





Public Policy

Anti-poverty Measures – Track Record & Campaign Promises

			
<p>Has supported anti-poverty initiatives and launched a Poverty Reduction Strategy. It currently doesn't have a published 2019 platform on the topic.</p> <p>Committed to developing Canada's first Food Policy, addressing food-related issues.</p> <p>Budget 2019 proposes to invest \$134.4 million over 5 years, on a cash basis, beginning in 2019/20, with \$5.2 million ongoing in a suite of new measures, as directed by the Food Policy. In 2018, launched a Poverty Reduction Strategy, which established short-term and long-term targets of 20% poverty reduction by 2020, and 50% poverty reduction by 2030, from the 2015 level.</p> <p>Working on legislation to adopt an official poverty line, create a national advisory council on poverty, require the development and implementation of a poverty-reduction strategy, and to designate a responsible Minister and require the Minister to table annual reports to Parliament.</p>	<p>Has supported anti-poverty initiatives, though has also proposed cuts to services that support Canadians living in poverty. It currently doesn't have a published 2019 platform on the topic.</p> <p>Has stated they will maintain the current Child Benefit, tax free.</p> <p>Promised to remove the GST from home-heating bills and home-energy costs.</p> <p>Vowed to make parental benefits tax free.</p>	<p>Has supported anti-poverty initiatives and has several items in its platform devoted to ending poverty in Canada.</p> <p>Will launch a full review of income security programs.</p> <p>Will continue and expand employment programs to make sure that quality employment opportunities are available to all.</p> <p>Promises to lead a National Seniors Strategy that will work with the provinces, territories, and Indigenous governments to make seniors health care a priority, reduce isolation, and tackle seniors' poverty.</p> <p>Vowed to make the Canada caregiver credit (CCC) refundable, which will provide thousands of dollars to the most low-income caregivers.</p>	<p>Will remove taxes from the lowest-income categories so that no taxes are paid by those below the poverty line.</p> <p>Will allow income assistance recipients to keep 100% of the wages they earn, up to the LICO.</p> <p>Will offer free transit passes for those on income assistance.</p> <p>Will increase the GIS for seniors by 25%.</p> <p>Will top up the income support for single parents on welfare during the time they are attending school or job-training programs.</p> <p>Will ensure financial assistance for low-income spouses and relatives who provide end-of-life care at home.</p> <p>Will develop a comprehensive plan to improve our social safety network so that it eliminates child poverty.</p> <p>Will restore employment insurance to seasonal workers.</p>