

Sponsorship Cost Table

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) has developed a Sponsorship Cost Table to provide sponsoring groups with an estimate of the financial resources required to support a refugee family for twelve months. Recognizing varying levels of cost of living in different regions across Canada, this table serves as a financial guideline and is roughly based on the rates of social assistance.

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The following Sponsorship Cost Tables are taken from CIC's Financial Guideline as provided in the Refugee Sponsorship Application Kit. These costs are updated in March 2014, and please consult CIC's website www.cic.gc.ca for the most current figures.

Family Size	12 Months of Income Support	Start-up Costs	Estimated Total Annual Settlement Cost (\$)
1	9,800	2,800	12,600
2	16,800	4,400	21,200
3	17,700	5,300	23,000
4	20,000	7,000	27,000
5	22,500	7,200	29,700
6	24,500	8,000	32,500
Additional member	1,550	1,000	2,500

Start-up Costs

Start-up costs include a one-time payment for:

- ❖ household items
- ❖ furniture
- ❖ linens
- ❖ food staples
- ❖ (winter) clothing
- ❖ deposit for utilities
- ❖ phone installation
- ❖ first month's rent

Income Support

Please note that these figures are estimates and represent a guideline for the minimum amount of funds required. The costs of housing, food, and transportation can vary according to the age of dependants and locality.

In-kind Deduction Table

In-kind donations may also reduce the financial resources required. The following table below was provided by CIC as an estimate of the value of a variety of in-kind donations according to family size. These approximate figures are based on annual costs, and may change over time. Please check the CIC website at www.cic.gc.ca for the most current rates.

Family Size	Shelter	Clothing	Furniture	Start-up Costs (Household Needs)	School Start-up Costs	Food Staples
1	6,000	500	1,500	325		175
2	7,100	1,000	2,000	350		250
3	7,800	1,375	2,500	375		325
4	8,400	1,750	3,000	400		400
5	9,600	2,125	3,500	425		475
6	9,600	2,500	4,000	450		550
For additional member add	900	375	500	25	150 per child age 4 - 21	75

The financial resources that a refugee family brings with them to Canada can reduce the amount of financial support that a sponsoring group must provide. However, please note that a contingency plan is still needed.

Local Social Assistance Rates

Familiarizing yourself with the local social assistance rates in your area may also help your group in your planning of monthly allowances and budgets. These figures are also used by CIC in establishing the Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) allowances for government-assisted refugees. Visit the following websites for social assistance or income support rates in your province or territory.

Alberta:	www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/2004_060.pdf (Schedules 1 & 2)
British Columbia:	www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/mhr/ia.htm
Manitoba:	www.gov.mb.ca/fs/assistance/eia.html
New Brunswick:	www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/social_development/social_assistance/social_assistancerateschedules.html (Schedules 1 & 2)
Newfoundland and Labrador:	www.hrle.gov.nl.ca/hrle/income-support/overview.html#monthlyrates
Northwest Territories:	www.ece.gov.nt.ca/Divisions/Income_support_NPV1/index_Income_Support.htm
Nova Scotia:	www.gov.ns.ca/coms/employment/income_assistance/BasicAssistance.html
Nunavut:	www.canlii.org/en/nu/laws/regu/rrnwt-nu-1990-c-s-16/latest (Schedules A & B)
Ontario:	http://cleonet.ca/news_files/12881930521percentincrease-NovDec2010.pdf
Prince Edward Island:	www.gov.pe.ca
Quebec:	www.mess.gouv.qc.ca/publications/pdf/sr_dep_montant_prestations_en.pdf
Saskatchewan:	www.socialservices.gov.sk.ca/SAP-rate-card.pdf
Yukon:	www.gov.yk.ca/legislation/regs/oic2008_068.pdf (Schedule 1)