

Poverty Olympics Social Index (2008)

- Number of people Greater Vancouver Food Banks helps feed a week = 9000ⁱ

Estimated cost of Vancouver and Whistler Olympic Villages = \$ 1.261 billionⁱⁱ: Number of families that could be fed nutritiously for five years on this amount = 29, 393ⁱⁱⁱ

- Number of single parent, 2 children families on welfare in BC = 25 115^{iv}

Estimated Cost of Richmond Speed Skating Oval = \$178 million^v: Cost of increasing welfare by 50% for 5 years for single parent, 2 children families^{vi} = under \$66 million

- Cost of a First Grade ticket to Opening Ceremonies = \$1 118^{vii}: Monthly welfare amount to single person with disability \$906^{viii}
- Cost to Build ten - 64 bed treatment centre with detox beds and transitional housing units = \$109 million^{ix}: Estimated cost of Whistler Nordic Centre = \$112 million^x
- 9,909 on waitlist for subsidized housing BC Housing^{xi}

Estimated cost of Olympic spending including Trade & Convention Centre and RAV line = 6.044 billion^{xii}: Number of social housing units that \$6.044 billion could build = 30,220^{xiii}

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1. Budget to chauffeur VIPs around during Olympics = 500 000^{xiv}

Cost to transport 570 people on Vancouver's public transit for one year (one zone bus pass) = 500 000

2. 637 000 Canadian children living in poverty – 2009 Report Card on Child & Family Poverty. ^{xv}

Average dollars needed to bring families to poverty line = \$9500, 2007 estimated dollars needed to bring 637 000 families to poverty line = **6.1 billion dollars** ^{xvi}

Total estimated dollars spent on Olympics to date = **6 – 7 billion** ^{xvii}

3. 192 is a low estimate of how many seniors (55+) are homeless in Metro Vancouver ^{xviii}

At \$186 486/unit^{xix}, the amount of local government spending alone, 567 million ^{xx} could provide 3040 units of senior's housing

4. BC's GDP was 199 214 million dollars in 2008^{xxi} Projected growth in 2010 is 4.2%

= 8 367 million^{xxii}. Well, maybe with that increase in cash floating around we can afford to increase the amount that single BC residents on welfare (24238)^{xxiii} receive by 50% which weighs in at a cost of 89 million dollars.

ⁱ Foodbanks Canada Hunger Count 2008: A Comprehensive Report on Hunger and Foodbank Use in Canada, http://foodbankscanada.ca/documents/HungerCount_en_fin.pdf

ⁱⁱ The Province, Jan. 19, 2009.

[http://74.125.47.132/search?q=cache:qPZiGLGco4AJ:www.canada.com/vancouvernews/news/westcoastnews/story.html%3Fid%3D38d1c321-0874-4096-94ac-42a16494adb%26k%3D6221+vancouver+whistler+"olympic+village"&hl=en&ct=clnk&cd=4&gl=ca](http://74.125.47.132/search?q=cache:qPZiGLGco4AJ:www.canada.com/vancouvernews/news/westcoastnews/story.html%3Fid%3D38d1c321-0874-4096-94ac-42a16494adb%26k%3D6221+vancouver+whistler+)

ⁱⁱⁱ The Cost of Eating in BC 2007: Dieticians of Canada. P. based on figures for family of four, p. 5

http://www.dietitians.ca/news/frm_resource/imageserver.asp?id=1009&document_type=document&popup=true&contentid=1944

^{iv} Welfare Incomes, 2006 and 2007. Winter 2008, Vol 128. National Council of Welfare.p.151

<http://www.ncwcnbes.net/documents/researchpublications/OtherPublications/2008Report-WelfareIncomes2006-2007/Report-WelfareIncomes2006-2007E.pdf>

^v City of Richmond. Richmond Oval Fast Facts: Financial. <http://www.richmond.ca/discover/events/oval/oval.htm>

^{vi} Ministry of Housing and Social Development. Increase to Income Assistance Rates Tables. Estimate based on April 2007 rates.

http://www.eia.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/2007/increase_table.htm

^{vii} Vancouver 2010. Ticketing Information. <http://www.vancouver2010.com/en/-/32678/q0c15c/index.html>

^{viii} Ministry of Housing and Social Development. Increase to Income Assistance Rates Tables. Estimate based on April 2007 rates.

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^{ix} BC Housing. April 20, 2007 http://www.bchousing.org/news/news_releases/archive/2007/04/20/1638_0704201047-878

^x The 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games: A Review of Estimates Related to the Province's Commitments. September, 2006. Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia. <http://www.bcauditor.com/pubs/2006-07/report2/report2%2020062007.pdf>

^{xi} BC Housing, Jan. 15, 2009

^{xii} [http://74.125.47.132/search?q=cache:qPZiGLGco4AJ:www.canada.com/vancouvernews/news/westcoastnews/story.html%3Fid%3D38d1c321-0874-4096-94ac-42a16494adb%26k%3D6221+vancouver+whistler+"olympic+village"&hl=en&ct=clnk&cd=4&gl=ca](http://74.125.47.132/search?q=cache:qPZiGLGco4AJ:www.canada.com/vancouvernews/news/westcoastnews/story.html%3Fid%3D38d1c321-0874-4096-94ac-42a16494adb%26k%3D6221+vancouver+whistler+)

^{xiii} Based on cost of \$200 000/unit of housing.

^{xiv} *News 1130 December 15th, 2009*

^{xv} <http://www.nwac-hq.org/en/documents/Campaign20002009NationalReportCard.pdf>

^{xvi} <http://www.nwac-hq.org/en/documents/Campaign20002009NationalReportCard.pdf>

^{xvii} *Vancouver Sun, Jan. 23rd. 2009*

^{xviii} *Still on our Streets: Results of the 2008 Metro Vancouver Homeless Count, December 2008 Edition. Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness*

^{xix} http://www.canequity.com/mortgage-news/archive/2007/2007-07-09_CMHC-arts_community_welcomes_housing.stm

^{xx} *Vancouver Sun, Jan. 23rd. 2009*

^{xxi} http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/bus_stat/bcea/provea.asp

^{xxii} *Globe and Mail, Nov. 13, 2009*

^{xxiii} <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/british-columbia/story/2009/05/22/bc-welfare-cases-up.html>