

### POVERTY IN NOVA SCOTIA, 1979

- 108,000 persons in families with incomes below Statistics Canada low income cut-offs; 13.9% of Nova Scotia's total population
- 3.8% of total poor in Canada.
- 64% of poor adults in Nova Scotia are women.
- *Poverty by age*

AGE	NUMBER OF POOR	% OF TOTAL POOR	POOR AS A % OF TOTAL IN AGE GROUP
0-17	35,000	32	14.2
18-64	49,000	46	11.6
65+	24,000	22	22.4
		<u>100</u>	

- One-third of poor are children.

- *Poverty by family type*

FAMILY TYPE	NUMBER OF POOR	% OF TOTAL POOR	POOR AS A % OF TOTAL IN FAMILY TYPE
Unattached individuals	32,000	30	38.8
Two-parent families*	41,000	38	9.0
One-parent families*	20,000	18	37.2
Couples/adult families	15,000	14	8.0
		<u>100</u>	

(\*With children under 18)

- 56% of poor are in families with children.