

Ontario Works and ODSP - Average Monthly Cases, Cases in receipt of WSIB and Cases with a WSIB Assignment

| Fiscal Year | Ontario Works | | | | ODSP | | | |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Total Ontario Works Cases | Cases in receipt of WSIB | As a % of Total Ontario Works Cases | Cases with a WSIB Assignment* | Total ODSP Cases | Cases in receipt of WSIB | As a % of Total ODSP Cases | Cases with a WSIB Assignment* |
| 2003-04 | 192,098 | 721 | 0.4% | 84 | 200,087 | 3,207 | 1.6% | 25 |
| 2004-05 | 191,723 | 712 | 0.4% | 87 | 205,880 | 3,154 | 1.5% | 35 |
| 2005-06 | 198,377 | 736 | 0.4% | 75 | 212,058 | 3,149 | 1.5% | 37 |
| 2006-07 | 199,242 | 702 | 0.4% | 68 | 221,718 | 3,138 | 1.4% | 34 |
| 2007-08 | 194,920 | 618 | 0.3% | 66 | 235,672 | 3,203 | 1.4% | 36 |
| 2008-09 | 202,181 | 583 | 0.3% | 65 | 247,478 | 3,200 | 1.3% | 32 |
| 2009-10 | 237,634 | 679 | 0.3% | 60 | 261,509 | 3,254 | 1.2% | 42 |
| 2010-11 | 251,280 | 724 | 0.3% | 68 | 276,181 | 3,301 | 1.2% | 44 |
| 2011-12 | 280,766 | 755 | 0.3% | 70 | 289,676 | 3,350 | 1.2% | 47 |
| 2012-13 | 259,819 | 733 | 0.3% | 56 | 302,733 | 3,365 | 1.1% | 43 |
| 2013-14 | 252,767 | 647 | 0.3% | 55 | 314,033 | 3,377 | 1.1% | 43 |
| 2014-15** | 246,903 | 571 | 0.2% | 52 | 326,293 | 3,363 | 1.0% | 30 |
| 2015-16 | 250,640 | 523 | 0.2% | 40 | 335,933 | 3,332 | 1.0% | 14 |
| 2016-17 | 252,247 | 492 | 0.2% | 34 | 346,070 | 3,309 | 1.0% | 7 |

Source: Ministry of Community and Social Services, SDMT, SAMS

- A case refers to a single individual or a family unit on social assistance (e.g. a family on social assistance is counted as one case).

* WSIB assignment numbers are subject to change. Information on WSIB assignments is entered with a time-lag, resulting in lower counts in more recent years.

** Combines SDMT data from April to October 2014 with SAMS Data from November 2014 to March 2015

The Ministry of Community and Social Services spends \$48 million annually supporting deemed injured workers who should be better supported by the WSIB

The data indicates about 3,300 injured workers who are disabled from working but whose WSIB wage loss benefit leaves them so far below the poverty line that ODSP must top up their WSIB benefits. This means a minimum of about \$1200 per month per injured worker in ODSP benefits, for a total of nearly \$4 million a month or \$48 million annually to support deemed injured workers who should be better supported by the WSIB.

Not counted here by MCSS is the number of injured workers on ODSP or OW who have been deemed to have no loss of earnings and therefore are not in receipt of WSIB benefits. The total cost of supporting deemed injured workers is much greater than the \$48 million captured in this data.