

HOW MANY CANADIANS ARE POOR?

In 1977, 3,013,000 Canadians (according to Statistics Canada) were poor. 929,000 were children and approximately 400,000 of these were children in single-parent families. The following table presents a breakdown of the poor by province.

NUMBER AND PERCENT OF PERSONS IN FAMILY UNITS* BELOW
STATISTICS CANADA POVERTY LINES IN 1977 (MOST RECENT
YEAR FOR WHICH PROVINCIAL ESTIMATES AVAILABLE)

<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PERSONS</u>	<u>PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION</u>
NEWFOUNDLAND	97	17.2
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	16	14.0
NOVA SCOTIA	117	15.0
NEW BRUNSWICK	109	16.4
QUEBEC	894	14.3
ONTARIO	956	11.6
MANITOBA	169	17.1
SASKATCHEWAN	141	15.5
ALBERTA	211	11.4
BRITISH COLUMBIA	303	12.4
CANADA	3,013	13.3

1) Excluding Persons on Indian Reserves or in Institutions

* Refers to unattached individuals, childless couples and families with children.

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