

Common Front for Social Justice Inc.

Annual income of N.B. social welfare recipients in 2009, for four categories of beneficiaries, compared to the average for the Atlantic Provinces¹

Category of beneficiaries	Source of income in N.B.	Amount allocated in N.B. ²	Atlantic average	Amount of raise needed	Percent raise needed in N.B.
1. Single employable person ³	Basic social assistance	\$6,444	\$6,826	\$382	5.9%
	Benefits and credits ⁴	\$245	\$561	- ⁴	-
2. Person with a disability	Basic social assistance	\$7,416	\$8,312	\$896	12.1%
	Benefits and credits	\$1,249	\$1,201	-	-
3. Lone parent with one child	Basic social assistance	\$9,708	\$10,719	\$1,011	10.4%
	Benefits and credits	\$6,463	\$6,029	-	-
4. Couple with two children	Basic social assistance	\$10,896	\$13,200	\$2,304	21.1%
	Benefits and credits	\$8,879	\$8,582	-	-

Note : In 2009, the total income of a single employable person (or one in the transitional category) on social assistance only reached **43.0%** of the low income cut-off (LICO); a handicapped person reached **55.6%** of LICO, a lone parent with one child reached **83.5%** of LICO and a couple with two children reached **67.1%** of LICO.

¹ National Council of Welfare. 2010. Welfare Incomes 2009, Volume 129, Appendix A5. The **total income** for social welfare recipients comprises: (a) basic social assistance; (b) additional social assistance program benefits; (c) federal child benefits; (d) provincial child benefits; (e) GST credits and (f) provincial tax credits.

² N.B. social welfare rates have not been increased since 2009.

³ Since January 2010, people in the "Single Employable Category" were transferred to the "Transitional Assistance Program" so the calculations in this table are made with the welfare rate of \$537 for one person in the Transitional Assistance Program.

⁴ Includes federal child benefits, provincial child benefits, GST credits, provincial tax credits and additional social assistance benefits.