

**Revealing Statistics on the Socioeconomic Status**  
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**People receiving social assistance in N.B. in 2009**

- The government should have raised the basic rate of social assistance recipients by 2% as it was done in 2007 and 2008. Last year, the Graham government cancelled this increase.
  - Last year the costs of food rose by more than 5%. Citizens living in poverty had their purchasing power to buy food reduced by more than 7%.

**N.B. Minimum Wage Workers in 2010**

In December 2009, the minimum wage was \$8.25 per hour

Right now it is \$8.50 - **\$17,680 per year**

**These workers are living below the Poverty Line**

- Minimum wage workers are still close to bottom in Canada.

**• New Brunswick Food Banks in 2009**

- In March 2009, there were 17,889 New Brunswickers who had to use the food banks
  - This represents an increase of 14% compared to March 2008
  - Data on food bank clients indicate that 34% were children, 12% received income from employment and 60% were citizens depending on social assistance.

*Source -Hunger Count 2009*

**Changes in the average total income of New Brunswickers with families and children,  
 by decile (slice of 10% of the population), in 2007 constant dollars**

<b>Income by slices of 10% (Decile)</b>	<b>Income in 1989 (\$)</b>	<b>Income in 2007 (\$)</b>	<b>Difference</b>
0 to 9.99% ( <b>The poorest</b> )	15,782	15,504	<b>Loss of \$278</b>
10.00 to 19.99%	26,403	27,104	Increase of \$701
20.00 to 29.99%	37,485	35,077	<b>Loss of \$2,408</b>
30.00 to 39.99%	45,787	45,387	<b>Loss of \$400</b>
40.00 to 49.99%	52,802	56,373	Increase of \$250
50.00 to 59.99%	61,545	65,995	Increase of \$3,571
60.00 to 69.99%	69,399	78,326	Increase of \$8,927
70.00 to 79.99%	78,375	94,238	Increase of \$15,863
80.00 to 89.99%	93,453	116,507	Increase of \$23,054
90.00 to 100% ( <b>The richest</b> )	120,863	172,050	<b>Increase of \$51,187</b>