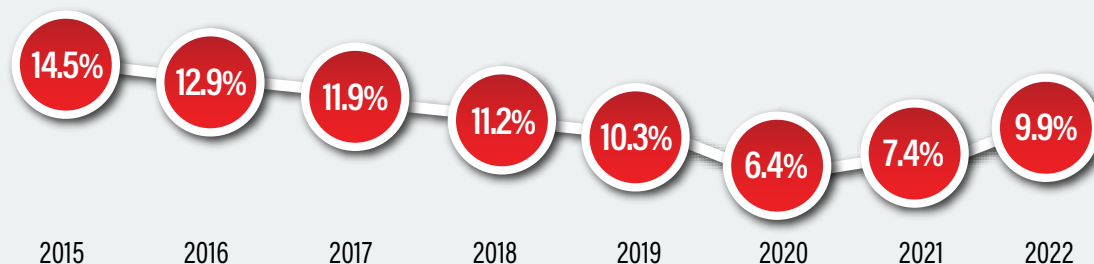


# Canada's Official Poverty Dashboard of Indicators: Trends, April 2024



## 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)	5.0%	3.6%	▲	+38.9%	2021 to 2022
<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 15 years and older who reported not receiving health care when they felt they needed it)	9.2%	7.9%	▲	+16.5%	2021 to 2022
<b>Food insecurity</b> (Persons living in households that reported moderate or severe food insecurity)	16.9%	12.9%	▲	+31.0%	2021 to 2022
<b>Relative low income</b> (Persons living in households whose median after-tax income is below half the Canadian median after-tax income)	11.9%	10.6%	▲	+12.3%	2021 to 2022
<b>Bottom 40 percent income share</b> (Share of total after-tax income held by the population in the bottom 40% of the income distribution)	21.1%	21.8%	▼	-3.2%	2021 to 2022
<b>Youth engagement</b> (Persons aged 15 to 24 who were not in employment, education or training)	9.0%	9.6%	▼	-6.3%	2022 to 2023
<b>Literacy and numeracy</b> - Low literacy (15-year-olds) - Low numeracy (15-year-olds)	18.1% 21.6%	13.8% 16.3%	▲ ▲	+31.2% +32.5%	2018 to 2022 2018 to 2022
<b>Median hourly wage</b> - All - Women - Men	\$28.75 \$26.44 \$30.77	\$28.05 \$25.98 \$31.04	▲ ▲ ▼	+2.5% +1.8% -0.9%	2022 to 2023 2022 to 2023 2022 to 2023
<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)	32.4%	31.6%	▲	+2.5%	2021 to 2022
<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) - Exit rates (Persons in low income)	5.5% 29.1%	3.4% 39.7%	▲ ▼	+61.8% -26.7%	2019/2020 to 2020/2021 2019/2020 to 2020/2021

### Notes:

- The indicators 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*.

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