

POOR NUMBERS  
AUGUST 2019

population in Ontario: 14.19 mio  
1/15 on social assistance  
1/29 on ODSP

population in Toronto: 2.73 mio  
1/11 on social assistance  
1/25 on ODSP  
1.6 to 2.3 homeless deaths/week between jan 2017 and June 30, 2018  
98'000 active applications for social housing  
756 housed in 2018

**\$2'832 = monthly income that the City of Toronto**

says I should have to pay my rent

**\$2,260 = average market rent for one bedroom apartment**

(according to Padmapper, apartment hunting website  
<https://www.blogto.com/real-estate-toronto/2018/12/average-cost-one-bedroom-rental-toronto-hits-2260/>)

**\$1'976 = monthly 2018 LIM poverty line**

Low-Income measure (LIM)  
= 2015 LIM-AT (after tax, from last census) + inflation as calculated by Bank of Canada Inflation Calculator

**\$1,844 = monthly 2015 LIM-AT poverty line**

published by Statscan

**\$1,699 = highest Market Basket Measure (MBM) of the new Official Poverty Line, 2019**

as published in federal Poverty Reduction Strategy 2019  
lower than corresponding LIM

**\$1'415 = monthly basic income (BI) for a**

single person in the Ontario BI pilot project

**\$1,396.03 = monthly maximum ODSP allowance in 1998**

(in today's dollar value)

**\$1,369 = lowest Market Basket Measure (MBM) of the new Official Poverty Line in 2019**

as published in federal Poverty Reduction Strategy 2019

**\$1,270 = market rent for one bedroom apartment in Toronto**

(as calculated by the City of Toronto)

**\$1'209 = monthly ODSP allowance recommended**

by the 45 authors of "The Roadmap for Change" (2017)

**\$1'186 = monthly maximum ODSP allowance passed**

by the Wynne government but revoked by Ford

**\$1'169 = current maximum ODSP monthly allowance**

**\$850 = my rent**

**\$780.57 = monthly maximum OW allowance in 1998**

(in today's dollar value)

**\$733 = monthly maximum allowance on OW**

**\$672 = monthly maximum allowance for a homeless person on ODSP**

**\$343 = monthly maximum allowance for a homeless person on OW**