# Poverty... THE ONE LINE we want our kids to cross

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**Report Card 10** 

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## Are children falling too far behind?

Too many children in Canada live in poverty. With a 13 percent child poverty rate, Canada ranks higher than the average and places 24<sup>th</sup> of 35 industrialized countries.

Children in Canada are more likely to live in poverty than the overall population.

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It's time to make children our priority.

## Child Poverty Rate 26% Romania (highest) Average\*11%



based on 35 industrialized countries

13% of Canadian children live in poverty

### Canada can do better.

Allowing children to grow up in poverty limits individual potential, reduces economic prosperity and increases social costs for all, such as:



**Courts and social protection** 



Social assistance



Health and hospital services

11% of all Canadians



Canada needs:

- A national strategy to elimin to poverty, with a focus on children
- National Commissioner for Children and Yes alsons to protect the rights of Canada's most vulnerable children.
- Improved child benefits.
- Measures to enable low-income families to keep more income.

Take action!

Join UNICEF Canada to tackle child poverty. Learn about the issues by reading UNICEF Report Card 10: Measuring Child Poverty and ask your MP to put children first.

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