

Hamilton Poverty Matrix – Estimated Number of People Living in Poverty

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Demographics of Poverty

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	Total Population	Total Persons by Age Groups				Household Types			Marginalized Groups – 15 yrs +				
		Children 0 - 14	Youth 15 - 24	Adults 25 - 64	Seniors 65+	Unattached Individuals	Couple Families	Lone Parent Families	Recent Immigrants 96 to 01	Aboriginal	Visible Minority Status	Disabled	Women
Total Population	483,150	93,895	64,180	258,266	66,325	61,530	121,435	12,095	12,035	4,490	38,410	87,815	200,960
Living below the low income cut-off (LICO)	95,605	22,525	14,180	42,700	16,185	28,225	14,780	6,785	5,995	1,655	13,040	25,790	42,865
Working Poor 15 to 64	25,015	NA	6,230	18,345	440	8,085	7,110	2,675	2,040	525	4,945	4,415	13,420
OW - Job Ready 15 to 64	7,808	NA	7,808		NA	3,610	1,662	2,413	–	–	–	–	–
OW/ODSP - with Barriers to Employment 15 to 64	14,533	NA	14,533		NA	9,875	2,225	2,585	–	–	–	–	–
Seniors 65+ (not employed)	15,745	NA	NA	NA	15,745	10,970	6,670	NA	175	65	770	10,250	11,185
No Income	7,750	NA	4,860	2,890	NA	655	7,095		1,780	280	2,810	1,270	5,170

20,000+ persons or households	
15,000 – 19,999 persons or households	
10,000 – 14,999 persons or households	
5,000 – 9,999 persons or households	
<4,999 persons or households	

Hamilton Poverty Matrix – Estimated Percent of People Living in Poverty

Demographics of Poverty													
	Total Population	Total Persons by Age Groups				Household Types			Marginalized Groups				
		Children 0 - 14	Youth 15 - 24	Adults 25 – 64	Seniors 65+	Unattached individuals	Couple Families	Lone Parent Families	Recent Immigrants 96 to 01	Aboriginal	Visible Minority Status	Disabled	Women
Total Population	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Living below the low income cut-off (LICO)	20%	24%	22%	17%	24%	46%	12%	56%	50%	37%	34%	29%	21%
Working Poor 15 to 64	26%	NA	44%	43%	3%	29%	48%	39%	34%	32%	38%	17%	31%
OW - Job Ready 15 to 64	8%	NA	–	–	NA	13%	11%	36%	–	–	–	–	–
OW/ODSP - with Barriers to Employment 15 to 64	15%	NA	–	–	NA	35%	15%	38%	–	–	–	–	–
Seniors 65+ (not employed)	17%	NA	NA	NA	97%	39%	10%	NA	3%	4%	6%	40%	26%
No Income	8%	NA	34%	7%	NA	2%	–	–	30%	17%	22%	5%	12%

> 55%	
41 – 55%	
26 – 40%	
11 – 25%	
< 10%	

Definitions and Data Sources

Demographic of Poverty

Low Income Cut-Offs (LICO) - The LICO calculates the average cost of basic necessities (including housing, food, and clothing) for different sized households in different sized communities. The measure then adds an additional 20% to determine the low income cut-off for each family/household size. The additional 20% is meant to cover all expenses beyond food, shelter and clothing. This includes such things as heat, hydro, telephone, laundry, toiletries, cleaning supplies, school related costs, medications, transportation, and other unexpected expenses. (see below table for actual LICOs for a city the size of Hamilton)

Before-Tax Low-Income Cut-Offs (LICOs), 2003

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>LICO</u>
1 person	\$16,979
2 person	\$21,224
3 person	\$26,396
4 person	\$31,952
5 person	\$35,718
6 person	\$39,483
7+ person	\$43,249

Children – persons under 14 years of age (unless otherwise specified)

Youth – persons 15 to 24 years of age

Seniors – persons 65 years of age and older

Unattached individuals – persons not married or living in common-law relationships, and not residing with blood relatives

Couple Families – (married or living common-law) with or without children, or other people of blood relation residing in the same residence

Lone Parent Families – unattached individuals with one or more children

Recent immigrants – those who are new immigrants or refugees to Canada (born outside of Canada) arriving between 1996-2001

Visible minority status – persons, other than Aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour

Aboriginal – people identified as North American Indian (registered & non-registered), Métis or Inuit

Disabled /activity limitations – persons reporting one or more limitations in day-to-day activities as a result of physical, mental or emotional impairments

[Data source: Statistics Canada, Census.]

Definitions - Category of Poverty

Working Poor: Individuals reporting some employment income during the year prior to the 2001 census. Individuals worked in full time, part time, seasonal, contract or temporary jobs that have few, if any, benefits and received inadequate wages or job stability to maintain them at a decent standard of living. *[Data source: 2001 Census, Statistics Canada (via Canadian Council on Social Development's (CCSD) Community Social Data Strategy (CSDS).]*

OW - Job Ready: This category is comprised of two groups:

- i. Ontario Works participants who are classified as employment ready (no deferrals from employment). *[Data source: OW Caseload statistics (December 2004), City of Hamilton Public Health and Community Services Department.]*
- ii. Ontario Works participants who have some restrictions on participation but are not deferred from employment requirements (for example, an individual with a previous injury could be limited in the type of employment requirements, or a sole-support parent may be limited to participation during school hours only). *[Data source: OW Caseload statistics (December 2004), City of Hamilton Public Health and Community Services Department.]*

NOTE: Figures represent the total number of "recipients". Where recipients are heads of families, their dependents are also 'beneficiaries' of OW income supports.

OW/ODSP - With Barriers to Employment: Individuals who are currently unemployed and facing a range of significant barriers to employment (long-term, unpredictable). Major source of income is from government income support. This category is comprised of two groups:

- i. Ontario Works participants classified as deferred from participation (such as, a full-time family caregiver, seniors, individuals with significant injury/illness/disability, individuals on pregnancy or parental leave) and ODSP pending cases. *[Data source: OW Caseload statistics (December 2004), City of Hamilton's Public Health and Community Services Department.]*
- ii. Individuals currently receiving ODSP. *[Data source: Ministry of Community and Social Services, CMSM's Social Assistance Quarterly, December 2004.]*

NOTE: Figures represent the total number of "recipients". Where recipients are heads of families, their dependents are also 'beneficiaries' of OW/ODSP income supports.

Seniors 65+ (Unemployed): Individuals past working age, who relying on retirement pensions and investment income, and old age security, Canadian Pension Plan or income from other sources. *[Data source: 2001 Census, Statistics Canada (CCSD's CSDS).]*

No Income: Individuals who reported no income from either employment or government transfers during the year prior to the 2001 census. This category includes individuals considered to be "homeless" using emergency shelters, women's shelters or family shelters, individuals living on the street, families placed in motel rooms because they have nowhere else to go, individuals staying with a friend or family on an emergency basis, etc. *[Data source: Estimate based on 1998 data. Sources - Progress Report on Homelessness in Hamilton 2003, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton, May 2003; and Emergency Shelter Gaps Analysis, McKibbin Wakefield Inc. prepared for the City of Hamilton, August 2001.]*