

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 program, addiction services and earning exemptions that allow participants to earn income as they move back into the workforce.

Temporary Care Assistance (TCA) provides support 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 December 2004, there were 3,165 TCA cases¹ receiving social assistance on behalf of 4,290 children.

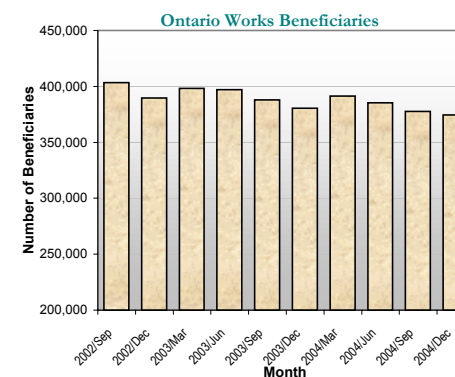
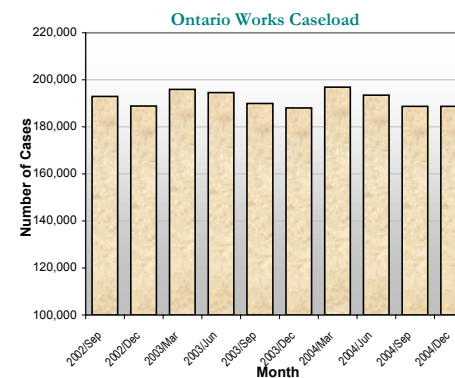
Ontario Works Caseload and Beneficiaries

	Singles		Couples		Sole Support Parents		All Family Structures	
	Cases ¹	Beneficiaries ²	Cases ¹	Beneficiaries ²	Cases ¹	Beneficiaries ²	Cases ¹	Beneficiaries ²
Dec 2004	96,331	96,331	22,307	83,131	70,107	195,065	188,745	374,526
Sep 2004	94,642	94,642	22,355	83,501	71,663	199,502	188,661	377,645
Jun 2004	98,015	98,015	23,371	87,233	72,032	200,101	193,419	385,349
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 Sep 2004	1,689 2%	1,689 2%	-48 0%	-370 0%	-1,556 -2%	-4,437 -2%	84 0%	-3,119 -1%

¹ A case refers to a single individual or a family unit on social assistance.

² 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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