

Trends and Usage in Newfoundland and Labrador

Income Security Benefits Paid to Individuals Remain High

Despite the reduction in EI use in recent years, total payments from the major income support programs remain over one billion dollars. However, total amounts from these programs have declined since the early NCARP/TAGS period when benefits peaked at approximately \$1.4 billion.

Fish Harvesters

Trends for self-employed fish harvesters are different than those recorded for EI users in the rest of the economy. The moratorium on the Northern Cod fishery caused fishing EI usage to decline by nearly half between 1992 and 1993. As a result of the moratorium, the NCARP program was implemented in 1992 and later replaced by TAGS in 1994. Only after individuals began to exit TAGS in 1996 to its termination in 1998, did the number of beneficiaries begin to climb.

In 1991, there were 11,960 individuals who opened a fishing type claim. By 1994 this figure had dropped to 6,430 but was at 9,800 in 2006.

UI/EI, NCARP/TAGS and Social Assistance

Table 4

	Program Clients and Benefits Paid Newfoundland and Labrador, 1991 to 2006						
	UI/EI		NCARP/TAGS		Social Assistance		Total
	Count	Dollars	Count	Dollars	Count	Dollars	Dollars
	(x 1000)	(\$ Million)	(x 1000)	(\$ Million)	(x 1000)	(\$ Million)	(\$ Million)
1991	154.0	987	-	-	57.3	150	1,137
1992	155.6	1,096	26.3	120	63.8	178	1,394
1993	137.9	943	26.3	265	65.4	196	1,404
1994	124.7	803	31.7	291	66.7	224	1,318
1995	111.1	675	27.3	282	68.4	237	1,194
1996	107.7	668	26.9	264	67.3	243	1,175
1997	103.8	685	22.2	206	62.7	235	1,126
1998	102.8	666	19.6	173	57.5	226	1,065
1999	108.1	744	13.0	68	53.3	211	1,023
2000	105.3	732	-	-	51.1	216	948
2001	107.7	813	-	-	47.9	211	1,024
2002	108.7	873	-	-	45.7	210	1,083
2003	109.4	916	-	-	45.6	213	1,129
2004	109.9	903	-	-	45.4 ^p	213	1,116
2005	109.0	899	-	-	42.6	210	1,109
2006	106.8	933			40.8 ^p	214	1,147

p - preliminary

Social Assistance expenditures are fiscal year amounts. Count refers to total adults.

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