

The Cost of Eating Well

North Bay Parry Sound District

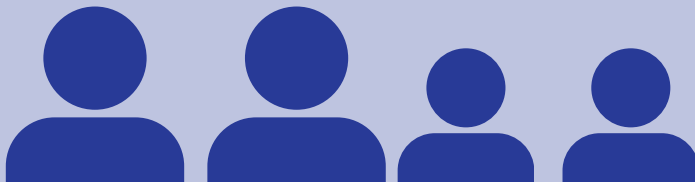
The Nutritious Food Basket is a survey used by public health agencies in Ontario to estimate food costs. It includes a list of food items that follow Canada's Food Guide. The results are used to assess how affordable it is to eat well in relation to household income and local rent rates.

How much does it cost monthly to follow Canada's Food Guide?

Family of four

\$1,260

Two parents 31-50 yrs
Youth 14-18 yrs
Child 4-8 yrs



Pregnant single person



19-30 yrs

\$464

Single person



31-50 yrs

\$438

Single parent with older kids

\$940

Parent 31-50 yrs
Youth 14-18 yrs
Child 4-8 yrs



Single parent with young kids

\$740

Parent 31-50 yrs
Two children 2-4 yrs



Single older person



70+ yrs






\$313

Food and Housing Affordability: Parry Sound 2025

Social assistance rates are too low.

About 95% of households relying on Ontario Works in the Parry Sound District are single adults. The following scenarios show that income from Ontario Works is not enough for the basic costs of living. Increasing social assistance rates in Ontario will help these households make ends meet.

New apartment in 2025 in the Town of Parry Sound:

	Single parent with two kids aged 8 and 14	Single person
	Ontario Works monthly income \$2799 (Includes tax credits)	Ontario Works monthly income \$916 (Includes tax credits)
	3 Bedroom \$2738	Bachelor \$1148
	Groceries \$940	Groceries \$438
	Money remaining \$-879	Money remaining \$-670