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Additional Statistical Information

Introduction

All of the material presented here was obtained from special tabulations of the Statistics Canada's Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF) and Survey of Labour Income Dynamics (SLID).

Traditionally, the SCF had been the source of Statistics Canada's annual income estimates, including statistics on low income. The SCF was conducted each April as a supplement to the April Labour Force Survey (LFS). Commencing with the 1996 income statistics, SLID became the source of the annual cross-sectional income estimates and microdata files in addition to longitudinal income data and microdata files. Integration of the cross-sectional and longitudinal income statistics programs will promote consistency among income estimates.

SLID is a longitudinal survey that is building a picture of Canadians' jobs, income changes and family events over time. The same people are interviewed from one year to the next to capture transitions in the nation's labour market and other changes experienced by individuals and families. The target population for the survey consisted of about 35,000 individuals of all ages, who were selected in 1993 and interviewed for the 1993-1998 income years inclusive to gather information on their demographic

characteristics, family income and labour market activities. In 1996, an additional 35,000 individuals joined the sample.

SLID households and families are defined according to their living arrangements on December 31 of the income year.

To determine low-income status, the total incomes for each member of the economic family are added together. An economic family consists of those members of a household who are related to each other by blood, marriage, a common-law relationship or adoption. A household member not related to other household members by blood, marriage, a common-law relationship or adoption is considered to be an 'unattached individual' in economic family terms and is considered a separate unit from the members of the economic family in that household.

Unless otherwise noted, the following tables are based only on those economic families with at least one child under 18 years of age.

Table 1a: Pre-Tax LICO*, Income Thresholds by Family Size and Community Size, 1998

Family Size	Community Size				
	Urban Areas				Rural Areas
	500,000+	100,000 - 499,999	30,000 - 99,999	Less than 30,000	
1 person	\$17,571	\$15,070	\$14,965	\$13,924	\$12,142
2 persons	\$21,962	\$18,837	\$18,706	\$17,405	\$15,178
3 persons	\$27,315	\$23,429	\$23,264	\$21,647	\$18,877
4 persons	\$33,063	\$28,359	\$28,162	\$26,205	\$22,849
5 persons	\$36,958	\$31,701	\$31,481	\$29,293	\$25,542
6 persons	\$40,855	\$35,043	\$34,798	\$32,379	\$28,235
7+ persons	\$44,751	\$38,385	\$38,117	\$35,467	\$30,928

*LICO represents the 1992 base year

Table 1b: Post-Tax LIM, Income Thresholds by Family Size and Composition, 1998

Number of Adults	Number of Children					
	0 children	1 child	2 children	3 children	4 children	5 children
1 adult	\$11,407	\$15,970	\$19,392	\$22,814	-	-
2 adults	\$15,970	\$19,392	\$22,814	\$26,236	\$29,658	\$33,080
3 adults	\$20,533	\$23,955	\$27,377	\$30,799	-	-
4 adults	\$25,095	\$28,518	\$31,940	-	-	-
5 adults	\$29,658	\$33,080	-	-	-	-
6 adults	\$34,221	-	-	-	-	-

Table 2: LICOs & LIM - Number and Percentage of Families who are Below the Low-Income Threshold, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1998

Year	LICOs Low-Income Families with Children Under 18						LIM Low-Income Families with Children Under 18					
	Single-Parent		Two-Parent		All Families		Single-Parent		Two-Parent		All Families	
	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%
1984	296.0	54.6	392.0	13.0	702.0	19.6	244.0	44.9	276.0	9.2	531.0	14.8
1985	283.0	53.1	354.0	11.7	646.0	18.1	238.0	44.7	255.0	8.4	502.0	14.0
1986	259.0	48.5	333.0	10.9	601.0	16.6	219.0	40.9	248.0	8.1	475.0	13.2
1987	274.0	50.4	309.0	10.2	589.0	16.4	230.0	42.2	237.0	7.8	472.0	13.2
1988	274.0	48.0	277.0	9.0	561.0	15.3	241.0	42.3	208.0	6.8	457.0	12.5
1989	266.0	45.4	266.0	8.6	538.0	14.6	222.0	37.9	218.0	7.1	446.0	12.1
1990	330.0	51.5	296.0	9.7	633.0	17.0	271.0	42.3	232.0	7.6	509.0	13.6
1991	328.0	50.6	326.0	10.7	662.0	17.7	258.0	39.7	241.0	7.9	504.0	13.5
1992	370.0	49.2	320.0	10.5	697.0	18.2	288.0	38.4	233.0	7.6	527.0	13.8
1993	396.0	51.3	372.0	12.2	779.0	20.2	274.0	35.5	235.0	7.7	518.0	13.4
1994	349.0	48.7	356.0	11.6	720.0	18.8	253.0	35.3	247.0	8.0	513.0	13.4
1995	361.0	50.1	401.0	12.8	771.0	19.9	266.0	36.9	264.0	8.4	537.0	13.8
1996	365.0	51.1	426.0	13.4	810.0	20.5	301.0	42.1	280.0	8.8	596.0	15.1
1997	348.0	48.7	398.0	12.5	766.0	19.5	290.0	40.6	278.0	8.8	586.0	14.9
1998	340.0	45.8	344.0	11.0	702.0	18.0	276.0	37.1	236.0	7.6	530.0	13.6

Note: The LICOs represent the 1992 base. There are a small number of economic families which are neither single- nor two-parent. Thus, the total number of families is greater than the sum of the single and two-parent families.

Table 2a: LICOs - Number and Percentage of Families and Children Under 18 who are Below the Low-Income Threshold, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1998

Year	Children Under 18 Living in Low-Income Families						Low-Income Families with Children Under 18					
	Single-Parent		Two-Parent		All Families		Single-Parent		Two-Parent		All Families	
	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%
1984	504.0	58.5	831.0	14.8	1,361.0	20.8	296.0	54.6	392.0	13.0	702.0	19.6
1985	487.0	57.5	756.0	13.5	1,259.0	19.3	283.0	53.1	354.0	11.7	646.0	18.1
1986	433.0	51.6	700.0	12.3	1,146.0	17.5	259.0	48.5	333.0	10.9	601.0	16.6
1987	475.0	55.3	659.0	11.6	1,145.0	17.5	274.0	50.4	309.0	10.2	589.0	16.4
1988	462.0	51.7	572.0	10.1	1,051.0	15.9	274.0	48.0	277.0	9.0	561.0	15.3
1989	447.0	49.7	550.0	9.6	1,012.0	15.2	266.0	45.4	266.0	8.6	538.0	14.6
1990	555.0	54.7	623.0	10.9	1,192.0	17.6	330.0	51.5	396.0	9.7	633.0	17.0
1991	577.0	55.4	682.0	11.9	1,274.0	18.7	328.0	50.6	326.0	10.7	662.0	17.7
1992	633.0	53.2	667.0	11.8	1,314.0	19.0	370.0	49.2	320.0	10.5	697.0	18.2
1993	700.0	55.7	760.0	13.5	1,480.0	21.3	396.0	51.3	372.0	12.2	779.0	20.2
1994	591.0	51.9	741.0	12.8	1,359.0	19.4	349.0	48.7	356.0	11.6	720.0	18.8
1995	630.0	54.9	819.0	14.1	1,466.0	20.9	361.0	50.1	401.0	12.8	771.0	19.9
1996	610.0	54.7	873.0	14.8	1,516.0	21.4	365.0	51.1	426.0	13.4	810.0	20.5
1997	587.0	52.7	817.0	13.9	1,441.0	20.4	348.0	48.7	398.0	12.5	766.0	19.5
1998	585.0	49.7	725.0	12.5	1,338.0	19.0	340.0	45.8	344.0	11.0	702.0	18.0

Note: The LICOs represent the 1992 base. There are a small number of economic families which are neither single- nor two-parent. Thus, the total number of families and children under 18 is greater than the sum of the single- and two-parent families and children under 18.

Table 2b: LIM - Number and Percentage of Families and Children Under 18 who are Below the Low-Income Threshold, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1998

Year	Children Under 18 Living in Low-Income Families						Low-Income Families with Children Under 18					
	Single-Parent		Two-Parent		All Families		Single-Parent		Two-Parent		All Families	
	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%	# 000's	%
1984	422.0	48.9	619.0	11.0	1,065.0	16.3	244.0	44.9	276.0	9.2	531.0	14.8
1985	417.0	49.2	567.0	10.1	998.0	15.3	238.0	44.7	255.0	8.4	502.0	14.0
1986	368.0	43.8	534.0	9.4	919.0	14.0	219.0	40.9	248.0	8.1	475.0	13.2
1987	398.0	46.3	537.0	9.5	944.0	14.4	230.0	42.2	237.0	7.8	472.0	13.2
1988	410.0	45.9	461.0	8.1	884.0	13.4	241.0	42.3	208.0	6.8	457.0	12.5
1989	380.0	42.2	465.0	8.1	860.0	12.9	222.0	37.9	218.0	7.1	446.0	12.1
1990	462.0	45.5	516.0	9.1	991.0	14.7	271.0	42.3	232.0	7.6	509.0	13.6
1991	459.0	44.0	519.0	9.1	991.0	14.5	258.0	39.7	241.0	7.9	504.0	13.5
1992	491.0	41.2	496.0	8.8	999.0	14.5	288.0	38.4	233.0	7.6	527.0	13.8
1993	480.0	38.2	503.0	8.9	999.0	14.4	274.0	35.5	235.0	7.7	518.0	13.4
1994	430.0	37.8	543.0	9.4	996.0	14.3	253.0	35.3	247.0	8.0	513.0	13.4
1995	468.0	40.8	557.0	9.6	1,038.0	14.8	266.0	36.9	264.0	8.4	537.0	13.8
1996	498.0	44.7	602.0	10.2	1,130.0	16.0	301.0	42.1	280.0	8.8	596.0	15.1
1997	488.0	43.7	595.0	10.1	1,119.0	15.9	290.0	40.6	278.0	8.8	586.0	14.9
1998	475.0	40.3	516.0	8.9	1,018.0	14.5	276.0	37.1	236.0	7.6	530.0	13.6

Note: There are a small number of economic families which are neither single- nor two-parent. Thus, the total number of families and children under 18 is greater than the sum of the single and two-parent families and children under 18.

Table 3: LICOs & LIM - Percentage by which Families are Below the Low-Income Threshold, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1998

Year	LICOs Low-Income Families with Children Under 18			LIM Low-Income Families with Children Under 18		
	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families
1984	41.8	31.3	35.2	32.2	30.6	31.2
1985	43.1	29.5	34.6	33.7	27.8	30.0
1986	40.6	30.6	34.4	31.1	29.4	29.4
1987	40.5	30.7	34.3	31.6	26.8	28.2
1988	39.7	27.9	33.0	31.3	25.8	27.8
1989	36.5	30.1	32.9	29.7	27.2	28.5
1990	37.8	30.5	33.7	30.1	28.6	29.1
1991	39.6	29.9	33.9	30.7	26.3	28.2
1992	37.0	30.2	33.4	28.9	29.5	28.7
1993	34.8	29.6	32.1	27.0	26.0	26.7
1994	36.8	31.2	33.7	28.5	26.7	27.7
1995	36.3	31.4	33.3	27.4	27.6	27.6
1996	36.9	31.5	34.0	24.4	26.2	25.3
1997	37.9	30.2	34.0	27.6	21.1	24.5
1998	36.7	30.0	33.5	29.4	24.5	27.1

Notes: This table describes the 'depth' of poverty among low-income families with children under 18. Because the LICOs are indexed annually by the change in the cost of living, changes in incomes relative to the LICOs represent changes in 'real' income. Thus, the LICO portion of this table shows whether low-income families are getting more or less poor, over time. However, the LIMs are set with reference to median family income. Thus, changes in income relative to the LIMs describe shifts in the income distribution and not in inflation-adjusted (real) incomes.

Table 3a: LICOs - Percentage by Which Family Income is Below and Above the Low- Income Threshold, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1998

Year	Single-Parent Families		Two-Parent Families		All Families with Children	
	Low-Income Families: % Below LICO	Non Low-Income Families: % Above LICO	Low-Income Families: % Below LICO	Non Low-Income Families: % Above LIM	Low-Income Families: % Below LIM	Non Low-Income Families: % Above LIM
1984	41.8	90.7	31.3	129.1	35.2	126.3
1985	43.1	89.2	29.5	133.7	34.6	130.3
1986	40.6	79.3	30.6	137.1	34.4	132.9
1987	40.5	93.9	30.7	141.8	34.3	138.5
1988	39.7	86.3	27.9	144.3	33.0	140.0
1989	36.5	98.3	30.1	151.2	32.9	146.5
1990	37.8	92.5	30.5	150.1	33.7	145.7
1991	39.6	86.6	29.9	144.4	33.9	139.9
1992	37.0	84.5	30.2	147.6	33.4	141.2
1993	34.8	75.9	29.6	143.8	32.1	137.5
1994	36.8	81.2	31.2	143.2	33.7	137.6
1995	36.3	88.2	31.4	145.2	33.3	140.0
1996	36.9	88.6	31.5	148.0	34.0	141.1
1997	37.9	87.7	30.2	153.1	34.0	145.1
1998	36.7	95.2	30.0	160.8	33.5	152.0

Note: This table describes both the 'depth' of poverty among low-income families with children under 18 and the 'height' of non-poverty among the non low-income families. Because the LICOs are indexed annually by the change in the cost of living, changes in incomes relative to the LICOs represent changes in 'real' income. Thus, this table shows whether low-income families are getting more or less poor, over time and whether non low-income families are getting wealthier, over time.

Table 3b: LIM - Percentage by Which Family Income is Below and Above the Low-Income Threshold, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1998

Year	Single-Parent Families		Two-Parent Families		All Families with Children	
	Low-Income Families: % Below LIM	Non Low-Income Families: % Above LIM	Low-Income Families: % Below LIM	Non Low-Income Families: % Above LIM	Low-Income Families: % Below LIM	Non Low-Income Families: % Above LIM
1984	32.2	92.8	30.6	135.0	31.2	131.6
1985	33.7	91.3	27.8	136.5	30.0	132.9
1986	31.1	82.5	29.4	137.0	29.4	132.7
1987	31.6	90.3	26.8	137.3	28.2	133.6
1988	31.3	83.5	25.8	134.5	27.8	130.7
1989	29.7	85.3	27.2	135.4	28.5	130.7
1990	30.1	79.7	28.6	132.8	29.1	128.2
1991	30.7	77.7	26.3	136.8	28.2	131.6
1992	28.9	78.1	29.5	138.0	28.7	131.4
1993	27.0	72.3	26.0	138.7	26.7	131.4
1994	28.5	73.2	26.7	136.1	27.7	129.6
1995	27.4	79.1	27.6	138.0	27.6	131.9
1996	24.4	121.9	26.2	206.8	25.3	195.8
1997	27.6	121.3	21.1	213.7	24.5	201.4
1998	29.4	122.4	24.5	216.8	27.1	203.0

Note: This table describes both the 'depth' of poverty among low-income families with children under 18 and the 'height' of non-poverty among non low-income families. Because the LIMs are set with reference to median family income, changes in incomes relative to the LIMs describe shifts in the income distribution and not changes in inflation-adjusted (real) incomes.

Table 4: LICOs & LIM - Average Market Income as a Percentage of the Low-Income Threshold for Low-Income Families, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1998

Year	LICOs Low-Income Families with Children Under 18			LIM Low-Income Families with Children Under 18		
	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families
1984	17.9	40.9	31.9	14.0	36.9	27.6
1985	16.6	44.3	33.5	14.3	40.7	29.9
1986	15.8	40.7	31.1	12.6	38.8	28.5
1987	16.8	42.2	32.2	14.8	43.3	31.6
1988	16.0	41.7	30.5	14.5	38.3	27.3
1989	18.3	40.7	31.1	16.3	40.8	30.3
1990	18.0	41.9	30.7	16.2	40.6	29.1
1991	14.8	38.6	28.1	13.5	38.5	27.3
1992	13.3	39.7	26.9	11.6	37.1	24.7
1993	15.6	34.6	25.9	12.4	31.0	22.2
1994	12.7	34.5	24.9	12.3	31.6	23.1
1995	14.4	37.2	28.0	11.6	34.0	24.5
1996	17.7	38.0	28.5	16.4	35.9	25.7
1997	18.7	39.1	29.3	16.4	40.1	27.7
1998	20.9	36.7	28.7	16.9	33.0	24.5

Table 5: LICOs & LIM - Average Total Weeks Worked for Pay by All Adults in Low-Income Families, by Family Type, Canada, 1986 to 1998

Year	LICOs Low-Income Families with Children Under 18			LIM Low-Income Families with Children Under 18		
	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families
	1986	33.8	57.7	50.1	30.4	57.4
1987	34.5	54.4	48.5	30.9	51.5	45.1
1988	33.2	59.5	49.8	30.3	55.5	45.8
1989	34.7	59.2	50.4	32.3	56.7	48.2
1990	35.0	55.8	47.8	32.6	55.0	46.2
1991	34.2	57.9	49.3	32.2	58.6	49.3
1992	35.1	60.1	50.8	32.2	61.1	50.5
1993	33.3	56.3	47.2	29.4	54.6	44.3
1994	32.2	57.2	48.6	30.3	55.5	46.3
1995	33.4	56.2	48.7	30.5	53.7	46.0
1996	40.7	68.3	59.9	35.8	68.1	57.7
1997	37.4	66.2	56.6	35.2	63.2	53.3
1998	39.2	68.1	56.4	36.0	66.9	53.7

Note: This shows the average number of total weeks worked by all adults in the economic family unit, for those families with one or more weeks worked during the year. Percentages from 1986 to 1995 were calculated from the Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF) and percentages from 1996 to 1998 were calculated from the Survey of Labour Income Dynamics (SLID). Because of technical definitional issues, comparison of results between those two series should be done carefully.

Table 6: LICOs & LIM - Percentage of Weeks Worked Full-Time for Pay by Low-Income Families, by Family Type, Canada, 1986 to 1998

Year	LICOs Low-Income Families with Children Under 18			LIM Low-Income Families with Children Under 18		
	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families
1986	66.5	91.8	83.3	63.6	90.9	81.7
1987	66.9	90.8	83.2	65.1	91.5	82.9
1988	63.0	92.9	82.0	60.4	90.9	79.0
1989	69.9	91.2	83.6	68.1	91.4	83.2
1990	63.0	90.6	79.9	60.6	89.3	78.3
1991	50.7	89.7	75.5	48.2	88.2	73.4
1992	54.7	86.3	74.4	51.6	83.5	71.7
1993	55.8	85.8	73.9	52.4	85.3	71.5
1994	54.3	87.6	75.8	54.3	86.6	74.7
1995	47.4	85.7	72.9	43.1	81.5	68.5
1996	57.8	86.0	77.6	52.4	83.9	74.2
1997	58.0	78.0	71.5	53.7	74.3	67.1
1998	68.6	82.6	77.1	64.5	82.0	74.7

Note: Survey of Consumer Finance respondents were asked to indicate whether the weeks they worked for pay were mainly full- or part-time. This table describes the percentage of respondents with weeks worked who reported mainly full-time.

Percentages from 1986 to 1995 were calculated from the Survey Consumer Finances and percentages from 1996 to 1998 were calculated from the Survey Labour Income Dynamics. Because of technical definitional issues, comparison of results between those two series should be done carefully.

Table 7: LICOs and LIM - Percentage of Low-Income Families Employed for Pay During the Year, by Family Type, Canada, 1984 to 1998

Year	LICOs Low-Income Families with Children Under 18			LIM Low-Income Families with Children Under 18		
	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families	Single-Parent	Two-Parent	All Families
1984	46.0	82.2	67.4	38.5	78.2	60.3
1985	46.0	84.3	68.2	40.7	80.2	62.0
1986	47.3	81.1	67.0	40.8	77.3	61.0
1987	48.4	82.7	67.7	42.8	79.2	62.3
1988	47.6	79.2	64.3	43.0	75.4	58.9
1989	47.3	82.3	65.8	42.6	79.8	62.1
1990	51.3	85.7	68.7	46.5	83.1	64.6
1991	46.3	81.2	64.6	42.9	77.7	60.5
1992	41.2	81.8	60.8	37.0	77.0	55.8
1993	45.9	75.6	60.7	41.3	68.8	54.4
1994	37.8	73.0	56.2	35.0	66.9	51.2
1995	43.8	78.4	62.7	35.6	71.7	54.3
1996	44.2	79.6	63.6	36.5	74.9	55.3
1997	49.4	83.4	66.7	42.4	78.6	59.9
1998	55.6	80.7	68.2	48.0	74.4	61.3

Table 8: Estimated Number of Single-Parent and Two-Parent Families with Children Under 18 in Receiving Social Assistance, Canada, March of each year, 1987 to 1999

Year	Single-Parent Families on Social Assistance	Two-Parent Families on Social Assistance
	Estimated Number (000's)	Estimated Number (000's)
1987	277.3	102.0
1988	284.8	93.3
1989	289.3	89.8
1990	309.4	93.0
1991	349.4	117.2
1992	408.2	149.0
1993	441.5	169.7
1994	465.6	179.9
1995	472.5	178.6
1996	454.5	177.4
1997	429.6	165.0
1998	402.1	147.3
1999	347.7	121.6

Sources: Social Assistance estimates, HRDC
 Census Family data, special tabulations, Statistics Canada