Recruitment of Indigenous People at Statistics Canada

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The Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS)

The Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS) is a unique survey dedicated to obtaining information of Aboriginal populations in Canada. The 2017 APS is a national survey that:

- collects information about First Nations people living off-reserve, Metis and Inuit living throughout Canada
- focuses on education and employment of Aboriginal peoples
- gathers information on health, language, income, housing and mobility

Statistics Canada will begin conducting the APS in January 2017 and will continue until June 2017. The majority of interviews will be conducted by telephone. Where this is not possible (e.g., in northern regions of Canada and in remote areas), interviews will be conducted in person.

The Influence of Community Well-Being on Mortality Among Registered First Nations People

On July 20, 2016 Statistics Canada released the article “The influence of community well-being on mortality among Registered First Nations people”. This *Health Reports* article examines associations between community socioeconomic characteristics and mortality among the First Nations population. The 1991-to-2006 Census Mortality and Cancer Cohort follow-up, which tracked a 15% sample of Canadians aged 25 or older, included 57,300 respondents who self-identified as Registered First Nations people or Indian band members. The Community Well-Being Index (CWB), a measure of the social and economic well-being of communities, consists of income, education, labour force participation, and housing components. This study uses the 1991-to-2006 Census Mortality and Cancer Cohort to assess the influence of community factors as measured by the CWB and individual characteristics on the mortality of individuals who identified as Registered First Nations people or Indian band members.

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Acute Care Hospitalization by Aboriginal Identity, Canada 2006 through 2008

On August 17, 2016, Statistics Canada released the article ‘Acute care hospitalization by Aboriginal identity, Canada, 2006 through 2008’. National data about acute care hospitalization of Aboriginal people are scarce. This *Health Reports* study addresses that information gap by describing patterns of hospitalization by Aboriginal identity for leading diagnoses for all provinces and territories except Quebec. The 2006 Census was linked to the 2006/2007- to 2008/2009 Discharge Abstract Database, which contains hospital records from all acute care facilities in Canada (excluding Quebec). With these linked data, hospital records could be examined by Aboriginal identity, as reported to the census.

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Past-year suicidal thoughts among off-reserve First Nations, Métis and Inuit adults aged 18 to 25: Prevalence and associated characteristics

On October 13, 2016, Statistics Canada released the article ‘Past-year suicidal thoughts among off-reserve First Nations, Métis and Inuit adults aged 18 to 25: Prevalence and associated characteristics’. For decades, researchers have reported high suicide rates among Aboriginal youth, which are several times higher than rates among non-Aboriginal youth. Based on the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey, this article presents estimates of prevalence of suicidal thoughts among off-reserve First Nations, Métis and Inuit adults aged 18 to 25. It examines associations between past-year suicidal thoughts and mental disorders and personality factors; childhood experiences and family characteristics; and socio-demographic characteristics, many of which have been shown to be related to suicidal thoughts in other populations.

Statistics Canada also released the fact sheet: Lifetime and past-year suicidal thoughts among off-reserve First Nations, Métis and Inuit adults, aged 18 years and over.
Canada, 2012. This factsheet presents prevalence of lifetime and past-year suicidal thoughts among off-reserve First Nations, Métis and Inuit in three adult age groups (18-25, 26-59 and 65+ years), by sex, and where possible, in comparison to those of non-Aboriginal adults.

**Upcoming Releases:**

There will be three products being released that contain Aboriginal data in the coming months.

- Prostitution offences in Canada: Statistical trends: November 10, 2016
- Police-reported impaired driving in Canada, 2015: November 23, 2016

**The Learning Corner**

Statistics Canada Resources

Here are some of Statistics Canada's online publications, Internet resources and teacher's kits designed to help you to explore and to learn about various data, to understand statistical concepts and to enhance learning:

- **By the numbers** features statistical information on various themes and special occasions. Data are current as of their publishing date.
- **Aboriginal Statistics at a Glance** provides data users with a thematic guide to Aboriginal data at Statistics Canada. Each theme is illustrated with a chart or table presenting key indicators as well as a plain language description of the indicator.
- **Canadian Megatrends** explores some of the sweeping changes that have had a lasting impact on Canadian society and economy.
- The **2016 Census Teacher’s Kit** has been developed for use in elementary, intermediate and secondary classes across the country. All activities are classroom-ready and have been reviewed to meet curriculum requirements.
- The **2016 Census Adult Education Kit** has been developed for use in adult literacy and English- or French-as-a-second-language (ESL or FSL) classes across the country. All activities are classroom-ready.

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**Did you know?**

**Extracurricular activities and First Nations high school completion, 2012**

Participation in extracurricular activities was associated with an increased probability that First Nations people would complete high school by age 18.

68% — The probability that off-reserve First Nations males aged 18 to 24 who participated in sport activities on a weekly basis would finish high school by age 18, compared with 55% among those who reported less-than-weekly participation.
77% — The probability that off-reserve First Nations females aged 18 to 24 who participated in clubs or groups on a weekly basis would complete high school by age 18, compared with 58% of those who reported less-than-weekly participation.

59% — The proportion of off-reserve First Nations people aged 18 to 24 in 2012 who had completed high school by age 18. The remaining respondents completed high school at a later age (12%) or left school before finishing (29%).


Some Fun Facts!

Hallowe’en ... by the numbers
Here are some facts on Hallowe’en in Canada

Trick or Treat!

- **3,870,938** — The estimated number of children in Canada of prime trick-or-treating age—5 to 14 years old—in 2016, up 1.4% from 2015.

  See also: Canada's population estimates: Age and sex, July 1, 2016, The Daily, Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

- **13.3 million** — The number of private dwellings across Canada in 2011 where children might be able to nab some treats... or could get into some mischief!


Jack-o'-lanterns and squash

A big part of Hallowe’en is the hollowed-out and carved pumpkin known as the Jack-o'-lantern. Decorating with squash and gourds has also become increasingly popular. These autumn favourites can also be eaten! Pumpkin spice beverage or pumpkin pie, anyone?

- **2,239** — The number of farms in Canada with pumpkin patches according to the 2011 Census of Agriculture.

- **2,806** — The number of farms in Canada with squash and zucchini patches according to the 2011 Census of Agriculture.

  Source: CANSIM, table 004-0215.

Dressed to thrill

Dressing up for special occasions and costume parties—a big part of Hallowe’en!

- **158** — The total number of businesses engaged in formal wear and costume rental in Canada in June 2016.

  Source: CANSIM, tables 552-0004 and 553-0004.
Scary movies

Hallowe’en is a favourite time to watch films of the horror genre.

- **91.0 million** — The number of tickets sold at cinemas (including indoor theatres, drive-ins and film festivals) in Canada in 2014.
- **2,502** — The number of screens in use in Canada in 2014.


Hallowe’en candy

Candy—the reward for trick or treating!

- **$418.8 million** — The value of monthly sales of candy, confectionery and snack foods at large retailers in October 2015. December, however, was the month with the highest monthly sales in 2015, at $478.5 million.
- **$318.3 million** — The average monthly sales of candy, confectionery and snack foods at large retailers in 2015.

Source: CANSIM, table 080-0009.

- **9%** — The percentage of sugar consumed by children derived from confectionary items (chocolate bars, candies).
- **10%** — The percentage of sugar consumed by adolescents derived from confectionary items (chocolate bars, candies).
- **5%** — The percentage of sugar consumed by adults derived from confectionary items (chocolate bars, candies).

Source: Sugar consumption among Canadians of all ages, Health Reports, September 2011.

For more Hallowe’en by the numbers please visit the Hallowe’en by the Numbers page at: [http://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/dai/smr08/2015/smr08_204_2015](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/dai/smr08/2015/smr08_204_2015)

If you dare to seek information on this subject, or if you need a hand digging up more data from the StatCan crypt, don't be afraid to disturb the Aboriginal Liaison Advisor in your area. We are dying to help you.

See features on many other subjects in By the numbers.

Happy Hallowe’en