

Among two-parent, one-earner families, the proportion with low income in 1989 (18.2%) was up from the 1980 rate (15.8%) Statistics Canada says. Those families with two-earners had almost the same rate (5.2% versus 5.3%).

"Two-parent, one-earner families had an average income of \$42,171 compared to \$54,697 for two-earner families," the agency said in a report on family incomes.

Average income across the country for all types of families was \$50,083 last year, 3.3 per cent higher than in 1988 on an inflation adjusted basis.

Since 1984, when the upward trend began, real income had increased 11.5%, Statistics Canada said.

AVERAGE FAMILY INCOMES
LAST YEAR BY PROVINCE

ONTARIO	\$57,330
ALBERTA	49,734
BRITISH COLUMBIA	49,442
MANITOBA	46,551
QUEBEC	44,860
NOVA SCOTIA	43,123
SASKATCHEWAN	42,978
NEW BRUNSWICK	40,670
NEWFOUNDLAND	39,648
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	38,726
CANADA	\$50,083

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA