

## May 2012 - Nutritious Food Basket Scenarios - prepared by the OPHA Food Security Work Group

	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 5	Scenario 6	Scenario 7
	Family of Four, Ontario Works	Family of Four, Minimum Wage Earner (Full-time/Full-year) <sup>j</sup>	Family of Four Median ONTARIO Income (after tax) <sup>k</sup>	Single Parent Household with 2 Children, Ontario Works	One Person Household, Ontario Works	One Person Household, ODSP	One Person Household, OAS/GIS
<b>Monthly Calculations</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
Income from Employment		\$ 1,777.00	\$ 6,792.00				
Basic Allowance <sup>a</sup>	\$ 448.00			\$ 347.00	\$ 227.00	\$ 590.00	
Maximum Shelter Allowance <sup>a</sup>	\$ 688.00			\$ 634.00	\$ 372.00	\$ 474.00	
Old Age Security/Guaranteed Income Supplement (OAS/GIS/GAINS) <sup>b</sup>							\$ 1,272.00
Child/Family Benefits <sup>c</sup>	\$ 744.00	\$ 743.00		\$ 744.00			
GST/HST credit <sup>d</sup>	\$ 64.00	\$ 64.00		\$ 64.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 32.00
Ontario Sales Tax Credit <sup>d</sup>	\$ 88.00	\$ 88.00		\$ 66.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00
Employment Insurance paid <sup>e</sup>		\$ (33.00)	\$ (120.00)				
Canada Pension Plan paid <sup>f</sup>		\$ (74.00)	\$ (312.00)				
Working Income Tax Benefit <sup>g</sup>		\$ 74.00					
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,032.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,639.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,360.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,855.00</b>	<b>\$ 642.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,115.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,326.00</b>
<b>Selected Expenses</b>							
Average Rent (may or may not include heat/hydro) <sup>h</sup>	(3 Bdr.) \$ 1,389.00	(3 Bdr.) \$ 1,389.00	(3 Bdr.) \$ 1,389.00	(2 Bdr.) \$ 1,164.00	(Bachelor) \$ 808.00	(1 Bdr.) <sup>l</sup> \$ 1,009.00	(1 Bdr.) \$ 1,009.00
Food <sup>i</sup>	\$ 762.04	\$ 762.04	\$ 762.04	\$ 576.54	\$ 255.54	\$ 255.54	\$ 187.84
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,151.04</b>	<b>\$ 2,151.04</b>	<b>\$ 2,151.04</b>	<b>\$ 1,740.54</b>	<b>\$ 1,063.54</b>	<b>\$ 1,264.54</b>	<b>\$ 1,196.84</b>
<b>Funds Remaining</b> (for other basic needs e.g. telephone, transportation, child care, household and personal care items, clothing, school supplies etc.)	<b>\$ (119.04)</b>	<b>\$ 487.96</b>	<b>\$ 4,208.96</b>	<b>\$ 114.46</b>	<b>\$ (421.54)</b>	<b>\$ (149.54)</b>	<b>\$ 129.16</b>
Percentage of income required for rent	68%	53%	22%	63%	126%	90%	76%
Percentage of income required to purchase healthy food	38%	29%	12%	31%	40%	23%	14%

Note: All dollars rounded to nearest whole number.

### **Scenario References:**

Scenario 1 - 2 adults (male and female ages 31-50), 2 children (girl age 8, boy age 14); on Ontario Works (OW).

Scenario 2 - 2 adults (male and female ages 31-50), 2 children (girl age 8, boy age 14); income is based on one minimum wage earner, 40hr/wk, \$10.25/hr.

Scenario 3 - 2 adults (male and female ages 31-50), 2 children (girl age 8, boy age 14).

NOTE: Income from employment is based on median after-tax income- couple households with children; however, EI and CPP contributions are calculated using median income- couple households with children. Assumption of a dual income family with a split of 65% / 35% between partners.

Source: Statistics Canada. 2007. Ontario (table). 2006 Community Profiles. 2006 Census. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 92-591-XWE. Ottawa. Released March 13, 2007.

<http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/data/profiles/community/Index.cfm?Lang=E> (accessed July 23, 2010).

Scenario 4 - 1 adult (female age 31-50), 2 children (girl age 8, boy age 14); on Ontario Works.

Scenario 5 - 1 adult (male age 31-50); on Ontario Works.

Scenario 6 - 1 adult (male age 31-50); on Ontario Disability Support Program.

**Scenario 7 - 1 adult (female age 70+); income based on Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Ontario Guaranteed Annual Income System (OAS/GIS/GAINS).**

a - OW rates taken from TESS Intranet (<http://tss.toronto.ca/fa/rates.htm>). Rates effective Dec. 2011. ODSP rates taken from MCSS ODSP site (Basic allowance: <http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca/en/mcss/programs/social/directives/directives/ODSPDi>

**b - Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Ontario Guaranteed Income System (OAS/GIS/GAINS) rates** effective May 2011. Source: Social Assistance, Pension and Tax Credit Rates April to June 2011, Ministry of Community and Social Services.

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c - Includes maximum Canada Child Tax benefit, National Child Benefit Supplement, & Ontario Child Benefit. Effective July 2011 - June 2012. <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/clcltr/menu-eng.html> (accessed July 10, 2012).

d - Based on net annual income. GST/HST and Ontario Sales Tax Credit are issued on a quarterly basis, but calculated on a monthly basis. Figures derived from GST/HST and related provincial programs calculator, effective July 2011-June 2012. <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/clcltr/menu-eng.html> (accessed July 10, 2012).

e - Reference: Employment Insurance Premium Rates <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/pyrll/clcltng/ei/cnt-chrt-pf-eng.html> (accessed June 30, 2011).

f - Canada Pension Plan Reference: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/tx/bsnss/tpcs/pyrll/clcltng/cpp-rpc/cnt-chrt-pf-eng.html> (accessed June 30, 2011).

g - Reference: Working Income Tax Benefit Online Calculator . <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/wtb/menu-eng.html> (accessed June 30, 2011).

h - Rental Market Reports (Ontario), Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Spring 2012. Some communities may need to add utility costs. Average Rents in Privately Initiated Apartment Structures of 3 Units and O

i - Reference: Nutritious Food Basket Data Results 2012 Toronto Public Health - Includes Family size adjustment factors.

j - Reference: Minimum wage <http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/info/minimumwage/> (accessed June 30, 2011).

k - Source: Statistics Canada. 2007. Ontario (table). 2006 Community Profiles. 2006 Census. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 92-591-XWE. Ottawa. Released March 13, 2007.

<http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/data/profiles/community/Index.cfm?Lang=E> (accessed June 30, 2011).

l- Housing for Scenario 6 has been changed from Bachelor to 1-bedroom for 2011. This change reflects a more accurate housing need for persons with a disability. This change will need to be recognized when attempting to compare 2011 results to previous years.