

ONTARIO SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

Ontario Works

Ontario Works provides financial and employment assistance to people who are in temporary financial need. Financial assistance includes income support to help with the costs of basic needs, like food, clothing and shelter, and health benefits for clients and their families. Employment assistance includes assistance to help clients find, prepare for and keep a job, such as workshops on resume writing and interviewing, job counselling, job-specific training and access to basic education, so clients can finish high school or improve their language skills.

Temporary Care Assistance 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 January 2017, there were 5,559 TCA cases¹ receiving social assistance on behalf of 7,839 children.

Ontario Works Caseload and Beneficiaries

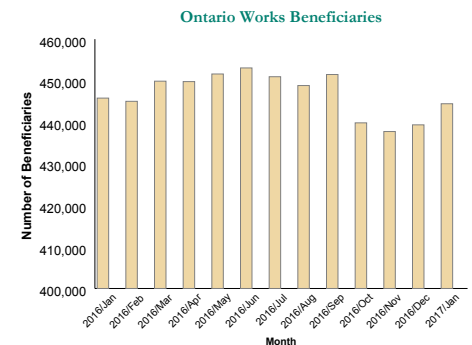
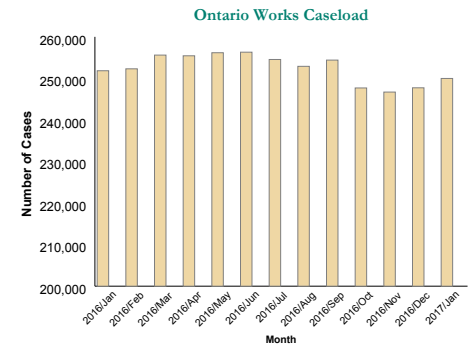
	Singles		Couples		Sole Support Parents		All Family Structures	
	Cases ¹	Beneficiaries ²	Cases ¹	Beneficiaries ²	Cases ¹	Beneficiaries ²	Cases ¹	Beneficiaries ²
Jan 2017	155,815	155,815	23,799	91,560	70,370	197,079	249,984	444,454
Dec 2016	154,066	154,066	23,183	88,138	70,484	197,174	247,733	439,379
Nov 2016	153,250	153,250	22,994	87,337	70,464	197,187	246,708	437,774
Oct 2016	153,525	153,525	23,046	87,471	71,129	198,862	247,699	439,857
Sep 2016	157,587	157,587	23,728	89,928	73,085	203,976	254,400	451,491
Aug 2016	156,641	156,641	23,529	88,960	72,734	203,234	252,904	448,835
Jul 2016	157,809	157,809	23,889	89,895	72,854	203,253	254,552	450,958
Jun 2016	159,314	159,314	24,096	90,579	72,896	203,179	256,306	453,072
May 2016	159,667	159,667	23,916	89,717	72,597	202,236	256,179	451,619
Apr 2016	159,513	159,513	23,957	89,794	71,970	200,480	255,440	449,787
Mar 2016	159,645	159,645	24,013	89,975	71,954	200,263	255,612	449,884
Feb 2016	157,181	157,181	23,678	88,759	71,444	199,096	252,303	445,036
Jan 2016	155,930	155,930	23,637	88,722	72,273	201,160	251,840	445,812
Dec 2015	151,471	151,471	23,055	86,765	71,689	199,693	246,215	437,929
Nov 2015	151,052	151,052	22,985	86,480	72,037	200,619	246,074	438,151
Oct 2015	150,810	150,810	23,015	86,627	72,482	201,643	246,306	439,081
Sep 2015	152,004	152,004	23,113	87,109	73,576	204,641	248,693	443,754
Aug 2015	153,938	153,938	23,574	88,712	74,722	207,732	252,234	450,382
Jul 2015	154,379	154,379	23,681	89,032	74,512	207,114	252,572	450,525
Jun 2015	154,494	154,494	23,561	88,642	74,159	206,076	252,215	449,212
May 2015	154,951	154,951	23,863	89,568	74,112	205,828	252,926	450,347
Apr 2015	154,019	154,019	23,697	88,787	72,974	202,668	250,690	445,475
Mar 2015	152,353	152,353	23,334	87,386	71,905	199,784	247,592	439,523
Feb 2015	149,951	149,951	23,303	87,254	71,609	198,975	244,863	436,180
Jan 2015	149,282	149,282	23,458	87,869	72,063	199,969	244,803	437,120
Dec 2014	143,087	143,087	22,787	85,458	70,834	196,717	236,707	425,261
Nov 2014	140,330	140,330	22,713	84,981	70,413	195,357	233,456	420,668
Oct 2014	145,215	145,215	24,467	91,100	72,911	201,996	242,593	438,312
Sep 2014	147,324	147,324	24,785	92,356	74,771	206,858	246,880	446,537
Aug 2014	149,408	149,408	25,100	93,480	75,339	208,287	249,847	451,175
Jul 2014	151,366	151,366	25,326	94,094	75,265	208,036	251,956	453,495
Jun 2014	153,503	153,503	25,620	94,983	75,113	207,422	254,236	455,908
May 2014	155,124	155,124	25,959	95,989	75,009	207,073	256,092	458,186
Apr 2014	154,409	154,409	25,693	94,833	73,712	203,702	253,813	452,943
Change since Dec 2016	1,749 1.1%	1,749 1.1%	615 2.7%	3,422 3.9%	-113 -0.2%	-95 -0.05%	2,251 0.9%	5,076 1.2%

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

²The 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.

For more information about Ontario Works including eligibility rules, please visit <http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca>



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