POVERTY IN CANADA, 1979

*2,839,000 PERSONS IN FAMILIES WITH INCOMES BELOW STATISTICS CANADA LOW INCOME CUT-OFFS.

	NUMBER OF POOR	% OF TOTAL POOR	POOR AS A % OF TOTAL POPULATION
POVERTY BY SEX			
MALE	1,184,000	42	10.7
FEMALE	1,665,000	58	14.0
POVERTY BY AGE			
0-17	866,000	31	12.8
18-64	1,365,000	48	10.0
65+	608,000	21	24.6
POVERTY BY FAMILY TYPE			
UNATTACHED INDIVIDUALS	809,000	29	32.3
TWO-PARENT FAMILIES*	998,000	35	7.6
ONE-PARENT FAMILIES*	576,000	20	43.8
COUPLES/ADULT FAMILIES	456,000	16	7.7
*WITH CHILDREN UNDER 18			
TOTAL PERSONS IN POVERTY	2,839,000	100	12.4