

# 2018 FOOD BANK STATISTICS



WHISTLER COMMUNITY SERVICES SOCIETY



FOOD WAS PICKED UP **2,773** TIMES

**677** TIMES TO KIDS

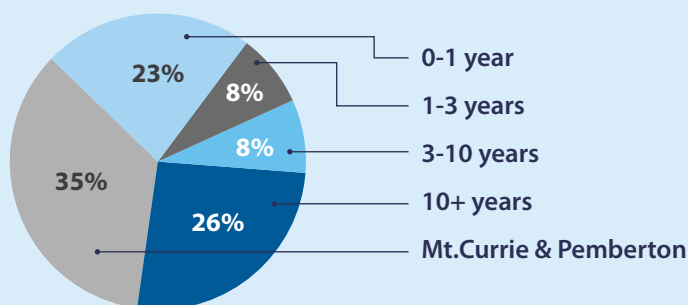


**300 TIMES** PREPACKED BAGS OF FOOD WERE SERVED **OUTSIDE REGULAR FOOD BANK HOURS**

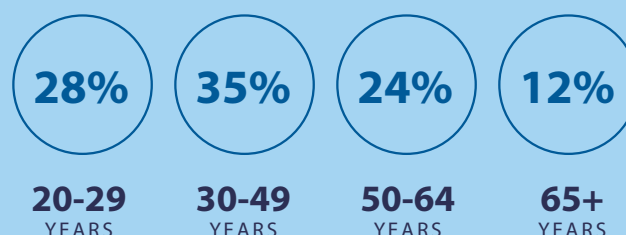
*This has doubled from 2017*

**70% ONLY NEEDED ASSISTANCE 1-3 TIMES**

## Time Lived In Whistler



## Age



## \*Housing

*(Whistler folks only)*



**49%**  
Precariously housed



**29%**  
Renting, but unsure if it is stable



**5%**  
Stable rental situation



**10%**  
Staff housing

\* In Nov 2018 we began to collect information on rental costs as a percentage of income. People who pay less than 30% of their income to housing are considered stable. 30-50% are what we are calling 'relatively unaffordable' - only 4% of folks fit this category. 50% or more of income going to rent is classified as unstable and puts people into the precarious housing situation along with folks who are homeless, living in a vehicle, couch surfing, or staying in a hostel. Rental housing that is very short term or unsafe is also considered precarious. Historically only 1-5% of folks who accessed the food bank cited high cost of living as their reason for need. The dramatic increase in people mentioning cost of living is likely a reflection of the increasing cost of rental housing in the Whistler Community.

## Reason for need per person



**30%**  
Injury or illness



**14%**  
High cost / unexpected expenses / low salary



**13%**  
Unemployed and looking for work



**11%**  
Underemployed

## WHO NEEDS US THE MOST?

The people who use our services on an on-going basis are most often families or those dealing with illness or injury.

The Whistler Community Services Society Food Bank exists to provide assistance to individuals and families who need help. Food banks are a temporary solution for people who are doing all that they can to become self supporting.

For more information visit [MyWCSS.org/FoodBank](http://MyWCSS.org/FoodBank) or call 604-935-7717.