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Ontario Works Monthly Statistical Report - May 2021

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.

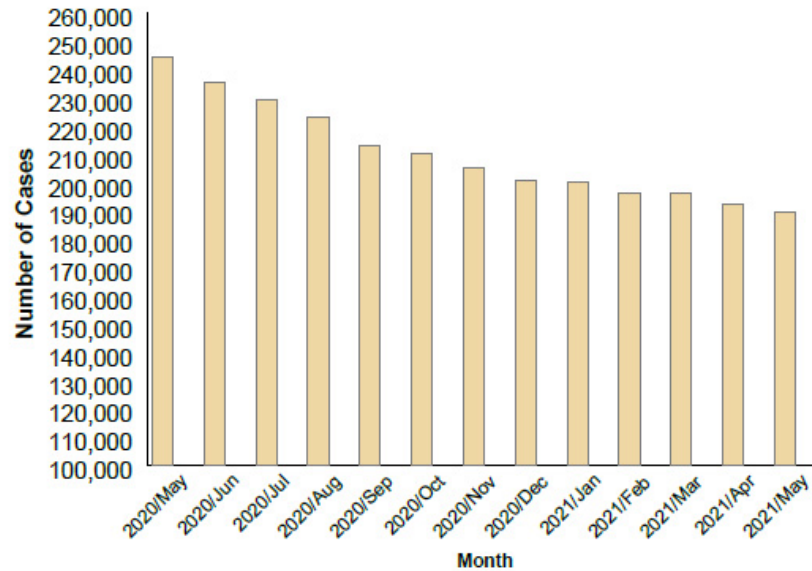
Temporary Care Assistance provides support for children in financial need while in the temporary care of an adult who does not have a legal obligation to support the child. In May 2021, there were 7,030 TCA cases receiving social assistance on behalf of 10,302 children.

Ontario Works Caseload and Beneficiaries

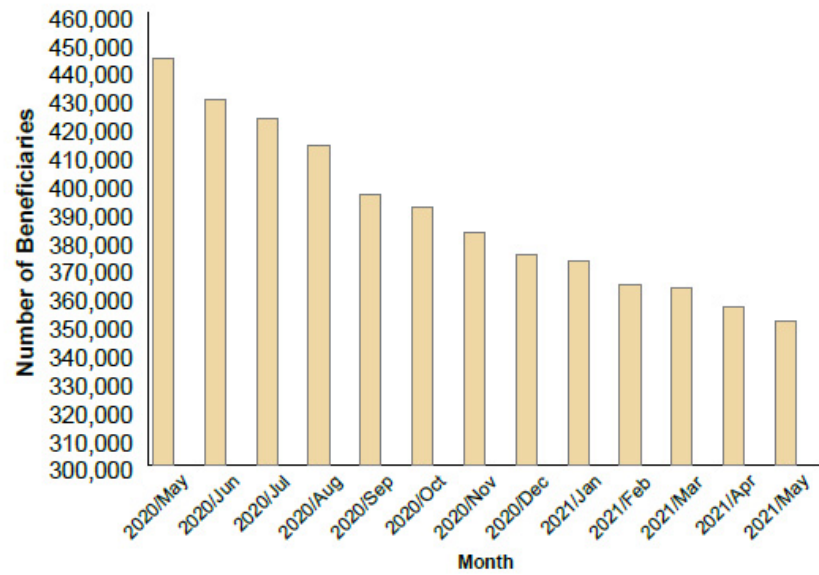
Month	Singles - Cases ¹	Singles - Beneficiaries ²	Couples - Cases ¹	Couples - Beneficiaries ²	Sole Support Parents - Cases ¹	Sole Support Parents - Beneficiaries ²	All Family Structures - Cases ¹	All Family Structures - Beneficiaries ²
May-2021	115,753	115,753	15,665	65,080	58,199	169,945	189,617	350,778
Apr-2021	117,451	117,451	16,227	67,340	58,764	171,446	192,442	356,236
Mar-2021	119,770	119,770	16,654	69,142	59,590	173,834	196,013	362,746
Feb-2021	120,064	120,064	16,706	69,475	59,685	174,165	196,455	363,704
Jan-2021	121,689	121,689	17,408	72,342	61,134	178,257	200,231	372,288
Dec-2020	121,716	121,716	17,636	73,349	61,482	179,259	200,834	374,324
Nov-2020	124,312	124,312	18,291	75,947	62,617	182,362	205,220	382,620
Oct-2020	127,178	127,178	19,054	78,750	63,842	185,658	210,074	391,586
Sep-2020	129,377	129,377	19,349	79,859	64,110	186,474	212,836	395,710
Aug-2020	136,181	136,181	20,636	84,667	66,219	192,177	223,036	413,025
Jul-2020	141,095	141,095	21,257	86,817	67,125	194,554	229,478	422,466
Jun-2020	145,979	145,979	21,595	87,777	67,633	195,780	235,208	429,536
May-2020	152,198	152,198	22,744	91,931	69,233	199,969	244,175	444,098
Apr-	158,464	158,464	23,954	96,140	70,830	204,079	253,247	458,683

2020								
Mar-2020	152,674	152,674	22,720	91,595	69,477	200,292	244,871	444,561
Feb-2020	149,055	149,055	22,381	90,634	69,409	200,392	240,845	440,082
Jan-2020	148,376	148,376	22,407	90,955	69,810	201,636	240,593	440,966
Dec-2019	144,902	144,902	21,835	88,564	68,763	198,559	235,501	432,025
Nov-2019	144,758	144,758	22,377	90,953	69,680	201,000	236,815	436,711
Oct-2019	144,463	144,463	22,359	90,618	69,753	201,361	236,574	436,441
Sep-2019	145,491	145,491	22,608	91,726	70,742	204,061	238,841	441,278
Aug-2019	147,262	147,262	22,952	92,955	71,605	206,416	241,820	446,633
Jul-19	146,884	146,884	22,604	91,613	70,791	204,074	240,279	442,571
Jun-19	148,660	148,660	23,061	93,389	71,398	205,356	243,119	447,405
May-19	149,709	149,709	23,360	94,301	71,353	205,143	244,421	449,153
Apr-19	149,381	149,381	23,197	93,500	70,279	202,030	242,857	444,912
Change since Apr 2021	-1,698	-1,698	-562	-2,260	-565	-1,501	-2,825	-5,458
Change since Apr 2021 (%)	-1.4%	-1.4%	-3.5%	-3.4%	-1.0%	-0.9%	-1.5%	-1.5%

Ontario Works Caseload



Ontario Works Beneficiaries



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.