

## Ontario Works Monthly Statistical Report - August 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.

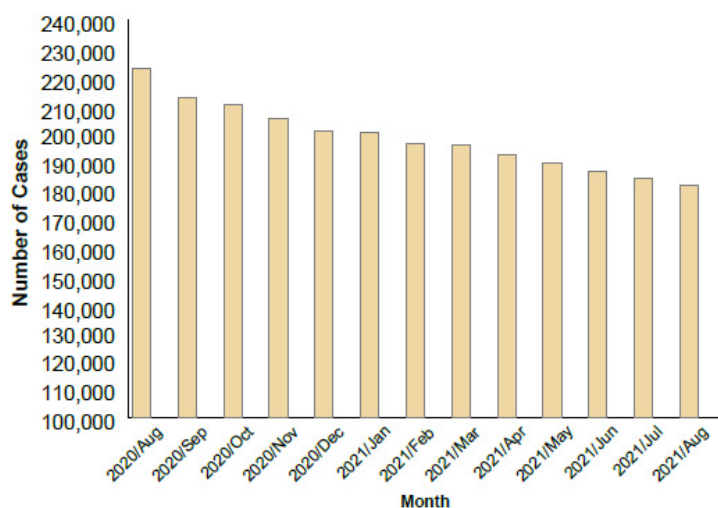
**Temporary Care Assistance** provides support for children in financial need while in the temporary care of an adult who does not have a legal obligation to support the child. In August 2021, there were 7,061 TCA cases receiving social assistance on behalf of 10,327 children.

Ontario Works Caseload and Beneficiaries

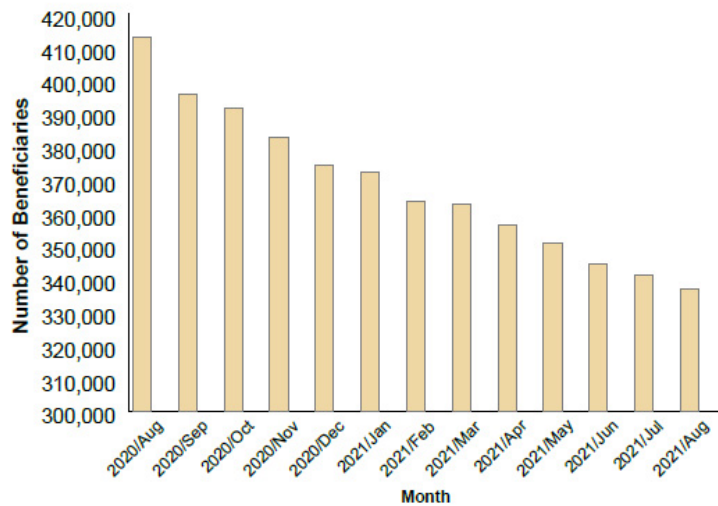
| Month           | Singles - Cases <sup>1</sup> | Singles - Beneficiaries <sup>2</sup> | Couples - Cases <sup>1</sup> | Couples - Beneficiaries <sup>2</sup> | Sole Support Parents - Cases <sup>1</sup> | Sole Support Parents - Beneficiaries <sup>2</sup> | All Family Structures - Cases <sup>1</sup> | All Family Structures - Beneficiaries <sup>2</sup> |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Aug-2021</b> | <b>110,675</b>               | <b>110,675</b>                       | <b>14,371</b>                | <b>59,933</b>                        | <b>56,888</b>                             | <b>166,599</b>                                    | <b>181,934</b>                             | <b>337,207</b>                                     |
| Jul-2021        | 112,234                      | 112,234                              | 14,845                       | 61,809                               | 57,154                                    | 167,142                                           | 184,233                                    | 341,185                                            |
| Jun-2021        | 113,869                      | 113,869                              | 15,146                       | 62,992                               | 57,408                                    | 167,758                                           | 186,423                                    | 344,619                                            |
| 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-2020        | 158,464                      | 158,464                              | 23,954                       | 96,140                               | 70,830                                    | 204,079                                           | 253,247                                    | 458,683                                            |

|                           |         |         |        |        |        |         |         |         |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 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 Jul 2021     | -1,559  | -1,559  | -474   | -1,876 | -266   | -543    | -2,299  | -3,978  |
| Change since Jul 2021 (%) | -1.4%   | -1.4%   | -3.2%  | -3.0%  | -0.5%  | -0.3%   | -1.2%   | -1.2%   |

### Ontario Works Caseload



### Ontario Works Beneficiaries



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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.

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