

Key Accomplishments of the 2008-2013 Poverty Reduction Strategy

INCOME/CHILD POVERTY

- About **47,000** children and their families have been lifted out of poverty between 2008 and 2011.
- The child poverty rate in Ontario fell from **15.2** in 2008 to **13.6** per cent in 2011;

61,000 children were prevented from falling into poverty in 2011.

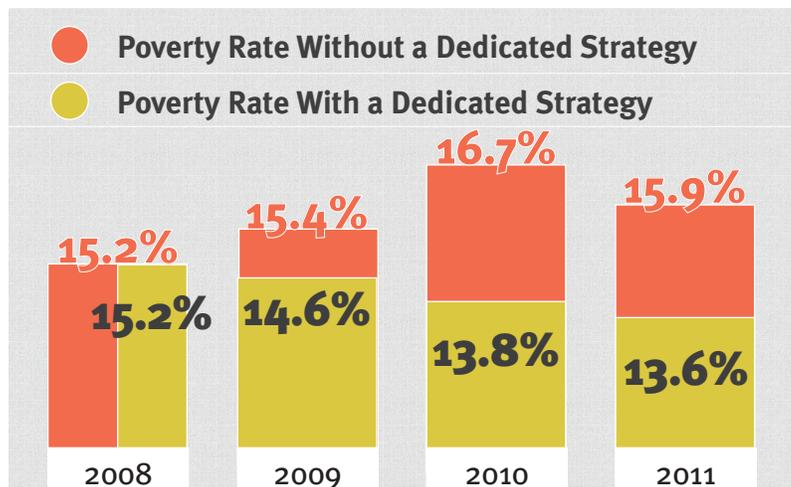
OVER 1,000,000 CHILDREN IN OVER 500,000 FAMILIES WILL BE HELPED BY THE ONTARIO CHILD BENEFIT THIS YEAR.

In 2012-13, the Ontario Child Benefit Equivalent provided:

- More than **11,000** children and youth in care of children's aid societies with educational, recreational, cultural and social activities.
- Almost **7,000** youth in care with savings to support their transition to adulthood.



THE POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY HELPS LOWER CHILD POVERTY



Note: Statistics Canada data for the income-based indicators lags by 18 months.

EDUCATION

- Almost **184,000** kids are getting a stronger start in about 2,600 schools through full-day kindergarten.
- Ontario's high school graduation rate increased to **83** per cent in 2011-12 from 68 per cent in 2003-04.
- In 2012-13, over **695,000** students received nutritious food to support learning and success in school through the Student Nutrition Program.



HEALTH CARE

- Over **43,000** children and young people, who may have otherwise gone untreated, are receiving free dental care through Healthy Smiles Ontario.
- An estimated **35,000** more children and young people are getting faster and easier access to the right mental health supports with **770** new mental health workers in schools, communities and the courts.

HOUSING

Ontario is supporting:

- The creation of over **17,000** affordable rental housing units;
- More than **263,000** repairs and improvements to social and affordable housing units; and,
- Rental and down payment assistance to over **81,000** households in need.