

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 December 2017, there were 5,944 TCA cases¹ receiving social assistance on behalf of 8,420 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 2017	151,049	151,049	23,978	95,415	72,272	205,312	247,298	451,776
Nov 2017	151,187	151,187	23,797	94,546	72,533	205,881	247,517	451,614
Oct 2017	150,540	150,540	23,438	93,042	72,284	205,025	246,262	448,606
Sep 2017	153,279	153,279	23,904	94,454	73,743	208,701	250,926	456,434
Aug 2017	154,310	154,310	23,915	94,505	74,039	209,217	252,264	458,032
Jul 2017	154,712	154,712	23,993	94,472	73,600	207,645	252,305	456,829
Jun 2017	156,336	156,336	24,336	95,436	73,549	207,106	254,221	458,879
May 2017	156,976	156,976	24,246	94,738	72,732	204,692	253,954	456,406
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								
Nov 2017	-138	-138	180	869	-261	-569	-219	162
	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.8%	0.9%	-0.4%	-0.3%	-0.1%	0.04%

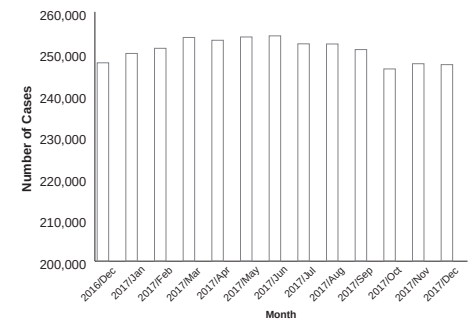
¹A case refers to a single individual or a family unit on social assistance.

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).

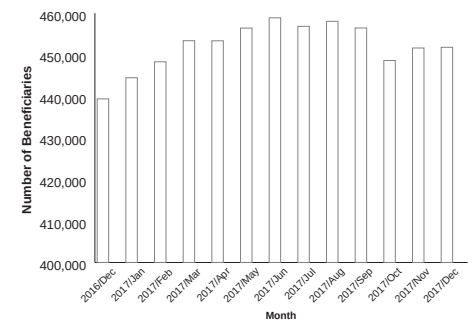
Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

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

Ontario Works Caseload



Ontario Works Beneficiaries



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