

# ONTARIO SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

## QUARTERLY STATISTICAL REPORT

### Ontario Works

**Ontario Works** (OW) provides employment and financial assistance to people who are in temporary financial need. The employment assistance helps people become and stay employed and includes job search support services, basic education and job skills training, community and employment placement, supports to self-employment, Learning, Earning and Parenting, addiction services and earning exemptions that allow participants to earn income as they move back into the workforce.

**Temporary Care Assistance** (TCA) provides assistance for children in financial need while in the temporary care of an adult who does not have a legal obligation to support the child. In June 2004, there were 3,208 TCA cases<sup>1</sup> receiving social assistance on behalf of 4,337 children.

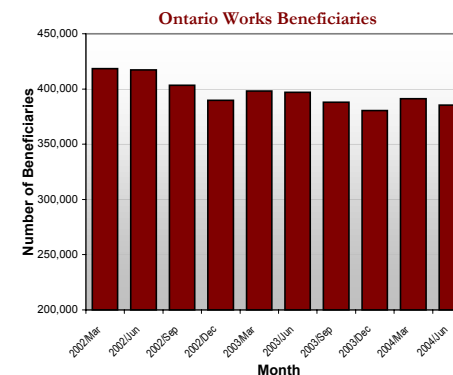
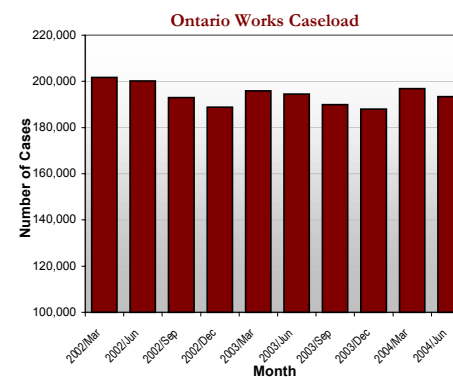
### Ontario Works Caseload and Beneficiaries

|                       | Singles            |                            | Couples            |                            | Sole Support Parents |                            | All Family Structures |                            |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
|                       | Cases <sup>1</sup> | Beneficiaries <sup>2</sup> | Cases <sup>1</sup> | Beneficiaries <sup>2</sup> | Cases <sup>1</sup>   | Beneficiaries <sup>2</sup> | Cases <sup>1</sup>    | Beneficiaries <sup>2</sup> |
| <b>Jun 2004</b>       | <b>98,015</b>      | <b>98,015</b>              | <b>23,371</b>      | <b>87,233</b>              | <b>72,032</b>        | <b>200,101</b>             | <b>193,419</b>        | <b>385,349</b>             |
| Mar 2004              | 101,072            | 101,072                    | 24,557             | 91,696                     | 71,263               | 198,542                    | 196,892               | 391,310                    |
| Dec 2003              | 93,407             | 93,407                     | 23,448             | 88,070                     | 71,123               | 198,928                    | 187,978               | 380,405                    |
| Sep 2003              | 92,568             | 92,568                     | 23,885             | 89,892                     | 73,502               | 205,433                    | 189,954               | 387,893                    |
| Jun 2003              | 95,079             | 95,079                     | 24,894             | 93,677                     | 74,568               | 208,276                    | 194,541               | 397,032                    |
| Mar 2003              | 97,061             | 97,061                     | 25,436             | 95,562                     | 73,421               | 205,561                    | 195,918               | 398,184                    |
| Dec 2002              | 90,658             | 90,658                     | 24,356             | 91,775                     | 73,850               | 207,289                    | 188,864               | 389,722                    |
| Sep 2002              | 90,044             | 90,044                     | 25,206             | 95,024                     | 77,701               | 218,215                    | 192,951               | 403,283                    |
| Jun 2002              | 93,898             | 93,898                     | 26,680             | 100,241                    | 79,628               | 223,103                    | 200,206               | 417,242                    |
| Mar 2002              | 96,120             | 96,120                     | 26,965             | 101,357                    | 78,632               | 220,959                    | 201,717               | 418,436                    |
| Dec 2001              | 88,798             | 88,798                     | 25,984             | 98,818                     | 79,901               | 224,983                    | 194,683               | 412,599                    |
| Sep 2001              | 83,171             | 83,171                     | 25,437             | 97,756                     | 83,309               | 234,005                    | 191,917               | 414,932                    |
| Jun 2001              | 84,329             | 84,329                     | 25,710             | 98,182                     | 85,490               | 240,104                    | 195,529               | 422,615                    |
| Mar 2001              | 87,804             | 87,804                     | 27,071             | 103,271                    | 87,726               | 246,489                    | 202,601               | 437,564                    |
| Dec 2000              | 85,704             | 85,704                     | 27,272             | 103,836                    | 89,899               | 253,081                    | 202,875               | 442,621                    |
| Sep 2000              | 86,000             | 86,000                     | 29,200             | 109,100                    | 99,984               | 271,859                    | 215,184               | 466,959                    |
| Jun 2000              | 92,400             | 92,400                     | 32,100             | 120,900                    | 105,815              | 289,261                    | 230,315               | 502,561                    |
| Mar 2000              | 99,600             | 99,600                     | 35,000             | 131,600                    | 109,910              | 300,250                    | 244,510               | 531,450                    |
| Dec 1999              | 98,000             | 98,000                     | 35,700             | 135,400                    | 114,566              | 314,152                    | 248,266               | 547,552                    |
| Sep 1999              | 102,300            | 102,300                    | 37,900             | 142,800                    | 121,754              | 334,140                    | 261,954               | 579,240                    |
| Jun 1999              | 109,400            | 109,400                    | 41,400             | 156,800                    | 129,150              | 353,121                    | 279,950               | 619,321                    |
| Mar 1999              | 115,400            | 115,400                    | 44,100             | 167,500                    | 130,982              | 359,098                    | 290,482               | 641,998                    |
| Dec 1998              | 111,200            | 111,200                    | 43,500             | 166,400                    | 137,134              | 376,410                    | 291,834               | 654,010                    |
| Sep 1998              | 118,300            | 118,300                    | 46,400             | 176,200                    | 146,211              | 398,335                    | 310,911               | 692,835                    |
| Jun 1998              | 128,300            | 128,300                    | 50,200             | 190,100                    | 152,555              | 414,840                    | 331,055               | 733,240                    |
| Change since Mar 2004 | -3,057<br>-3%      | -3,057<br>-3%              | -1,186<br>-5%      | -4,463<br>-5%              | 769<br>1%            | 1,559<br>1%                | -3,473<br>-2%         | -5,961<br>-2%              |

<sup>1</sup> A case refers to a single individual or a family unit on social assistance.

<sup>2</sup> The number of beneficiaries refers to the total number of single individuals and heads of family units on social assistance plus all their dependents (i.e., spouses, dependent children and dependent adults).

Numbers may not add up due to rounding



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