

FOOD BANK ACTIVITY

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Duncan/North Cowichan

- With a population of approximately 32,100 then 1.4 – 1.8% of the population are using the food bank.

Cowichan Valley Basket Society – 300 - 400 clients each month through 2009 (served 5,858 adults and 3,875 children). New applicants for 2009 totalled 573.

New Applicants	2001	214
	2002	319
	2003	378
	2006	310
	2007	337
	2008	364
	2009	573 (greatest increase annually in 9 years)

Chemainus Harvest House Food Bank (has a satellite location in Crofton) – 600 clients monthly (Repeated group of 150 weekly – 3.7% of area population) 50% or more are First Nations, 10 Seniors, with the remainder made up of low-income families, singles and couples.

- Rents have increased and their income has not kept pace
- Layoffs have taken place
- Need of an emergency shelter that can intermittently accommodate 3-5 people. People can be found regularly in their cars at a local park.

Ladysmith Food Bank – 300 clients per week in 2009 – 40% children

- With a population of approximately 7,500 then 4% of the population are using the food bank.

Mill Bay/Cobble Hill/Shawnigan Lake (CMS Food Bank Society) – 375 low month, 575 high month during 2009,

- With a population of approximately 16,000 then 2.3 – 3.6% of the population are using the food bank.

39% on Income Assistance
23% on Persons With Disabilities
22% on federal pension (65+ years of age)
95% widowed
16% working over 19 years of age.

Lake Cowichan Food Bank – 275 per month

- With a population of approximately 3,000 then 9.2% of the population are using the food bank.

#1 single Parents
#2 Seniors – also delivery to Seniors