

LIFESTYLE REALITY CHECK (cont'd)

STEP 2:

Choose an occupation and enter average monthly take-home pay in Box A of Step 3.

Average monthly take-home pay*
(after payroll deductions)

Food and beverage servers**	1,296
Bartenders**	1,397
Bakers	1,700
Service station attendants	1,429
Hairstylists and barbers	1,628
Cooks	1,594
Early child educators and assistants	1,594
Retail salespersons and clerks	2,228
Labourers in fish processing	1,943
Tour and travel guides	1,932
Receptionists and switchboard operators	1,937
Secretaries (except legal and medical)	2,336
Customer service representatives – financial services	2,266
Bookkeepers	2,348
Paralegal and related occupations	2,483
Motor vehicle body repairers	2,466
Chefs	2,065
Web designers and developers	2,816
Truck drivers	2,890
Dental assistants	2,248
Graphic designers and illustrators	2,525
Insurance agents	3,491
Musicians and singers	2,522
Firefighters	4,277
Welders and related machine operators	2,863
Psychologists	4,404
Computer programmers & interactive media developers	3,586
Plumbers	2,971
Managers in financial and business services	4,397
Industrial electricians	3,750
Correctional service officers	3,552
Journalists	3,748
Dietitians and nutritionists	3,629
Registered nurses	3,705
Sales, marketing and advertising managers	4,864
Veterinarians	4,251
Civil, mechanical, electrical and chemical engineers	4,739
Secondary school teachers	3,628
Lawyers	5,111
Government managers – health and social policy development and program administration	4,839
RCMP officers (after 36 months of duty)	5,108
General practitioners and family physicians	6,637

* Source: Statistics Canada Census 2006 (adjusted by FCAC for estimated wage increases and deductions)

** Doesn't include tips

Income is reduced by as much as 40% to allow for income tax and related deductions.

Assumes full-time employment. Part-time employment would have a lower average monthly salary.