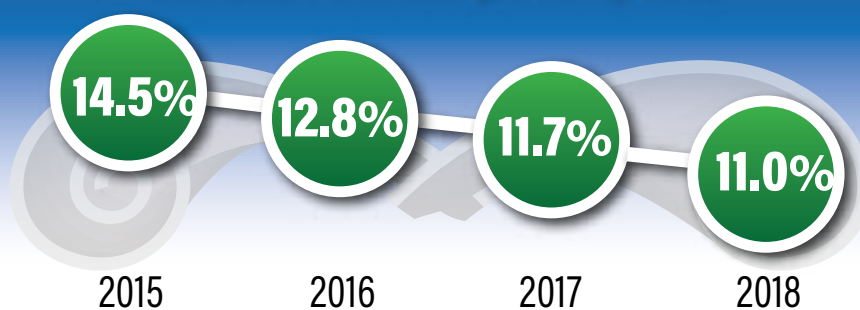


Canada's Official Poverty Dashboard of Indicators: Trends, September 2020

Canada's official poverty rate



"Canada's Poverty Reduction Strategy" introduces the Official Poverty Line for Canada along with the Dashboard of 12 Indicators to track progress on poverty reduction for Canadians and their households.

Indicator	Most recent value	Previous value	Trend	Percentage change	Reference periods
Deep income poverty (Persons with income below 75% of Canada's Official Poverty Line)	5.4%	5.9%	▼	-8.5%	2017 to 2018
Unmet Housing Needs and Chronic Homelessness					
- Unmet housing needs	12.7%	12.5%	▲	1.6%	2011 to 2016
Unmet health needs (Persons 12 years and older who reported not receiving health care when they felt they needed it)	11.2%	12.5%	▼	-10.4%	2000/2001 to 2014
Food insecurity (Households that reported food insecurity)	8.7%	8.3%	▲	4.8%	2011/2012 to 2017/2018
Relative low income (Persons who had less than half the median after-tax income)	12.3%	12.6%	▼	-2.4%	2017 to 2018
Bottom 40 percent income share (Percentage of total after-tax income that went to the bottom 40% of the income distribution)	20.8%	20.4%	▲	2.0%	2017 to 2018
Youth engagement (Persons aged 15 to 24 who were not in employment, education or training)	11.7%	9.5%	▲	23.2%	2019 to 2020
Literacy and numeracy					
- Low literacy (15-year-olds)	13.8%	10.7%	▲	29.0%	2015 to 2018
- Low numeracy (15-year-olds)	16.3%	14.4%	▲	13.2%	2015 to 2018
Median hourly wage					
- All	\$24.04	\$23.53	▲	2.2%	2018 to 2019
- Women	\$22.00	\$21.92	▲	0.4%	2018 to 2019
- Men	\$26.00	\$25.49	▲	2.0%	2018 to 2019
Average poverty gap (For those living below the poverty line, the poverty gap ratio is the amount that the person's family disposable income is below the poverty line, expressed as a percentage of the poverty line)	33.4%	32.9%	▲	1.5%	2017 to 2018
Asset resilience (Persons who had enough savings to maintain well-being for three months)	51.2%	46.2%	▲	10.8%	2005 to 2012
Low income entry and exit rates					
- Entry rates (All Canadians)	4.1%	3.9%	▲	5.1%	2015/2016 to 2016/2017
- Exit rates (Low-income Canadians)	27.9%	27.6%	▲	1.1%	2015/2016 to 2016/2017

Dignity



Opportunity and Inclusion



Resilience and Security



Canada's Official Poverty Dashboard will be updated as new data become available. The indicators based on the Market Basket Measure (MBM) were updated using the 2018 base.

Note: The concepts and dimensions of poverty are defined in detail in *Opportunity for All – Canada's First Poverty Reduction Strategy*, available for download at canada.ca/publiccentre-ESDC.

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