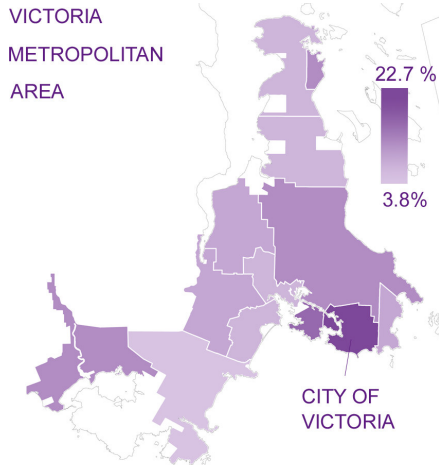


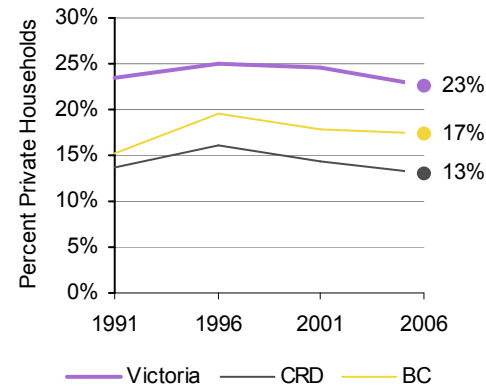
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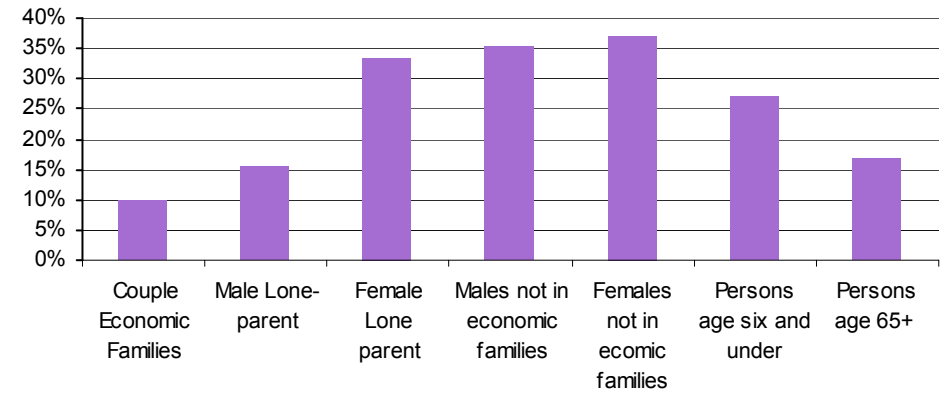
2006 CENSUS - LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS SHOWN AS A PERCENT OF ALL HOUSEHOLDS IN EACH MUNICIPALITY

There are many economic and non-economic components of well-being. Economically, the low income cut-off (LICO) is the income level at which families or persons not in economic families spend 20% more than average of their before tax-income on food shelter, and clothing. LICO is also known as the "Poverty Line" and is a commonly used measure of economic vulnerability. Factors relating to LICO include family status, employment stability, level of education, immigration status and place of residence. Across Canada the proportion of households with low income is higher in cities than in rural areas. However, since 1995 the percent of Canadians with low income has declined. In City of Victoria, the proportion of households with low income was 22.7% in 2005, moderately lower than 1990 levels, but still the highest in the region. The neighbourhood with the most low income households shifted from Downtown (53%, 1990) to North Park (41%, 2005).

Low Income Comparisons 1991-2006

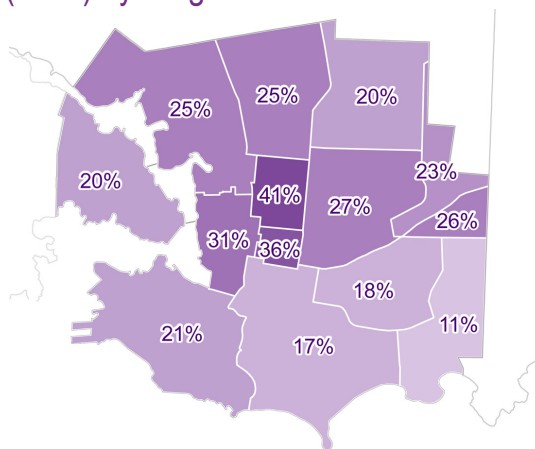


Low Income by Family Status and Age (2005), City of Victoria

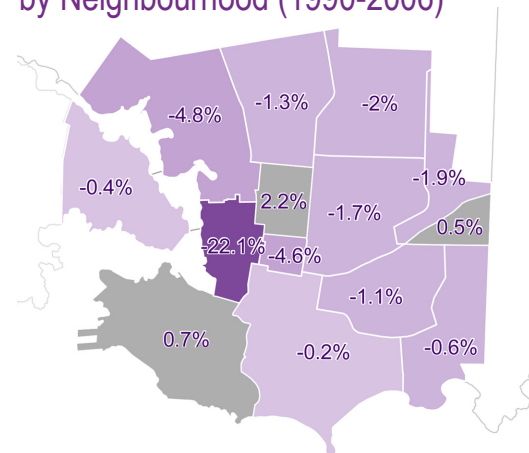


The most economically vulnerable groups in Victoria are persons not in economic families (36.3%), and female lone parents (33.4%). Another high vulnerability group identified across Canada are recent immigrants; the low income proportion of immigrants with less than two years in Canada is 34.1%.

Percent of Households with Low Income (2005) by Neighbourhood



Change in Households with Low Income by Neighbourhood (1990-2006)



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2006 CENSUS - Low Income Households shown as a percent of all households in each municipality (Prevalence of low income before tax in 2005)

Source: Prevalence of low income before tax in 2005, Persons in Private Households. Statistics Canada, 2006 Census (20% sample).

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Low Income Comparisons 1990-2005

	1991	1996	2001	2006
Victoria	23.5%	25.1%	24.5%	22.7%
CRD	13.6%	16.0%	14.4%	13.1%
BC	15.3%	19.6%	17.8%	17.3%

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Households with Low Income by Neighbourhood (Prevalence of low income before tax in 1990, 2005)

	1990		1995		2000		2005		Change 1990 to 2005
	Total Private Households	Low Income Before Tax (%)	Total Private Households	Low Income Before Tax (%)	Total Private Households	Low Income Before Tax (%)	Total Private Households	Low Income Before Tax (%)	
BURNSIDE	4,020	30.1%	4,740	30.3%	4,515	23.5%	4,860	25.3%	-4.8
DOWNTOWN	855	53.4%	665	37.6%	1,045	39.2%	1,220	31.3%	-22.1
FAIRFIELD	10,710	17.4%	10,995	20.0%	10,715	17.7%	11,005	17.2%	-0.2
FERNWOOD	9,050	28.3%	9,260	32.3%	9,000	29.4%	9,535	26.6%	-1.7
GONZALES	3,535	12.0%	3,570	9.4%	3,505	9.3%	3,830	11.4%	-0.6
HARRIS GREEN	850	40.9%	1,395	34.1%	1,405	31.3%	1,680	36.3%	-4.6
HILLSIDE-QUADRA	6,760	26.5%	7,145	31.0%	7,230	32.9%	7,275	25.2%	-1.3
JAMES BAY	10,130	20.3%	10,015	22.2%	10,340	25.0%	10,645	21.0%	0.7
NORTH JUBILEE	2,655	24.9%	2,830	18.2%	2,825	23.3%	2,875	23.0%	-1.9
SOUTH JUBILEE	2,075	25.6%	2,165	18.2%	2,110	25.6%	2,240	26.1%	0.5
NORTH PARK	2,670	38.9%	2,975	39.3%	2,970	42.0%	410	41.1%	2.2
OAKLANDS	5,690	21.7%	5,945	25.5%	6,185	24.5%	6,365	19.7%	-2.0
ROCKLAND	3,445	18.6%	3,530	16.0%	3,545	18.6%	3,510	17.5%	-1.1
VICTORIA WEST	4,850	20.7%					5,975	20.3%	0.0

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Low-income cut-offs (LICOs) - represent levels of income where people spend disproportionate amounts of money for food, shelter and clothing. They are based on family and community size and are updated to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). LICO data exclude institutional residents and were not derived for economic families or unattached individuals in the territories or on Indian reserves. Prevalence of low income rates are calculated from rounded counts of low income persons or families and the total number of persons or families. These counts have been rounded independently of the rounded counts shown in the table; thus, there may be a small difference between the rate shown and the one derived from the counts shown. Users are advised to interpret prevalence of low income rates based upon small counts with caution.

Measures of low income known as low income (before tax) cut-offs (LICO-BT) were first introduced in Canada in 1968 based on 1961 Census income data and 1959 family expenditure patterns.

For additional information and a table of low income cut-offs, please refer to the 2006 Census Dictionary, catalogue number 92-566-XWE.

Low Income Status by Family Status and Age (2005), City of

Low Income Status (Before Tax)	2006
Couple Economic Families	9.8%
Male Lone-parent	15.6%
Female Lone parent	33.4%
Males not in economic families	35.5%
Females not in economic families	37.0%
Persons age six and under	27.1%
Persons age 65+	17.0%

Source: Income Status in 2005 Persons in Private Households. Statistics Canada, 2006 Census (20% sample).

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