

FACT SHEET: Social Assistance Rates

1% Increase Effective November / December 2011

The table below shows benefit rate amounts for select Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) family types before and after November / December 2011, to reflect a 1% increase in Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter rates. The increases will appear on ODSP cheques received in November and OW cheques received in December 2011.

The Ontario Child Benefit (OCB) is also payable to families with dependent children. OCB amounts are included here to provide a sense of total maximum monthly income from these provincial sources. More information about the OCB and the restructuring of social assistance rates is available on ISAC's website at www.incomesecurity.org.

| Case Type | Before Nov / Dec 2011 | | | | After Nov / Dec 2011 | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|---------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| OW | Basic Needs | Max Shelter | Max OCB | Current Total | Basic Needs | Max Shelter | Max OCB | New Total |
| Single | \$224 | \$368 | \$0 | \$592 | \$227 | \$372 | \$0 | \$599 |
| Couple | \$443 | \$578 | \$0 | \$1,021 | \$448 | \$584 | \$0 | \$1,032 |
| Single Parent + 1 child ¹ | \$344 | \$578 | \$92 | \$1,014 | \$347 | \$584 | \$92 | \$1,023 |
| Single Parent + 2 children ¹ | \$344 | \$627 | \$184 | \$1,155 | \$347 | \$634 | \$184 | \$1,165 |
| Couple + 1 child ¹ | \$443 | \$627 | \$92 | \$1,162 | \$448 | \$634 | \$92 | \$1,174 |
| ODSP | | | | | | | | |
| Single | \$584 | \$469 | \$0 | \$1,053 | \$590 | \$474 | \$0 | \$1,064 |
| Couple ² | \$864 | \$737 | \$0 | \$1,601 | \$873 | \$745 | \$0 | \$1,618 |
| Single Parent + 1 child ³ | \$727 | \$737 | \$92 | \$1,556 | \$733 | \$745 | \$92 | \$1,570 |
| Single Parent + 2 children ⁴ | \$745 | \$799 | \$184 | \$1,728 | \$751 | \$807 | \$184 | \$1,742 |
| Couple ² + 1 child ³ | \$864 | \$799 | \$92 | \$1,755 | \$873 | \$807 | \$92 | \$1,772 |

The 1% increase also applies to the Double Disabled rate, Northern Allowances, the Special Boarder Allowance, the Guide Dog Benefit, the Personal Needs Allowance, and benefits for Board and Lodging, Dependents of Dependents, Residents of Interval and Transition Homes, Advanced Age, and Temporary Care Assistance. The Assistance for Children with Severe Disability (ACSD) amount will be increased to \$450.

¹ Child/children under 18 years of age.

² One person in couple has a disability, the other does not.

³ Child under 13 years of age.

⁴ One child under 13 years, one child 13 years or older.