

ESDC PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT LIFE

Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) works to improve the standard of living and quality of life for all Canadians, in all phases of life. **This summary shows select programs led and supported by ESDC.**

Legend

- ESDC statutory program
- Other program led and delivered by ESDC
- Program led by other departments, with support from ESDC

Children and Families

National School Food Program

Canada Child Benefit

Helps with the cost of raising children

3.5 million families were recipients in fiscal year (FY) 2023-24

\$26.3 billion in payments in FY 2023-24

Data shared by the Department of Finance Canada

Canada Learning Bond and Canada Education Savings Grant

Encourages and supports saving for children's post-secondary education

3.4 million children recipients in calendar year (CY) 2024

\$1.3 billion in payments in CY 2024

Canada Education Savings Program: 2024 Annual Statistical Review

Early Learning and Child Care

Helps parents return to the workforce with affordable child care

over **250,000** child care spaces to be created by March 2026

\$6.2 billion in transfer payments made in FY 2023-24

ESDC Departmental Results Report 2023-2024

Newcomers

Foreign Credential Recognition Program

Supports labour market integration of skilled newcomers

4,500 professionals received direct support in FY 2023-24

\$30.9 million in transfer payments in FY 2023-24

ESDC Departmental Results Report 2023-2024

Post-Secondary Education, Training & Employment

Youth Employment and Skills Strategy

Canada Summer Jobs

Skills for Success

Labour Market Transfer Agreements

Assistance to prepare for, obtain and maintain employment

\$3.5 billion for training via provincial and territorial networks in FY 2023-24

Employment Insurance Monitoring and Assessment Report 2023-2024

Canada Workers Benefit

A tax credit to help low-income workers make ends meet

2.8 million recipients in CY 2023

\$4.4 billion total benefit value in CY 2023

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Employment Insurance (EI)

Temporary income support for job loss and when unable to work for illness, childbirth and caring for family

2.0 million EI claims established in FY 2023-24

\$21.0 billion amount paid in FY 2023-24

Employment Insurance Monitoring and Assessment Report 2023-2024

Canada Student Grants and Loans

Supports post-secondary students to fund their education

728,000 recipients of student grants and loans in 2023-24 academic year*

\$7.5 billion** in student grants and loans in 2023-24 academic year

*Aug 2023 - Jul 2024

**\$4.8 billion are interest-free loans which must be repaid in future

Canada Student Financial Assistance Program statistics 2023-2024

Job Bank

Helps employers recruit and Canadians find work

2.0 million new job seeker accounts created in FY 2023-24

1.3 million job postings in FY 2023-24

Job Bank Fiscal Year Report 2023-2024

Indigenous Peoples

Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program

Helps Indigenous people improve their skills and find employment

54,000 participants received employment or training supports in FY 2023-24

\$372 million in payments in FY 2023-24

Employment Insurance Monitoring and Assessment Report 2023-2024

Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care

Skills and Partnership Fund

Seniors

Canada Pension Plan (CPP)

Ensures workers receive a pension in retirement. Funded by employee and employer contributions

6.6 million average monthly recipients in FY 2023-24

\$60.8 billion total benefit value in FY 2023-24

This includes CPP retirement, disability, child, survivor, death, and post-retirement benefits

CPP and OAS Annual Statistics Tables - Net Payments

Old Age Security (OAS) and Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)

Government-funded income support for seniors

7.3 million average monthly OAS recipients in FY 2023-24

\$57.4 billion net payments for OAS in FY 2023-24

2.5 million average monthly GIS recipients in FY 2023-24

\$18.6 billion net payments for GIS in FY 2023-24

CPP and OAS Annual Statistics Tables - Net Payments

New Horizons for Seniors Program

Supports projects that make a difference in the lives of seniors

927,000 participants in FY 2023-24

\$71.3 million community-based grants in FY 2023-24

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Persons with Disabilities

Canada Disability Benefit

Will support working-age persons with disabilities

up to **\$200** per month in financial support

Canada Disability Benefit - Canada.ca

Canada Disability Savings Program

Helps people with disabilities save for the future

309,000 active registered disability savings plans as of March 2024

\$684 million in grants and bonds in FY 2023-24

GC InfoBase - Infographic for Canada Disability Savings Program, Canada Disability Savings Program 2023 Annual Report

Canada Pension Plan Disability