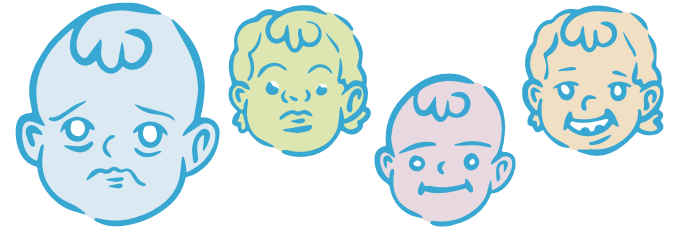
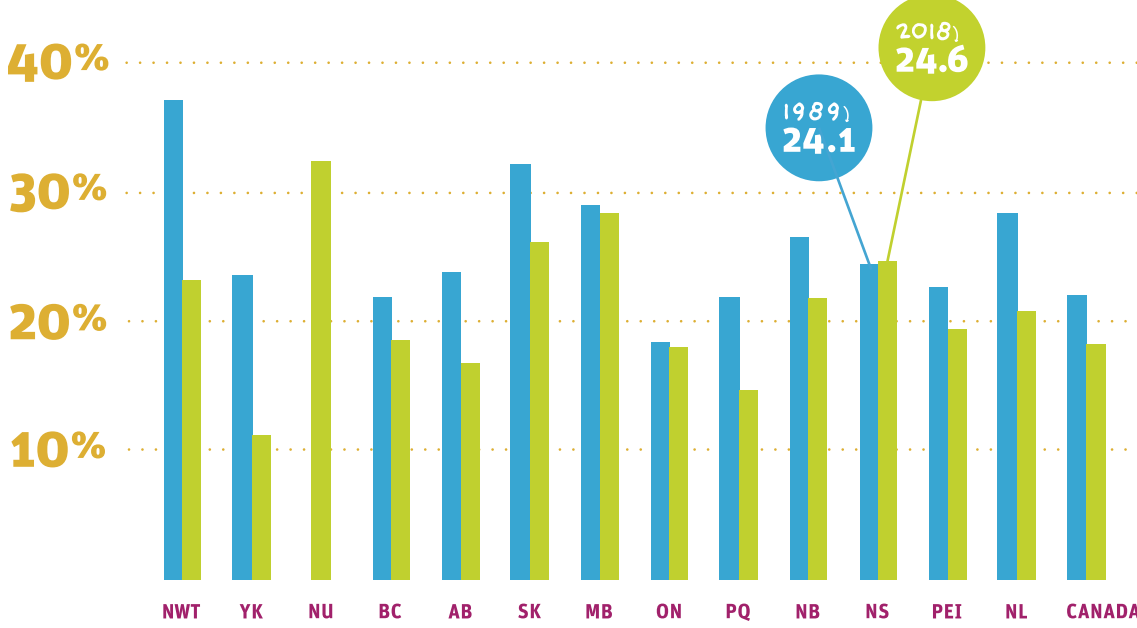


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# Report Card on Child and Family Poverty in Nova Scotia: Willful Neglect?

BASED ON 2018 DATA

Child Poverty Rates, By Province, (CFLIM-AT), 1989 and 2018, Age 0-17



41,370

Almost 1 in 4 children in Nova Scotia live in poverty.\*

The rate increased 1.7% between 2017 and 2018.

\*based on the CFLIM-AT

## POVERTY RATES VARY



More than 1 in 2 children living in lone parent families lived in poverty.

53.1% compared to 11.7% of children living in couple families.



The lowest rate of child poverty is in Fall River, part of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

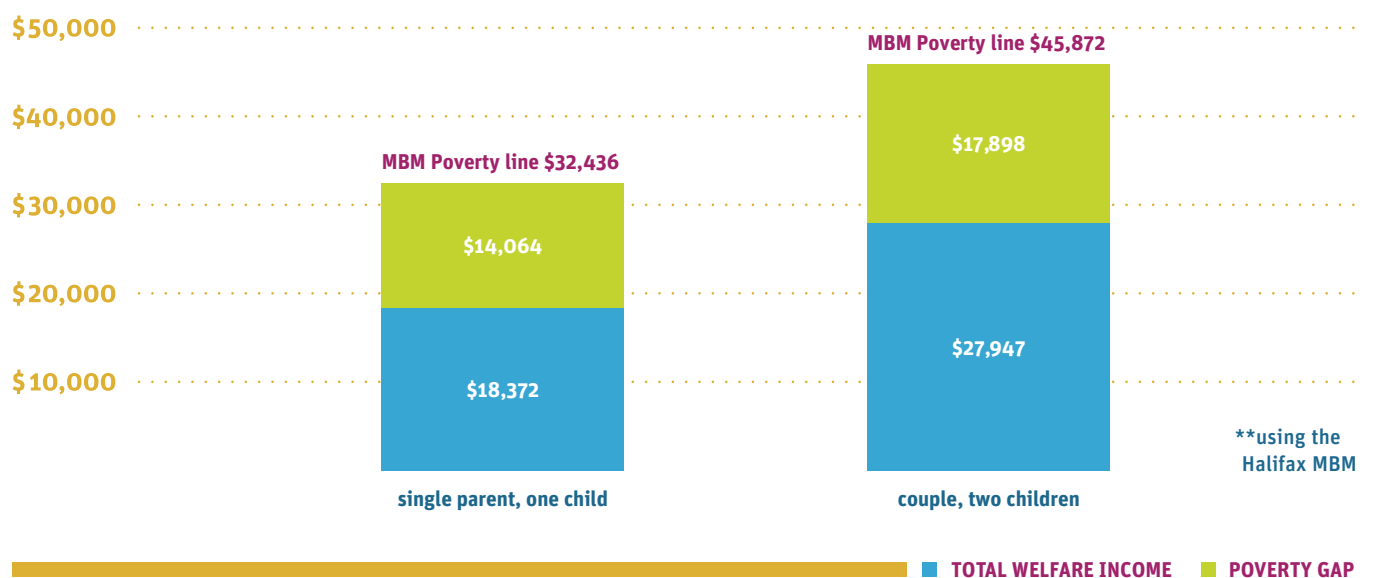


The highest rate is in the rural postal code of Micmac, which includes part of the Sipekne'katik First Nations.

## FAMILIES FACE DEEP POVERTY

Nova Scotia has the lowest welfare incomes in Canada for single parent families with one child (only 57% of the Market Basket Measure poverty line), and the second lowest for couple families with two children (61% of the MBM). These household types are in deep poverty (having an income less than 75% of the MBM).

Adequacy of Welfare Incomes, Nova Scotia, 2019\*



At what point do we begin to ask whether child and family poverty is not simply a matter of government neglect but in fact an act of maintaining social stratification?

