

# Living on OW/ODSP in 2009 ....food for thought

#### **OW & ODSP Allowances**

Allowances (April 2009)		Basic Needs	* Shelter	Monthly Total
Single OW	Monthly Living on clothe the	\$54. wee	\$356 * kly to feed	\$572 I and
Single ODSP	Monthly Living on clothe the		\$454 * weekly to 1	\$1,020 feed and

<sup>\*</sup> Maximum Shelter allowance payable. Actual amount issued based on verifiable rent receipts & utilities bills.

Allowances (April 2009)		Basic Needs	* Shelter	Monthly Total
OW Sole Support 1 Child under 12	Monthly Living on clothe the		\$560 * kly to feed	\$920 d and
ODSP Sole Support 1 Child under 12	Monthly Living on clothe the		\$714 * weekly to	\$1,423 feed and

<sup>\*</sup> Maximum Shelter payable. Actual issued is based on verifiable rent receipts & utilities bills.

Allowances (April 2009)		Basic Needs	Shelter	Monthly Total
OW Family 2 child under 12			\$660 * weekly to	\$1,089 feed and
ODSP Family 2 child under 12	Monthly Living or clothe the	\$209.50	\$842 * weekly to	\$1,680 feed and

<sup>\*</sup> Maximum Shelter payable. Actual issued is based on verifiable rent receipts & utilities bills.

Family Size (April 2009)	OW Maximum Shelter	ODSP Maximum Shelter
1	\$356	\$454
2	\$560	\$714
3	\$607	\$775
4	\$660	\$842
5	\$711	\$907
6+	\$738	\$941

Based on Social Housing Data					
Region	UNIT SIZE	* MARKET RENT			
Sudbury North	1 bedroom	513			
Sudbury North	3 bedroom	724			
Sudbury North	4 bedroom	762			
LaCloche	1 bedroom	547			
LaCloche	2 bedroom	624			
LaCloche	3 bedroom	664			
LaCloche	4 bedroom	762			
Manitoulin	1 bedroom	513			
Sudbury East	1 bedroom	491			
* Average Market Rent (April 2009)					

### Ontario Minimum Wage

Minimum Wage Rate	February 1, 2006	February 1, 2007	March 31, 2008	March 31, 2009	March 31, 2010
General Minimum Wage	\$7.75	\$8.00	\$8.75	\$9.50	\$10.25
Student Minimum Wage	\$7.25	\$7.50	\$8.20	\$8.90	\$9.60
Liquor Servers Minimum Wage	\$6.75	\$6.95	\$7.60	\$8.25	\$8.90

### Ontario Minimum Wage

Minimum Wage Rate	March 31, 2009	Hours Week	Weekly Wage	Monthly Wage	Annual Wage
General Minimum Wage	\$9.50	40	\$380	\$1,645	\$19,760
Student Minimum Wage	\$8.90	40	\$356	\$1,541	\$18,512
Liquor Servers Minimum Wage	\$8.25	40	\$330	\$1,429	\$17,160

## Comparison

Income Type (DOES NOT include other sources of government income such as CCTB, NCB, OCB, UCCB, GST etc)	Monthly	Annual	Low Income Cut Off (LICO) 2006	% of 2006 LICO
Single OW	\$572	\$6,864	\$21,202	32%
OW Family 2 children	\$1,089	\$13,068	\$39,399	33%
OW Sole Support 1 child	\$920	\$11,040	\$26,396	42%
ODSP Family 2 children	\$1,680	\$20,160	\$39,399	51%
Single ODSP	\$1,020	\$12,240	\$21,202	58%
ODSP Sole Support 1 child	\$1,423	\$17,076	\$26,396	65%
General Min. Wage	\$1,645	\$19,740	\$21,202	93%

#### **Total Incomes with Tax Credits**

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OW Single Employable	\$ 7,106	\$ 21,202	34%
ODSP Single	\$ 12,570	\$ 21,202	59%
Single Parent, One child	\$ 16,783	\$ 26,396	64%
OW Family, Two Children	\$ 23,837	\$ 39,399	61%
ODSP Family, Two Children	\$ 30,929	\$ 39,399	79%

<sup>\*</sup> Total income includes all income from basic social assistance, Canada Child Tax Benefit, National Child Tax Benefit, Ontario Child Benefit, Universal Child Care Benefit and Federal GST credit. Tax credits created using Canada Revenue Agency online calculator assuming all children under six years old. \*\*2006 LICO prepared by the Canadian Council on Social Development.