

Ontario Health Coalition

Fast Facts

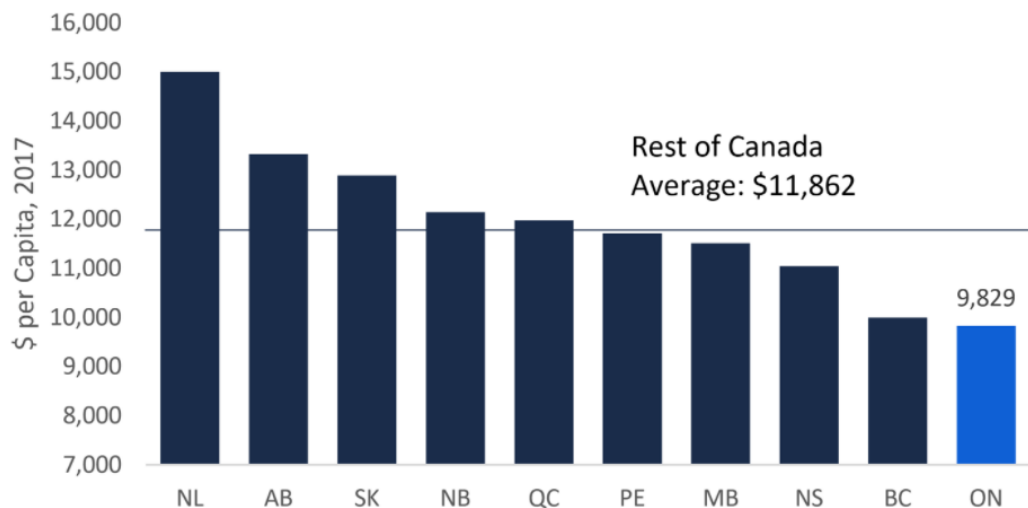
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Ontario funds our social programs at the lowest rate in Canada

Most Recent Data (2017)

“Program Spending” is what economists call our provincial government’s funding for all our social programs and services, such as health care, education, social assistance, housing, roads & transit, parks & recreation, developmental services and so on. Ontario’s funding for our social programs is the lowest in Canada.

Figure 5: Ontario program spending lowest among provinces



Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Government Finance Statistics.

- Ontario funds our social programs at a rate of \$9,829 per capita (per person)
- The average of the rest of the provinces is \$11,862 per capita
- The difference is \$2,033 per person x 14 million people (2017 population)
= \$28.5 billion less funding for social programs and services than the average of other provinces.

Source: Financial Accountability Office of Ontario – a formal office that reports to the Ontario Legislature with analysis of Ontario’s Fiscal Plans *Comparing Ontario’s Fiscal Position with Other Provinces* February 14, 2019: <https://www.fao-on.org/en/Blog/Publications/inter-prov-comparisons-feb-2019>