

Sponsorship Cost Table

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) 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 IRCC's Financial Guideline as provided in the Refugee Sponsorship Application Kit. These costs are updated in **March 2017**, and please consult IRCC'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 | 10,700 | 2,800 | 13,500 |
| 2 | 18,000 | 4,400 | 22,400 |
| 3 | 18,900 | 5,300 | 24,200 |
| 4 | 21,200 | 7,000 | 28,200 |
| 5 | 23,700 | 7,200 | 30,900 |
| 6 | 25,700 | 8,000 | 33,700 |
| For each additional member add | 1,550 | 1,000 | 2,550 |

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 IRCC 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 IRCC 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 | 6,900 | 500 | 1,500 | 325 | | 175 |
| 2 | 8,300 | 1,000 | 2,000 | 350 | | 250 |
| 3 | 9,000 | 1,375 | 2,500 | 375 | | 325 |
| 4 | 9,600 | 1,750 | 3,000 | 400 | | 400 |
| 5 | 10,800 | 2,125 | 3,500 | 425 | | 475 |
| 6 | 10,800 | 2,500 | 4,000 | 450 | | 550 |
| For additional member add | 900 | 375 | 500 | 25 | 150 per child between ages 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 IRCC 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.

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| 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) |