

Children, Seniors and Social Development
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*Tabled by the Minister
of Children, Seniors &
Social Development*

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Answers to questions for which notice has been given:

Question:

Provide any and all jurisdictional scans completed which compare the income thresholds of social programs in this province to other provinces or national programs.

Answer:

As income tested programs are being reviewed, jurisdictional scans will be conducted as part of the analysis. Today I am tabling two scans. One related to the Newfoundland and Labrador Child Benefit and the second of Income Support benefit rates.

JURISDICTIONAL SCAN OF CHILD BENEFITS - CANADA

Benefit Amount (Annual)	NL	AB			BC (2)	NB			NS (4)	NWT			NU			ON	YK	MB	PEI	QC (6)	SK
		Base	WC (1)	Total		Base	WIS (3)	Total		< 6 yrs	6-17 yrs	Base	WIS (5)	Total							
1st child	422	1,330	681	2,011	1,600	250	250	500	1,275	815	652	330	275	605	1,509	820	420	N/A	2,782	N/A	
2nd child	448	665	620	1,285	1,000	250	250	500	1,275	652	522	330	350	680	1,509	820	420	N/A	2,782	N/A	
3rd child	481	665	371	1,036	800	250	250	500	1,275	530	423	330	330	330	1,509	820	420	N/A	2,782	N/A	
4th child (+ each additional)	516	665	123	788	800	250	250	500	1,275	448/367	359/293	330	330	330	1,509	820	420	N/A	2,782	N/A	
Phase-out Rates and Threshold																					
Phase-out threshold (7)	17,397	24,467	41,000		25,806	20,000	20,000		26,000	30,000	30,000	20,000	20,921		23,044	35,000	15,000	N/A	None	N/A	
Phase-out rate - 1 child	5.07%				4.00%																
2 children	10.45%																				
3 children	16.22%																				
4 children (additional)	6.19%																				

- (1) Working Component (WC) - Available if you have working income of more than \$2,760
- (2) If income is between \$25,806 and \$82,578, minimum payment of \$700 for 1 child, \$680 for second child, and \$660 for each additional child. These amounts phase-out once income is greater than \$82,578.
- (3) Working Income Supplement (WIS) - Phased-in once working income greater than \$3,750 and fully-phased-in at \$10,000 and fully-phased out at \$20,000.
- (4) If income is between \$26,000 and \$34,000, benefit amounts for second and subsequent children are half the rate (\$637.50)
- (5) Workers supplement available if earned income of more than \$3,750 and is fully phased out at \$20,921.
- (6) Minimum amount of \$1,107 per child, single parent families receive an additional \$976 (minimum of \$389) annually
- (7) For every extra dollar of income over \$17,397, the benefit is reduced by that amount. For example, for 1 child, every dollar over \$17,397, the benefit amount would be reduced by 5.07 cents, for 2 children, every extra dollar would see the benefit reduced by 10.45 cents etc.

MB and QC are provincially administered, others administered by CRA

- * Information has been compiled from publicly available information.
- * All amounts are annual.
- * All amounts are for the 2022-23 benefit year and based on 2021 income.

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Income Support Eligibility

Income thresholds are not used in determining eligibility for Income Support. Income Support provides basic and supplementary financial benefits and other services to assist with basic living expenses, based on an assessment of all household income and assets. The amount a single person or family may be eligible to receive is determined by a financial eligibility assessment that compares the total financial resources available to a household (income and assets) with applicable Income Support benefit rates that are based on household size and living arrangements. Examples of other factors in the financial eligibility assessment include partial exemption of employment earnings and consideration of employment related expenses, such as transportation and childcare.

Maytree has developed a methodology to compare rates in different province. A summary of Income Support rates in 10 Canadian jurisdictions, according to the Maytree Welfare in Canada 2021 report [Welfare In Canada - Maytree](#) , is attached.

Maytree Welfare in Canada 2021

Monthly Income Support Rates - by Province and Household Type

Province	Unattached Singles Considered Employable
1. Prince Edward Island	\$13,838
2. Quebec	\$12,968
3. British Columbia	\$12,073
4. Saskatchewan	\$11,471
5. Newfoundland and Labrador	\$11,390
6. Ontario	\$10,105
7. Manitoba	\$9922
8. Alberta	\$9728
9. Nova Scotia	\$8385
10. New Brunswick	\$7499

Province	Unattached Single with a Disability
1. Alberta	\$21,164
2. Newfoundland and Labrador	\$18,226
3. British Columbia	\$17,880
4. Saskatchewan	\$16,313
5. Prince Edward Island	\$15,674
6. Ontario	\$15,449
7. Quebec	\$14,724
8. Manitoba	\$13,685
9. Nova Scotia	\$11,559
10. New Brunswick	\$10,298

Province	Single Parent, One Child
1. British Columbia	\$26,878
2. Prince Edward Island	\$26,639
3. Saskatchewan	\$25,315
4. Manitoba	\$25,238
5. Newfoundland and Labrador	\$25,044
6. Alberta	\$24,891
7. Quebec	\$24,532
8. Ontario	\$23,777
9. New Brunswick	\$21,595
10. Nova Scotia	\$21,134

Province	Couple, Two Children
1. Prince Edward Island	\$39,686
2. Quebec	\$39,659
3. British Columbia	\$36,614
4. Alberta	\$34,574
5. Saskatchewan	\$32,888
6. Ontario	\$32,657
7. Manitoba	\$32,621
8. Nova Scotia	\$30,571
9. Newfoundland and Labrador	\$29,971
10. New Brunswick	\$27,177