



The Geography of Hunger:

The number of Manitoba constituencies with emergency food agencies



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Executive Summary:

Every corner of Manitoba needs emergency food

Winnipeg Harvest shares food with emergency food agencies in 54 of the 57 constituencies represented in the Manitoba Legislature.

Even the three constituencies that do not have emergency food agencies within their boundaries have at least two agencies nearby in an adjoining constituency.

Winnipeg Harvest has researched the location of each agency by provincial constituency and is sharing the aggregated information with its community partners and the public through this report. Winnipeg Harvest does not generally share the names or locations of individual agencies.

While there is a concentration of agencies in inner-city Winnipeg constituencies, such as Point Douglas and Logan, the list shows the need for emergency food exists everywhere in Winnipeg and throughout the province.

Winnipeg Harvest works with more than 300 agencies in Winnipeg and across Manitoba to share food with people who struggle to feed themselves and their families. About two-thirds of the agencies are food banks at which clients pick up an emergency food hamper. The other one-third include soup kitchens, day cares and drop-in programs. A few of the rural food banks on the list usually supply their own needs but receive food from Winnipeg Harvest occasionally.

Last week, Food Banks Canada released HungerCount 2015, which showed 63,791 people received food from an emergency food agency in Manitoba in March. Forty-two per cent were children. Food bank use in Manitoba is now almost 58 per cent higher than before the 2008-09 recession.



Statement by Executive Director:
Study shows true extent of hunger and poverty

Winnipeg Harvest has always said that hunger and poverty can happen to anyone in any neighbourhood in Winnipeg or any part of Manitoba. But even we were astonished by the true extent of hunger and poverty in Manitoba.

We are releasing this constituency list at our conference, *Winnipeg Harvest at 30: Ending the Need for Food Banks*. We have brought together representatives of the agencies Winnipeg Harvest works with and other people in the community to find ways to end the need for food banks.

We never wanted to make it to the 30-year mark. We want to close our doors in a Winnipeg and Manitoba where everyone has enough to eat.

We hope releasing this information today will confront every member of the Manitoba Legislature and every voter with the stark reality that the current system isn't working. We need a new system that treats all Canadians with respect and dignity.

David Northcott
Executive Director, Winnipeg Harvest

Results of study:

Emergency food agencies in Manitoba, by constituency

Constituency	Area	No. of Agencies
1. Point Douglas	Winnipeg	60
2. Logan	Winnipeg	55
3. Wolseley	Winnipeg	32
4. Tyndall Park	Winnipeg	15
5. St. Vital	Winnipeg	11
6. Elmwood	Winnipeg	10
7. Minto	Winnipeg	10
8. Fort Rouge	Winnipeg	9
9. St. Boniface	Winnipeg	7
10. St. Johns	Winnipeg	7
11. Assiniboia	Winnipeg	6
12. Burrows	Winnipeg	6
13. Radisson	Winnipeg	6
14. Riding Mountain	South West	6
15. Concordia	Winnipeg	5
16. Fort Garry- Riverview	Winnipeg	5
17. La Verendrye	South East	5
18. Arthur-Virden	South West	5
19. St. James	Winnipeg	4
20. Dawson Trail	South East	4
21. Lac du Bonnet	South East	3
22. Fort Richmond	Winnipeg	3
23. Interlake	South East	3
24. Riel	Winnipeg	3
25. Selkirk	South East	3
26. Transcona	Winnipeg	3
27. Dauphin	South West	3
28. Flin Flon	North	3
29. Brandon East	South West	2
30. Gimli	South East	2
31. Kirkfield Park	Winnipeg	2
32. Lakeside	South East	2
33. Portage la Prairie	South East	2
34. River East	Winnipeg	2
35. St. Norbert	Winnipeg	2
36. Swan River	South West	2
37. The Pas	North	2
38. Morris	South East	2
39. The Maples	Winnipeg	2
40. Morden-Winkler	South East	2
41. Kewatinook	North	1
42. Kildonan	Winnipeg	1



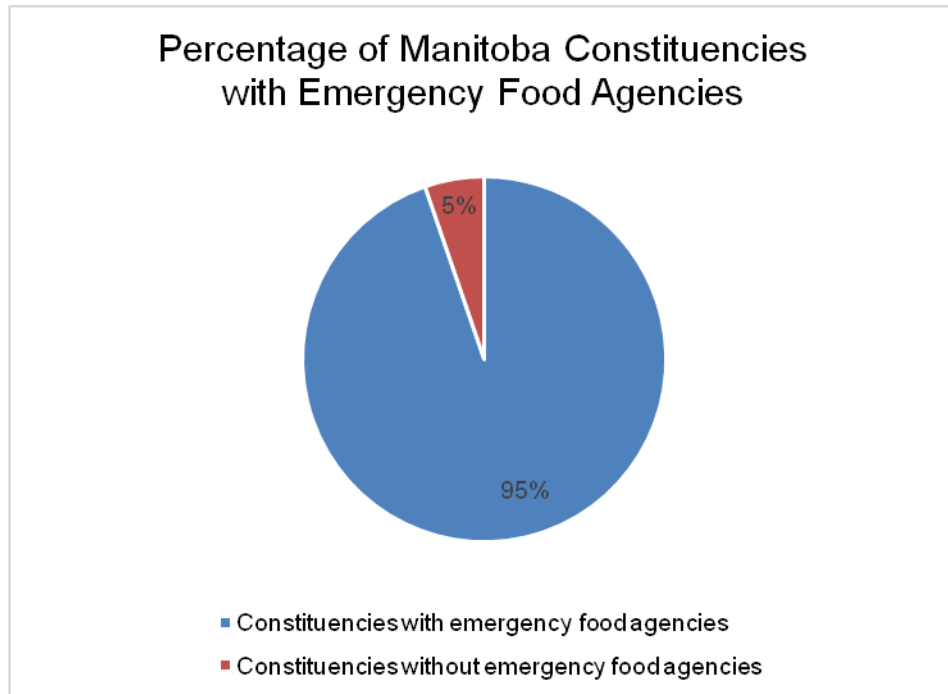
43. Midland	South East	1
44. River Heights	Winnipeg	1
45. Rossmere	Winnipeg	1
46. Charleswood	Winnipeg	1
47. Emerson	South East	1
48. Spruce Woods	South West	1
49. Steinbach	South East	1
50. Thompson	North	1
51. Agassiz	South West	1
52. Southdale	Winnipeg	1
53. Tuxedo	Winnipeg	1
54. St. Paul	Winnipeg	1
Total agencies		330
Seine River	Winnipeg	0 (2 nearby)
Fort Whyte	Winnipeg	0 (2 nearby)
Brandon West	South West	0 (2 nearby)

Analysis of study:

More than 95% of constituencies have emergency food agencies

The Manitoba Legislature has 57 constituencies. There are emergency food agencies in 54 of them. Even the three constituencies that do not have emergency food agencies within their boundaries have at least two agencies nearby in an adjoining constituency.

The percentage of Manitoba constituencies with emergency food agencies is 95 per cent.

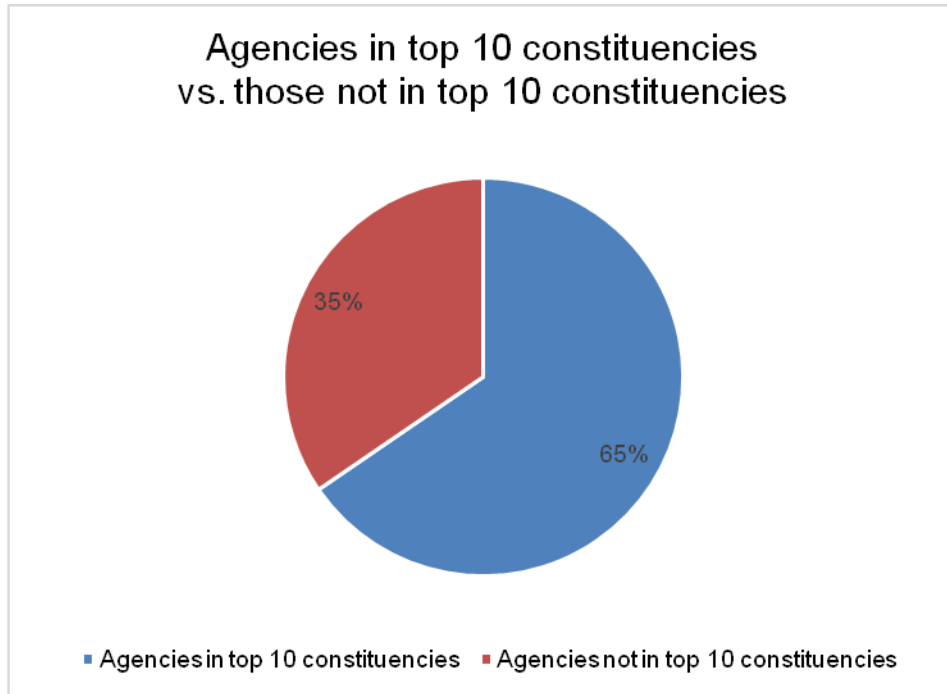


The Top 10 constituencies in Manitoba by number of emergency food agencies:

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10. St. Johns	Winnipeg	7

Number of agencies in top 10 constituencies: 216

Number of agencies not in top 10 constituencies: 114



The chart shows that while 10 constituencies in Winnipeg account for most emergency food agency activity, more than one-third of emergency food agencies are outside those top 10 constituencies.

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