

APPENDIX A

ONTARIO WORKS AND ODSP RATES 2003-2016

Appendix A: Current Maximum Welfare Rates in Ontario

Household Size	Basic Needs Allowance (\$)	Shelter Allowance (\$)	Total (\$)
Single	195.00	325.00	520.00
Two Adults	390.00	511.00	901.00
One Adult/One Child (12yrs and younger)	446.00	511.00	957.00
One Adult/One Child (13yrs and older)	486.00	511.00	997.00
One Adult/Two Children (12yrs and younger)	532.00	554.00	1,086.00
One Adult/Two Children (13yrs and older)	608.00	554.00	1,162.00
One Adult/Three Children (12 yrs and younger)	632.00	602.00	1,234.00
One Adult/Three Children (13yrs and older)	744.00	602.00	1,346.00
Two Adults/One Child (12yrs and younger)	476.00	554.00	1,030.00
Two Adults/One Child (13yrs and older)	512.00	554.00	1,066.00
Two Adults/Two Children (12yrs and younger)	576.00	602.00	1,178.00
Two Adults/Two Children (13yrs and older)	648.00	602.00	1,250.00
Two Adults/Three Children (12yrs and younger)	676.00	649.00	1,325.00
Two Adults/Three Children (13yrs and older)	784.00	649.00	1,433.00

Source: urban Centre- university of Toronto

<http://www.urbancentre.utoronto.ca/pdfs/curp/CCPATargeting.pdf>

2004/2005

Table 3
New Maximum Monthly OW Rates* for Selected Case Types
Effective March 2005

	Current Maximum Monthly Rate	New Maximum Monthly Rate**	Increase To Maximum Monthly Rate
Single employable	\$ 520	\$ 536	\$16
Sole support parent with 1 child under 12	\$ 957	\$ 987	\$30
Couple with 2 children under 12	\$1,178	\$1,215	\$37
Boarders (single person)	\$ 407	\$ 420	\$13
Temporary Care Assistance (1 child)	\$ 214	\$ 221	\$ 7
Pregnancy Nutritional Allowance ***	A flat \$40.00 per month payment (\$50.00 for non-dairy) from confirmation of pregnancy		

* Amount that recipients receive per month depends on actual shelter costs and deductions for other income.

** Increased amount may exceed 3% due to rounding of each component – basic needs and shelter allowance.

*** Pregnancy Nutritional Allowance increased in 2004

Table 4
New Maximum Monthly ODSP Rates* for Selected Case Types
Effective February 2005

Maximum Monthly ODSP Rates* Effective February 2005			
	Current Maximum Monthly Rate	New Maximum Monthly Rate**	Increase To Maximum Monthly Rate
Single disabled	\$ 930	\$ 959	\$29
Sole support parent with 1 child under 12	\$1,424	\$1,468	\$44
Couple with 2 children under 12	\$1,770	\$1,825	\$55
Boarders (single person)	\$ 708	\$ 730	\$22
ACSD***	\$ 375	\$ 400	\$25

3% increase to OW and ODSP rates

Source: Community Services and Housing Committee

<http://archives.york.ca/councilcommitteearchives/pdf/rpt%207%20cls%204-36.pdf>

FACT SHEET

Social assistance rates

Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit levels (monthly)

OW Case Type	Current Basic Needs	Current Maximum Shelter	Current Total	Basic Needs w/ 2% Increase ¹	Maximum Shelter w/ 2% Increase	Total w/ 2% Increase
Single	\$201	\$335	\$536	\$205	\$342	\$547
Couple	\$402	\$527	\$929	\$410	\$538	\$948
Single Parent + 1 Child*	\$460	\$527	\$987	\$469	\$538	\$1,007
Couple + 1 Child*	\$590	\$571	\$1,161	\$602	\$582	\$1,184
ODSP Case Type						
Single Disabled	\$491	\$571	\$1,062	\$501	\$582	\$1,083
Single Disabled Parent + 1 Child*	\$796	\$672	\$1,468	\$812	\$685	\$1,497
Single Disabled Parent + 2 Children**	\$961	\$729	\$1,690	\$980	\$744	\$1,724
Disabled + Spouse	\$788	\$672	\$1,460	\$804	\$685	\$1,489
Disabled + Spouse + 1 Child**	\$902	\$729	\$1,631	\$920	\$744	\$1,664

*Child under 17

Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter rates have been increased by 2%.

Source: Income Security Advocacy Centre

Social assistance rates
(new rates effective November, 2007)

Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
benefit levels (monthly)

OW Case Type	Current Basic Needs	Current Maximum Shelter	Current Total	Basic Needs w/ 2% increase ¹	Maximum Shelter w/ 2% increase	Total w/ 2% Increase ²
Single	\$206	\$342	\$548	\$211	\$349	\$560
Couple	\$411	\$538	\$949	\$420	\$549	\$969
Single Parent + 1 Child*	\$470	\$538	\$1008	\$480	\$549	\$1029
Single Parent + 2 children**	\$602	\$583	\$1,185	\$615	\$595	\$1,210
Couple +1 Child *	\$501	\$583	\$1,084	\$512	\$595	\$1,107
ODSP Case Type						
Single Disabled	\$543	\$436	\$979	\$554	\$445	\$999
Single Disabled Parent + 1 Child*	\$812	\$686	\$1,498	\$829	\$700	\$1,529
Single Disabled Parent + 2 Children**	\$981	\$744	\$1,725	\$1001	\$759	\$1,760
Disabled + Spouse	\$804	\$686	\$1,490	\$821	\$700	\$1,521
Disabled + Spouse + 1 Child*	\$921	\$744	\$1,665	\$940	\$759	\$1,699

*Child under 12 years of age.

Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter rates have been increased by 2%.

Source: Income Security Advocacy Centre

FACT SHEET: 2% Rate Increase

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Social Assistance Rates new rates effective November / December 2008

The table below shows current and new monthly Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit rate amounts. The increases will appear on ODSP cheques received in November and OW cheques received in December, 2008.

OW Case Type	Current Basic Needs	Current Maximum Shelter	Current Total	New Basic Needs (2% increase)	New Maximum Shelter (2% increase)	New Total (2% Increase)
Single	\$211	\$349	\$560	\$216	\$356	\$572
Couple	\$420	\$549	\$969	\$429	\$560	\$989
Single Parent + 1 Child*	\$355	\$549	\$904	\$360	\$560	\$920
Single Parent + 2 children**	\$372	\$595	\$967	\$377	\$607	\$984
Couple +1 Child *	\$420	\$595	\$1,015	\$429	\$607	\$1,036
ODSP Case Type						
Single	\$554	\$445	\$999	\$566	\$454	\$1,020
Couple	\$821	\$700	\$1,521	\$838	\$714	\$1,552
Single Parent + 1 Child*	\$697	\$700	\$1,397	\$709	\$714	\$1,423
Single Parent + 2 children**	\$756	\$759	\$1,515	\$768	\$775	\$1,543
Couple + 1 Child*	\$821	\$759	\$1,580	\$838	\$775	\$1,613

Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter rates have been increased by 2%.

Source: Income Security Advocacy Centre

2008/2009

OW Case Type	Current Basic Needs	Current Max Shelter	Current Max OCB	Current Total	New Basic Needs	New Max Shelter	New Max OCB	New Total
Single	\$216	\$356	\$0	\$572	\$221	\$364	\$0	\$585
Couple	\$429	\$560	\$0	\$989	\$438	\$572	\$0	\$1,010
Single Parent + 1 Child ¹	\$336	\$560	\$92	\$988	\$341	\$572	\$92	\$1,005
Single Parent + 2 children ²	\$336	\$607	\$184	\$1,127	\$341	\$620	\$184	\$1,145
Couple + 1 Child ¹	\$429	\$607	\$92	\$1,128	\$438	\$620	\$92	\$1,150
ODSP Case Type								
Single	\$566	\$454	\$0	\$1,020	\$578	\$464	\$0	\$1,042
Couple	\$838	\$714	\$0	\$1,552	\$855	\$729	\$0	\$1,584
Single Parent + 1 Child ¹	\$709	\$714	\$92	\$1,515	\$721	\$729	\$92	\$1,542
Single Parent + 2 children ²	\$727	\$775	\$184	\$1,686	\$739	\$791	\$184	\$1,714
Couple + 1 Child ¹	\$838	\$775	\$92	\$1,705	\$855	\$791	\$92	\$1,738

Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter rates have been increased by 2%.

Source: Income Security Advocacy Centre

2009/2010

Case Type	Before Nov / Dec 2010				After Nov / Dec 2010				
	OW	Basic Needs	Max Shelter	Max OCB	Current Total	Basic Needs	Max Shelter	Max OCB	New Total
Single		\$221	\$364	\$0	\$585	\$224	\$368	\$0	\$592
Couple		\$438	\$572	\$0	\$1,010	\$443	\$578	\$0	\$1,021
Single Parent + 1 child ¹		\$341	\$572	\$92	\$1,005	\$344	\$578	\$92	\$1,014
Single Parent + 2 children ¹		\$341	\$620	\$184	\$1,145	\$344	\$627	\$184	\$1,155
Couple +1 child ¹		\$438	\$620	\$92	\$1,150	\$443	\$627	\$92	\$1,162
ODSP									
Single		\$578	\$464	\$0	\$1,042	\$584	\$469	\$0	\$1,053
Couple		\$855	\$729	\$0	\$1,584	\$864	\$737	\$0	\$1,601
Single Parent + 1 child ²		\$721	\$729	\$92	\$1,542	\$727	\$737	\$92	\$1,556
Single Parent + 2 children ³		\$739	\$791	\$184	\$1,714	\$745	\$799	\$184	\$1,728
Couple + 1 child ²		\$855	\$791	\$92	\$1,738	\$864	\$799	\$92	\$1,755

Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter rates have been increased by 1%.

Source: Income Security Advocacy Centre

2011

Case Type	Before Nov / Dec 2011				After Nov / Dec 2011				
	OW	Basic Needs	Max Shelter	Max OCB	Current Total	Basic Needs	Max Shelter	Max OCB	New Total
Single		\$224	\$368	\$0	\$592	\$227	\$372	\$0	\$599
Couple		\$443	\$578	\$0	\$1,021	\$448	\$584	\$0	\$1,032
Single Parent + 1 child ¹		\$344	\$578	\$92	\$1,014	\$347	\$584	\$92	\$1,023
Single Parent + 2 children ¹		\$344	\$627	\$184	\$1,155	\$347	\$634	\$184	\$1,165
Couple +1 child ¹		\$443	\$627	\$92	\$1,162	\$448	\$634	\$92	\$1,174
ODSP									
Single		\$584	\$469	\$0	\$1,053	\$590	\$474	\$0	\$1,064
Couple ²		\$864	\$737	\$0	\$1,601	\$873	\$745	\$0	\$1,618
Single Parent + 1 child ³		\$727	\$737	\$92	\$1,556	\$733	\$745	\$92	\$1,570
Single Parent + 2 children ⁴		\$745	\$799	\$184	\$1,728	\$751	\$807	\$184	\$1,742
Couple ² + 1 child ³		\$864	\$799	\$92	\$1,755	\$873	\$807	\$92	\$1,772

Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter rates have been increased by 1%.

Source: Income Security Advocacy Centre

2012

Case Type	Before Nov / Dec 2012				After Nov / Dec 2012			
	Basic Needs	Max Shelter	Max OCB	Total	Basic Needs	Max Shelter	Max OCB	Total
Single	\$227	\$372	\$0	\$599	\$230	\$376	\$0	\$606
Couple	\$448	\$584	\$0	\$1032	\$453	\$590	\$0	\$1043
Single Parent + 1 child ¹	\$347	\$584	\$92	\$1023	\$350	\$590	\$92	\$1032
Single Parent + 2 children ¹	\$347	\$634	\$184	\$1165	\$350	\$641	\$184	\$1175
Couple +1 child ¹	\$448	\$634	\$92	\$1174	\$453	\$641	\$92	\$1186
ODSP								
Single	\$590	\$474	\$0	\$1064	\$596	\$479	\$0	\$1075
Couple ²	\$873	\$745	\$0	\$1618	\$882	\$753	\$0	\$1635
Single Parent + 1 child ³	\$733	\$745	\$92	\$1570	\$739	\$753	\$92	\$1584
Single Parent + 2 children ⁴	\$751	\$807	\$184	\$1742	\$757	\$816	\$184	\$1757
Couple ² + 1 child ³	\$873	\$807	\$92	\$1772	\$882	\$816	\$92	\$1790

Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter rates have been increased by 1%.

Source: Income Security Advocacy Centre

2013

Current Monthly Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter Rates and Ontario Child Benefit (OCB) amounts for select OW family types				
	Basic Needs	Max Shelter	OCB	Total
Single	\$250	\$376	\$0	\$626
Single Parent 1 child under 13	\$344	\$596	\$101	\$1,041
Single Parent - 1 child 13-17	\$344	\$596	\$101	\$1,041
Single Parent - 2 children under 13	\$344	\$648	\$202	\$1,194
Single Parent - 2 children (one under 13 and one over 13)	\$344	\$648	\$202	\$1,194
Single Parent - 2 children 13-17	\$344	\$648	\$202	\$1,194
Couple	\$458	\$596	\$0	\$1,054
Couple - 1 child under 13	\$458	\$648	\$101	\$1,207
Couple - 1 child (13-17)	\$458	\$648	\$101	\$1,207
Couple - 2 children under 13	\$458	\$702	\$202	\$1,362
Couple - 2 children (under/over)	\$458	\$702	\$202	\$1,362
Couple - 2 children 13-17	\$458	\$702	\$202	\$1,362

- OW rates were increased by 1% starting October 1, 2013.
- Single people on OW received an additional increase of \$14 / month in Basic Needs, bringing the total monthly increase to \$20 / month.
- Single parents on OW only received a 1% increase on what the government calls the “adult portion” of their Basic Needs allowance but not on the “single parent supplement”, as well as a 1% increase to the maximum Shelter allowance.

Current Monthly Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter Rates and Ontario Child Benefit (OCB) amounts for select ODSP family types				
	Basic Needs	Max Shelter	OCB	Total
Single	\$607	\$479	\$0	\$1,086
Single Parent - 1 child under 13	\$750	\$753	\$101	\$1,604
Single Parent -1 child 13-17	\$759	\$753	\$101	\$1,613
Single Parent - 2 children under 13	\$750	\$816	\$202	\$1,768
Single Parent -2 children (under/over)	\$759	\$816	\$202	\$1,777
Single Parent - 2 children both 13-17	\$768	\$816	\$202	\$1,786
Couple - 1 with a disability	\$893	\$753	\$0	\$1,646
Couple - 1 with a disability - 1 child under 13	\$893	\$816	\$101	\$1,810
Couple - 1 with a disability - 1 child 13-17	\$902	\$816	\$101	\$1,819
Couple - 1 with a disability - 2 children under 13	\$893	\$886	\$202	\$1,981
Couple - 1 with a disability - 2 children (under/over)	\$902	\$886	\$202	\$1,990
Couple - 1 with a disability - 2 children 13-17	\$911	\$886	\$202	\$1,999
Couple - both have a disability	\$1,211	\$753	\$0	\$1,964
Couple - both have a disability - 1 child under 13	\$1,211	\$816	\$101	\$2,128
Couple - both have a disability - 1 child 13-17	\$1,220	\$816	\$101	\$2,137
Couple - both have a disability - 2 children under 13	\$1,211	\$886	\$202	\$2,299
Couple - both have a disability - 2 children (under/over)	\$1,220	\$886	\$202	\$2,808
Couple - both have a disability - 2 children 13-17	\$1,229	\$886	\$202	\$2,317

Source: Income Security Advocacy Centre

2014

Case Type	Current				After Sept 30 / Oct 1, 2014				
	OW	Basic Needs	Max ¹ Shelter	OCB	Total	Basic Needs	Max ¹ Shelter	OCB	Total
Single		\$250	\$376	\$0	\$626	\$280	\$376	\$0	\$656
Single Parent 1 child under 18		\$336	\$596	\$109	\$1,041	\$339	\$602	\$109	\$1,050
Single Parent 2 children under 18		\$336	\$648	\$218	\$1,202	\$339	\$655	\$218	\$1,212
Couple		\$458	\$596	\$0	\$1,054	\$463	\$602	\$0	\$1,065
Couple 1 child under 18		\$458	\$648	\$109	\$1,215	\$463	\$655	\$109	\$1,227
Couple 2 children under 18		\$458	\$702	\$218	\$1,378	\$463	\$710	\$218	\$1,391
ODSP									
Single		\$607	\$479	\$0	\$1,086	\$619	\$479	\$0	\$1,098
Single Parent 1 child under 13		\$750	\$753	\$109	\$1,612	\$762	\$753	\$109	\$1,624
Single Parent 1 child 13-17		\$751	\$753	\$109	\$1,613	\$763	\$753	\$109	\$1,625
Single Parent 2 children under 13		\$750	\$816	\$218	\$1,784	\$762	\$816	\$218	\$1,796
Single Parent 2 children (under/over)		\$751	\$816	\$218	\$1,785	\$763	\$816	\$218	\$1,797
Single Parent 2 children both 13-17		\$752	\$816	\$218	\$1,786	\$764	\$816	\$218	\$1,798
Couple ²		\$893	\$753	\$0	\$1,646	\$905	\$753	\$0	\$1,658
Couple 1 child under 13		\$893	\$816	\$109	\$1,818	\$905	\$816	\$109	\$1,830
Couple 1 child 13-17		\$894	\$816	\$109	\$1,819	\$906	\$816	\$109	\$1,831
Couple 2 children under 13		\$893	\$886	\$218	\$1,997	\$905	\$886	\$218	\$2,009
Couple 2 children (under/over)		\$894	\$886	\$218	\$1,998	\$906	\$886	\$218	\$2,010
Couple 2 children both 13-17		\$895	\$886	\$218	\$1,999	\$907	\$886	\$218	\$2,011

Single people receiving Ontario Works, whose rates are lowest, will get an additional \$30 per month. This increase will be provided on the Basic Needs side of their cheque, which means that all single people on OW will receive the \$30 even if their actual housing charges are lower than the Maximum Shelter amount.

For others on OW (single people with children, couples, and couples with children), a 1% increase will be applied to both the Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter amounts. The increase to OW benefits will appear on the October 1 cheque.

People with disabilities on ODSP will get slightly more than a 1% increase, applied to the Basic Needs amount. However, like last year, there will be no increase in amounts intended to support their family members. This means that everyone receiving ODSP will get a \$12 increase on the Basic Needs side of their cheque, regardless of the size or makeup of their family. The increase to ODSP benefits will appear on the September 30 cheque.

Source: Income Security Advocacy Centre

2015

Family Type	Current				After Oct / Nov 2015				
	OW	Basic Needs	Max ¹ Shelter	OCB	Total	Basic Needs	Max ¹ Shelter	OCB	Total
Single		\$280	\$376	\$0	\$656	\$305	\$376	\$0	\$681
Single Parent 1 child		\$339	\$602	\$111	\$1,052	\$342	\$609	\$111	\$1,062
Single Parent 2 children		\$339	\$655	\$222	\$1,216	\$342	\$662	\$222	\$1,226
Couple		\$463	\$602	\$0	\$1,065	\$468	\$609	\$0	\$1,077
Couple 1 child		\$463	\$655	\$111	\$1,229	\$468	\$662	\$111	\$1,241
Couple 2 children		\$463	\$710	\$222	\$1,395	\$468	\$718	\$222	\$1,408
ODSP									
Single		\$619	\$479	\$0	\$1,098	\$631	\$479	\$0	\$1,110
Single Parent 1 child		\$762	\$753	\$111	\$1,626	\$774	\$753	\$111	\$1,638
Single Parent 2 children		\$762	\$816	\$222	\$1,800	\$774	\$816	\$222	\$1,812
Couple ²		\$905	\$753	\$0	\$1,658	\$917	\$753	\$0	\$1,670
Couple 1 child		\$905	\$816	\$111	\$1,832	\$917	\$816	\$111	\$1,844
Couple 2 children		\$905	\$886	\$222	\$2,013	\$917	\$886	\$222	\$2,025

There is no longer a difference in the amounts of money that people on ODSP with children under 18 get depending on the age of their children. This is because of changes made to certain Basic Needs rates when the Ontario Child Benefit recently increased. In July 2015, the provincial government increased the OCB by \$2 per month per child, to the current amount of \$111 per month per child. At the same time, they removed \$1 per month from the Basic Needs amounts given to families on ODSP who have children aged 13-17.

Single people receiving Ontario Works, whose rates are the lowest, will get an additional \$25 per month. This is a 3.8% increase. The \$25 will be added onto the Basic Needs side of their cheque. As a result, all single people on OW will get the full benefit of the \$25 even if their actual housing charges are lower than the Maximum Shelter amount.

Others on OW – single people with children, couples, and couples with children – will get a 1% increase. The increase is added to both the Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter amounts.

Single people with disabilities on ODSP will get an additional \$12 per month, which is slightly more than a 1% increase. However, like last year and the year before, people with families will not receive an increase in amounts intended to support their family members. This means that everyone on ODSP will

get the same \$12 increase, regardless of the size or make-up of their family. The \$12 will be added to the Basic Needs side of their cheque.

Source: Income Security Advocacy Centre

2016

Family Type	Current				New as of Sept 30, 2016			
	Basic Needs	Max Shelter	Max OCB	Total	Basic Needs	Max Shelter	Max OCB	Total
OW								
Single	\$305	\$376	\$0	\$681	\$330	\$376	\$0	\$706
Single Parent - 1 child	\$342	\$609	\$113	\$1,064	\$347	\$619	\$113	\$1,079
Single Parent - 2 children	\$342	\$662	\$226	\$1,230	\$347	\$672	\$226	\$1,245
Couple	\$468	\$609	\$0	\$1,077	\$476	\$619	\$0	\$1,095
Couple - 1 child	\$468	\$662	\$113	\$1,243	\$476	\$672	\$113	\$1,261
Couple - 2 children	\$468	\$718	\$226	\$1,412	\$476	\$729	\$226	\$1,431
ODSP								
Single	\$631	\$479	\$0	\$1,110	\$649	\$479	\$0	\$1,128
Single Parent - 1 child	\$774	\$753	\$113	\$1,640	\$792	\$753	\$113	\$1,658
Single Parent - 2 children	\$774	\$816	\$226	\$1,812	\$792	\$816	\$226	\$1,834
Couple	\$917	\$753	\$0	\$1,670	\$935	\$753	\$0	\$1,688
Couple - 1 child	\$917	\$816	\$113	\$1,846	\$935	\$816	\$113	\$1,864
Couple - 2 children	\$917	\$886	\$226	\$2,029	\$935	\$886	\$226	\$2,047

- Single people receiving Ontario Works, whose rates are the lowest, will get an additional \$25 per month. This is a 3.6% increase. The \$25 will be added onto the Basic Needs side of their cheque. There is no increase to the Maximum Shelter amount for singles. All single people on OW will get the full benefit of the \$25 even if their actual housing charges are lower than the Maximum Shelter amount.
- Everyone else on OW – single people with children, couples, and couples with children – will get an increase of a little over 1.5%. The increase is added to both the Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter amounts.

Source: Income Security Advocacy Centre

