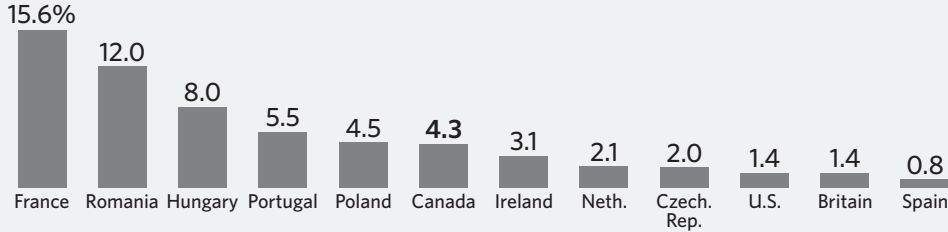


The poverty equation

Few Canadians earn minimum wage so an increase in it will solve only part of the poverty problem.

% EARNING MINIMUM WAGE
FIGURES ARE FOR 2004, EXCEPT FOR CANADA (2006)



Welfare payments

In 2005, a family of four on welfare in Ontario lived on less than \$20,000.

AVERAGE ANNUAL WELFARE, COUPLE WITH TWO CHILDREN, IN 2005 DOLLARS

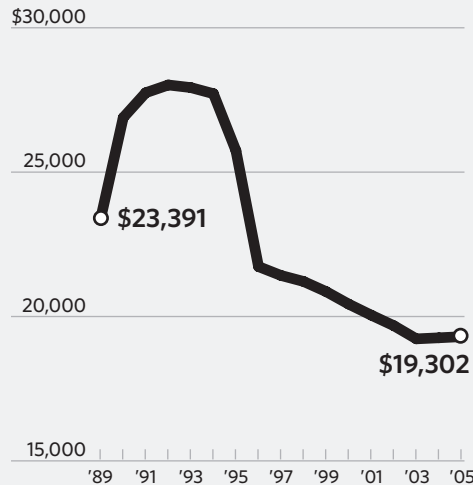
Rank	Province	Welfare amount	% change '89-05
1.	Nunavut	\$36,326	-7.9 *
2.	N.W.T.	31,633	+0.01
3.	Yukon Territory	28,935	+3.4
4.	P.E.I.	21,213	-9.4
5.	Quebec	20,704	+9.6
6.	Manitoba	20,357	-16.7
7.	Nfld. & Lab.	19,578	+4.5
8.	Alberta	19,497	-11.9
9.	Saskatchewan	19,327	-14.9
10.	Ontario	19,302	-17.5
11.	Nova Scotia	19,032	-5.5
12.	British Columbia	18,466	-9.9
13.	New Brunswick	17,567	+18.5

* Nunavut figures are for 1999-2005.

Ontario benefits decreasing

And those payments have been going down steadily since the mid '90s.

AVG. WELFARE PAYMENTS FOR A COUPLE WITH TWO CHILDREN



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