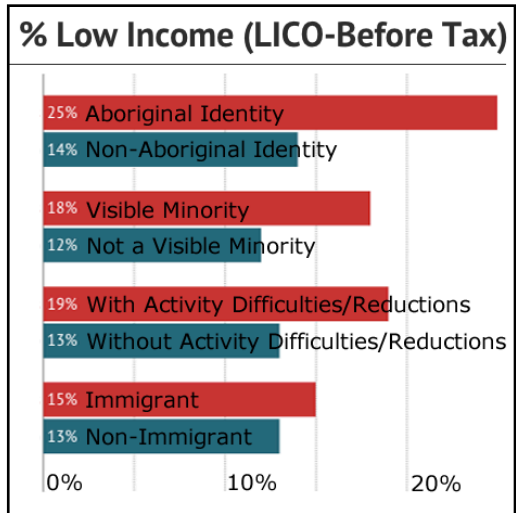
The highest poverty rates in Abbotsford are found in Downtown, Mill Lake and Clearbrook neighbourhoods.

Children, immigrants, lone-parent families, people with aboriginal identity, and people with activity difficulties are disproportionately affected by poverty.



**1 in 3**

Poor children with one or more parents employed full-time, full-year



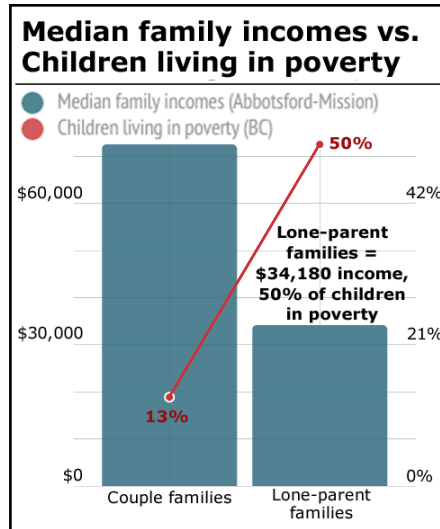
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## Families and Children

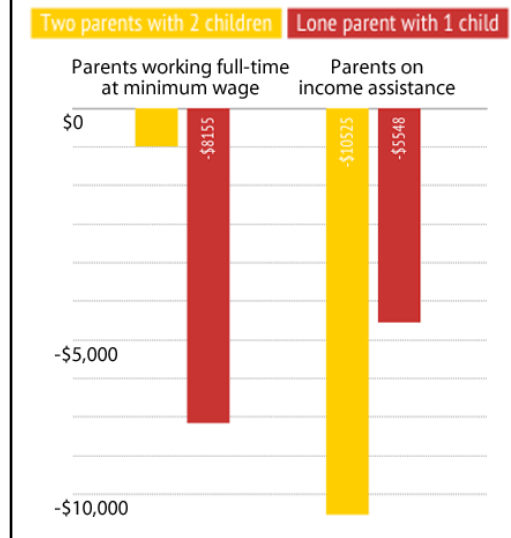
Half of children living in lone-parent families in Abbotsford live in poverty.

A two-parent two-child family with both parents working full-time at minimum wage falls almost \$1,000 below the poverty line.

A lone-parent one-child family on income assistance falls more than \$10,000 below the poverty line.



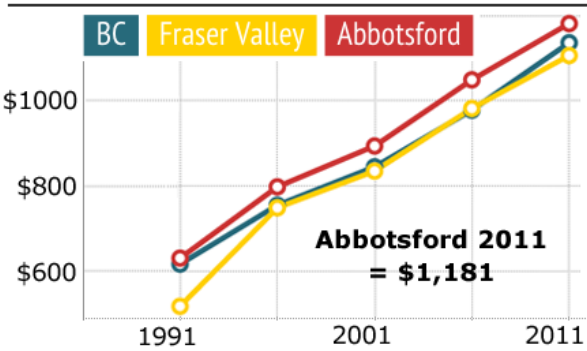
## Dollars below the poverty line



## Housing

Shelter costs in Abbotsford are higher than the Fraser Valley and BC averages, and have almost doubled since 1991.

### Average monthly shelter cost



One in four Abbotsford households are considered unaffordable. These households spend 30% or more of their income on shelter.

Shelter beds are available for less than half of Abbotsford's homeless population.

### Number of shelter beds available for number of homeless persons



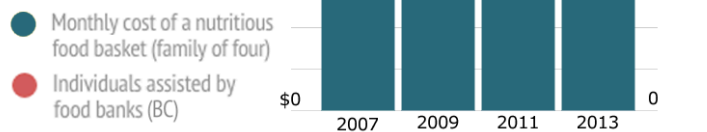
## Food Security

Between 2007 and 2013:

- The average cost of a nutritious food basket rose by 29%.
- Food bank usage rose by 23%. One in three food bank users are children.
- Food insecurity rose by 45% (severe food insecurity more than doubled).

### Cost of food vs. Food bank usage

2013 Fraser Health cost of a nutritious food basket = \$886 and BC individuals assisted by food banks = 94,002



### Food Insecurity

Persons moderately food insecure...  
Persons severely food insecure

Fraser Health East 2011/2012 = 7.1%

