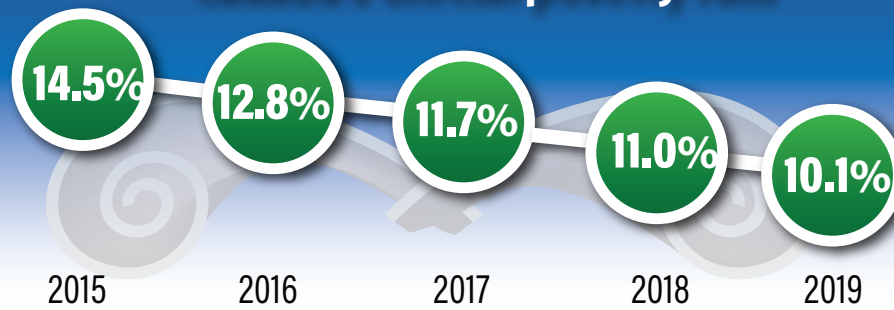


# Canada's Official Poverty Dashboard of Indicators: Trends, March 2021

## 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
<b>Deep income poverty</b> (Persons with income below 75% of Canada's Official Poverty Line)	5.0%	5.4%	▼	-7.4%	2018 to 2019
<b>Unmet Housing Needs and Chronic Homelessness</b>					
- Unmet housing needs	12.7%	12.5%	▲	1.6%	2011 to 2016
<b>Unmet health needs</b> (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
<b>Food insecurity</b> (Households that reported food insecurity)	8.7%	8.3%	▲	4.8%	2011/2012 to 2017/2018
<b>Relative low income</b> (Persons who had less than half the median after-tax income)	12.1%	12.3%	▼	-1.6%	2018 to 2019
<b>Bottom 40 percent income share</b> (Percentage of total after-tax income that went to the bottom 40% of the income distribution)	21.0%	20.8%	▲	1.0%	2018 to 2019
<b>Youth engagement</b> (Persons aged 15 to 24 who were not in employment, education or training)	11.7%	9.5%	▲	23.2%	2019 to 2020
<b>Literacy and numeracy</b>					
- 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
<b>Median hourly wage</b>					
- All	\$25.50	\$24.18	▲	5.5%	2019 to 2020
- Women	\$24.00	\$22.16	▲	8.3%	2019 to 2020
- Men	\$27.69	\$25.98	▲	6.6%	2019 to 2020
<b>Average poverty gap</b> (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)	33.0%	33.4%	▼	-1.2%	2018 to 2019
<b>Asset resilience</b> (Persons who had enough liquid assets to cover three months of the low income measure)	67.1%	66.6%	▲	0.8%	2016 to 2019
<b>Low income entry and exit rates</b>					
- Entry rates (All Canadians)	3.9%	4.1%	▼	-4.9%	2016/2017 to 2017/2018
- Exit rates (Low-income Canadians)	28.1%	27.9%	▲	0.7%	2016/2017 to 2017/2018

### 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) use the 2018 base. The methodology used to estimate the asset resilience indicator was updated.

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](http://canada.ca/publiccentre-ESDC).

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