



Manitoulin-Sudbury DSSAB

Living on OW/ODSP
...food for thought

OW & ODSP Allowances

Allowances		Basic Needs	* Shelter	Monthly Total
Single OW	Monthly	\$201	\$335 *	\$536
	Living on \$50.25 weekly to feed and clothe themselves			
Single ODSP	Monthly	\$532	\$427 *	\$959
	Living on \$133 weekly to feed and clothe themselves			

* Maximum Shelter allowance payable. Actual amount issued based on verifiable rent receipts & utilities bills.

Allowances		Basic Needs	* Shelter	Monthly Total
OW Sole Support 1 Child under 12	Monthly	\$460	\$527 *	\$987
	Living on \$115 weekly to feed and clothe themselves			
ODSP Sole Support 1 Child under 12	Monthly	\$796	\$672 *	\$1,468
	Living on \$199 weekly to feed and clothe themselves			
* Maximum Shelter payable. Actual issued is based on verifiable rent receipts & utilities bills.				

Allowances		Basic Needs	Shelter	Monthly Total
OW Family 2 child under 12	Monthly	\$594	\$621 *	\$1,215
	Living on \$148.50 weekly to feed and clothe themselves			
ODSP Family 2 child under 12	Monthly	\$1,033	\$792 *	\$1,825
	Living on \$258.25 weekly to feed and clothe themselves			
* Maximum Shelter payable. Actual issued is based on verifiable rent receipts & utilities bills.				

Family Size	OW Maximum Shelter	ODSP Maximum Shelter
1	335	427
2	527	672
3	571	729
4	621	792
5	669	853
6+	694	885

Based on Social Housing Data

Region	UNIT SIZE	* MARKET RENT
Sudbury North	1 bedroom	485
Sudbury North	3 bedroom	683
Sudbury North	4 bedroom	720
LaCloche	1 bedroom	501
LaCloche	2 bedroom	590
LaCloche	3 bedroom	674
LaCloche	4 bedroom	720
Manitoulin	1 bedroom	484
Sudbury East	1 bedroom	463
* Average Market Rent		

Ontario Minimum Wage

Minimum Wage Rate	January 1995	February 1, 2004	February 1, 2005	February 1, 2006	February 1, 2007
General Minimum Wage	\$6.85	\$7.15	\$7.45	\$7.75	\$8.00
Student Minimum Wage	\$6.40	\$6.70	\$6.95	\$7.25	\$7.50
Liquor Servers Minimum Wage	\$5.95	\$6.20	\$6.50	\$6.75	\$6.95

Ontario Minimum Wage

Minimum Wage Rate	February 2006	Hours Week	Weekly Wage	Monthly Wage	Annual Wage
General Minimum Wage	\$7.75	40	\$310	\$1,343	\$16,120
Student Minimum Wage	\$7.25	40	\$290	\$1,257	\$15,080
Liquor Servers Minimum Wage	\$6.75	40	\$270	\$1,170	\$14,040

Comparison

Income Type	Monthly	Annual	Poverty Line	% of Poverty Line
Single OW	\$536	\$6,432	\$18,849	34%
Single ODSP	\$959	\$11,508	\$18,849	61%
OW Sole Support 1 Child	\$987	\$11,844	\$23,561	50%
OW Family 2 children	\$1,215	\$14,580	\$35,471	41%
General Minimum Wage	\$1,343	\$16,120	\$18,849	86%
ODSP Sole Support 1 Child	\$1,468	\$17,616	\$23,561	75%
ODSP Family 2 children	\$1,825	\$21,900	\$35,471	62%

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***Canadian Welfare Incomes as a Percentage of the Poverty Line by Family Type and Province, 2001**

ONTARIO	Total Income	Poverty Line	% of Poverty Line
Single Employable	\$ 6,829	\$ 18,849	36%
Person with a Disability	\$ 11,763	\$ 18,849	62%
Single Parent, One child	\$ 13,828	\$ 23,561	59%
Couple, Two Children	\$ 18,330	\$ 35,471	52%

Note: "Total welfare income" includes all income from basic social assistance, additional benefits, Canada Child Tax Benefit, Provincial/Territorial child benefits, the Federal GST credit and Provincial/Territorial tax credits.

Source: Prepared by the Canadian Council on Social Development, using National Council of Welfare, *Welfare Incomes 2000-2001*, Spring 2002.