

Child Support – Calculating Payments

Use the Department of Justice Child Support Table Look-up to decide the appropriate amounts of child support in the following scenarios:

<http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/fl-df/child-enfant/look-rech.asp>

1) The mother lives in Alberta with two children from the relationship. The father lives in Manitoba and has access with the children on holidays and for one month during the summer. The parents have joint custody with the mother having primary care and control of the children. All children are under 18 years of age. The mother's annual, gross income is \$55,000 and the father's annual, gross income is \$75,000. How much is child support?

The father owes \$1039 per month for child support.

2) How much would child support be if both parents lived in Alberta?

The father would owe \$1071.

3) The mother and father of four children both live in Manitoba. In their separation agreement, the parents decided that they would each have sole custody of two of the children. The parents have access to the children in the other parent's care at such reasonable times as they may agree. The mother earns \$65,000 per year and the father earns \$55,000 per year. What is the child support obligation?

- Mother would pay \$903

- Father would pay \$759

The offset of the two amounts results in a child support payment by the mother to the father of \$144 per month.