

Canada Pension Plan/Old Age Security Quarterly Report – Monthly Amounts and Related Figures From January to March 2021

Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and Quebec Pension Plan (QPP)

Type of benefit	New benefits Number of benefits Maximum amount, 2021 October 2020		Amounts paid October 2020			
	CPP ¹	QPP ¹	CPP	QPP	CPP (in millions)	QPP (in millions)
Retirement (at age 65)	\$1,203.75	\$1,203.75	5,496,681	1,967,461	\$3,317.7	\$1,054.9
Post-Retirement Benefit (CPP) (at age 65) ²	\$30.09	Not applicable	4,517,147	Not applicable	\$64.2	Not applicable
Retirement Pension Supplement (QPP)	Not applicable	\$23.00	Not applicable	751,656	Not applicable	\$24.2
Disability	\$1,413.66	\$1,413.63	336,581	57,944	\$322.2	\$57.0
Survivor – younger than 65	\$650.72	(Details QPP)	212,600	58,249	\$93.5	\$43.0
Survivor – 65 and older	\$722.25	\$712.55	943,343	318,273	\$300.5	\$103.7
Total – Survivor benefits ³	Not applicable	Not applicable	1,155,943	376,522	\$394.0	\$146.7
Children of disabled contributor	\$257.58	\$81.78	85,758	6,584	\$21.9	\$0.7
Children of deceased contributor	\$257.58	\$257.58	65,938	12,082	\$16.8	\$3.2
Death (one-time payment)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	13,457	5,317	\$33.4	\$13.0
Total – CPP/QPP benefits ³	Not applicable	Not applicable	7,154,358	2,425,910	\$4,170.2	\$1,299.7
Combined benefits						
Survivor/retirement (retirement at 65)	\$1,203.75	\$1,203.75	902,833	289,135	\$776.7	\$223.9
Survivor/disability	\$1,413.66	Not applicable	13,725	1,775	\$14.9	\$2.2
Total – Combined benefits ³	Not applicable	Not applicable	916,558	290,910	\$791.6	\$226.0

¹ The CPP/QPP enhancement is not reflected in maximum benefit amounts.

Disability and survivor amounts 2021

	Flat amount	Earnings-related portion	Total
CPP disability benefit	\$510.85	\$902.81	\$1,413.66
CPP post-retirement disability benefit ⁴	\$510.85	\$0.00	\$510.85
CPP survivor benefit – younger than 65	\$199.31	\$451.41	\$650.72
QPP disability benefit	\$510.82	\$902.81	\$1,413.63
QPP additional amount for disability ⁴	\$510.82	\$0.00	\$510.82
Details of QPP benefits			
QPP survivor benefit – younger than 45			
Not disabled, no child	\$130.84	\$445.35	\$576.19
Not disabled, with child	\$474.31	\$445.35	\$919.66
Disabled	\$510.82	\$445.35	\$956.17
QPP survivors – age 45 to 64	\$510.82	\$445.35	\$956.17

⁴ This amount is added to the retirement benefit.

Calculation of CPP maximum monthly amounts for new benefits

25% of 1/12 of the average year's maximum pensionable earnings (YMPE) for the last five years Retirement:

Disability: (retirement x 0.75) + flat amount (\$510.85)

Survivor: younger than 65: (retirement x 0.375) + flat amount (\$199.31)

65 and older: retirement x 0.60

Post Retirement: 1/40 of the retirement benefit





² Each year a valid contribution is made to the CPP while a retirement pension is being received, the person becomes eligible for a post-retirement benefit (PRB) in January of the following year and thus can receive more than one PRB.

³ Total may not add up due to rounding.



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Old Age Security (OAS)

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Type of benefit	January to March 2021			October 2020		
	Maximum amount ¹	Income level cut-off ²	Income level cut-off for top-ups ²	Number of benefits ⁶	Amount paid (in millions) ⁶	
Old Age Security pension (at age 65) 3,4	\$615.37	Not applicable	Not applicable	6,628,786	\$3,840.6	
Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)						
 Single person who receives an OAS pension 	\$919.12	\$18,648	\$8,864	1,180,058	\$699.2	
Spouse/common-law partner of						
someone who:						
 does not receive an OAS pension 	\$919.12	\$44,688	\$17,728	111,139	\$59.9	
• receives an OAS pension	\$553.28	\$24,624	\$7,936	679,316	\$239.5	
• is an Allowance recipient	\$553.28	\$44,688	\$7,936	54,594	\$26.2	
Total – GIS ⁵	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	2,025,107	\$1,024.8	
Allowance	\$1,168.65	\$34,512	\$7,936	54,587	\$27.8	
Allowance for the Survivor	\$1,393.08	\$25,152	\$8,864	20,156	\$15.4	
Total – Allowance and Allowance for the Survivor ⁵	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	74,743	\$43.2	

¹ The maximum amount includes the top-ups for the GIS and the Allowances.

Other CPP/QPP figures

		CPP			QPP	
Year's maximum pensionable earnings (YMPE) (2021)	\$61,600.00		\$61,600.00			
Year's basic exemption (2021)	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00			
Contributions (2019–2020)	\$56,142 million		\$16,300 million			
Number of contributors (2018)	14.6 million		(estimated) 4.2 million			
Indexation rate (January 2021)	1.0%		1.0%			
	Base	Enhancement	Total	Base	Enhancement	Total
Contribution rate for employee/employer	4.95%	0.5%	5.45%	5.4%	0.5%	5.9%
Employee/employer maximum contribution	\$2,875.95	\$290.50	\$3,166.45	\$3,137.40	\$290.50	\$3,427.90
Contribution rate for self-employed	9.9%	1.0%	10.9%	10.8%	1.0%	11.8%
Self-employed maximum contribution	\$5,751.90	\$581.00	\$6,332.90	\$6,274.80	\$581.00	\$6,855.80

OAS and CPP/QPP forecasted expenditures, 2020-21 (in billions)

OAS	CPP	QPP		
\$59.5	\$51.5	\$16.0		





² The income level cut-offs do not include the OAS pension, the first \$5,000 of employment or self employment income and 50% of employment or self employment income between \$5,000 and \$15,000.

³ The OAS pension repayment range in 2021 is from \$79,845 to \$129,075.

⁴ Individuals can defer receiving the OAS pension beyond age 65 in exchange for a higher pension. The monthly OAS pension is increased by 0.6% for every month it is delayed up to a maximum of 36% at age 70.

⁵ Total may not add up due to rounding.

⁶ The benefit amounts and the number of beneficiaries for the GIS and the Allowances in this table could be understated due to a temporary operational change in response to the COVID 19 pandemic.