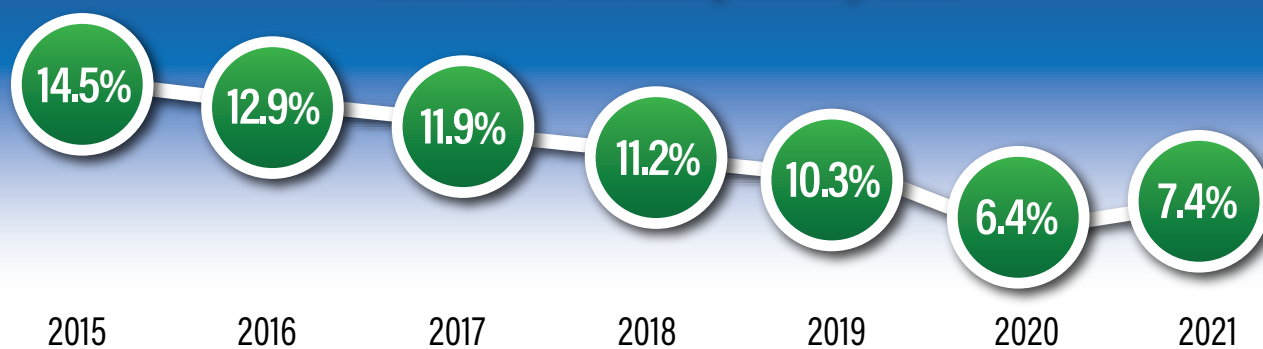


# Canada's Official Poverty Dashboard of Indicators: Trends, May 2023

## Canada's official poverty rate



Canada's Poverty Reduction Strategy introduced the Official Poverty Line for Canada and a dashboard of 12 indicators to track progress on poverty reduction for Canadians and their households.

Indicator	Most recent value	Previous value	Trend	Percentage change	Reference periods
<b>Deep income poverty</b> (Persons whose family disposable income is below 75% of Canada's Official Poverty Line)	3.6%	3.0%	▲	20.0%	2020 to 2021
<b>Unmet housing needs and chronic homelessness</b>					
- Unmet housing needs	10.1%	12.7%	▼	-20.5%	2016 to 2021
<b>Unmet health needs</b> (Persons 16 years and older who reported not receiving health care when they felt they needed it)	7.9%	7.2%	▲	9.7%	2020 to 2021
<b>Food insecurity</b> (Persons living in households that reported moderate or severe food insecurity)	12.9%	11.2%	▲	15.2%	2020 to 2021
<b>Relative low income</b> (Persons living in households whose median after-tax income falls below half the median after-tax income)	10.6%	9.3%	▲	14.0%	2020 to 2021
<b>Bottom 40 percent income share</b> (Share of total after-tax income held by the 40% of the population at the bottom of the income distribution)	21.8%	22.2%	▼	-1.8%	2020 to 2021
<b>Youth engagement</b> (Persons aged 15 to 24 who were not in employment, education or training)	9.6%	11.3%	▼	-15.0%	2021 to 2022
<b>Literacy and numeracy</b>					
- Low literacy (15-year-olds)	13.8%	10.7%	▲	29.0%	2015 to 2018
- Low numeracy (15-year-olds)	16.3%	14.4%	▲	13.2%	2015 to 2018
<b>Median hourly wage</b>					
- All	\$27.00	\$27.76	▼	-2.7%	2021 to 2022
- Women	\$25.00	\$26.12	▼	-4.3%	2021 to 2022
- Men	\$29.87	\$30.27	▼	-1.3%	2021 to 2022
<b>Average poverty gap</b> (Average shortfall below Canada's Official Poverty Line for those living in poverty, expressed as a percentage of the poverty line)	31.6%	31.7%	▼	-0.3%	2020 to 2021
<b>Asset resilience</b> (People who are able to cover unexpected expenses, or reduced income, by drawing from assets (e.g., a bank account) for a period of three months)	67.1%	66.6%	▲	0.8%	2016 to 2019
<b>Low income entry and exit rates</b>					
- Entry rates (All persons)	3.1%	3.9%	▼	-20.5%	2018/2019 to 2019/2020
- Exit rates (Persons in low income)	42.0%	29.5%	▲	42.4%	2018/2019 to 2019/2020

### Dignity



### Opportunity and Inclusion



### Resilience and Security



Note:  
 - Canada's Official Poverty Dashboard is updated as new data become available. The indicators that are based on the Market Basket Measure (MBM) use the 2018 base.  
 - The concepts and dimensions of poverty are defined in detail in *Opportunity for All - Canada's First Poverty Reduction Strategy*.