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Current Poverty Statistics

	Percentage in low income	Persons in low income	Depth of Poverty
2018 Base	2018	2018	2018
All persons	12.1	577	66.9
Persons under 18 years	10.9	90	75.7
Persons 18 to 64 years	13.8	418	62.2
Persons 65 years and over	7.7	69	83.9

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APPENDIX C: HIGHLIGHTS OF GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES TO REDUCE POVERTY

Initiative	Description
Elimination of MSP	MSP premiums were cut in half in January 2019, removing a monthly financial burden for people in low-paying jobs who were not supported by premium assistance. MSP premiums were fully eliminated on Jan. 1, 2020. Eliminating MSP premiums will save individuals up to \$900 a year and families as much as \$1,800 a year.
BC Child Opportunity Benefit	The BC Child Opportunity Benefit was announced and enacted in <i>Budget 2019</i> . The program will launch in October 2020 and is expected to support 290,000 families with children under the age of 19. The total estimated investment is \$380 million once the benefit is fully implemented
Climate Action Tax Credit Enhancement	This tax credit was enhanced on July 1, 2019 to help offset the impact of carbon taxes paid by low- and moderate-income individuals or families. The enhancement provided an increase of up to \$19.50 per year for an adult and \$5.50 per year for a child. Approximately 1.3 million individuals or households receive the benefit. The total estimated investment in 2019/20 is \$255 million.
Earnings Exemption	<i>Budget 2020</i> provided \$20 million over the fiscal plan to ensure thousands of people and families on income assistance can keep more of the income they earn from wages without having their income assistance payments reduced. The monthly earnings exemption for single persons on Income Assistance increased by \$100 per month; this meant they can keep up to an additional \$1,200 a year. For single persons receiving Disability Assistance, the annual earnings exemption increased by \$3,000 per year, which means that they could earn \$15,000 a year without affecting their assistance payments. This built on the earnings exemption increases introduced in <i>Budget 2017 Update</i>
Minimum Wage Increase	On June 1, 2019, minimum wage was increased to \$13.85 per hour. A total of 6.8 per cent of (138,600 out of a total of 2,046,500) paid employees have benefitted from the increase in the minimum wage. The Ministry of Labour has also directed the Fair Wages Commission to make recommendations to address the discrepancy between the minimum wage and living wages in BC.
Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Enhancement	A phased-in enhancement of the CPP will improve the savings of Canadians during their working years. The policy initiative aimed to reduce the proportion of Canadians approaching retirement who may not be saving enough to replace at least 60 per cent of their pre- retirement earnings. The changes were applied on January 1, 2019.

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Appendix 1: Interprovincial Rate Comparison

Single Individuals

Province	Employable	Person with a Disability
British Columbia	760.00	1,183.42
Alberta	745.00	1,685.00
Saskatchewan	860.00	1,391.00
Manitoba	796.00	1,012.00
Ontario	733.00	1,169.00
Quebec	758.00	1,111.00
New Brunswick	564.00	797.00
Prince Edward Island	771.00	964.00
Nova Scotia	586.00	850.00
Newfoundland & Labrador	754.00	754.00
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Couples (Increase per Adult)

	Employable	Person with a Disability
British Columbia	1,077.22	1,597.56
Alberta	1,116.00	1,685.00
Saskatchewan	1,320.00	1,851.00
Manitoba	1,053.00	1,317.00
Ontario	1,136.00	1,750.00
Quebec	1,072.00	1,625.00
New Brunswick	903.00	1,094.00
Prince Edward Island	1,406.00	1,406.00
Nova Scotia	1,142.00	1,142.00
Newfoundland & Labrador	1,199.00	1,199.00
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*Rank = 1 with rate rationalization

Families with Children* (Increase per Adult)	2-Parents, 2-Children, Ages 10 & 13	
	Employable	Person with a Disability
British Columbia	2,469.06	2,989.56
Alberta	2,695.58	3,102.58
Saskatchewan	2,496.33	2,980.33
Manitoba	2,466.33	2,739.33
Ontario	2,444.83	3,081.83
Quebec	2,451.07	3,004.07
New Brunswick	1,987.99	2,184.99
Prince Edward Island	2,985.33	2,985.33
Nova Scotia	2,290.16	2,290.16
Newfoundland & Labrador	2,206.58	2,206.58

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*Includes child benefits.

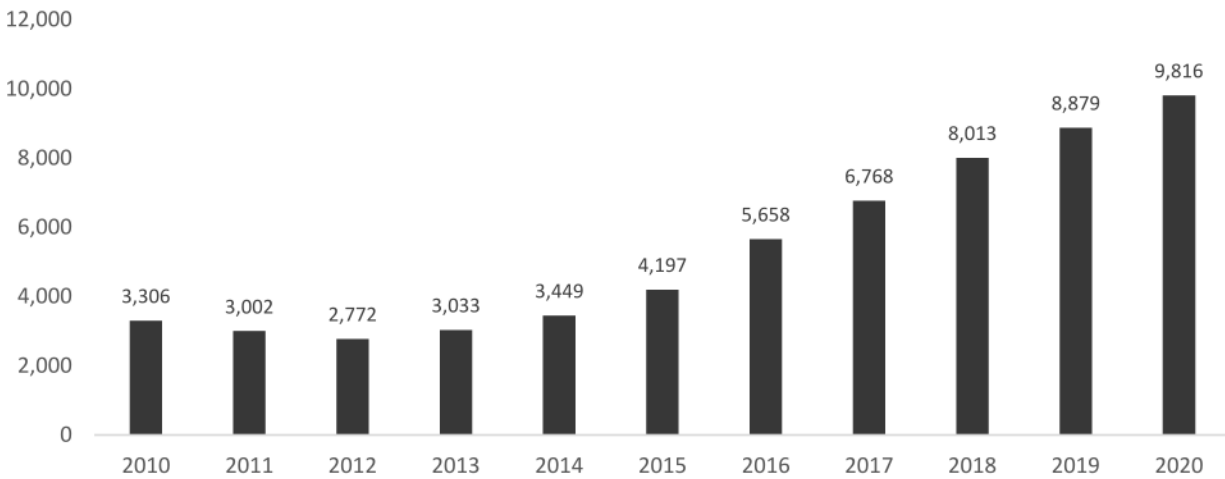
Families with Children*	1-Parent, 1-Child, Age 6	
	Employable	Person with a Disability
British Columbia	1,704.57	2,128.07
Alberta	1,759.49	2,471.49
Saskatchewan	1,735.66	2,145.66
Manitoba	1,706.66	1,839.66
Ontario	1,599.41	2,193.41
Quebec	1,516.74	1,869.74
New Brunswick	1,383.49	1,570.49
Prince Edward Island	1,781.66	1,781.66
Nova Scotia	1,414.74	1,414.74
Newfoundland & Labrador	1,646.74	1,646.74

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Appendix 2: Average Monthly NFA Cases by Year

Average Monthly NFA Cases



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Thanks for the quick turnaround, this is very helpful info.

There were some additional info requests. Are you able to provide the following info?
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Thanks,
Stefan

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Thanks Stefan.

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Hi Megan and Jonathan,

The minister has some follow up questions s.12
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Thanks,
Stefan

