

# 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 May 2017, there were 5,746 TCA cases<sup>1</sup> receiving social assistance on behalf of 8,189 children.

### Ontario Works Caseload and Beneficiaries

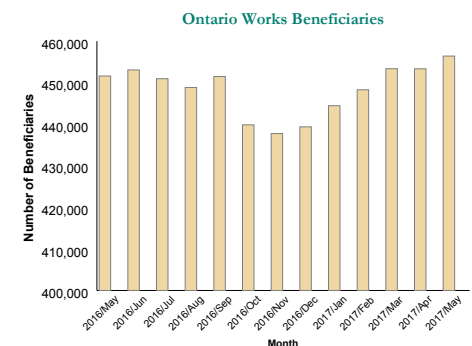
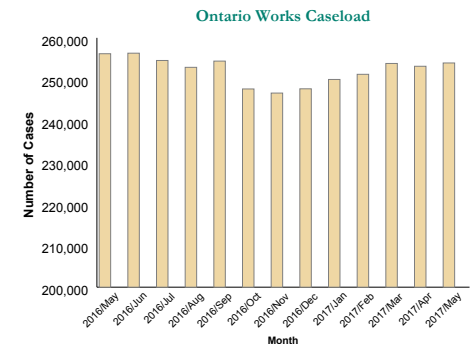
|                       | Singles            |                            | Couples            |                            | Sole Support Parents |                            | All Family Structures |                            |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
|                       | 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>May 2017</b>       | <b>156,976</b>     | <b>156,976</b>             | <b>24,246</b>      | <b>94,738</b>              | <b>72,732</b>        | <b>204,692</b>             | <b>253,954</b>        | <b>456,406</b>             |
| Apr 2017              | 157,246            | 157,246                    | 24,366             | 94,955                     | 71,548               | 201,144                    | 253,160               | 453,345                    |
| Mar 2017              | 158,085            | 158,085                    | 24,516             | 95,192                     | 71,231               | 200,089                    | 253,832               | 453,366                    |
| Feb 2017              | 156,516            | 156,516                    | 24,171             | 93,736                     | 70,537               | 198,046                    | 251,224               | 448,299                    |
| 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                    |
| Change since Apr 2017 | -271<br>-0.2%      | -271<br>-0.2%              | -120<br>-0.5%      | -217<br>-0.2%              | 1,184<br>1.7%        | 3,548<br>1.8%              | 794<br>0.3%           | 3,061<br>0.7%              |

<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.

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



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