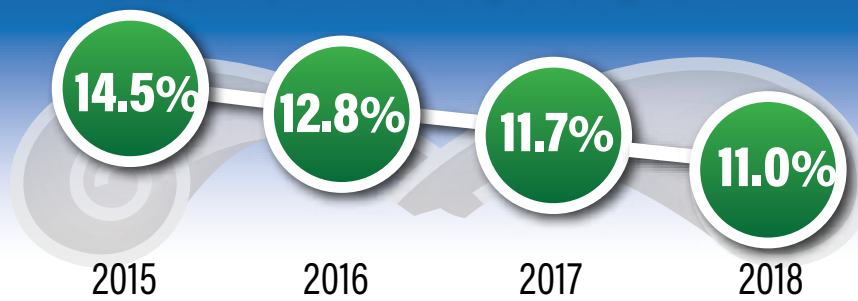


Canada's Official Poverty Dashboard of Indicators: Snapshot, September 2020

Canada's official poverty rate



Dignity

Opportunity and Inclusion

Resilience and Security

Lift Canadians out of poverty by ensuring that basic needs are met.

Deep income poverty

5.4% of Canadians were living in deep income poverty in 2018.



Unmet housing needs and chronic homelessness

12.7% of Canadian households had housing needs in 2016.



Unmet health needs

11.2% of Canadians 12 years and older reported not receiving health care when they felt they needed it in 2014.



Food insecurity

8.7% of households were food insecure in 2017/2018.



Help Canadians join the middle class by promoting full participation in society and equality of opportunity.

Relative low income

12.3% of Canadians had less than half as much income as the median after-tax income in 2018.



Bottom 40% income share

20.8% of total after-tax income went to Canadians in the bottom 40% of the income distribution in 2018.



Youth engagement

11.7% of Canadian youth (aged 15 to 24) were not in employment, education or training in 2020.



Literacy and numeracy

In 2018, 13.8% of 15-year-olds had low literacy skills, and 16.3% had low numeracy skills.



Support the middle class by protecting Canadians from falling into poverty and by supporting income security and resilience.

Median hourly wage

Women: \$22.00 (2019)
Men: \$26.00 (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. In 2018, it was 33.4%.



Asset resilience

51.2% of Canadians were asset resilient in 2012, meaning they had enough savings to maintain well-being for three months.



Low-income entry-exit rates

Between 2016 and 2017, 890,000 (4.1%) Canadians entered low income, and approximately 1.1 million (27.9%) low-income Canadians, left a low-income situation.



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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