

Low income statistics by age and economic family type (x1,000) ^{1 2 3}

Number of persons

Canada, Provinces

Annual, 2015 - 2021

Geography	Persons in low income	Market basket measure, 2018 base ^{4 5}						
		Number of persons in low income (x1,000)						
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Canada ⁶	All persons	5,044	4,552	4,260	4,065	3,793	2,357	2,762
	Persons under 18 years	1,115	965	818	744	665	333	462
	Persons 18 to 64 years	3,535	3,180	3,077	2,952	2,760	1,817	1,917
	Persons 65 years and over	394	406	365	369	369	207	383
	Persons in economic families ⁷	3,200	2,783	2,557	2,308	2,144	1,055	1,377
	Persons not in an economic family	1,844	1,768	1,703	1,757	1,649	1,301	1,385
Newfoundland and Labrador	All persons	68	64	59	59	58	36	42
	Persons under 18 years	14	12	10	10	13	7	8
	Persons 18 to 64 years	46	44	41	44	38	25	28
	Persons 65 years and over	8	8	7	5	7	4	6
	Persons in economic families ⁷	40	41	30	37	38	23	25
	Persons not in an economic family	28	23	28	22	20	13	16
Prince Edward Island	All persons	22	20	23	20	19	12	12
	Persons under 18 years	5	5	5	4	4	2	F
	Persons 18 to 64 years	14	13	15	14	13	8	9
	Persons 65 years and over	3	2	3	3	2	1	2
	Persons in economic families ⁷	14	13	14	11	11	6	6
	Persons not in an economic family	8	7	9	9	8	6	6
Nova Scotia	All persons	153	150	140	129	113	74	83
	Persons under 18 years	33	32	32	26	18	9	10
	Persons 18 to 64 years	102	104	95	87	80	55	53
	Persons 65 years and over	18	14	13	17	16	9	19
	Persons in economic families ⁷	89	91	84	71	59	33	35
	Persons not in an economic family	63	60	56	58	54	41	47
New Brunswick	All persons	119	103	94	81	75	58	51
	Persons under 18 years	26	22	21	16	17	8	10
	Persons 18 to 64 years	77	66	64	56	48	41	32
	Persons 65 years and over	16	14	10	9	10	9	10
	Persons in economic families ⁷	75	59	58	42	42	28	23
	Persons not in an economic family	44	43	36	39	33	30	28
Quebec	All persons	1,088	888	893	816	748	407	439
	Persons under 18 years	210	166	160	119	99	36	48
	Persons 18 to 64 years	784	618	644	611	563	333	307
	Persons 65 years and over	94	104	88	87	85	37	83
	Persons in economic families ⁷	639	475	506	418	353	132	165
	Persons not in an economic family	449	414	386	399	394	275	274
Ontario	All persons	2,044	1,878	1,721	1,676	1,574	988	1,131
	Persons under 18 years	483	410	332	327	314	153	190
	Persons 18 to 64 years	1,431	1,321	1,262	1,214	1,112	752	807
	Persons 65 years and over	129	147	128	135	148	83	134
	Persons in economic families ⁷	1,370	1,218	1,070	1,009	978	465	594
	Persons not in an economic family	674	660	651	668	596	524	536
Manitoba	All persons	171	153	141	142	148	87	115
	Persons under 18 years	52	43	36	37	39	17	28
	Persons 18 to 64 years	108	101	95	93	98	65	74
	Persons 65 years and over	11	9	10	12	11	5	12
	Persons in economic families ⁷	121	106	89	88	91	51	67
	Persons not in an economic family	49	47	52	53	57	37	47
Saskatchewan	All persons	129	118	129	118	131	74	101
	Persons under 18 years	39	30	35	29	32	17	22
	Persons 18 to 64 years	80	77	84	81	89	52	69
	Persons 65 years and over	9	11	9	8	10	5	10
	Persons in economic families ⁷	86	75	84	74	81	39	59
	Persons not in an economic family	43	43	45	44	50	35	41

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Alberta	All persons	382	416	355	372	332	240	342
	Persons under 18 years	112	100	73	83	66	41	74
	Persons 18 to 64 years	257	296	267	271	246	182	231
	Persons 65 years and over	14	21	15	18	20	18	37
	Persons in economic families ⁷	261	276	228	226	203	122	185
	Persons not in an economic family	122	141	126	147	129	118	157
British Columbia	All persons	868	760	706	651	596	382	447
	Persons under 18 years	140	147	114	95	62	43	70
	Persons 18 to 64 years	636	539	510	482	474	304	307
	Persons 65 years and over	91	75	82	75	59	36	70
	Persons in economic families ⁷	504	429	394	333	288	159	216
	Persons not in an economic family	364	331	313	318	307	223	231

Symbol legend:

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Corrections:

On February 24, 2020, estimates of Quebec and Canada after-tax income for 2017 were corrected, leading to a revision of the low income measure (LIM) after-tax thresholds for 2017. As a result, LIM estimates were revised for all geographies, while Market Basket Measure (MBM) and after-tax low income cut-off (LICO) estimates were revised for Quebec, Canada and Quebec census metropolitan areas.

Footnotes:

¹ For information on data quality indicators, please see:

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=1110013501>

² Estimates are based on data from the following surveys: the Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF) from 1976 to 1992, a combination of the SCF and the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics (SLID) from 1993 to 1997, the SLID from 1998 to 2011 and the Canadian Income Survey (CIS) beginning in 2012. For more information, see Statistics Canada, 2015, "Revisions to 2006 to 2011 income data", Income Research Paper Series, Cat. no. 75F0002MIE - No. 003. Also, two previous revisions of income data are described in Cotton, Cathy, 2000, "Bridging Two Surveys: An Integrated Series of Income Data from SCF and SLID 1989-1997", Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 75F0002MIE - No. 002, and Lathe, Heather, 2005, "Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics: 2003 Historical Revision", Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 75F0002MIE - No. 009.

³ Estimates from the Survey of Consumer Finances include income data for persons aged 15 years and over. Estimates from the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics and the Canadian Income Survey include income data for persons aged 16 years and over.

⁴ The Market Basket Measure (MBM) is based on the cost of a specific basket of goods and services representing a modest, basic standard of living. It includes the costs of food, clothing, shelter, transportation and other items for a reference family. These costs are compared to the disposable income of families to determine whether or not they fall below the poverty line.

⁵ Changes were made to the Market Basket Measure series. For more information, please consult the document Report on the second comprehensive review of the Market Basket Measure.

⁶ Estimates for Canada do not include the territories.

⁷ An economic family refers to a group of two or more persons who live in the same dwelling and are related to each other by blood, marriage, common-law, adoption or a foster relationship.

Source: Centre for Income and Socioeconomic Well-being Statistics, Statistics Canada, Table 11-10-0135-01