

Losses—Peak Year and 2005

The table below shows, for each household type, the losses between the peak year of welfare income and 2005 in the provinces. All figures are in 2005 constant dollars to take into account the effects of inflation.

LOSSES, PEAK YEAR TO 2005, BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE, IN 2005 CONSTANT DOLLARS

	Single Employable		Person with a Disability		Lone Parent, One Child		Couple, Two Children	
	Constant \$	%	Constant \$	%	Constant \$	%	Constant \$	%
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR	-\$490	-5.6%	-\$1,327	-12.0%	-\$713	-4.2%	-\$339	-1.7%
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	-\$4,082	-39.6%	-\$3,630	-31.0%	-\$2,357	-14.7%	-\$2,976	-12.3%
NOVA SCOTIA	-\$3,089	-36.3%	-\$2,344	-20.9%	-\$2,541	-16.4%	-\$1,203	-5.9%
NEW BRUNSWICK	-\$816	-19.2%	-\$2,644	-24.9%	-\$535	-3.8%	-\$172	-1.0%
QUEBEC	-\$951	-12.0%	-\$311	-3.0%	-\$951	-5.8%	-\$50	-0.2%
ONTARIO	-\$3,680	-34.4%	-\$2,675	-18.2%	-\$6,588	-31.3%	-\$8,717	-31.1%
MANITOBA	-\$3,218	-35.6%	-\$2,815	-24.7%	-\$2,348	-15.0%	-\$5,555	-21.4%
SASKATCHEWAN	-\$785	-10.5%	-\$2,535	-22.2%	-\$2,745	-17.2%	-\$4,125	-17.6%
ALBERTA	-\$4,831	-48.9%	-\$1,048 ¹	-11.8%	-\$3,745	-23.3%	-\$5,630	-22.4%
BRITISH COLUMBIA	-\$2,048	-24.1%	-\$1,268	-10.6%	-\$3,102	-18.2%	-\$3,819	-17.1%

¹ Most single persons with a disability in Alberta receive assistance through the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped program, which provides higher benefits than welfare.

Please refer to *Welfare Incomes 2005* for further details.

⇒ Employable singles experienced the sharpest losses. Half of them saw their income **DECREASE BY OVER \$3,000**. This represented losses in **EXCESS OF 30%**.

⇒ Single persons with a disability also experienced harsh cuts, with half of them seeing **LOSSES OF \$2,500 OR MORE**.

⇒ Half of the lone parents saw their incomes **FALL BY \$2,500 OR MORE**. In Ontario, the loss amounted to nearly \$6,600.

⇒ Couples with two children saw **LOSSES IN EXCESS OF \$3,000 IN HALF THE PROVINCES**. The harshest loss was in Ontario, at just over \$8,700.

⇒ Losses for lone parents and couples were more severe **FROM ONTARIO WEST TO BRITISH COLUMBIA**.