

## OECD-SOCR metadata on income replacement programmes - Canada

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## 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 four 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.

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](#).

## OLD AGE

### Pensions

4 programmes reported

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>Old Age Security (OAS)</b>   |
| 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                              | <a href="#">Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)</a> , OAS administrative data, 2017 |

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>CPP retirement pension</b>   |
| Programme Name [Original]           | CPP retirement pension  |
| Means-tested                        | No  |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time   |
| Other remarks                       |   |
| Source                              | <a href="#">Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)</a> , CPP administrative data, 2017 |

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>QPP retirement pension</b>                               |
| 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, 2018    |

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>Guaranteed income supplement (GIS)</b>   |
| 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                              | <a href="#">Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)</a> , OAS administrative data, 2017 |

## SURVIVORS

### Survivor Pensions

3 programmes reported

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>Widowed spouses allowance</b>  |
| 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                              | <a href="#">Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)</a> , OAS administrative data, 2017 |

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>CPP surviving spouse's pension</b>   |
| 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                              | <a href="#">Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)</a> , CPP administrative data, 2017 |

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>QPP*: surviving spouse's pension</b>   |
| 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                              | <a href="#">Databank of Official Statistics on Québec</a> <a href="http://www.bdso.gouv.qc.ca/pls/ken/Ken211_Page_Accu.page_accu">http://www.bdso.gouv.qc.ca/pls/ken/Ken211_Page_Accu.page_accu</a> , Québec Pension Plan, 2018 |

## INCAPACITY

### Disability Pensions

2 programmes reported

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>CPP disability pension</b>   |
| 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                              | <a href="#">Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)</a> , CPP administrative data, 2016 |

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>QPP disability pension</b>   |
| 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                              | <a href="#">Databank of Official Statistics on Québec</a> <a href="http://www.bdso.gouv.qc.ca/pls/ken/Ken211_Page_Accu.page_accu">http://www.bdso.gouv.qc.ca/pls/ken/Ken211_Page_Accu.page_accu</a> , Québec Pension Plan, 2018 |

### Pensions (Occupational injury and Disease)

2 programmes reported

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>VAC : Disability Pension</b>                                |
| Programme Name [Original]           | VAC : Disability Pension                                       |
| Means-tested                        | No   |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time                |
| Other remarks                       |  |
| Source                              | <a href="#">Veteran Affairs Canada, Statistics Directorate</a> |

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>VAC : Permanent Impairment Allowance</b>                    |
| 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                              | <a href="#">Veteran Affairs Canada, Statistics Directorate</a> |

## Paid Sick Leave

1 programme reported

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>Unemployment Insurance Sickness Benefits</b>          |
| 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, <a href="#">CANSIM Table 276-0020</a> |

## FAMILY

### Maternity and Parental Leaves

2 programmes reported

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>Parental Benefit</b>                                  |
| 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, <a href="#">CANSIM Table 276-0020</a> |

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>Maternity Benefit</b>                                 |
| 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, <a href="#">CANSIM Table 276-0020</a> |

## UNEMPLOYMENT

### Unemployment Compensations

2 programmes reported

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>Unemployment Insurance: Regular benefits</b>          |
| 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, <a href="#">CANSIM Table 276-0020</a> |

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>Unemployment Insurance: Fishing benefits</b>          |
| 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, <a href="#">CANSIM Table 276-0020</a> |



## OTHER SOCIAL

### Income Maintenance

1 programme reported

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>Social Assistance (by Province, Income Support)</b>  |
| Programme Name [Original]           | Social Assistance (by Province, Income Support)   |
| Means-tested                        | Yes   |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Recipient households, total over the year   |
| Other remarks                       | Figures refer to cases. Do not include child benefits and aboriginals living on-reserve.          |
| Source                              | Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC), Social Assistance Statistical Report by Province |

## IN-WORK

### In-Work Benefits

1 programme reported

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Programme Name [English]            | <b>Unemployment Insurance: Work Sharing benefits</b>     |
| Programme Name [Original]           | Unemployment Insurance: Work Sharing benefits            |
| Means-tested                        | Yes  |
| Reporting unit for annual caseloads | Individual recipients, average or point-in-time          |
| Other remarks                       |  |
| Source                              | Statistics Canada, <a href="#">CANSIM Table 276-0020</a> |