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Beneath the Surface: The Layers of Poverty in Calgary

2022 Community Wellbeing report

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Vibrant Communities Calgary (VCC) released a report on the state of well-being in Calgary in March 2023 – [Beneath the Surface, the layers of poverty in Calgary](#). The report is the result of several months of collaboration with 12 leading experts on nine domains of well-being. It is intended to supplement typical income-based data and poverty metrics to paint a clearer picture of the path we need to take to improve poverty in Calgary.



Project summary

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This report has measured community wellbeing through carefully chosen population level statistics aligned with the goals and levers of change of the Enough for All strategy.

Steering Committee Members include:

- Lisa Caton with Momentum
- Bethany White with United Way of Calgary and Area
- Derek Cook with the Canadian Poverty Institute
- Jasmine Ing and Indro Ray with the City of Calgary
- Michelle James with the Women's Centre of Calgary
- Janice Francey with the Calgary Foundation
- David de Lange with DDL, Analytics, Inc.
- Sue Gwynn, Amber Cannon and Grace Tessman with Poverty Talks!
- Jacie Alook with Canada Bridges and formerly with the Calgary Indigenous Sharing Network
- Stephanie Patterson and Jessica Law with Alberta Health Services
- Marshal McCallum with Mount Royal University

Community data used

- Working poor, selected geographies, 2019

About the practitioner



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