



## Return to Written Question

**Asked by:** Mr. Adam Lightstone, Member for Iqaluit-Manirajak

**Asked of:** Honourable Margaret Nakashuk, Minister of Family Services

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**Subject:** Income Support

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**Question 1:** Please provide demographic information concerning income support clients in Nunavut's three largest communities as of March 31, 2023.

**Response:** Please see *Appendix 1* for table representing total head of households, spouses, dependents, and ages of income assistance recipients in each community. Please note that the details included are the extent of what our data system can track and provide.

**Question 2:** Please provide information on the number of youths who aged into income support for the three largest communities for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

**Response:** There was a total of 206 youth who aged-in (18 yr old) into Income Assistance in Nunavut for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

The 206 reflects the number of youths who were dependents of the household, but once they turned 18, they were no longer dependents.

The table below illustrates the number of you who aged into income support in each community for the fiscal year ending on March 31, 2023.

Community	Age 18
Kuqaaruk	20
Cambridge Bay	6
Kugluktuk	4
Taloyoak	17
Gjoa Haven	17
<b>Regional Total</b>	<b>64</b>

Whale Cove	2
Coral Harbour	7
Arviat	35
Naujaat	20
Chesterfield Inlet	1
Rankin Inlet	3
Baker Lake	9
<b>Regional Total</b>	<b>77</b>

Sanikiluaq	13
Resolute Bay	0
Qikiqtarjuaq	4
Pangnirtung	21
Iqloolik	24
Clyde River	16
Pond Inlet	17
Arctic Bay	8
Kimmirut	7
Hall Beach	9
Cape Dorset	17
Iqaluit	11
Grise Fiord	0
<b>Regional Total</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>Nunavut Totals</b>	<b>288</b>

**Question 3:** Please provide information on the number of income support clients diverted in the three largest communities for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023, broken down into the following:

- a. Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students (FANS) Program
- b. Adult Learning and Training Supports (ALTS)
- c. Employed
- d. Other

**Response:**

- a. There were a total of 14 Income Assistance Clients receiving FANS living allowance that also required 'top up' assistance from Income Assistance.
- b. There was a total of eight Income Assistance Clients receiving ALTS funding that also required 'top up' assistance from Income Assistance.
- c. Currently, our system does not track clients gaining employment. However, we will request our software developer to add a feature to capture this information moving forward.
- d. There was a total of 206 youth who aged-in (18 yr old) into Income Assistance in Nunavut for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

**Question 4:** Why are relevant income support statistics not included in the *Minister's Report on Poverty Reduction*?

**Response:** The department has not considered including income support statistics in the *Minister's Report on Poverty Reduction* before. However, the department will ensure they are added to these reports going forward.

## Appendix 1

Community	HOH	Spouse	Dependents	Age	Age	Age	Age	Age	Age
				18	19 to 26	27 to 44	45 to 59	60	61 to 64
Kugaaruk	200	59	194	20	94	87	40	3	2
Cambridge Bay	222	24	131	6	48	97	76	3	9
Kugluktuk	227	36	229	4	42	108	87	6	15
Taloyoak	262	71	291	17	87	139	62	5	3
Gjoa Haven	293	64	267	17	105	144	72	2	5
<b>Regional Total</b>	<b>1204</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>1112</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>34</b>
Whale Cove	38	6	45	2	11	21	10	0	1
Coral Harbour	167	27	160	7	83	74	22	0	7
Arviat	498	75	467	35	196	210	114	4	9
Nauyasat	188	49	227	20	81	88	31	1	1
Chesterfield Inlet	31	3	21	1	4	17	8	1	3
Rankin Inlet	102	18	95	3	26	39	44	2	7
Baker Lake	226	23	137	9	59	105	60	6	12
<b>Regional Total</b>	<b>1250</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>1152</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>40</b>
Sanikiluaq	245	44	243	13	89	114	58	2	10
Resolute Bay	13	1	5	0	4	4	5	1	0
Qikiqtarjuaq	150	30	116	4	41	84	41	0	6
Pangnirtung	308	48	259	21	100	127	92	2	7
Igloolik	393	89	492	24	144	202	84	6	9
Clyde River	199	44	185	16	58	103	51	3	6
Pond Inlet	308	30	254	17	73	159	71	2	9
Arctic Bay	142	25	175	8	36	86	27	0	4
Kimmirut	109	10	77	7	31	44	33	0	7
Hall Beach	166	37	202	9	58	91	40	1	1
Cape Dorset	327	73	362	17	94	174	90	2	15
Iqaluit	601	52	277	11	81	300	213	9	32
Grise Fiord	12	1	4	0	4	6	0	0	2
<b>Regional Total</b>	<b>2973</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>2651</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>1494</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>Nunavut Totals</b>	<b>5427</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>4915</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>1649</b>	<b>2623</b>	<b>1431</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>182</b>