

Measuring Poverty

1. Extreme poverty is defined as living with an income of less than \$1.90 USD per day. 1.3 billion people around the world live in extreme poverty. Could you live on \$1.90 per day? Explain your thinking.

Use textbook pages 72-73 to answer the following questions

2. What does measuring poverty do?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
3. Look at the map on page 72. What is the percent of the population in Canada that is below the poverty line?

4. What regions on this map (p.72) have higher percentages of their population living below the poverty line? Why might this be?

5. Look at the map on the top of page 73. What province/territory has the most food bank use? _____

6. Why do you think this province/territory would have the most food bank use?

Look at the graph on the bottom of page 73 to answer the following questions.

7. What province has the highest child poverty rate?

8. What provinces/territories have child poverty rates below Canada's Poverty Rate (red line)? _____

From the information you have learned, answer the following questions:

9. What is the main purpose of measuring poverty globally?

10. What are some ways you think Canada could potentially decrease its rates of poverty?

11. Why do you think it is important to work towards decreasing rates of poverty globally?