

Adequacy of 2005 Welfare Incomes

The table below compares 2005 welfare incomes to the 2005 poverty line. We use Statistics Canada's before-tax low income cut-off as the poverty line.

- ⇒ All welfare incomes were **BELOW TWO-THIRDS OF THE POVERTY LINE** except for one.
- ⇒ The income of a single employable person **DID NOT REACH HALF THE POVERTY LINE** in any province.
- ⇒ Welfare incomes as a percentage of the poverty line were the **LOWEST** for:
 - **A SINGLE EMPLOYABLE IN NEW BRUNSWICK**, at 19%;
 - **A SINGLE PERSON WITH A DISABILITY IN ALBERTA**¹ at 38%, followed by **MANITOBA** at 41%;
 - **A LONE PARENT WITH ONE CHILD IN ALBERTA**, at 48%;
 - **A COUPLE WITH TWO CHILDREN IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**, at 48%.

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.

ADEQUACY OF 2005 WELFARE INCOMES

	Total Welfare Income	Poverty Line	Poverty Gap	Total Welfare Income as % of Poverty Line
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR				
Single Employable	\$8,198	\$17,895	-\$9,697	46%
Person with a Disability	\$9,728	\$17,895	-\$8,167	54%
Lone Parent, One Child	\$16,181	\$22,276	-\$6,095	73%
Couple, Two Children	\$19,578	\$33,251	-\$13,673	59%
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND				
Single Employable	\$6,214	\$17,784	-\$11,570	35%
Person with a Disability	\$8,084	\$17,784	-\$9,700	45%
Lone Parent, One Child	\$13,707	\$22,139	-\$8,432	62%
Couple, Two Children	\$21,213	\$33,046	-\$11,833	64%
NOVA SCOTIA				
Single Employable	\$5,422	\$17,895	-\$12,473	30%
Person with a Disability	\$8,897	\$17,895	-\$8,998	50%
Lone Parent, One Child	\$12,917	\$22,276	-\$9,359	58%
Couple, Two Children	\$19,032	\$33,251	-\$14,219	57%
NEW BRUNSWICK				
Single Employable	\$3,427	\$17,895	-\$14,468	19%
Person with a Disability	\$7,995	\$17,895	-\$9,900	45%
Lone Parent, One Child	\$13,656	\$22,276	-\$8,620	61%
Couple, Two Children	\$17,567	\$33,251	-\$15,684	53%
QUEBEC				
Single Employable	\$6,947	\$20,778	-\$13,831	33%
Person with a Disability	\$10,063	\$20,778	-\$10,715	48%
Lone Parent, One Child	\$15,395	\$25,867	-\$10,472	60%
Couple, Two Children	\$20,704	\$38,610	-\$17,906	54%

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ONTARIO				
Single Employable	\$7,007	\$20,778	-\$13,771	34%
Person with a Disability	\$12,057	\$20,778	-\$8,721	58%
Lone Parent, One Child	\$14,451	\$25,867	-\$11,416	56%
Couple, Two Children	\$19,302	\$38,610	-\$19,308	50%
MANITOBA				
Single Employable	\$5,818	\$20,778	-\$14,960	28%
Person with a Disability	\$8,601	\$20,778	-\$12,177	41%
Lone Parent, One Child	\$13,282	\$25,867	-\$12,585	51%
Couple, Two Children	\$20,357	\$38,610	-\$18,253	53%
SASKATCHEWAN				
Single Employable	\$6,663	\$17,895	-\$11,232	37%
Person with a Disability	\$8,893	\$17,895	-\$9,002	50%
Lone Parent, One Child	\$13,235	\$22,276	-\$9,041	59%
Couple, Two Children	\$19,327	\$33,251	-\$13,924	58%
ALBERTA				
Single Employable	\$5,050	\$20,778	-\$15,728	24%
Person with a Disability	\$7,851	\$20,778	-\$12,927	38%
Lone Parent, One Child	\$12,326	\$25,867	-\$13,541	48%
Couple, Two Children	\$19,497	\$38,610	-\$19,113	50%
BRITISH COLUMBIA				
Single Employable	\$6,456	\$20,778	-\$14,322	31%
Person with a Disability	\$10,656	\$20,778	-\$10,122	51%
Lone Parent, One Child	\$13,948	\$25,867	-\$11,919	54%
Couple, Two Children	\$18,466	\$38,610	-\$20,144	48%

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