

*** ONTARIO INCOME SECURITY
& TAX BENEFIT PROGRAMS ***

Ontario Guaranteed Annual Income System

❖ The Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) ensures a guaranteed minimum income for Ontario senior citizens by providing monthly payments to qualifying pensioners.

GAINS Payment

	<u>Single</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Monthly payment	\$83.00	\$166.00
Break-even point	\$166.00	\$332.00

GAINS Guarantee

	<u>Single</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Monthly payment	\$1,581.27	\$2,448.16
Total income at break-even point	\$1,581.27	\$2,448.16
Spouse's allowance		\$2,365.16

Ontario Child Benefit

❖ The Ontario Child Benefit (OCB) is a provincial program that helps low-income families provide for their children.

\$1,403/year per child reduced by 8% of family net income over \$21,416 effective July 2018.

Ontario Trillium Benefit

- ❖ The refundable Ontario Sales Tax Credit provides sales tax assistance for people with low to moderate incomes.
- ❖ The refundable Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit provides sales tax on energy and property tax assistance for people with low to moderate incomes.

Ontario Sales Tax Credit (OSTC) - Effective July 2018

Basic Credit	\$301/adult and \$301/child
Family	Reduced by 4% of 2018 AFNI over \$28,944
Single	Reduced by 4% of 2018 AFNI over \$23,156

Ontario Energy and Property Tax Credit (OEPTC) - Effective July 2018

	<u>Non-Senior</u>	<u>Senior</u>
Energy Credit	Min. of \$232 and OC	Min. of \$232 and OC
Property Tax Credit	\$58+10% of OC (Max. \$811 or OC)	\$492+10% of OC (Max. \$955 or OC)
Family	Reduced by 2% of 2018 AFNI over \$28,944	Reduced by 2% of 2018 AFNI over \$34,733
Single	Reduced by 2% of 2018 AFNI over \$23,156	Reduced by 2% of 2018 AFNI over \$28,944

Occupancy Cost (OC) = Property tax paid or 20% of rent paid.
AFNI – Adjusted Family Net Income

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SOCIAL ASSISTANCE, PENSION, and TAX CREDIT RATES

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*** FEDERAL INCOME SECURITY
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OAS, GIS, SPA

- ❖ The Old Age Security (OAS) pension is a monthly benefit available, if applied for, to most Canadians 65 years of age or over. Old Age Security residence requirements must also be met.
- ❖ The Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) provides additional money, on top of the OAS pension, to low-income seniors.
- ❖ 60-to-64-year old spouses of OAS recipients (living or deceased) may receive a Spouse's Allowance (SPA).

OAS monthly benefit	\$600.85	
GIS	<u>Single</u>	<u>Couple</u>
		(benefit per person)
Maximum supplement	\$897.42	\$540.23
Break-even point	\$1,794.84	\$1,080.46

Federal OAS/GIS/SPA Guarantee

	<u>Single</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Monthly benefit	\$1,498.27	\$2,282.16
Total income at break-even point	\$2,395.69	\$3,362.62

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Widowed</u>
Spouse's allowance	\$1,141.08	\$1,360.20

Canada Pension Plan

- ❖ The Canada Pension Plan (CPP) pays a monthly retirement pension to people who have worked and contributed to the CPP. The CPP also acts as an insurance plan, providing disability, survivor and death benefits.

	<u>Maximum monthly benefit</u>
Retirement Pension (at age 65)	\$1,134.17
Disability Pension	\$1,335.83
Flat Rate	\$485.20
Earnings-related	\$850.63
Survivors Pension	
Under 65	\$614.62
Over 65	\$680.50
Children of deceased contributor	\$244.64
Death Benefit (lump sum)	\$2,500.00

Harmonized Sales Tax Credit

- ❖ The Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) Credit helps offset the HST paid by individuals and families with low to moderate incomes. The credit is paid every three months.

	<u>Credit Per Year</u>
Family	\$284/adult and \$149/child. Single parent: \$284/ for 1st child plus \$149 supplement
Single	\$284 and the lesser of \$149 and 2% of AFNI above \$9,209

Reduced by 5% of AFNI > \$36,976

Working Income Tax Benefit

- ❖ The Working Income Tax Benefit (WITB) is a refundable tax credit for low-income individuals with earnings from employment or business. It consists of a basic amount and a disability supplement.
- ❖ The basic WITB provides an amount equal to 25% of each dollar earned over \$3,000 to a maximum credit.
- ❖ The disability supplement provides an amount in addition to the basic amount and is equal to 25% for each dollar earned over \$1,150 to a maximum.

	<u>Max Credit Per Year</u>
Single	\$1,059
Families	\$1,922
Disability Supplement (each eligible individual excluding dependants)	\$529

Note: Rates are for Tax Year 2018

Source: CRA
For more information regarding federal income security and tax benefit programs, visit <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca>

War Veterans Allowance

- ❖ The War Veterans Allowance (WVA) is a form of financial assistance granted in recognition of war service. Qualified persons receive a monthly benefit designed to help them meet basic needs.

	<u>Max monthly benefit</u>
Single/Survivor	\$1,619.61
Single/Survivor Blind	\$1,679.74
Couple	\$2,413.64
Couple (both blind)	\$2,473.57
Additional amount for each dependent child	\$256.87
Orphan	\$769.73

Employment Insurance

- ❖ Employment Insurance (EI) provides temporary financial help to unemployed Canadians while they look for work or upgrade their skills, while they are pregnant or caring for a newborn or adopted child, or while they are sick.

Benefit
55% of average insured earnings, with a maximum of \$547/week
Premium
1.66% of employment income, with a maximum premium of \$858.22/year

Medical Expense Tax Credit

Up to \$1,203 refundable. Phased out by 5% of family net income over \$26,644.

Canada Child Benefit

- ❖ The Canada Child Benefit (CCB) is a monthly, tax-free payment made to eligible families with children under 18. This benefit replaced the universal child care benefit (UCCB) and the Canada child tax benefit (CCTB) effective July 1, 2016.

Basic Child Benefit	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Per Year</u>
per month for each child under the age of 6	\$541	\$6,496
per month for each child age 6 to 17 years	\$457	\$5,481
Phase-out rates	<u>AFNI \$30,450- \$65,976</u>	<u>AFNI > \$65,976</u>
1 child	7.0%	3.2%
2 children	13.5%	5.7%
3 children	19.0%	8.0%
4 or more children	23.0%	9.5%

Child Disability Benefit

Per child
Per child for families receiving the CCB whose disabled child qualifies for the Disability Tax Credit (DTC). Benefits are reduced by 3.2% of AFNI over \$65,000 for 1 child and by 5.7% of AFNI over \$65,000 for more than 1 DTC qualified child.

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