

**Table I-4: Use of Food Banks for Select Vital Signs Communities, 1997 and 2004-2007**

	Total Number of People Assisted in March					Use in March as a Per cent of Population			
	1997	2004	2005	2006	2007	1997	2005	2006	2007
<b>Canada</b>	669,877	841,640	823,856	753,458	720,231	2.2	2.6	2.3	2.2
<b>New Brunswick</b>	17,407	19,663	19,441	18,140	16,347	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.2
Saint John and Vicinity	n.a.	5,931	5,013	4,702	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.9	n.a.
<b>Quebec</b>	176,000	236,717	215,256	157,696	151,203	2.4	2.9	2.1	2.0
<b>Ontario</b>	285,000	322,911	338,563	330,491	318,540	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.5
Ottawa	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	25,541	28,636	n.a.	n.a.	3.1	n.a.
Sudbury	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	13,457	10,252	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	n.a.
Toronto	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	80,268	84,164	n.a.	n.a.	3.2	n.a.
Kitchener	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	13,960	12,675	n.a.	n.a.	6.8	n.a.
London	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	15,498	15,344	n.a.	n.a.	4.4	n.a.
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	16,949	23,084	24,600	25,512	24,997	1.7	2.4	2.6	2.5
Saskatoon	n.a.	11,465	9,910	10,525	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	5.2	n.a.
<b>Alberta</b>	37,582	54,574	45,481	38,598	38,837	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.1
Medicine Hat	n.a.	1,190	1,127	590	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.0	n.a.
Lethbridge	n.a.	5,000	4,508	3,062	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	4.1	n.a.
<b>British Columbia</b>	59,042	84,317	75,413	81,248	76,514	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.8

Note: For Canada, the population estimates used were from Cansim table 510001, series number v466668. The boundaries used to categorise the data on food bank by city are not well defined. Because the large majority of food banks are located in cities, the population estimates used are those of the cities, not of the CMAs (from the 2006 Census).

Source for provincial and national data: Canadian Association of Food Banks, *HungerCount 1997 to 2007*

<http://www.cafb-acba.ca/main2.cfm?id=10718668-B6A7-8AA0-6E4255B2954F4EEE>

Source for city data: Canadian Association of Food Banks (CAFB), by special request and *Ontario Hunger Report 2006 and 2007*.

<http://oafb.ca/portal/images/downloads/Research/Ontario%20Hunger%20Report%202007.pdf>

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