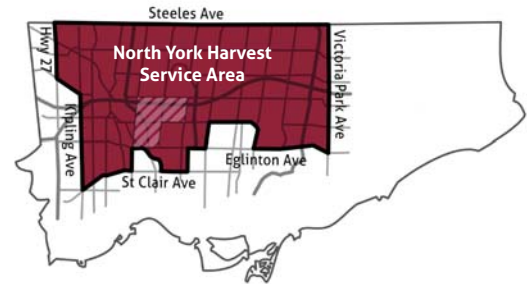




HUNGER LIVES IN NORTHERN TORONTO

The North York Harvest Food Bank is the primary food bank for northern Toronto. An independent, charitable organization, we collect, sort and distribute over one million pounds of food annually to a network of 60 community programs. In 2009, over 160,000 food hampers and 120,000 meals and snacks were distributed through our agency network. To learn more about our services, please visit www.northyorkharvest.com.



Demographics

	NYH	GTA
Percentage of food bank recipients who are children and youth under 18 years old:	40%	35%
Percentage who have been in Canada for less than 5 years:	52%	41%
Percentage with a disability or illness:	36%	47%
Percentage receiving Ontario Disability Support Program benefits:	14%	21%

Impact of the economic downturn

Increase in requests for assistance over the first 10 months of 2009 compared to 2008:	20%	N/A
Percentage who have been using services for less than a year:	68%	55%
Percentage who had been using services for less than a year in 2008:	38%	57%

Housing

Average monthly rent:	\$975	\$840
Change in average monthly rent since 2008:	+12%	+10%
Percentage of service users who pay market rent:	80%	74%
Percentage of income spent on rent/mortgage including utilities:	79%	76%
After rent and utilities, average amount left per day for food and other expenses:	\$6.71	\$6.61
Percentage of households with children:	56%	42%

Income

Median monthly household income:	\$1,000	\$980
Change in median monthly household income since 2008:	-6%	+1%
Percentage who receive Ontario Works (social assistance) as their main source of income:	51%	46%
Percentage of households with at least one person employed:	28%	30%
New clients (less than 6 months) who began using the food bank after losing their jobs:	29%	35%
Percentage of total clients receiving Employment Insurance benefits:	2%	3%

For households with employment income

Average hourly wage:	\$10.00	\$10.90
Median hours of work per week:	24	20
Change in median hours of work per week since 2008:	-6	-5
Percentage without either drug or dental benefits:	88%	82%

Statistics from Daily Bread Food Bank's Who's Hungry, 2009 Profile of Hunger in the GTA using survey data conducted at six North York Harvest member agencies.