OECD-SOCR metadata on income replacement programmes - Canada

OECD Database on social benefit recipients - www.oecd.org/social/recipients.htm

INTRODUCTION

This note includes a comprehensive list of the social programmes included in the SOCR database, accessible via OECD.Stat [http://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=SOCR].

Based on information collected in five rounds of the SOCR questionnaire, the database distinguishes between priority and optional programmes. Priority programmes have the following characteristics:
- They are main income replacement benefits, meaning they are not supplements but are typically received in their own right, independently of other benefits; and
- Their volume is significant or highly variable:
  - programmes with a significant number of recipients or expenditure (regardless whether open to new recipients or not); or
  - programmes open to new recipients that are highly sensitive to economic or social conditions.

All other programmes are considered as optional. For instance, very small programmes that are being phased out, as are benefit "top-ups" of unemployment benefits or pensions.

Priority programmes are made publicly available through OECD.Stat, optional programmes are not published. Programmes are organised by social protection branch (e.g. 'OLD AGE') and sub-branch (e.g. 'Pensions') under the form of programme tables. The aim of them is to include essential information needed by users to identify the benefit and to know methodological details that may be relevant for a correct interpretation of recipients figures.

Data sources of local administrations. Web links to official administrative databases and reports are provided when the sources are publicly available. These web pages are subject to changes by local administrations, which implies that in the future some links may not work.

Other OECD sources of qualitative information on social benefits: Country policy descriptions.

Other OECD sources of information on social protection: Social Expenditure (SOCX), Tax-Benefit model (TaxBEN), Family database, Pensions at a Glance.

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OLD AGE

Pensions

4 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Old Age Security (OAS)**
Programme Name [Original]	Old Age Security (OAS)
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Includes recipients covered under international agreements.
Source	Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), OAS administrative data

Programme Name [English]	**CPP retirement pension**
Programme Name [Original]	CPP retirement pension
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), CPP administrative data

Programme Name [English]	**QPP retirement pension**
Programme Name [Original]	QPP retirement pension
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Includes recipients covered under international agreements.
Source	Administrative Database of the Québec Pension Plan

Programme Name [English]	**Guaranteed income supplement (GIS)**
Programme Name [Original]	Guaranteed income supplement (GIS)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Includes recipients covered under international agreements.
Source	Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), OAS administrative data

SURVIVORS

Survivor Pensions

3 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Widowed spouses allowance**
Programme Name [Original]	Widowed spouses allowance
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Includes recipients covered under international agreements.
Source	Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), OAS administrative data

Programme Name [English]	**CPP surviving spouse's pension**
Programme Name [Original]	CPP surviving spouse's pension
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Includes recipients covered under international agreements.
Source	Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), CPP administrative data

Programme Name [English]	**QPP*: surviving spouse's pension**
Programme Name [Original]	QPP*: surviving spouse's pension
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Includes recipients covered under international agreements.
Source	Databank of Official Statistics on Québec, Québec Pension Plan

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INCAPACITY

Disability Pensions

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**CPP disability pension**
Programme Name [Original]	CPP disability pension
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Includes recipients covered under international agreements.
Source	Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), CPP administrative data

Programme Name [English]	**QPP disability pension**
Programme Name [Original]	QPP disability pension
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Includes recipients covered under international agreements.
Source	Databank of Official Statistics on Québec, Québec Pension Plan

Pensions (Occupational injury and Disease)

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**VAC : Disability Pension**
Programme Name [Original]	VAC : Disability Pension
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Veteran Affairs Canada, Statistics Directorate

Programme Name [English]	**VAC : Permanent Impairment Allowance**
Programme Name [Original]	VAC : Permanent Impairment Allowance
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Veteran Affairs Canada, Statistics Directorate

Paid Sick Leave

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	**Unemployment Insurance Sickness Benefits**
Programme Name [Original]	Unemployment Insurance Sickness Benefits
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Statistics Canada, CANSIM Table

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FAMILY

Maternity and Parental Leaves

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Parental Benefit**
Programme Name [Original]	Parental Benefit
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Includes both Biological and Adopted benefits.
Source	Statistics Canada, CANSIM Table 276-0020

Programme Name [English]	**Maternity Benefit**
Programme Name [Original]	Maternity Benefit
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Statistics Canada, CANSIM Table 276-0020

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UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment Compensations

2 programmes reported

Programme Name [English]	**Unemployment Insurance: Regular benefits**
Programme Name [Original]	Unemployment Insurance: Regular benefits
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Statistics Canada, CANSIM Table 276-0020

Programme Name [English]	**Unemployment Insurance: Fishing benefits**
Programme Name [Original]	Unemployment Insurance: Fishing benefits
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Statistics Canada, CANSIM Table 276-0020

OTHER SOCIAL

Income Maintenance

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	**Social Assistance (by Province, Income Support)**
Programme Name [Original]	Social Assistance (by Province, Income Support)
Means-tested	Yes
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Recipient households, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	Figures refer to cases and do not include aboriginals living on-reserve. May include some cases that receive both Child Benefit and Social Assistance.
Source	Compiled by Statistics Canada using administrative sources at provincial level

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IN-WORK

In-Work Benefits

1 programme reported

Programme Name [English]	**Unemployment Insurance: Work Sharing benefits**
Programme Name [Original]	Unemployment Insurance: Work Sharing benefits
Means-tested	No
Reporting unit for annual caseloads	Individual recipients, average or point-in-time
Other remarks	
Source	Statistics Canada, CANSIM Table 276-0020

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