

**1 out of 5**

BC children are poor  
– higher than the  
national average.



**GLOBAL CHILD:  
BC CHILD RIGHTS  
SYMPOSIUM**  
November 15, 2018

**TAKE ACTION: EMAIL THE PREMIER [STILL1IN5.CA](mailto:STILL1IN5.CA)**

## **4 KEYS TO SUCCESS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH**

- 1) Strong Commitment to Early Childhood Development
- 2) Support in Transitions from Childhood to Youth & Adulthood
- 3) **Increased Economic Equality**
- 4) Safe and Caring Communities





- Campaign 2000: BC Child Poverty Report Card, BC Poverty Reduction Coalition



WORK SHOULD  
LIFT YOU OUT  
OF POVERTY,  
NOT KEEP  
YOU THERE



- Minimum Wage Campaign
- End the Clawback of Child Support and other Benefits



**WIN!**



- Child care advocacy/  
\$10 a Day Plan
- BC child labour standards  
reform project
- Increase supports for youth  
transitioning out of government  
care (FosteringChange.ca)



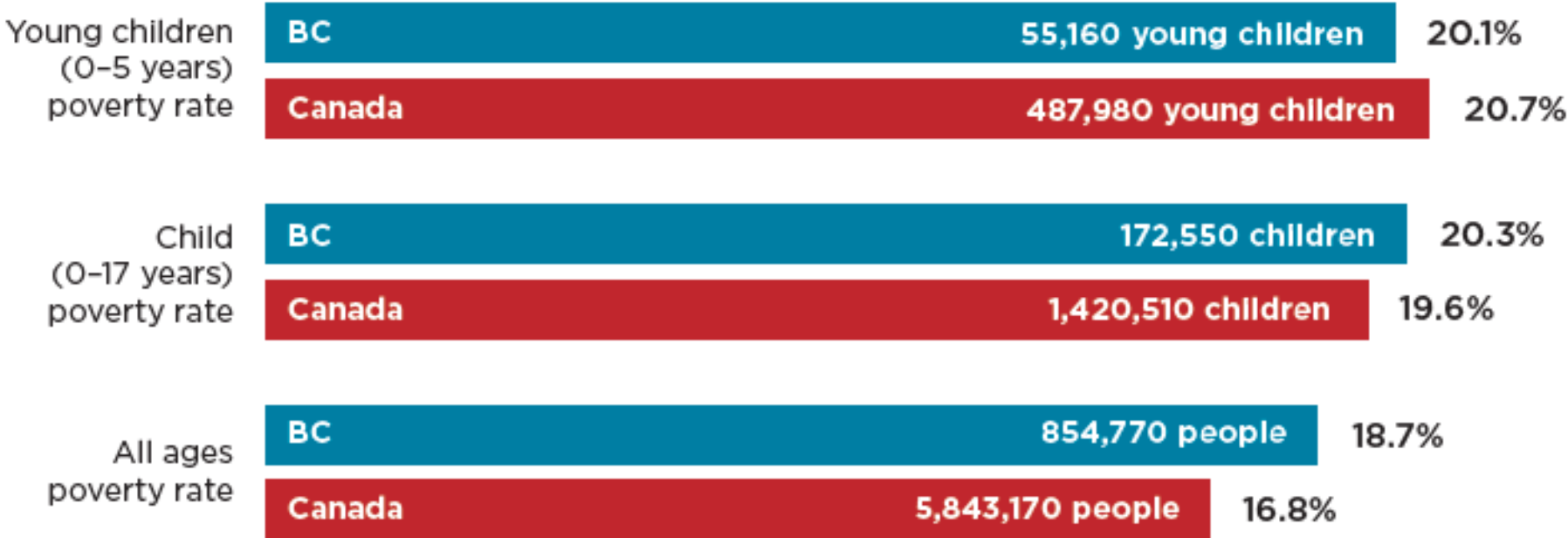




These stats and trends can change through the application of strong public policies founded on the values of equity, dignity and respect for children's rights, including the right of every child to a standard of living adequate for the child's physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development (Article 27, UN Convention on the Rights of the Child).



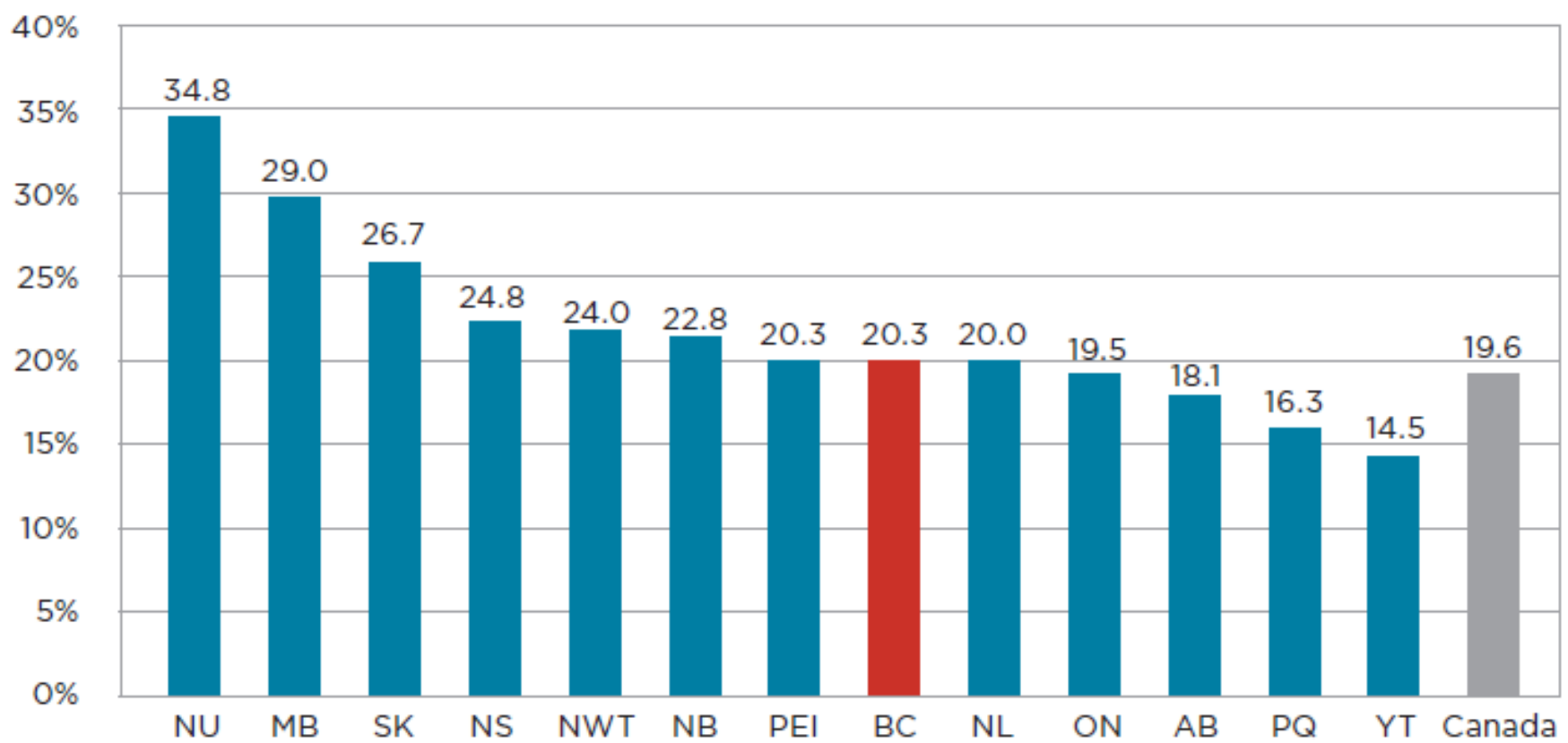
**All Ages, Child (0-17 years old) and Children Under Age 6  
Poverty Rates, BC and Canada, CFLIM After Tax, 2016**



Source: For children and all ages poverty rates: Statistics Canada. Table: 11-10-0018-01, 2016. For children under 6: Statistics Canada. T1FF data. Custom data request.



Child Poverty Rates, by Province/Territory, CFLIM After Tax, 2016

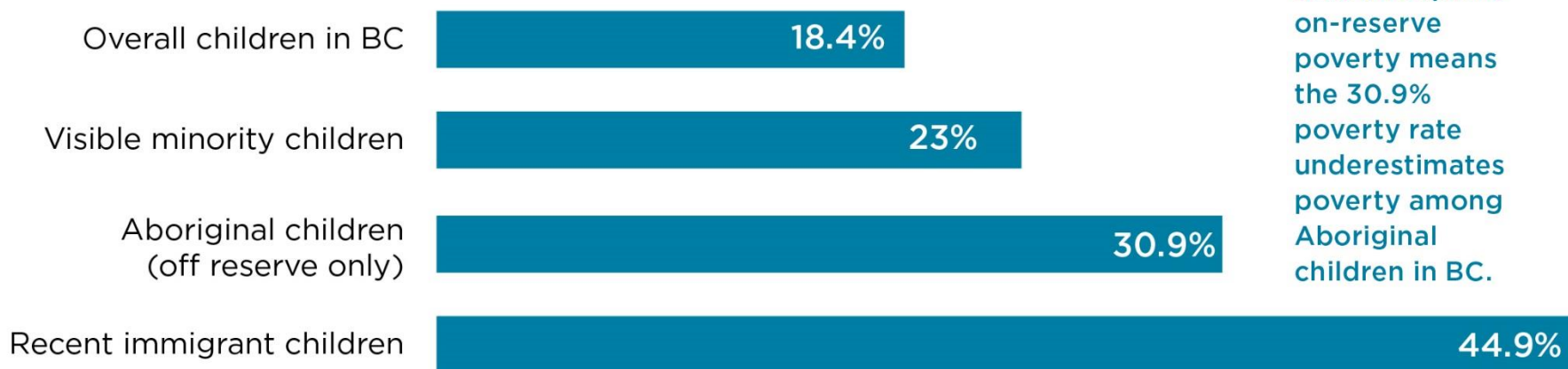


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## SOME BC CHILDREN ARE **OVER-REPRESENTED** IN POVERTY STATISTICS

### Child Poverty Rate for Different Population Groups, LIM After Tax, BC, 2015 (based on 2016 Census)<sup>1</sup>

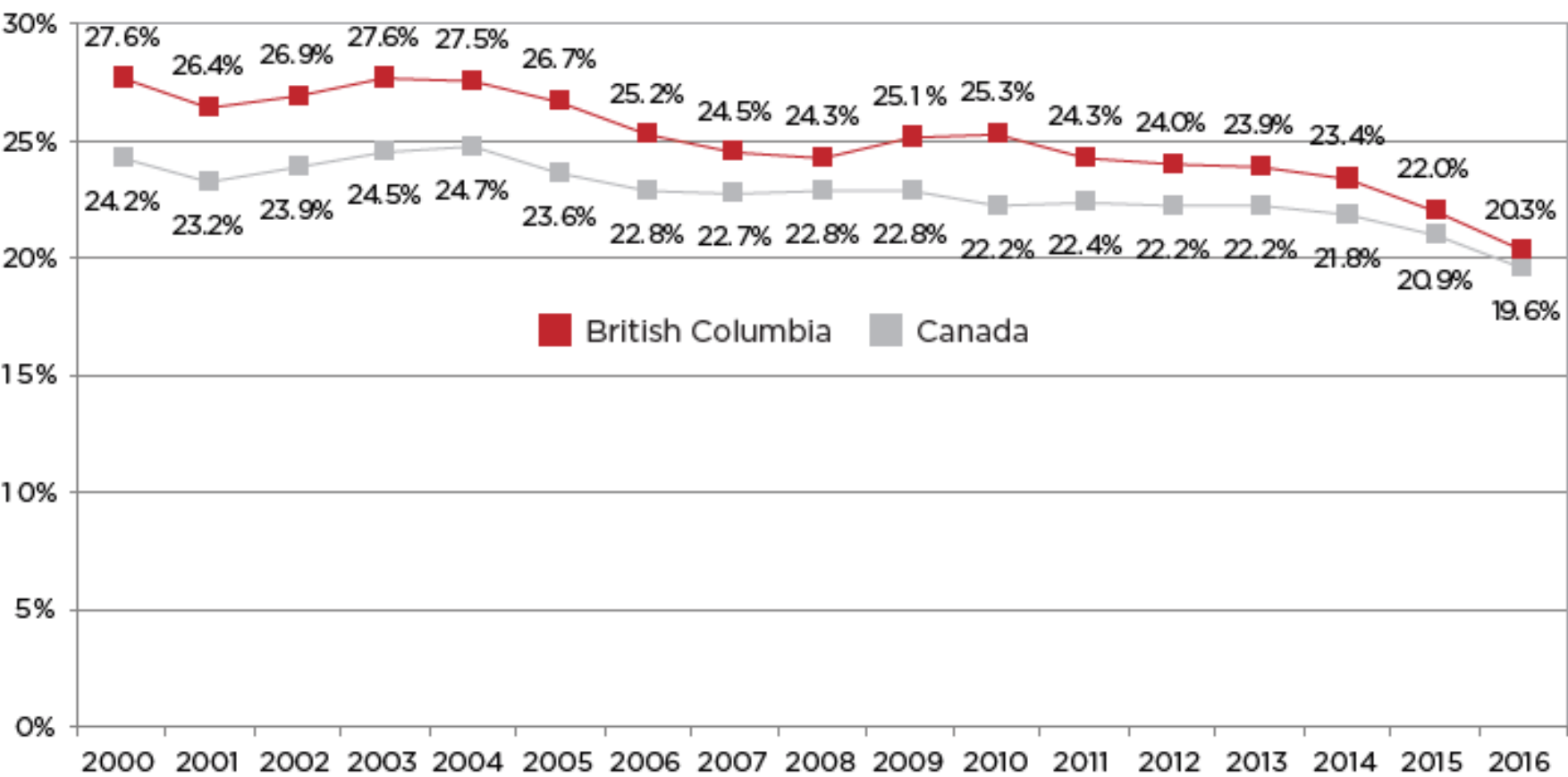


Source: Statistics Canada. 2016 Census

Poverty rate for lone parents with disabilities and children <25 is 53% (Canada)



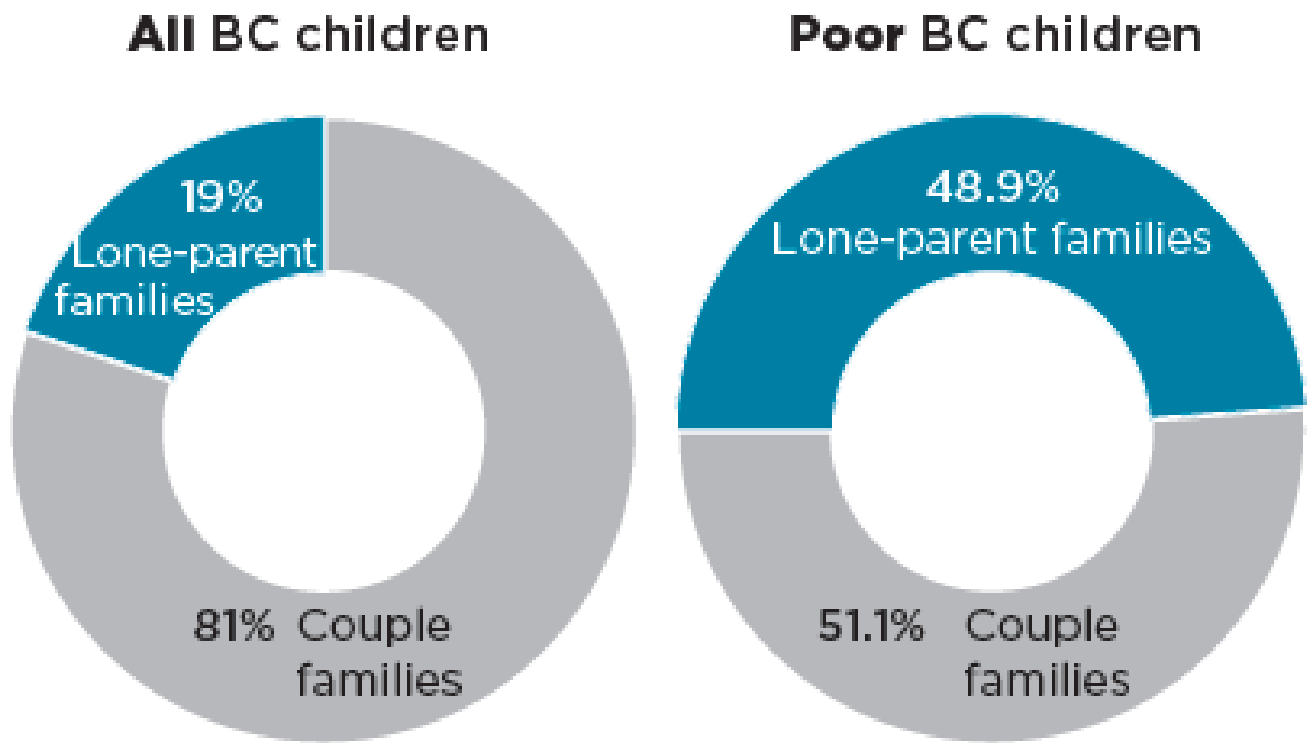
Child Poverty Rates, Canada and British Columbia, CFLIM After Tax, 2000-2016



Sources: 1989, 2000-2003 data: Statistics Canada. Custom Data request.  
2004-2016 data: Statistics Canada. Table: 11-10-0018-01, 2016.



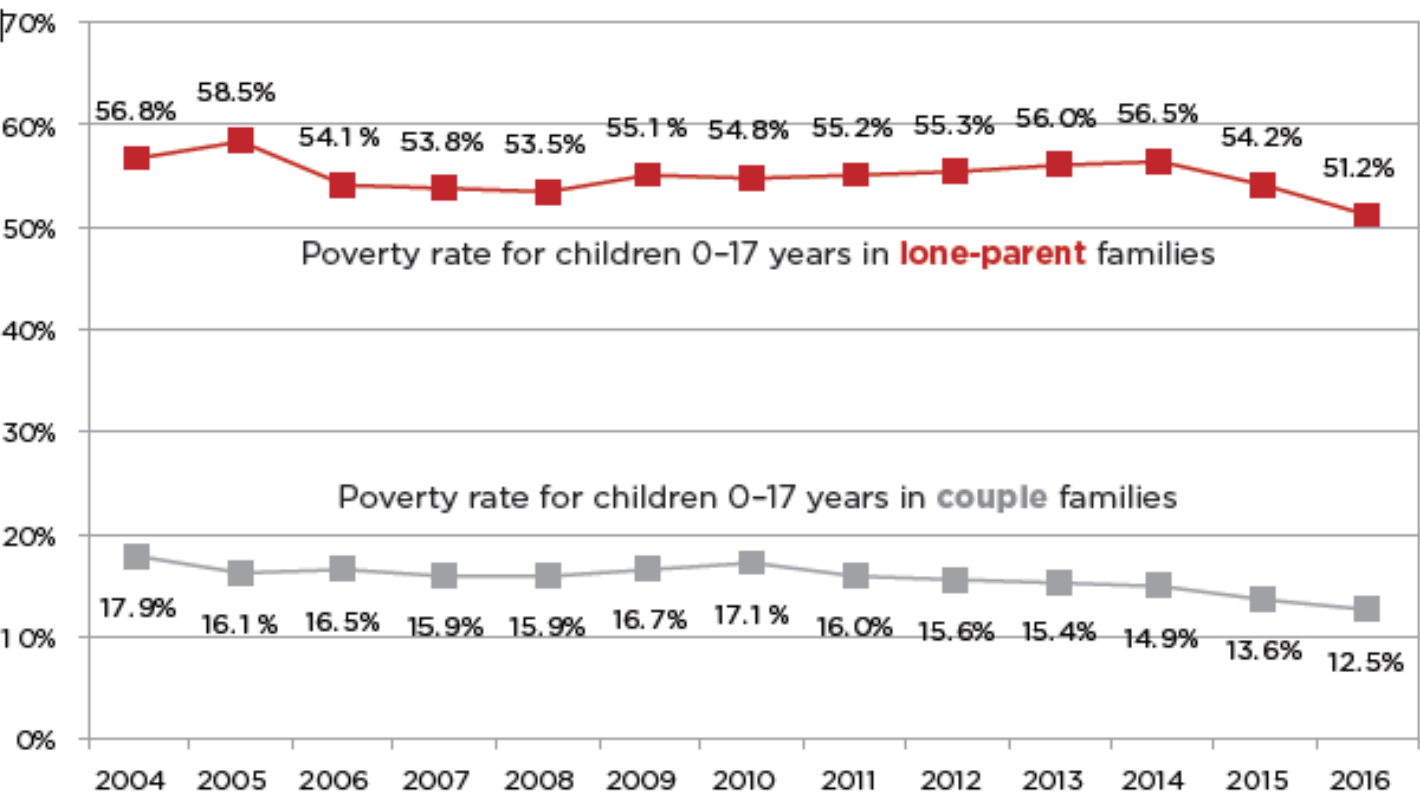
**Proportion of BC Children 0-17 in Couple Families and Lone-Parent Families, 2016**



Source: Statistics Canada. Table: 11-10-0011-01 and Table: 11-10-0018-01, 2016



BC Child Poverty Rate by Family Type, CFLIM After-Tax, British Columbia, 2000-2016



**One** in every two BC children of single parents were poor in 2016.



Source: Statistics Canada. Table: 11-10-0018-01, 2016



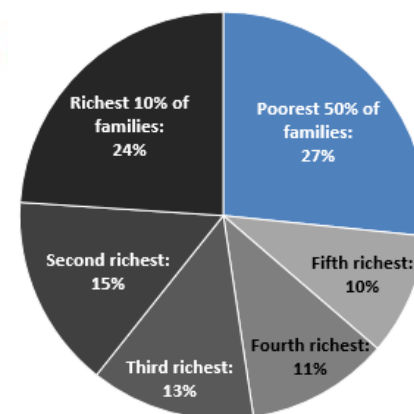
# FACTSHEET 8: GROWING INCOME INEQUALITY

## Changes in Average Total Incomes by Decile Group, Families in BC, in constant 2016 Dollars

Decile	1989 average annual income (\$)	2016 average annual income (\$)	Annual income gain 1989-2016 (\$)	Rate of income growth 1989-2016 (%)
Lowest decile	\$20,300	\$22,200	\$1,900	9.4%
Second decile	\$35,300	\$42,500	\$7,200	20.4%
Third decile	\$49,700	\$56,900	\$7,200	14.5%
Fourth decile	\$60,900	\$71,500	\$10,600	17.4%
Fifth decile	\$72,500	\$85,200	\$12,700	17.5%
Sixth decile	\$83,900	\$98,500	\$14,600	17.4%
Seventh decile	\$96,400	\$117,100	\$20,700	21.5%
Eighth decile	\$110,900	\$137,500	\$26,600	24.0%
Ninth decile	\$128,700	\$166,000	\$37,300	29.0%
Highest decile	\$187,100	\$258,000	\$70,900	37.9%
<b>Total families</b>	<b>\$84,600</b>	<b>\$105,500</b>	<b>\$20,900</b>	<b>24.7%</b>

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 11-10-0192-01 Upper income limit, income share and average income by economic family type and income decile.

**The richest 10% of BC families with children received 24% of the total income, while the poorest half of families shared 27%.**







**71,560 BC**  
**children were kept**  
**out of poverty in**  
**2018 thanks to**  
**government help.**





**Rhys Kesselman and Adrienne Montani:**  
B.C. needs to make important changes  
to its childhood tax benefit

## COMPARISON OF PROVINCIAL CHILD BENEFITS

Province	Child's age	Annual benefit amount (max.) (one child)	Lifetime investment (one child)	Benefit indexed?
PQ	0-18	\$2,392	\$43,056	Y
ON	0-18	\$1,378	\$24,804	Y
AB	0-18	\$1,100	\$19,800	Y
NS	0-18	\$625	\$11,250	N
MB	0-18	\$420	\$7,560	N
NL	0-18	\$377	\$6,786	N
NB	0-18	\$250	\$4,500	N
BC	0-6	\$660	\$3,960	N

First Call recommends that the provincial government redesign the BC Early Childhood Tax Benefit into a BC Child Benefit covering children up to age 18 and double the maximum benefit amount.



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**FIRST READING**

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**HONOURABLE SHANE SIMPSON**  
**MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**AND POVERTY REDUCTION**

**BILL 39 – 2018**  
**POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ACT**

“The strategy must include initiatives intended, over the 5-year period beginning on January 1, 2019, to reduce the poverty rate for 2016 by at least....

... 50% among persons under 18 years of age.





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