# How much does it cost to eat nutritiously?

The Nutritious Food Basket is a measure to assess the cost of basic healthy eating according to current nutrition recommendations and average food prices. The Nutritious Food Basket is based on the cost of 67 food item prices from 12 stores across the City of Toronto.<sup>1</sup>

# **Employed couple with 2 kids**

### **Median Income**

Income \$9,458



Canada Child Benefit \$363 Rent (3bedroom)2 \$1,961 Nutritious Food Basket<sup>3</sup> \$1,141

**Remains: \$6,719** 

## Couple with 2 kids

#### **Ontario Works**

Income \$1,2504

Canada Child Benefit \$1,206 Rent (3-bedroom) \$1,961

**Nutritious Food Basket** \$1,141

**Remains: -\$646** 

# Single parent with 2 kids

# **Minimum Wage**

Income \$1,974 Canada Child Benefit \$1,206 Rent (2-bedroom) \$1,703 **Nutritious Food Basket** \$855

Remains: \$622

# Single parent with 2 kids

### **Ontario Works**

Income \$1,057 Canada Child Benefit \$1,206

Rent (2-bedroom) \$1,703

**Nutritious Food Basket** \$855 **Remains: -\$295** 

# Single individual



# **Minimum Wage**

Income \$1,974 Rent (bachelor unit) \$1,225 **Nutritious Food Basket \$392** 

Remains: \$357

# Single individual



#### **Ontario Works**

Income \$733 Rent (bachelor unit) \$1,225

**Nutritious Food Basket** \$392

**Remains: -\$884** 

# Single older individual



# Old Age Security (OAS) + Guaranteed Income

Supplement (GIS) Income \$1,714

Rent (bachelor unit) \$1,225 **Nutritious Food Basket** \$279

Remains: \$210

# Single individual



# **Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)**

Income \$1,228 Rent (bachelor unit) \$1,225

**Nutritious Food Basket** \$392

**Remains: -\$389** 

All figures above represent monthly numbers.

# **\$ left after rent and food**

\$6,719 Family of four.

\$622

\$357

\$210

Single parent,

Single person, ODSP

Family of four, Ontario Works

Single person, Ontario Works

median income

Single parent. minimum wage

Single individual, minimum wage

Older adult, OAS and GIS

-\$646

-\$884

The remainder to be spent on transportation, clothing, cellphone, internet, household cleaning products, childcare, recreation, and other essentials.

# Learn more at dailybread.ca

### **References:**

- 1 National nutritious food basket Canada.ca
- 2 Current City of Toronto Average Market Rents & Utility Allowances City of Toronto
- 3 Cost of living in Toronto for low-income households City of Toronto Open Data Portal
- 4 Social Assistance Rates (Sept 2022)









