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An in-depth breakdown of the
first nine months of 2020 and
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When an unprecedented wildfire season struck, thousands of British Columbians found themselves without food or shelter.

During the historic wildfire season, the Nicola Valley Food Bank took the lead in community relief efforts, with the help of the Merritt Elks providing their Hall as a temporary

WILDFIRE RESPONSE

base of operations during the crisis. Coordinating relief efforts and the support provided by United Way, Highland Valley Copper, and the South Delta, Lake Country and Vancouver Food Banks, the Nicola Valley Food Bank was able to donate an unprecedented 93,296 pounds of product to evacuees in need, including everything from food and water, to bedding, soaps, tents, propane and more.

This massive undertaking wouldn't have been possible without the outpouring of volunteer effort, as members of the community committed to providing day in and day out service at the Elks Hall location, totalling over one thousand hours of volunteer assistance specifically for the purpose of managing the wildfire relief effort.

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MEET THE VOLUNTEERS

The Nicola Valley Food Bank has had the pleasure of working with the help of several dedicated volunteers from the Nicola Valley area. Residents of the Nicola Valley come together to contribute literally thousands of hours of work sorting, unpacking, and providing food to clients, among other duties.

In 2021, Nicola Valley Food Bank volunteers had their work cut out for them - the historic wildfire season led to round the clock days at the Merritt Elks' Hall gathering and coordinating supplies for the massive influx of Canadians displaced or evacuated.

In addition, participation in important programs and events such as Coldest Night of the Year, an impactful look at homelessness in Canada.

To date, regular operations at the Nicola Valley Food Bank have leveraged 1,403 hours of volunteer effort - but the wildfire relief effort alone totaled an additional 1,053 hours of volunteer commitment.

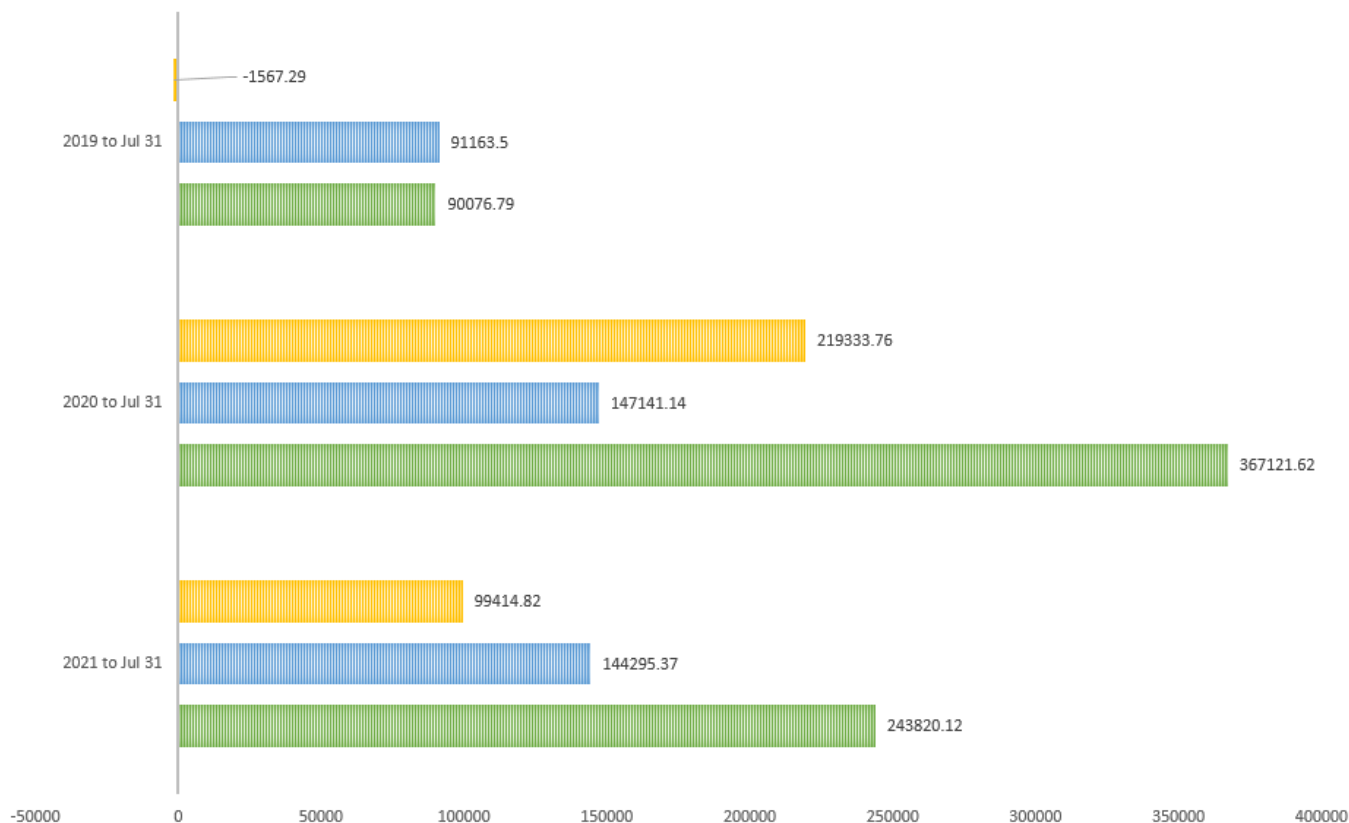


PROFIT AND LOSS

PROFIT & LOSS 2019, 2020, 2021

JANUARY 1 TO JULY 31

Final Loss (Expenses) Profit



The graph above compares profit and loss across a uniform sample period of eight months for 2019, 2020 and 2021.

There's several interesting stories being told in this information but we'll start at the top - the first eight months of 2019 actually reflect a loss of roughly \$1,500 as expenses and profit manage to stay extremely close together. Food banks often operate on pretty tight numbers and this is a good representation of that.

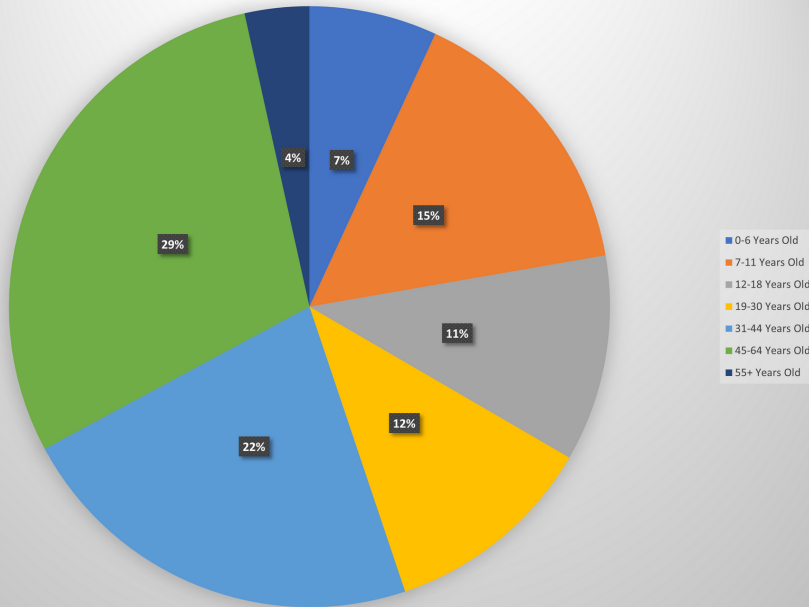
Moving into 2020 we see something very abnormal; due to a spike in donations we see a profit of over \$360,000 that even when applied against the largest expenses bill on the chart leaves behind a final balance more than double that of other years. This is of course thanks to the famous Darius Sam fundraiser that took place in 2020, bringing an unprecedented amount of donations to the Nicola Valley Food Bank.

2021 represents another atypical year to date - expenses remain much higher than previous years due to COVID-19 considerations and profit reflects a higher amount as the Food Bank leverages more grant funding for COVID-19 relief. These numbers don't include the last four months of each year however, and the Christmas season is typically a very impactful one for food banks.

2020-2021 COMPARISON - YEAR TO DATE

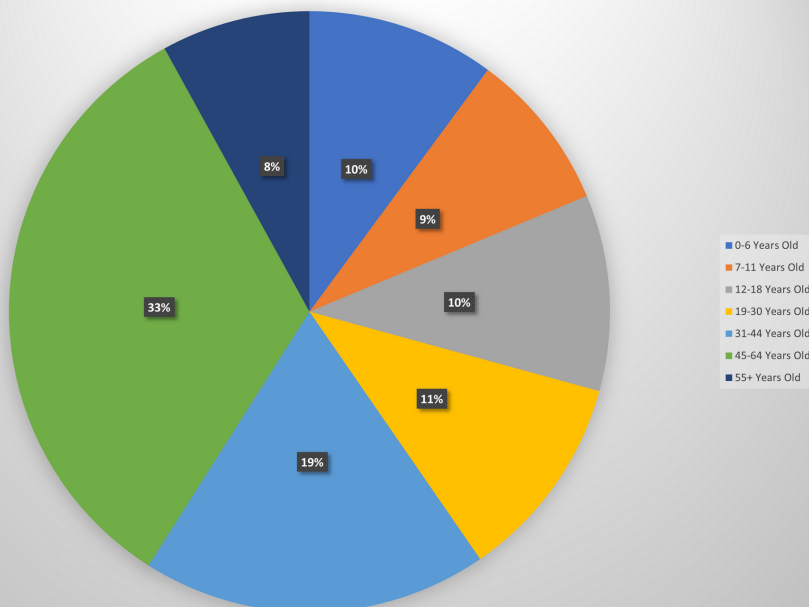
Age Groups Visiting the Nicola Valley Food Bank

Age Groups of Visitors - January to July 31, 2020



These two graphs compare both 2020 and 2021's visitor numbers broken down by age group, during an equal timeframe. One important thing to note is the impact of the pandemic on 2020's graph - this timeframe for 2020 records over 2,000 more visitors than the same frame for 2021, and the vast majority of these 2,000 additional visitors were in the typically less dominant 18 and younger groups, as well as the working age 31-44 group, which had seen the largest spike of all the groups measured.

Age Groups of Visitors - January to July 31, 2021



2021 appears to represent a return to normal, but attendance among seniors has actually risen significantly this year over previous, and seems to be continuing to climb. In addition, none of the youth age groups have dropped below pre-COVID levels, indicating that several Nicola Valley families are experiencing hardships in the new year.

These numbers will be affected significantly by the upcoming holidays - while there is no off-season for hardship, cold weather and rising utility bills make keeping up difficult for many Valley residents that struggle with intermittent food insecurity.



THANK YOU

2021 was another immensely eventful year for the Nicola Valley Food Bank - and it made the organization more aware than ever of the extensive family of partners, volunteers, supporters and friends that the Food Bank has found here in the Valley. Without the tens of thousands of dollars of relief effort funding graciously provided by partners like United Way, Highland

Valley Copper, and even our fellow Food Banks, as well as the generous donations of time, energy and funding by members of the public, this year would have been an insurmountable challenge. Amidst the myriad new challenges of the past few years, we've been unbelievably lucky to experience these moments of community during hardship, from the

extraordinary Darius Sam Fundraiser to the massive efforts made during this wildfire season, and even regular attendance for programs like community bingo, the Nicola Valley Food Bank wants to extend a sincere thank you to the people that allow us to do what we do!

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Nicola Valley Food Bank Annual Performance Report (October 7, 2021)

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