

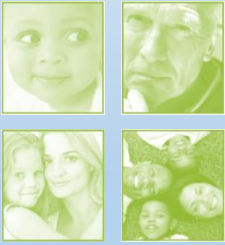
# Poverty Trends in Edmonton

Presentation to Mayor's Task Force on Poverty Elimination  
May 27, 2014

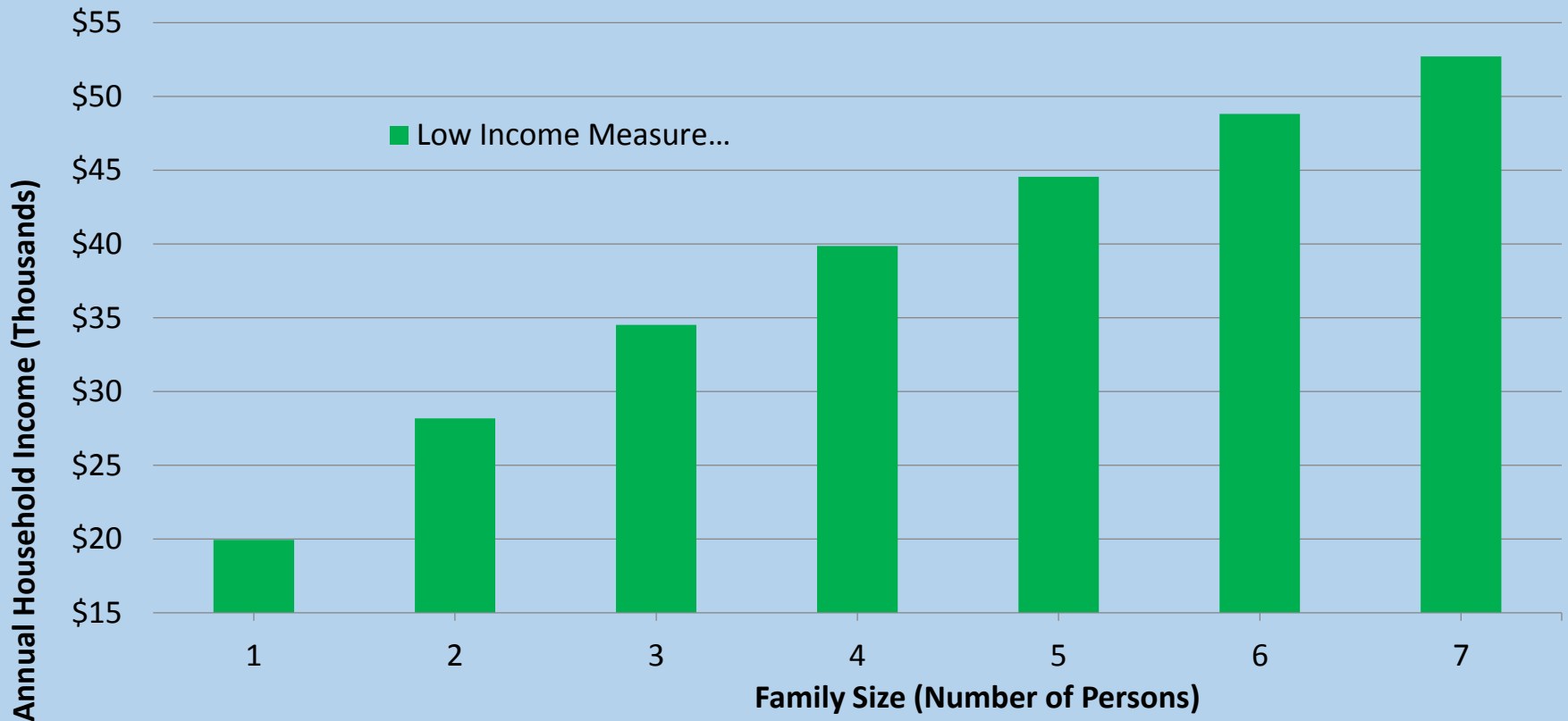
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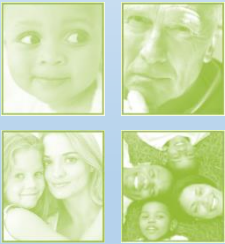




# Maximum Low Income Threshold By Family Size

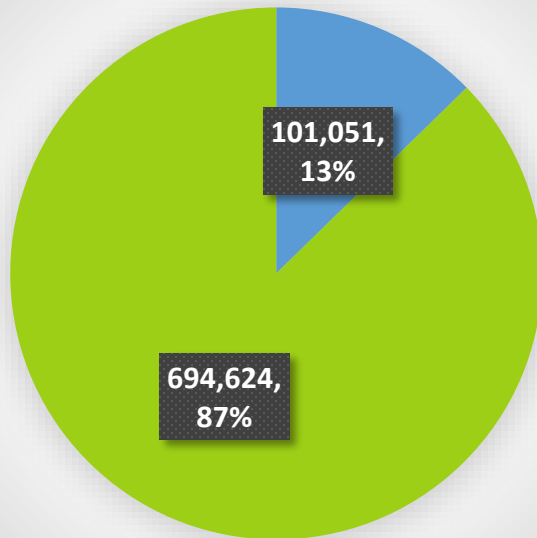


Source: Statistics Canada. (2013). Table 202-0808— Low income measures for after-tax income, Canada, 2011 dollars, CANSIM (database). LIM AT measures income after any applicable income taxes have been deducted and income transfers added.



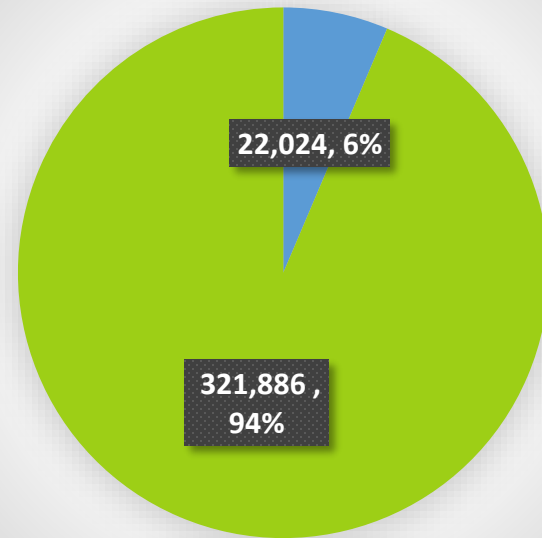
# Incidence of Low Income from 2011 National Household Survey (LIM AT)

## City of Edmonton

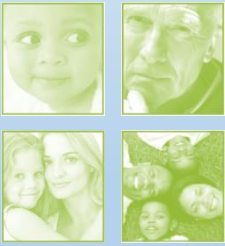


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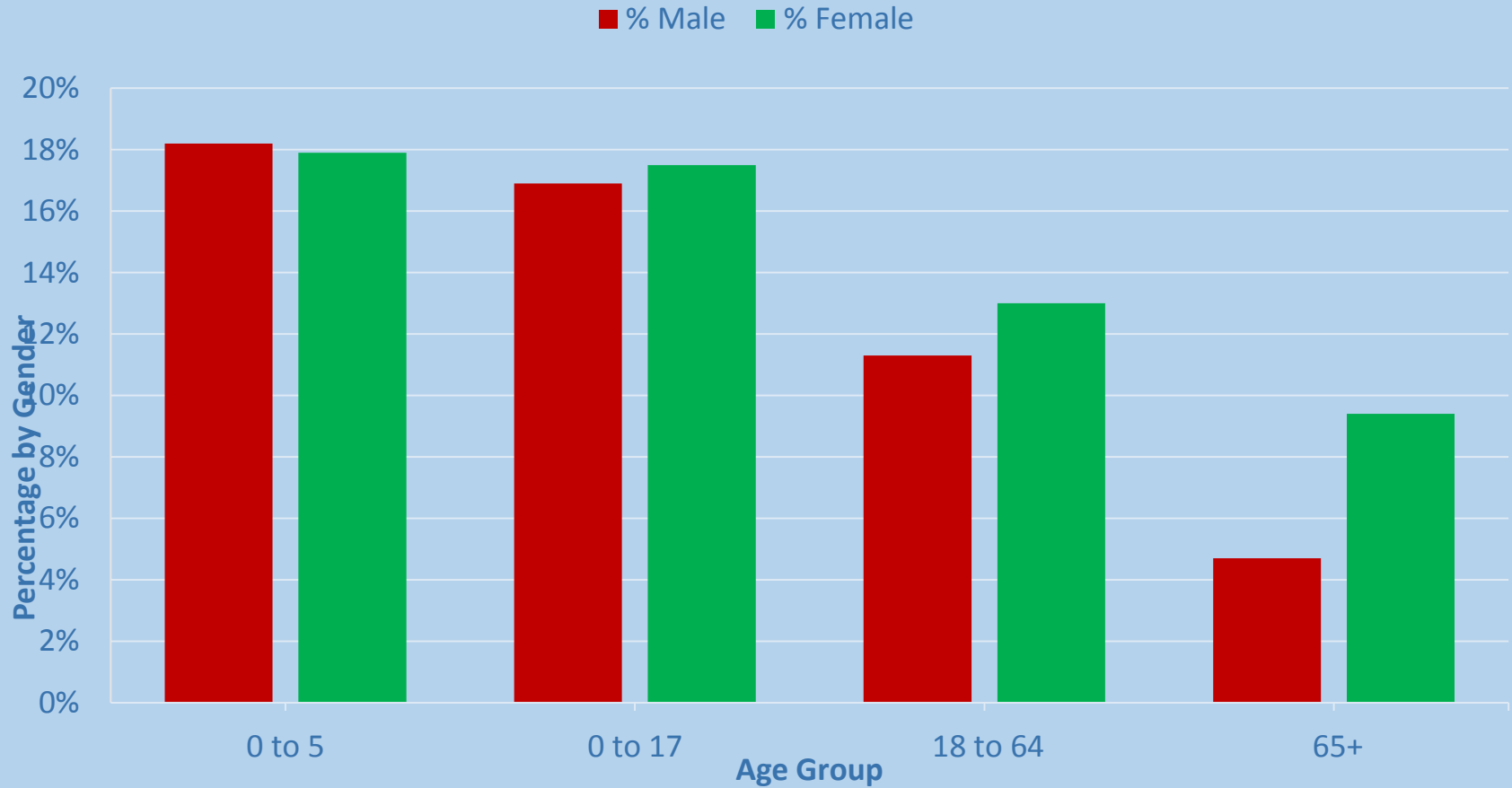
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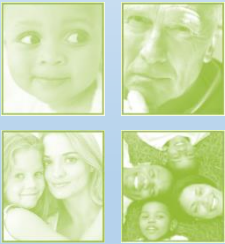


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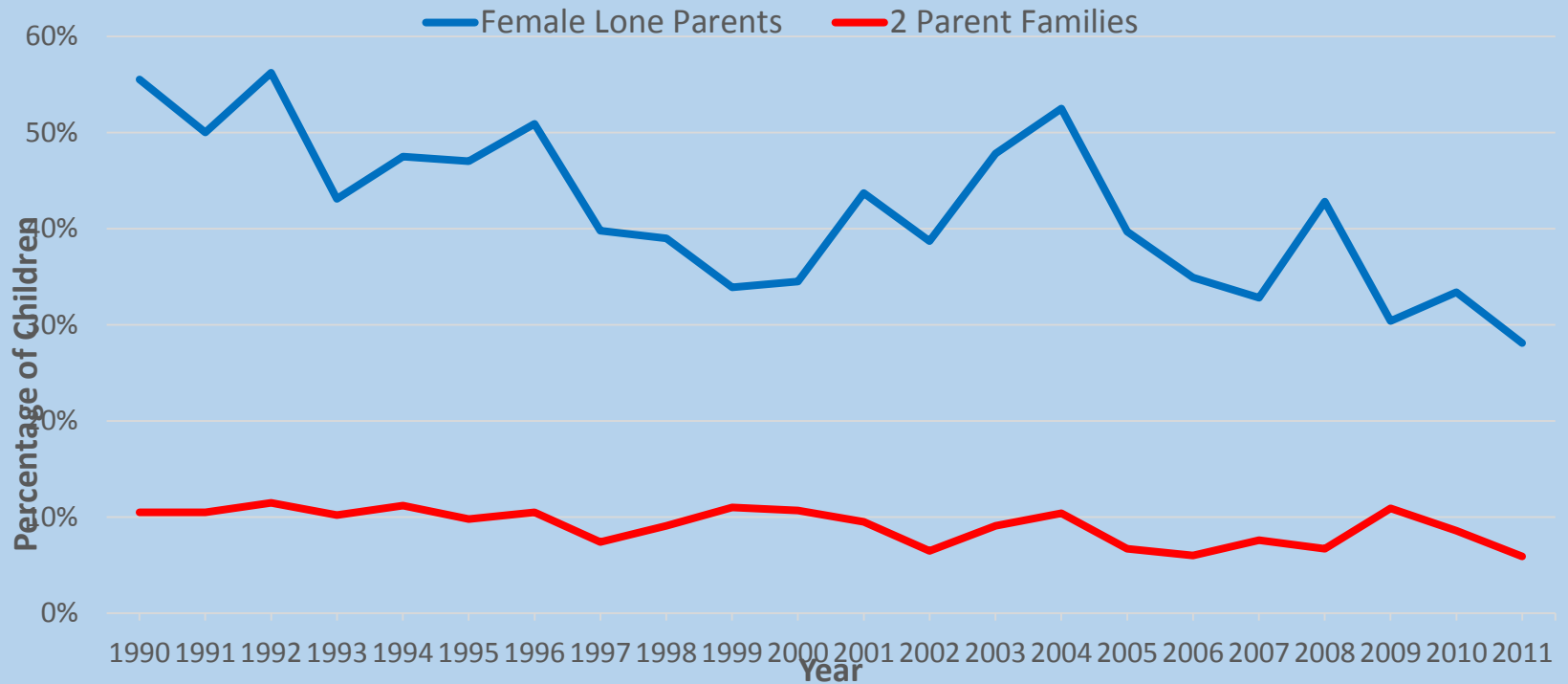


# Persons Living in Low Income (LIM AT) By Age and Gender, Edmonton City, 2011 NHS

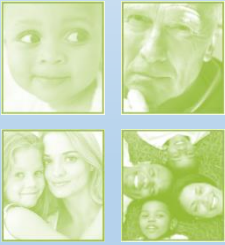




# Child Poverty Rate by Family Type (LIM AT)



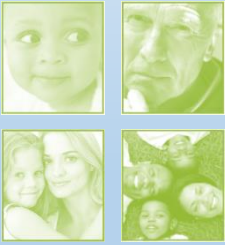
Source: Statistics Canada. (2013). Table 202-0804 – Persons in low income families, under 18 years in two parent families and female lone-parent families, Alberta, annual, CANSIM (database)



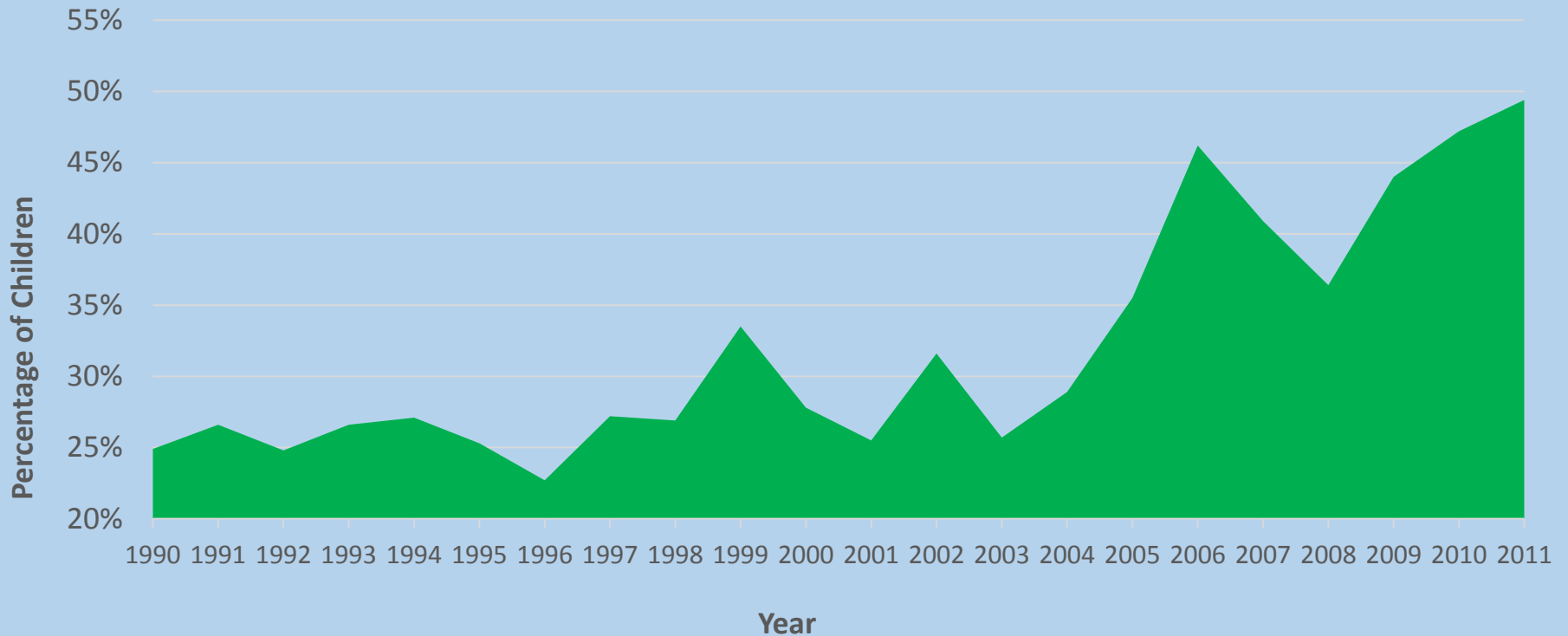
# Percentage of Children in Poor Families Where One or Both Parents Works Full-Time, Full-Year, Alberta



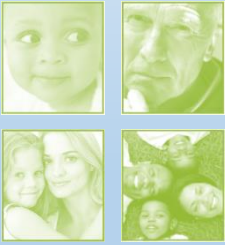
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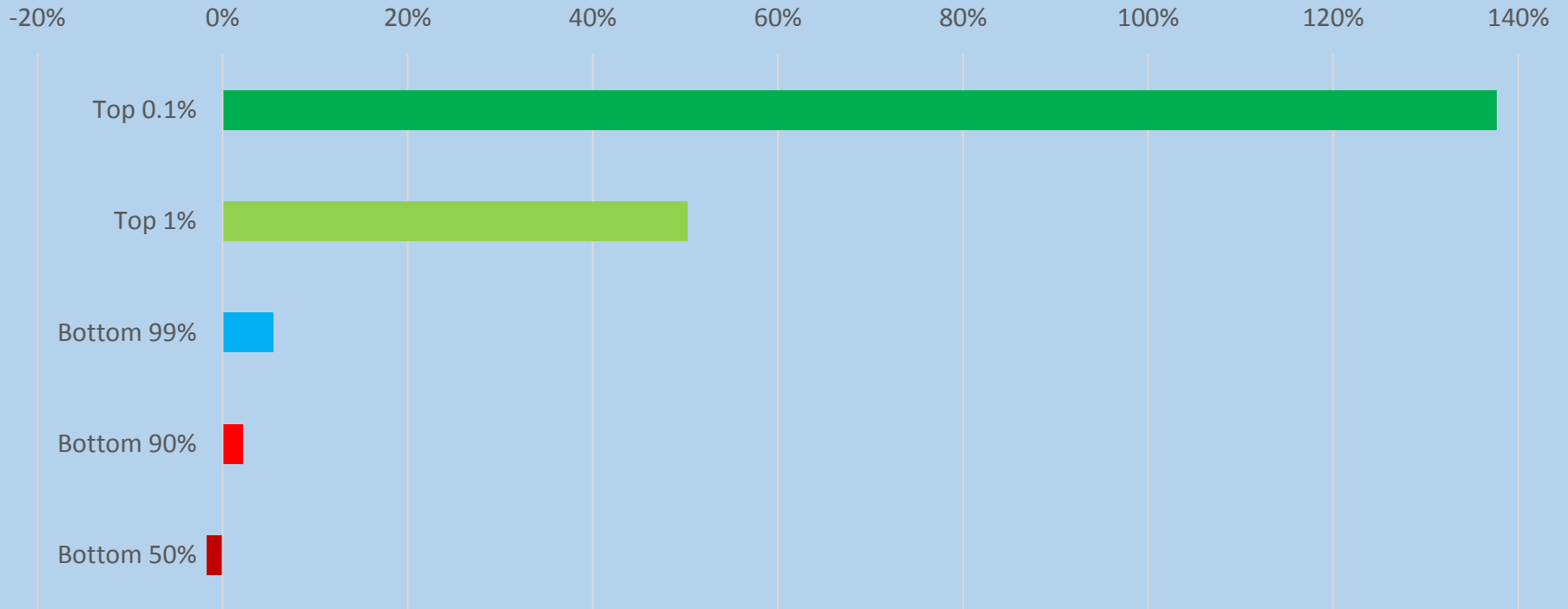
# Percentage of Market Poor Children Lifted Out of Poverty by Government Income Transfers, Alberta



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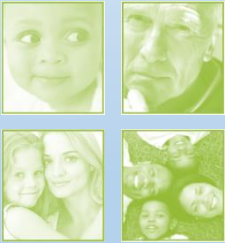


# Real Median Income Growth (Edmonton CMA) 1982 to 2011

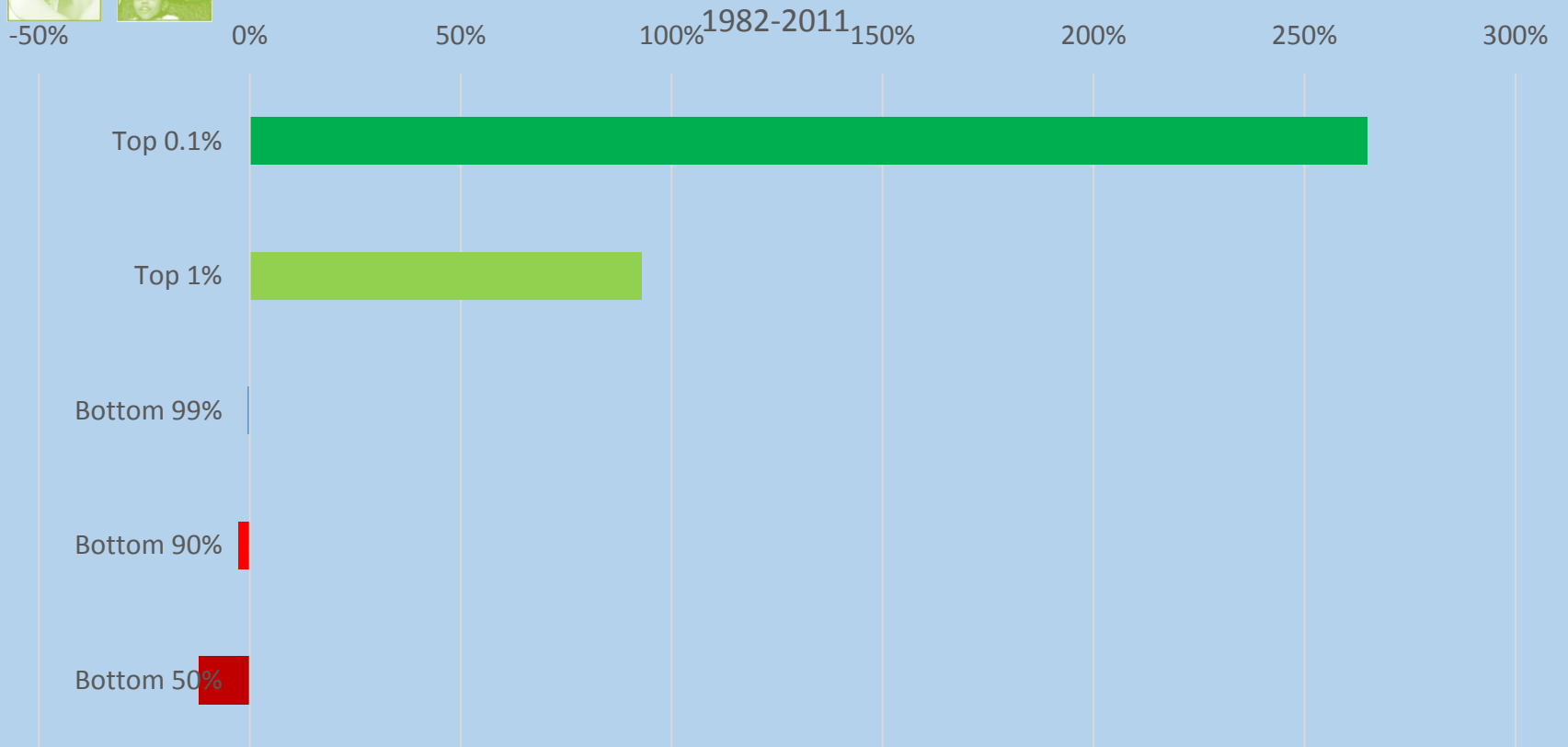


Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM Table 204-0002, Tax Filer Database, Adjusted for inflation (Edmonton CMA)

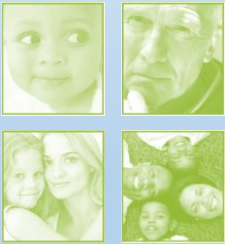




# Real Median Income Growth (Calgary CMA)

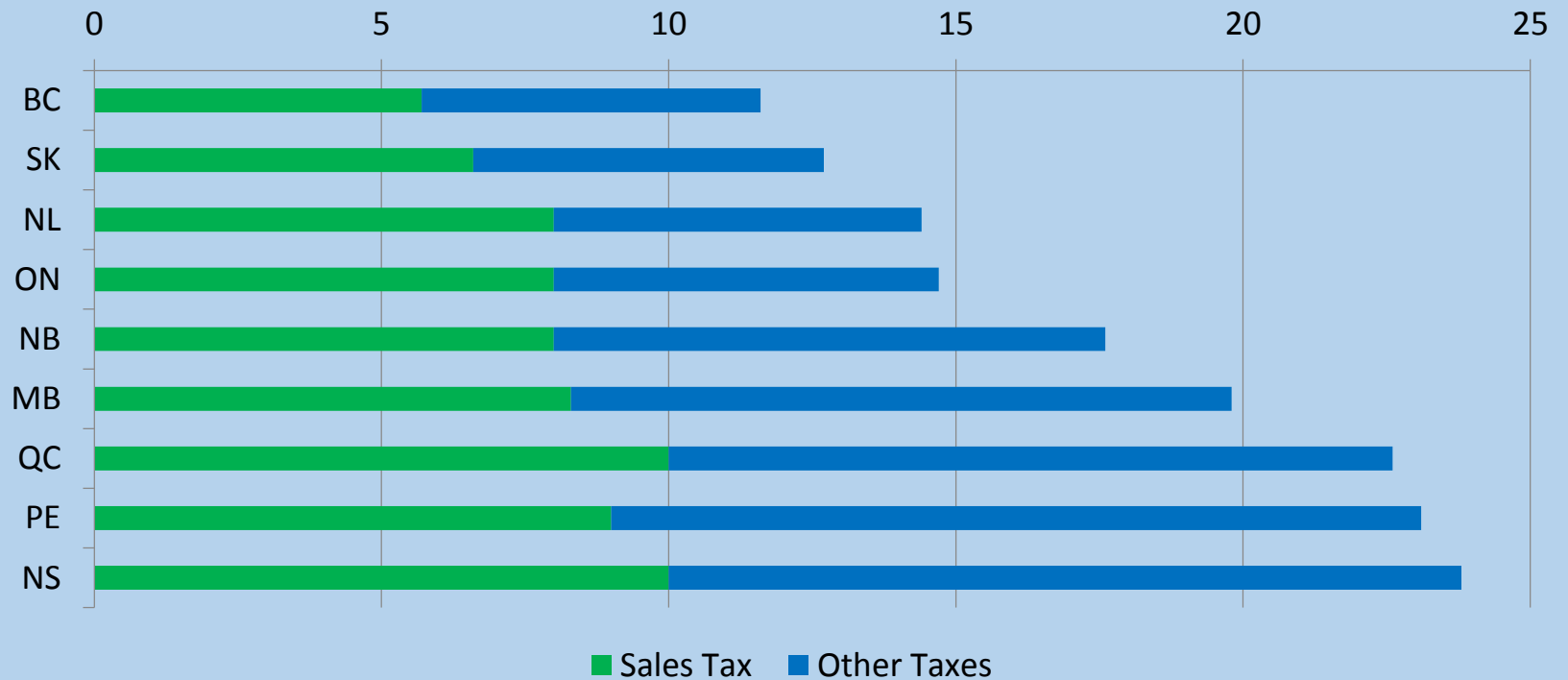


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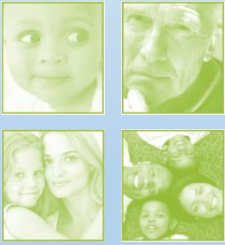


# Alberta's Tax Shortfall

(billions of 2014 dollars)

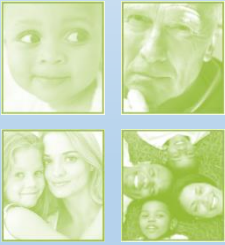


Source: Alberta Budget 2014 Tax Plan, Page 116



## Solutions - Build on What's Working

- Enhance federal child tax benefits
- Introduce parallel Alberta Child Benefit
- Reward **work** (increase minimum wage and employment tax credits , implement living wage)
- Increase and index income supports for those who can't work
- Invest in early childhood learning and intervention
- Support community programs and services that achieve solid results
- Deliver on 10 Year Homeless Plans



## Where the City Can Show Leadership

- Implement Low Income Transit Pass priced at \$35 per month (same price as the existing AISH Monthly Pass)
- Secure Land Supply for Affordable Housing
  - Urge the province to amend the Municipal Government Act to require developers to reserve land for non-market Housing in all new neighbourhoods
  - Designate some Surplus School Sites for non-market housing including permanent supportive housing
- Implement a living wage for City contracted services. To ensure a person working full-time for the full-year does not live in poverty requires an hourly wage of \$13.00 with benefits and \$14.50 without benefits (based on 2012 data)