

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 August 2018, there were 6,309 TCA cases¹ receiving social assistance on behalf of 9,020 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
Aug 2018	149,198	149,198	23,954	96,703	73,499	210,111	246,651	456,012
Jul 2018	149,081	149,081	23,646	95,296	72,595	207,450	245,322	451,827
Jun 2018	151,689	151,689	24,132	96,969	73,126	208,587	248,947	457,245
May 2018	152,401	152,401	24,106	96,789	72,634	206,937	249,140	456,127
Apr 2018	152,449	152,449	24,153	96,566	71,868	204,712	248,470	453,726
Mar 2018	152,452	152,452	24,000	95,775	71,549	203,655	248,001	451,883
Feb 2018	152,945	152,945	24,152	96,249	72,067	204,984	249,164	454,178
Jan 2018	152,354	152,354	23,961	95,454	72,115	205,160	248,430	452,969
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
Change since Jul 2018	116 0.1%	116 0.1%	308 1.3%	1,407 1.5%	904 1.2%	2,661 1.3%	1,329 0.5%	4,185 0.9%

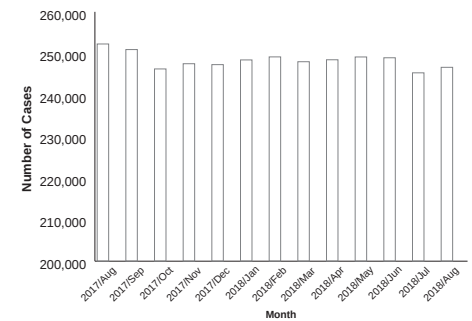
¹A case refers to a single individual or a family unit on social assistance.

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).

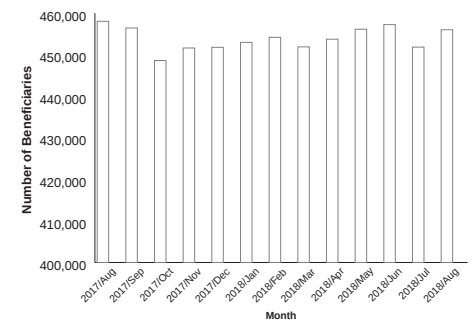
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Ontario Works Caseload



Ontario Works Beneficiaries



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