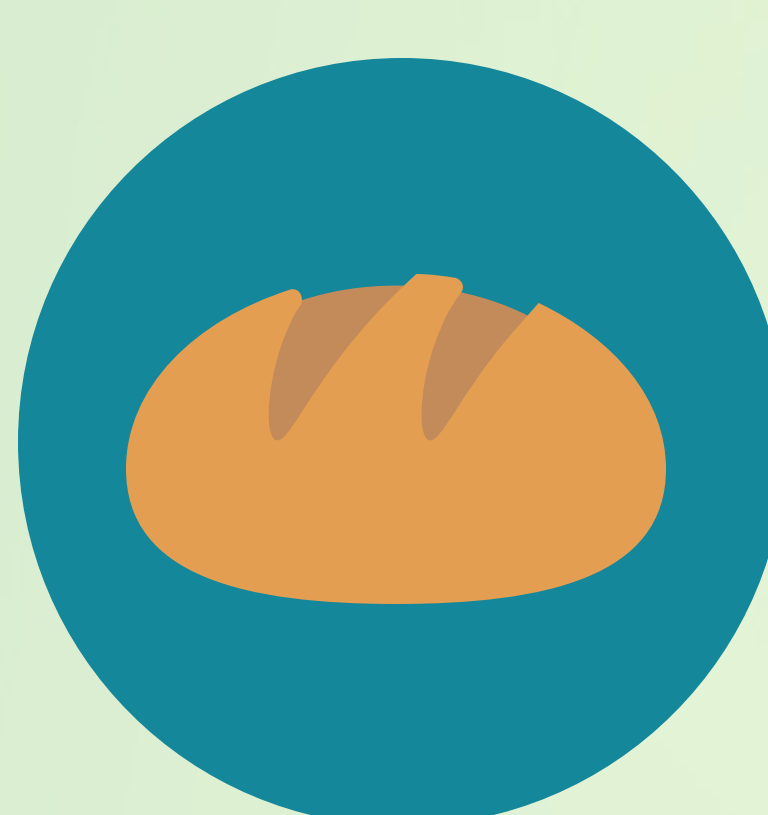


Income Security in Ontario

Current social assistance rates in Ontario are far too low to pay for basic necessities like food, housing, transportation, and clothing.



1997

Real income from welfare decreased sharply and continued in a downward trajectory for the next decade.

2005

Although social assistance rates started to rise, they did not keep up with inflation over the next decade.

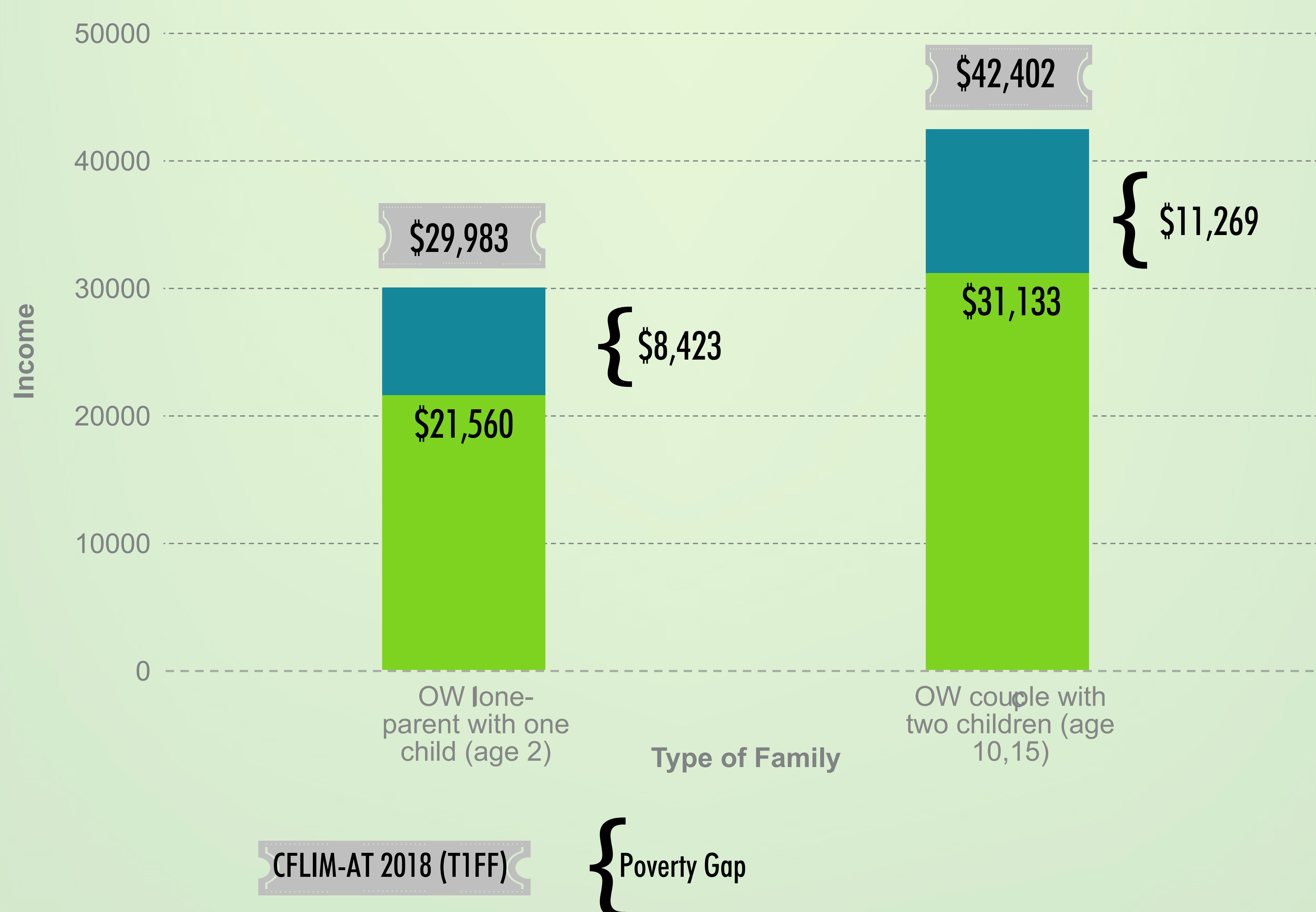
2007

Income for families with children started to rise due to the Ontario Child Benefit.

2015

Incomes for families with children got another bump from the Canada Child Benefit, but welfare income remained stagnant.

Depth of Poverty for Families in Ontario on OW, 2018



Notes:
 (1) Total income includes OW Basic Needs and Maximum Shelter amounts, the Ontario Child Benefit (OCB), Canada Child Benefit (CCB), the Ontario Trillium Benefit, and the G/HST credit. In order to receive child benefits and tax credits, families must have filed their prior years' tax returns. Amounts are best estimates.
 (2) Statistics Canada, (2018). Table: 11-10-0017-01. After-tax low income status of census families based on Census Family Low Income Measure (CFLIM-AT), by family type and family composition, 2016. Please refer to pg. 4-5 in Campaign 2000's national report card, *Bold Ambitions for Child and Family Poverty Eradication*, for more information about Statistic Canada's methodology change and the CFLIM-AT.

Recommendations for a strong social safety net

↑ Significant increases to Ontario Works + Ontario Disability Support Program rates

Ensure all children have access to Ontario Child Benefit and Canada Child Benefit*

Create good jobs with fair wages

Increase the Ontario Child Benefit by \$100 per child in 2019

Families need stable, sufficient incomes to thrive and help lift them out of poverty with dignity and respect because all families deserve strong beginnings

*Access for Indigenous Peoples, people with precarious immigration status, and all those who do not file tax returns.

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