

## Report SSR-SS-05-14

**To:** Chair Burley and Members of the Social Service Committee  
**From:** Debbie Pegelo, Ontario Works Manager  
**Meeting Date:** April 19, 2014  
**Subject:** **Ontario Works Participant Profile**  
**Status:** Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution SSC32-14; Endorsed by County Council May 6, 2014 per Resolution CC61-14;

### Recommendation(s)

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-05-14 regarding the Ontario Works Participant Profile be received for information only.**

### Background

The Ontario Works Participant Profile provides a summary profile of Ontario Works households as of December 31, 2013 and highlights statistics from the 2013 year.

The data also tracks trends. For example, the downturn in the economy is reflected in the rising caseloads since 2007. Implementation of the Ontario Child Benefit in 2007 correlates to the increased percentage of singles on the caseload.

The data is used for planning purposes. For example, the percentage of clients exiting with earnings and returning to Ontario Works speaks to the need to provide clients with job retention skills. The large percentage of clients deferred points to the importance of strategies to encourage voluntary participation.

This document has been shared with community partners and staff.

### Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology

### Considerations

There are none.

## Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

A more fulsome understanding of the clients served under the Ontario Works program supports the corporate goal of Achieving Excellence in Governance and Service.

## Attachments

[2013 Ontario Works Participant Profile](#)

Respectfully submitted by,

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