

Compared between the components of the MBM threshold into the components of the basket for various household sizes in Montréal according to various methods, in reference to the amounts given in the current Statistics Canada's online consultation about the MBM (conducted between October 15, 2018 and January 31, 2019)

Household size	Components of the market basket					Total amounts		
	Food	Clothing	Shelter	Transport	Other	Per month	Per year	4/1 ratio
Amounts given in the online survey*								
4 persons	\$950	\$160	\$750	\$240	\$840	\$2 940	\$35 280	
3 persons	\$830	\$140	\$650	\$210	\$730	\$2 560	\$30 720	
2 persons	\$670	\$120	\$530	\$170	\$600	\$2 090	\$25 080	
1 person	\$480	\$80	\$380	\$120	\$420	\$1 480	\$17 760	1.99
Amounts inferred from the reference household (4 persons) when using Statistics Canada's equivalence scale*								
4 persons	\$950	\$160	\$750	\$240	\$840	\$2 940	\$35 280	
3 persons	\$823	\$139	\$650	\$208	\$727	\$2 546	\$30 553	
2 persons	\$672	\$113	\$530	\$170	\$594	\$2 079	\$24 947	
1 person	\$475	\$80	\$375	\$120	\$420	\$1 470	\$17 640	2.00
Amounts inferred from the reference household (4 persons) when using the following coefficients, established by the CÉPE in its 2010 empirical study								
	3.09**	4.65**	1.26**	1.81***	3.27**			
1 person	\$307	\$34	\$595	\$133	\$257	\$1 327	\$15 920	2.22
1 person, adjusted to the effective annual threshold of \$17 640	\$341	\$38	\$660	\$147	\$285	\$1 470	\$17 640	2.00

* The minor differences between the amounts given in the online consultation and those estimated using the equivalence scale are probably due to losses in precision linked to the use of rounded monthly figures in the online consultation.

** The chosen criteria were the expenditure coefficients at the median for a household of two adults and two children compared to an unattached person (average from 2005 to 2007 for Québec, Survey of the Household Spending) (tables 5 and 6 of the 2010 CÉPE study).

*** Based on the interpretation for a one-person household of the Montréal transportation MBM guidelines for the two adults and two children reference households (table 6 in the same study).

Sources : Statistics Canada, (2018, 2018-11-07), [Measuring low income and Canada's Official Poverty Line](#) [Online consultation] ; Fréchet, G., Lanctôt, P., Morin, A., and Savard, F. (2010), [Equivalence scales: an Empirical Validation](#), Québec, Centre d'étude sur la pauvreté et l'exclusion.