Poverty and Food Insecurity

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Older adults living in social housing in Ontario

Study Participants

806 older adults

living in social housing buildings in Ontario



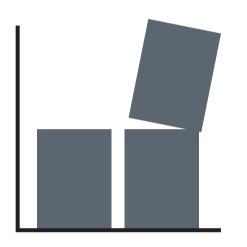
78% live alone



44% have not completed high school



70% are female



People living in social housing face

Double food insecurity rates compared to older adults in the in the general public

People who did report being food secure were still more likely to report poor dietary habits than the general public.



Most eat high-fat or fast food at least once a week

10% eat it more than 3 times per week

Pirrie M, Harrison L, Angeles R, Marzanek F, Ziesmann A, Agarwal G.
Poverty and food insecurity of older adults living in social housing in Ontario: a crosssectional study BMC Public Health (2020) 20:1320



14%
have trouble making ends meet at the end of the

month