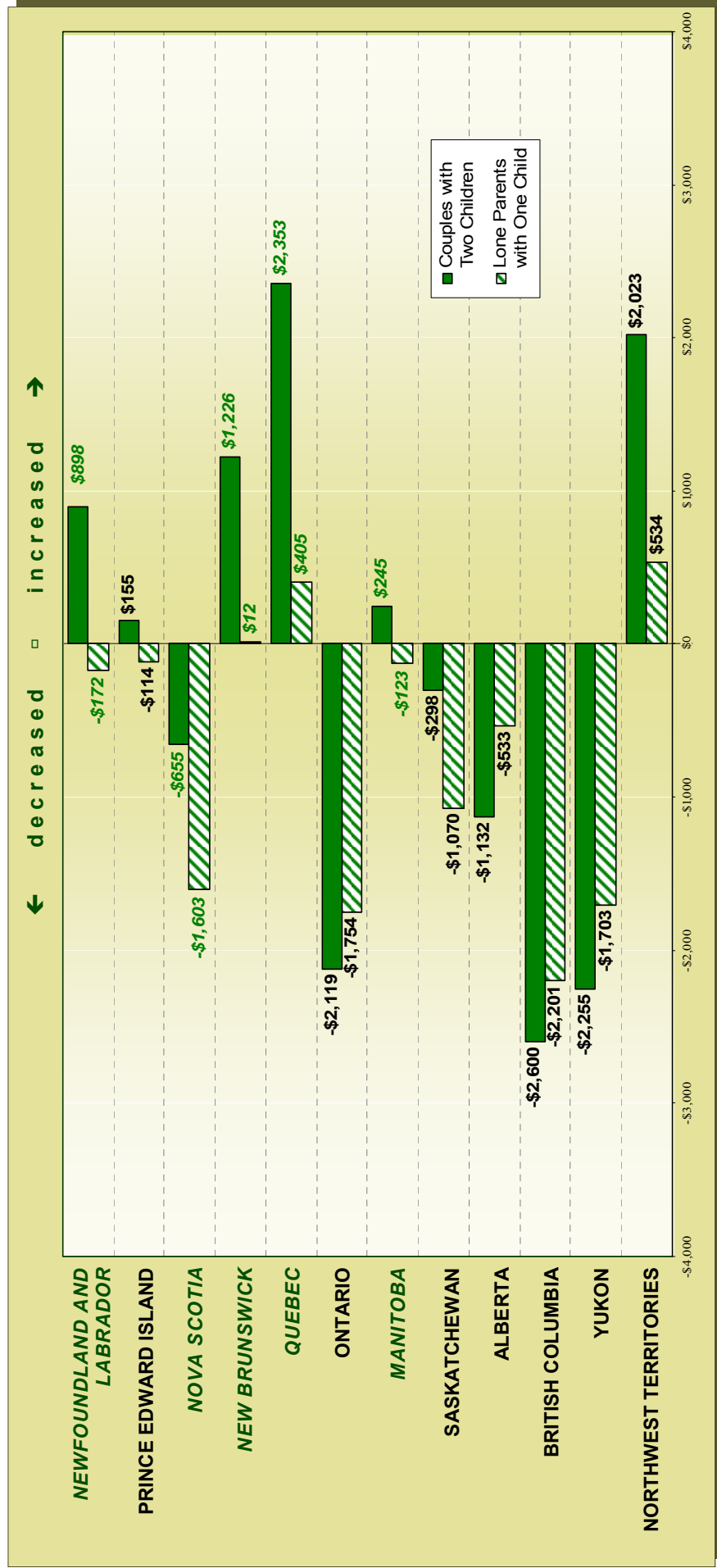


Changes in Welfare Incomes for Families with Children, 1997 to 2005

Federal spending on child benefits has increased significantly since the introduction of the National Child Benefit Supplement in 1998. However, when inflation is taken into account, most welfare families with children had lower total incomes in 2005 than they did in 1997, the year before the NCBS was introduced.

The chart below shows the amount by which total welfare income increased or decreased, in 2005 constant dollars. Provinces that do not claw back the NCBS are *ITALICIZED*. In 4 of the 10 scenarios for these provinces, welfare incomes actually decreased.



Nunavut did not exist in 1997. Please refer to Welfare Incomes 2005 for additional details.