

# OW and ODSP Rates & OCB amounts as of September / October 2013

The 2013 Ontario budget included a number of changes to social assistance, including increases to the Basic Needs and Shelter allowances.

However, these increases were unevenly applied – different family types received different increases. In addition, the increases were applied to Basic Needs allowance amounts that, for people with children, had already been reduced because of an increase in the Ontario Child Benefit.

For more details on the increases and OCB-related rate restructuring, see our fact sheet at <http://www.incomesecurity.org/documents/OWandODSPRatesandtheOCB.doc>.

## Ontario Works

- OW rates were increased by 1% starting October 1, 2013.
- Single people on OW received an additional increase of \$14 / month in Basic Needs, bringing the total monthly increase to \$20 / month.
- Single parents on OW only received a 1% increase on what the government calls the “adult portion” of their Basic Needs allowance but not on the “single parent supplement”, as well as a 1% increase to the maximum Shelter allowance.

Current Monthly Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter Rates and Ontario Child Benefit (OCB) amounts for select OW family types				
	Basic Needs	Max Shelter	OCB	Total
Single	\$250	\$376	\$0	\$626
Single Parent 1 child under 13	\$344	\$596	\$101	\$1,041
Single Parent - 1 child 13-17	\$344	\$596	\$101	\$1,041
Single Parent - 2 children under 13	\$344	\$648	\$202	\$1,194
Single Parent - 2 children (one under 13 and one over 13)	\$344	\$648	\$202	\$1,194
Single Parent - 2 children 13-17	\$344	\$648	\$202	\$1,194
Couple	\$458	\$596	\$0	\$1,054
Couple - 1 child under 13	\$458	\$648	\$101	\$1,207
Couple - 1 child (13-17)	\$458	\$648	\$101	\$1,207
Couple - 2 children under 13	\$458	\$702	\$202	\$1,362
Couple - 2 children (under/over)	\$458	\$702	\$202	\$1,362
Couple - 2 children 13-17	\$458	\$702	\$202	\$1,362

## Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

- ODSP rates were increased by 1% starting September 2013.
- All people with children, and couples without children where the spouse does not have a disability, only received the 1% increase on the amount intended to support the person with a disability. In other words, there was no increase provided for the amounts intended to support non-disabled spouses or children.

<b>Current Monthly Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter Rates and Ontario Child Benefit (OCB) amounts for select ODSP family types</b>				
	<b>Basic Needs</b>	<b>Max Shelter</b>	<b>OCB</b>	<b>Total</b>
Single	\$607	\$479	\$0	\$1,086
Single Parent - 1 child under 13	\$750	\$753	\$101	\$1,604
Single Parent -1 child 13-17	\$759	\$753	\$101	\$1,613
Single Parent - 2 children under 13	\$750	\$816	\$202	\$1,768
Single Parent -2 children (under/over)	\$759	\$816	\$202	\$1,777
Single Parent - 2 children both 13-17	\$768	\$816	\$202	\$1,786
Couple - 1 with a disability	\$893	\$753	\$0	\$1,646
Couple - 1 with a disability - 1 child under 13	\$893	\$816	\$101	\$1,810
Couple - 1 with a disability - 1 child 13-17	\$902	\$816	\$101	\$1,819
Couple - 1 with a disability - 2 children under 13	\$893	\$886	\$202	\$1,981
Couple - 1 with a disability - 2 children (under/over)	\$902	\$886	\$202	\$1,990
Couple - 1 with a disability - 2 children 13-17	\$911	\$886	\$202	\$1,999
Couple - both have a disability	\$1,211	\$753	\$0	\$1,964
Couple - both have a disability - 1 child under 13	\$1,211	\$816	\$101	\$2,128
Couple - both have a disability - 1 child 13-17	\$1,220	\$816	\$101	\$2,137
Couple - both have a disability - 2 children under 13	\$1,211	\$886	\$202	\$2,299
Couple - both have a disability - 2 children (under/over)	\$1,220	\$886	\$202	\$2,808
Couple - both have a disability - 2 children 13-17	\$1,229	\$886	\$202	\$2,317

**For information on increases to other OW & ODSP benefits,** please consult our fact sheet at <http://www.incomesecurity.org/documents/OWandODSPRatesandtheOCB.doc>, which also provides details on the various different increases to Basic Needs and Shelter allowances and OCB-related rate restructuring, outlined above.