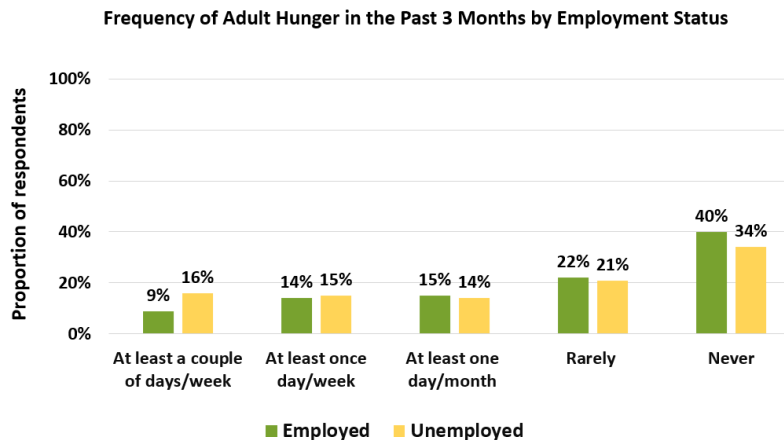


WHO'S HUNGRY 2022 – EMPLOYMENT KEY FINDINGS

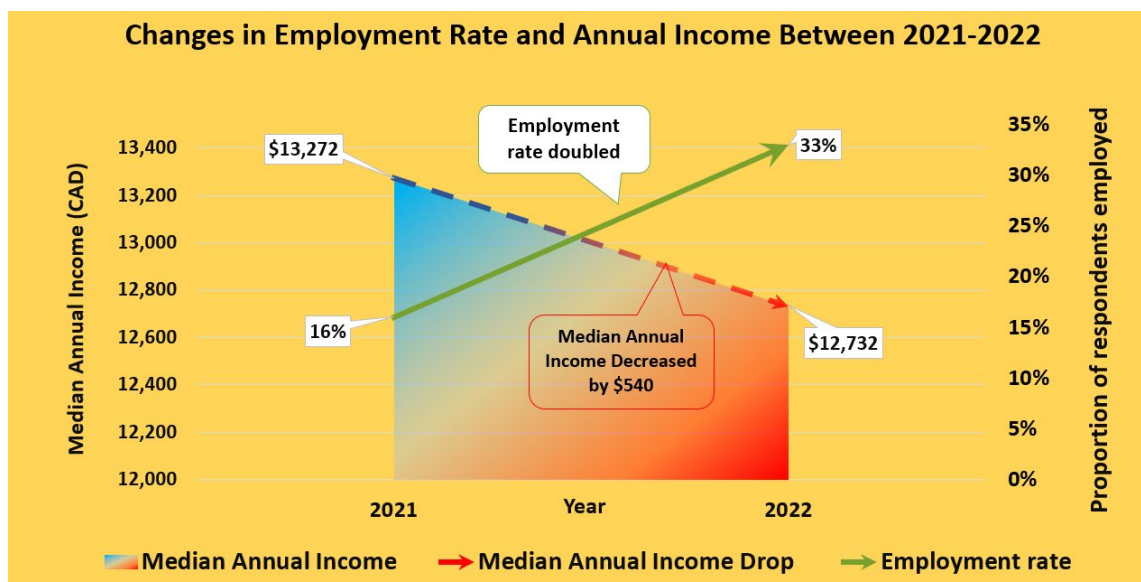
Overall Takeaway: The number of households accessing food banks and yet reporting at least one member being employed has increased sharply. The quality and security of jobs reported by food bank clients are so poor and do not provide enough to cope with the rising cost of living.

Specific Takeaways

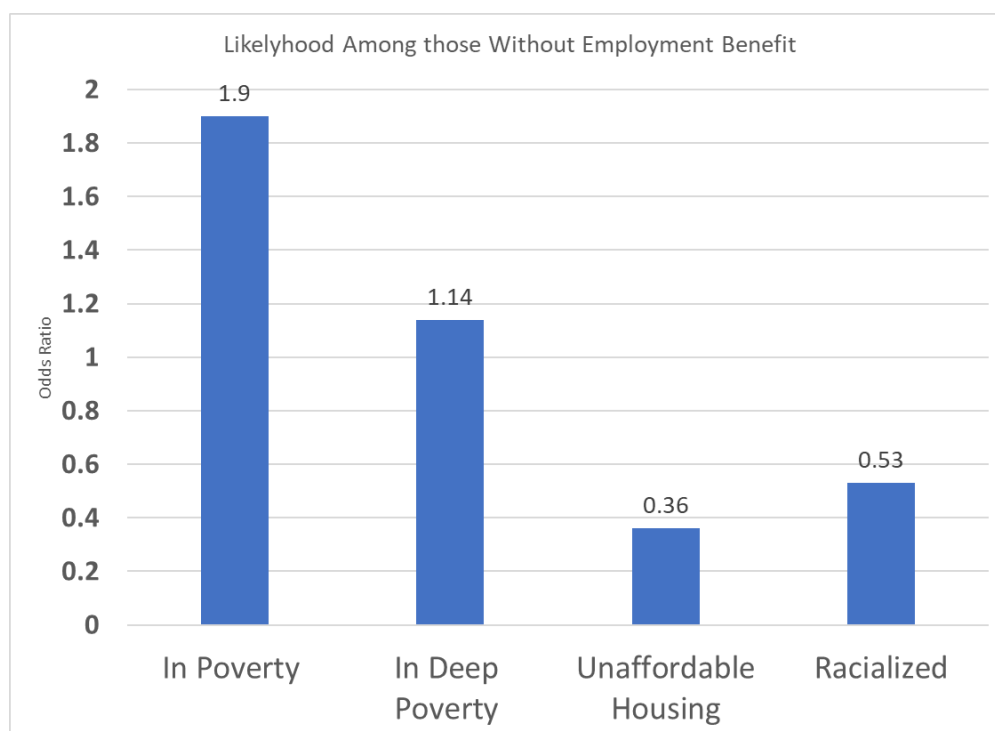
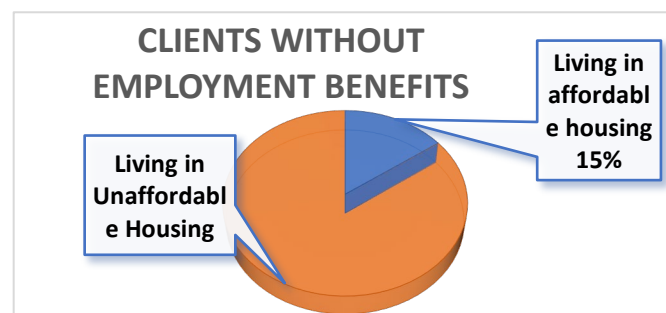
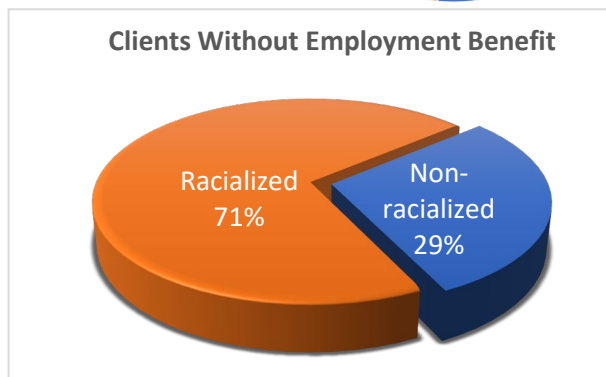
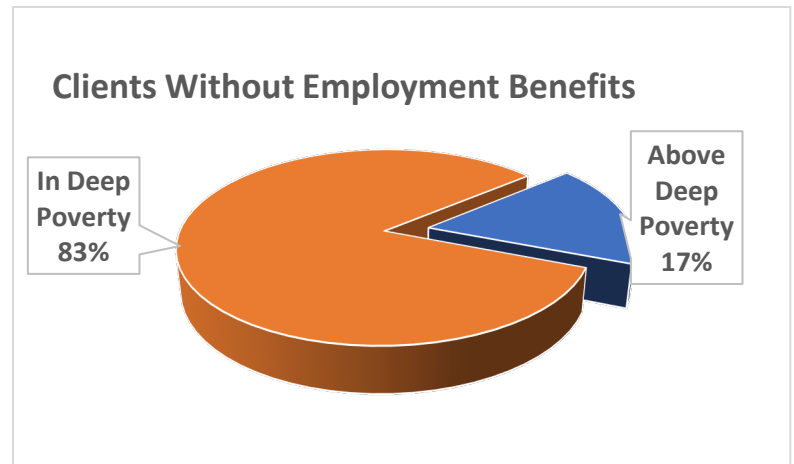
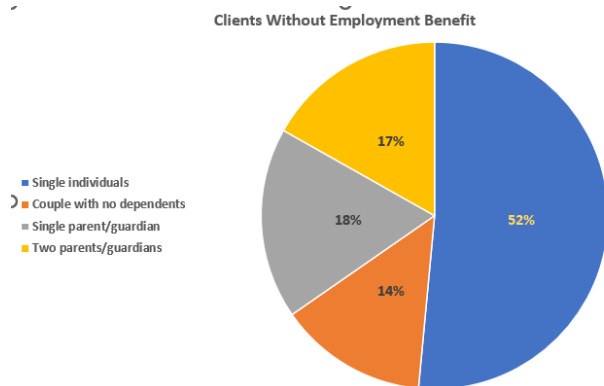
Takeaway #1: Employment does not necessarily serve as a protective measure against food insecurity. The rates of food insecurity among those employed or not are similar.



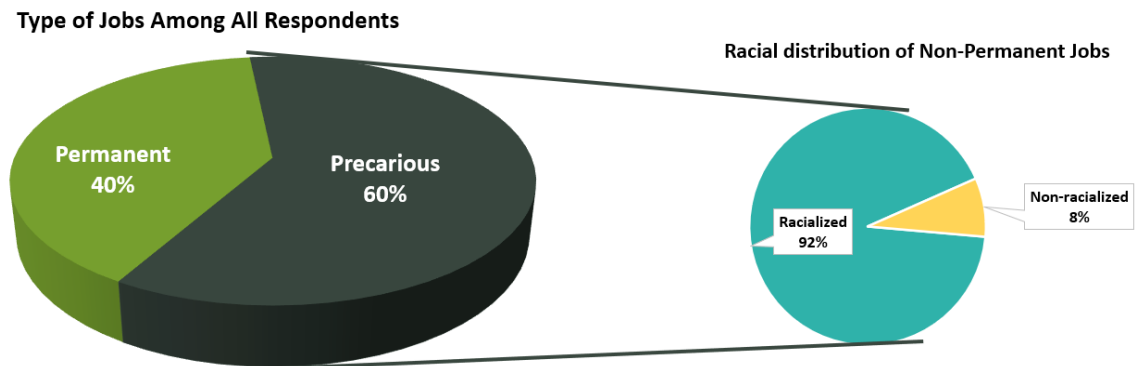
Takeaway #2: Despite rates of employment among food bank clients doubling from 2021 to 2022, the median annual income of food bank clients in 2022 decreased (by \$540 from 2021).



Takeaway #3: Food bank clients without employment benefits face compounding inequities. They are more likely to be racialized single individuals living in unaffordable housing and face higher rates of deep poverty.



Takeaway #4: More than half of food bank clients held precarious (temporary/contract/casual) jobs, of which almost are entirely held by racialized individuals.



System Solutions

We will never be able to achieve the Right to Food and render food banks obsolete until we address the systemic, upstream issues that perpetuate inequities in our communities. So, for people to break free from poverty, we call on our governments to reinstate legislative protections for equal pay for equal work and to introduce portable benefits programs to mitigate the effects of precarious labour; as well as ensure the income security of vulnerable groups such as unattached single adults and end the inadequacy of social assistance rates.

About

In partnership, Daily Bread Food Bank and North York Harvest Food Bank have released *Who's Hungry 2022* – a report profiling hunger in Toronto and examining systems strain. With a wide-reaching network, food banks serve as an early warning sign of the effectiveness of our systems.

Based on client intake data and surveys conducted in the past year, *Who's Hungry 2022* advocates for holistic policy solutions capable of tackling systemic issues that infringe upon the Right to Food, by redesigning systems to unlock the constraints of poverty, so every person can live a life of dignity.

To review the full report and policy recommendations, visit dailybread.ca/whoshungry