

The Yukon's overall poverty rate is lower than most provinces and the other territories.



9.9%
3,415 Yukoners are living below the poverty line.

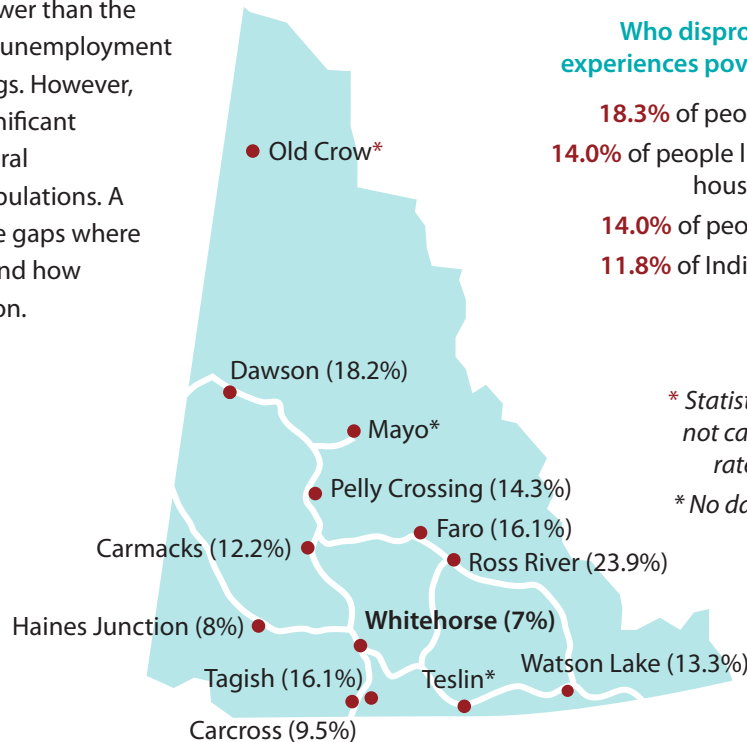
Canada national average:
10.2%

The Yukon poverty rate was slightly lower than the national average, largely due to lower unemployment and higher average household earnings. However, territorial averages do not capture significant inequities between Whitehorse and rural communities and among different populations. A closer look at available data — and the gaps where data is missing — helps fully understand how poverty is experienced across the Yukon.

Every Yukon community has a higher poverty rate than Whitehorse.

Why?

- higher food & transportation costs
- lower average incomes
- higher unemployment



Who disproportionately experiences poverty in the Yukon?

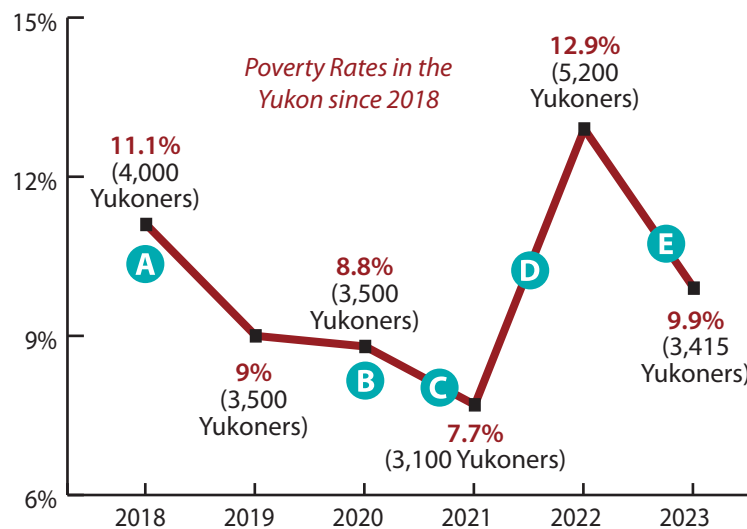
- 18.3% of people living alone
- 14.0% of people living in lone-parent households
- 14.0% of people aged 18-24
- 11.8% of Indigenous people

* Statistics Canada does not calculate a poverty rate for Old Crow

* No data was reported

Yukon poverty has fluctuated in response to major policy and economic changes.

Public policy plays an important role in reducing poverty.



- A** Government of Canada enhances the Canada Child Benefit (2018)
- B** Introduction of the Canada-Yukon Housing Benefit (2020)
- C** Poverty declined during COVID-19 with the introduction of the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit and enhanced GST credits.
- D** Poverty rose sharply after COVID-19 supports ended and inflation increased the cost of living.
- E** The Yukon's poverty rate fell to 9.9%, supported in part by increased employment (post-pandemic rebound).



Read the whole report:
Yukon Poverty Report Card 2025
What Data Does and Doesn't Tell Us About Poverty in the Yukon

