

Table 1: Percentage of families in low-income, low-income cutoffs after tax, 1992 base, 1990-2003

	Economic families, two persons or more				Unattached individuals			
	Canada	British Columbia	Toronto	Vancouver	Canada	British Columbia	Toronto	Vancouver
1990	9.1	9.5	9.9	11.4	31.3	28.7	26.4	33.6
1991	9.9	8.2	10.5	9.6	35.4	38.5	32	44.9
1992	9.9	10.3	11	14.1	35.1	33.4	31.7	38.9
1993	11	10.5	12.8	14.1	35.4	34.1	32.8	42
1994	10.5	10.7	11.6	14.3	35	35	34.4	39.1
1995	11	10.8	13.9	14.8	35	31.9	35.5	34.8
1996	12.1	12.9	13.3	17.4	37.3	36.8	36.7	40.5
1997	11.5	12.2	11.7	17.3	37.9	39.8	33.3	42.9
1998	10.1	11	10.5	15	35.1	36.5	29.2	40.4
1999	9.5	12.4	9.5	15.7	34	35.5	32.1	41.3
2000	9	11.3	9.2	14.7	32.9	34.4	28.7	36.3
2001	7.9	10.3	8.4	13.3	30.8	34.4	28.9	37
2002	8.6	12.5	11.4	15.6	29.5	32.9	26.6	35.8
2003	8.4	11.6	9.5	13.1	29.4	31.2	25.4	32.5

Table 2: Low-income after tax, economic families, 2003

	Canada	B.C.	BC-Canada	Toronto	Vancouver	Vancouver-Toronto
All Economic Families	8.4	11.6	3.2	9.5	13.1	3.6
Family structure						
Couple – no kids	6.5	8.6	2.1	6	10.8	4.8
Couple – with kids	6.7	10	3.3	6.9	14.5	7.6
Lone parents	33.6	44.8	11.2	33.9 (B)	41.2 (B)	7.3 (B)
Couple - no kids, with other relatives	4.8	6.3	1.5	9.6	8.3 (B)	-1.3 (B)
Other non-elderly families	11.6	13.8	2.2	12.5	11.8 (B)	-0.7 (B)
Elderly families	2.7	4.3	1.6	4.5	(A)	(A)
Family size						
2	8.3	9.9	1.6	10.5	10.6	0.1
3	8.5	14.0	5.5	9.1	15.4	6.3
4+	8.4	12.3	3.9	8.9	14.2	5.3
Characteristics of Major Earner						
Age						
<=34	13.4	18.8	5.4	14.3	18.8	4.5
35-54	8.3	11.7	3.4	8.7	13.6	4.9
55+	5.0	6.3	1.3	7.5	6.8	-0.7
Immigrant status						
Canadian born	7.3	10.4	3.1	7.4	10.2	2.8
Recent immigrant	22.4	27.8 (B)	5.4 (B)	19.0 (B)	30.4 (B)	11.4 (B)
Other immigrants	10.6	11.4	0.8	9.6	12.9	3.3
Education						
High School	10.5	13.4	2.9	13.8	15.7	1.9
Some Post Secondary	8.8	11.0	2.2	9.7	13.7	4.0
University	4.5	10.5	6.0	5.1	9.8	4.7
Educational enrolment status						
Non-Student	7.6	10.6	3.0	9.1	12.0	2.9
Student	20.5	27.2	6.7	15.1 (B)	27.8 (B)	12.7 (B)
Employment engagement ¹ (definition 1)						
MIE aged 69+ or 16- (not working)	2.3	2.6	0.3	6.1 (B)	2.9	-3.2 (B)
MIE worked full-year and full-time	3.1	4.7	1.6	4.6	4.8	0.2
MIE worked full-year and part-time	16.1	22.9 (B)	6.8 (B)	26.3 (B)	33.4	7.1 (B)
MIE worked part-year and full-time	11.1	14.3 (B)	3.2 (B)	(A)	(A)	(A)
MIE worked part-year and part-time	22.4	26.5	4.1	27.2 (B)	24.6 (B)	-2.6 (B)
MIE did not work	28.1	33.5	5.4	29.7 (B)	42.1 (B)	12.4 (B)
Employment engagement ¹ (definition 2)						
MIE aged 69+ or 16- (not working)	2.3	2.6	0.3	5.9 (B)	(A)	(A)
MIE worked 1,750 hours+, others worked	1.9	2.2	0.3	3.7	2.2	-1.5
MIE worked 1,750 hours+, others did not work	6.6	7.9	1.3	8.8	(A)	(A)
MIE worked 1,750 hours-, others worked	11.5	12.5	1.0	15.8 (B)	15.8 (B)	0.0 (B)
MIE worked 1,750 hours-, others did not work	28.4	40.9	12.5	39.6 (B)	49.5 (B)	9.9 (B)
MIE didn't worked, others worked	14.7	21.2 (B)	6.5 (B)	(A)	(A)	(A)
MIE didn't worked, others did not work	33.1	40.0	6.9	37.1 (B)	50.8 (B)	13.7 (B)

Table 3: Population shares, economic families, 2003

	Canada	B.C.	BC-Canada	Toronto	Vancouver	Vancouver-Toronto
All Economic Families	100	100	0.0	100	100	0.0
Family structure						
Couple – no kids	23.6	24.1	0.6	16.2	21.6	5.5
Couple – with kids	34.4	32.0	-2.4	38.0	33.7	-4.4
Lone parents	7.7	8.0	0.4	6.9 (B)	7.3 (B)	0.4 (B)
Couple - no kids, with other relatives	10.8	11.6	0.8	14.4	15.1 (B)	0.7 (B)
Other non-elderly families	9.2	9.4	0.2	13.7	11.9 (B)	-1.8 (B)
Elderly families	14.4	14.9	0.5	10.8	(A)	(A)
Family size						
2	44.3	45.8	1.6	34.6	38.5	3.9
3	22.4	22.0	-0.5	22.7	23.6	0.9
4+	33.3	32.2	-1.1	42.7	37.9	-4.8
Characteristics of Major Earner						
Age						
<34	20.9	19.8	-1.0	20.2	20.9	0.7
35-54	50.3	51.3	1.0	54.9	55.5	0.7
55+	28.8	28.9	0.1	24.9	23.5	-1.4
Immigrant status						
Canadian born	80.7	73.9	-6.8	52.6	62.4	9.8
Recent immigrant	4.0	5.6 (B)	1.6 (B)	11.7 (B)	10.5 (B)	-1.1 (B)
Other immigrants	15.3	20.5	5.2	35.7	27.1	-8.7
Education						
High School	35.0	29.1	-5.9	31.7	23.8	-7.9
Some Post Secondary	42.2	48.6	6.4	36.3	48.2	11.9
University	22.8	22.3	-0.5	32.0	28.0	-4.0
Educational enrolment status						
Non-Student	94.2	94.0	-0.3	94.0	93.2	-0.8
Student	5.8	6.0	0.3	6.0 (B)	6.8 (B)	0.8 (B)
Employment engagement ¹ (definition 1)						
MIE aged 69+ or 16- (not working)	9.8	10.0	0.3	8.0 (B)	(A)	(A)
MIE worked full-year and full-time	62.1	58.9	-3.2	70.8	62.2	-8.6
MIE worked full-year and part-time	4.9	6.5 (B)	1.6 (B)	3.3 (B)	6.9 (B)	3.6 (B)
MIE worked part-year and full-time	4.0	3.7 (B)	-0.3 (B)	(A)	(A)	(A)
MIE worked part-year and part-time	6.9	6.5	-0.4	6.3 (B)	6.7 (B)	0.3 (B)
MIE did not work	12.3	14.3	2.0	8.1 (B)	13.3 (B)	5.2 (B)
Employment engagement ¹ (definition 2)						
MIE aged 69+ or 16- (not working)	9.9	10.1	0.2	8.2 (B)	(A)	(A)
MIE worked 1,750 hours+, others worked	48.0	43.7	-4.3	54.3	46.8	-7.5
MIE worked 1,750 hours+, others did not work	13.1	14.0	0.9	15.5	(A)	(A)
MIE worked 1,750 hours-, others worked	10.7	11.3	0.6	9.2 (B)	12.4 (B)	3.2 (B)
MIE worked 1,750 hours-, others did not work	6.2	7.1	0.9	4.7 (B)	5.9 (B)	1.2 (B)
MIE didn't worked, others worked	3.3	3.1 (B)	-0.2 (B)	(A)	(A)	(A)
MIE didn't worked, others did not work	8.8	10.6	1.8	5.3 (B)	10.2 (B)	4.9 (B)

Table 4: Decomposition components, economic families, 2003

	BC-Canada			Vancouver-Toronto		
	Due to higher shares	Due to higher rates	Covariance	Due to higher shares	Due to higher rates	Covariance
Family structure						
Couple – no kids	0.04	0.49	0.01	0.33	0.78	0.26
Couple – with kids	-0.16	1.14	-0.08	-0.30	2.89	-0.33
Lone parents	0.13	0.86	0.04	0.15 (B)	0.50 (B)	0.03 (B)
Couple - no kids, with other relatives	0.04	0.16	0.01	0.07 (B)	-0.19 (B)	-0.01 (B)
Other non-elderly families	0.02	0.20	0.00	-0.23 (B)	-0.10 (B)	0.01 (B)
Elderly families	0.01	0.23	0.01	(A)	(A)	(A)
<i>sum</i>	<i>0.07</i>	<i>3.08</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>3.63</i>	<i>-0.02</i>
Family size						
2	0.13	0.71	0.02	0.41	0.03	0.00
3	-0.04	1.23	-0.03	0.08	1.43	0.06
4+	-0.09	1.30	-0.04	-0.43	2.26	-0.25
<i>sum</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>3.24</i>	<i>-0.04</i>	<i>0.06</i>	<i>3.73</i>	<i>-0.19</i>
Characteristics of Major Earner						
Age: <34	-0.14	1.13	-0.06	0.10	0.91	0.03
Age: 35-54	0.08	1.71	0.03	0.06	2.69	0.03
Age: 55+	0.00	0.37	0.00	-0.10	-0.17	0.01
<i>sum</i>	<i>-0.05</i>	<i>3.21</i>	<i>-0.02</i>	<i>0.06</i>	<i>3.42</i>	<i>0.07</i>
Immigrant status						
Canadian born	-0.50	2.50	-0.21	0.72	1.47	0.27
Recent immigrant	0.35 (B)	0.22 (B)	0.09 (B)	-0.22 (B)	1.33 (B)	-0.13 (B)
Other immigrants	0.56	0.12	0.04	-0.83	1.18	-0.29
<i>sum</i>	<i>0.41</i>	<i>2.84</i>	<i>-0.08</i>	<i>-0.32</i>	<i>3.98</i>	<i>-0.14</i>
Education						
High School	-0.62	1.01	-0.17	-1.09	0.60	-0.15
Some Post Secondary	0.56	0.93	0.14	1.15	1.45	0.48
University	-0.02	1.37	-0.03	-0.20	1.50	-0.19
<i>sum</i>	<i>-0.08</i>	<i>3.31</i>	<i>-0.06</i>	<i>-0.14</i>	<i>3.56</i>	<i>0.14</i>
Educational enrolment status						
Non-Student	-0.02	2.83	-0.01	-0.07	2.73	-0.02
Student	0.05	0.39	0.02	0.12 (B)	0.76 (B)	0.10 (B)
<i>sum</i>	<i>0.03</i>	<i>3.21</i>	<i>0.01</i>	<i>0.05</i>	<i>3.49</i>	<i>0.08</i>
Employment engagement¹ (definition 1)						
MIE aged 69+ or 16- (not working)	0.01	0.03	0.00	(A)	(A)	(A)
MIE worked full-year and full-time	-0.10	0.99	-0.05	-0.40	0.14	-0.02
MIE worked full-year and part-time	0.26 (B)	0.34 (B)	0.11 (B)	0.94 (B)	0.24 (B)	0.25 (B)
MIE worked part-year and full-time	-0.03 (B)	0.13 (B)	-0.01 (B)	(A)	(A)	(A)
MIE worked part-year and part-time	-0.09	0.28	-0.02	0.09 (B)	-0.17 (B)	-0.01 (B)
MIE did not work	0.56	0.66	0.11	1.55 (B)	1.00 (B)	0.65 (B)
<i>sum</i>	<i>0.60</i>	<i>2.43</i>	<i>0.14</i>	<i>2.12</i>	<i>0.55</i>	<i>0.90</i>
Employment engagement¹ (definition 2)						
MIE aged 69+ or 16- (not working)	0.01	0.03	0.00	(A)	(A)	(A)
MIE worked 1,750 hours+, others worked	-0.08	0.14	-0.01	-0.28	-0.81	0.11
MIE worked 1,750 hours+, others did not work	0.06	0.17	0.01	(A)	(A)	(A)
MIE worked 1,750 hours-, others worked	0.07	0.11	0.01	0.50 (B)	0.00 (B)	0.00 (B)
MIE worked 1,750 hours-, others did not work	0.27	0.77	0.12	0.49 (B)	0.46 (B)	0.12 (B)
MIE didn't worked, others worked	-0.03 (B)	0.22 (B)	-0.01 (B)	(A)	(A)	(A)
MIE didn't worked, others did not work	0.58	0.61	0.12	1.82 (B)	0.73 (B)	0.67 (B)
<i>sum</i>	<i>0.88</i>	<i>2.05</i>	<i>0.23</i>	<i>2.38</i>	<i>0.25</i>	<i>0.92</i>

Table 5: Low-income after tax, unattached individuals, 2003

	Canada	B.C.	BC-Canada	Toronto	Vancouver	Vancouver-Toronto
All Economic Families	29.4	31.2	1.8	25.4	32.5	7.1
Age						
<34	37.7	35.8	-1.9	28.2	21.7 (B)	-6.5 (B)
35-54	27.2	28.9	1.7	18.8	30.1 (B)	11.3 (B)
55+	24.3	29.0	4.7	29.1	43.9	14.8
Immigrant status						
Canadian born	29.3	31.5	2.2	22.3	32.4	10.1
Recent immigrant	43.1 (B)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)
Other immigrants	28.9	28.8	-0.1	30.2	31.1	0.9
Education						
High School	32.6	34.5	1.9	28.2	49.8 (B)	21.6 (B)
Some Post Secondary	32.0	35.2	3.2	26.6	30.4	3.8
University	17.7	16.1	-1.6	21.0	18.2 (B)	-2.8 (B)
Educational enrolment status						
Non-Student	26.8	29.5	2.7	23.8	32.7	8.9
Student	49.5	44.8 (B)	-4.7 (B)	38.4 (B)	31.4 (B)	-7.0 (B)
Employment engagement						
Individuals aged 69+ or 16- (not working)	17.7	23.7	6.0	25.3	40.7 (B)	15.4 (B)
Full-year and full-time	10.9	6.8	-4.1	9.6	(A)	(A)
Full-year and part-time	46.4	45.7 (B)	-0.7 (B)	48.0 (B)	(A)	(A)
Part-year and full-time	36.0	48.8 (B)	12.8 (B)	(A)	(A)	(A)
Part-year and part-time	48.3	30.7 (B)	-17.6 (B)	38.2 (B)	(A)	(A)
None	59.8	62.5	2.7	65.5 (B)	79.0 (B)	13.5 (B)

Table 6: Population shares, unattached individuals, 2003

	Canada	B.C.	BC-Canada	Toronto	Vancouver	Vancouver-Toronto
All Economic Families	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
Age						
<34	31.7	33.1	1.4	33.1	34.7 (B)	1.6 (B)
35-54	30.3	29.3	-1.0	33.3	26.7 (B)	-6.6 (B)
55+	38.0	37.6	-0.4	33.6	38.6	5.0
Immigrant status						
Canadian born	88.6	85.2	-3.5	74.9	80.4	5.5
Recent immigrant	1.7 (B)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)
Other immigrants	9.7	12.7	3.1	21.1	15.5	-5.6
Education						
High School	38.7	35.0	-3.7	30.4	29.6 (B)	-0.8 (B)
Some Post Secondary	41.6	45.5	3.8	38.7	40.7	2.0
University	19.7	19.5	-0.2	30.9	29.7 (B)	-1.3 (B)
Educational enrolment status						
Non-Student	88.4	88.9	0.5	89.0	88.6	-0.4
Student	11.6	11.1 (B)	-0.5 (B)	11.0 (B)	11.4 (B)	0.4 (B)
Employment engagement						
Individuals aged 69+ or 16- (not working)	21.3	19.7	-1.6	21.8	20.8 (B)	-1.0 (B)
Full-year and full-time	37.6	34.6	-3.0	47.4	40.1 (B)	-7.3 (B)
Full-year and part-time	6.2	6.9 (B)	0.7 (B)	6.7 (B)	(A)	(A)
Part-year and full-time	4.2	5.5 (B)	1.3 (B)	(A)	(A)	(A)
Part-year and part-time	10.1	7.7 (B)	-2.5 (B)	8.8 (B)	(A)	(A)
None	20.6	25.6	5.1	11.8 (B)	20.7 (B)	8.9 (B)

Table 7: Decomposition components, unattached individuals, 2003

	BC-Canada			Vancouver-Toronto		
	Due to higher shares	Due to higher rates	Covariance	Due to higher shares	Due to higher rates	Covariance
Age						
<34	0.52	-0.60	-0.03	-0.71 (B)	-1.14 (B)	0.17 (B)
35-54	-0.27	0.52	-0.02	0.28 (B)	3.86 (B)	0.07 (B)
55+	-0.09	1.79	-0.02	-0.03	4.71	-0.02
<i>sum</i>	<i>0.15</i>	<i>1.70</i>	<i>-0.06</i>	<i>-0.45</i>	<i>7.42</i>	<i>0.22</i>
Immigrant status						
Canadian born	-1.01	1.95	-0.08	1.23	7.57	0.56
Recent immigrant	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)	(A)
Other immigrants	0.88	-0.01	0.00	-1.70	0.19	-0.05
<i>sum</i>	<i>0.04</i>	<i>1.79</i>	<i>-0.11</i>	<i>-0.40</i>	<i>7.07</i>	<i>0.48</i>
Education						
High School	-1.20	0.74	-0.07	-0.21 (B)	6.56 (B)	-0.16 (B)
Some Post Secondary	1.23	1.33	0.12	0.54	1.47	0.08
University	-0.03	-0.31	0.00	-0.26 (B)	-0.87 (B)	0.04 (B)
<i>sum</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>1.75</i>	<i>0.06</i>	<i>0.06</i>	<i>7.17</i>	<i>-0.05</i>
Educational enrolment status						
Non-Student	0.14	2.39	0.01	-0.10	7.92	-0.04
Student	-0.27 (B)	-0.55 (B)	0.03 (B)	0.16 (B)	-0.77 (B)	-0.03 (B)
<i>sum</i>	<i>-0.12</i>	<i>1.84</i>	<i>0.04</i>	<i>0.06</i>	<i>7.16</i>	<i>-0.07</i>
Employment engagement						
Individuals aged 69+ or 16- (not working)	-0.29	1.28	-0.10	-0.26 (B)	3.36 (B)	-0.16 (B)
Full-year and full-time	-0.32	-1.54	0.12	-0.70 (B)	-3.22 (B)	0.50 (B)
Full-year and part-time	0.34 (B)	-0.04 (B)	-0.01 (B)	(A)	(A)	(A)
Part-year and full-time	0.47 (B)	0.54 (B)	0.17 (B)	(A)	(A)	(A)
Part-year and part-time	-1.21 (B)	-1.79 (B)	0.44 (B)	(A)	(A)	(A)
None	3.03	0.56	0.14	5.85 (B)	1.59 (B)	1.20 (B)
<i>sum</i>	<i>2.02</i>	<i>-1.00</i>	<i>0.76</i>	<i>4.48</i>	<i>-0.07</i>	<i>2.73</i>

Table 8: Income of economic families with low-market income¹, 2003

	Average market earnings	Average transfers	Average taxes	Average income after tax
economic families				
Canada	9,600	15,600	700	24,500
BC	10,100	13,500	600	23,000
<i>BC-Canada</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>-2,100</i>	<i>-100</i>	<i>-1,500</i>

(1) Income from market sources (net of government transfers) was less than the LICO-IAT.