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Low-income cutoffs for 2002

Low-income cutoffs (LICOs) for 2002, before and after taxes, are now available.

LICOs are income thresholds, determined by analysing family expenditure data, below which families will likely devote a larger share of income to the necessities of food, shelter and clothing than the average family would. To reflect differences in the costs of necessities among different community and family sizes, LICOs are defined for five community-size and seven family-size categories. LICOs are updated each year using the annual Consumer Price Index.

Although LICOs are often referred to as poverty lines, they have no official status as such, and Statistics Canada does not recommend their use for this purpose.

Low-income cutoffs for 2002, after tax (1992 base)

Size of family unit	Rural areas		Urban areas		
	Population less than 30,000	Population 30,000 to 99,999	Population 100,000 to 499,999	Population 500,000 and over	
	\$				
1 person	10,429	12,055	13,192	13,399	15,907
2 persons	12,726	14,710	16,097	16,349	19,410
3 persons	16,096	18,604	20,360	20,679	24,550
4 persons	20,047	23,172	25,358	25,755	30,576
5 persons	22,407	25,898	28,341	28,786	34,174
6 persons	24,766	28,624	31,324	31,817	37,773
7 or more persons	27,126	31,351	34,308	34,848	41,372

Low-income cutoffs for 2002, before tax (1992 base)

Size of family unit	Rural areas		Urban areas		
	Population less than 30,000	Population 30,000 to 99,999	Population 100,000 to 499,999	Population 500,000 and over	
	\$				
1 person	13,311	15,267	16,407	16,521	19,261
2 persons	16,639	19,083	20,508	20,651	24,077
3 persons	20,694	23,732	25,505	25,684	29,944
4 persons	25,050	28,729	30,875	31,090	36,247
5 persons	28,002	32,113	34,512	34,754	40,518
6 persons	30,954	35,498	38,150	38,418	44,789
7 or more persons	33,907	38,882	41,788	42,082	49,060

For more information, refer to the publication *Low-income cutoffs from 1992 to 2001 and low-income*

measures from 1991 to 2000, (75F0002MIE, 2002, no. 5, free), available on Statistics Canada's website (www.statcan.ca). From the *Our products and services* page, under *Browse our Internet publications*, choose *Free*, then *Personal finance and household finance*.

To order this report or custom tabulations, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (1-888-297-7355; 613-951-7355; fax: 613-951-3012; income@statcan.ca), Income Statistics Division. ■

Asphalt roofing

December 2002

Data on asphalt roofing are now available for December.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0006.

Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey number 2123.

The December 2002 issue of *Asphalt roofing*, Vol. 54, no. 12 (45-001-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the dissemination officer (1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; manufact@statcan.ca), Manufacturing, Construction and Energy Division. ■

Farm product prices

December 2002

Prices received by farmers in December for grains, oilseeds, specialty crops, fruits, vegetables, cattle, hogs, poultry, eggs and dairy products are now available.

The Ontario hog price in December was \$1.30 per kilogram; this was the highest it has been since August, when it hit \$1.56 per kilogram, but still 8% below the December 2001 level.

The December non-board wheat price in Manitoba, at \$157.01 per metric tonne, increased 7% from November. This was the highest it has been since January 1997, when it hit \$163.44 per tonne.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Gail-Ann Breese (204-983-3445; fax: 204-983-3122; gail-ann.breese@statcan.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

NEW PRODUCTS

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