

# aboriginal network

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## Aboriginal Children's Survey (ACS) Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS)

Statistics Canada is conducting two surveys with the Aboriginal population across Canada – The Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS) and the Aboriginal Children's Survey (ACS). If you self identified on your 2006 Census questionnaire as First Nations living off-reserve, Inuit or Métis, you may be selected to participate in either survey on a voluntary basis. The data from the surveys will provide information on a variety of topics that are important to Aboriginal people such as, childcare, health care, education, housing and cultural aspects like language. The surveys have been developed in consultation with Aboriginal advisors from across the country and in collaboration with participating national Aboriginal organizations. A consultation process is currently being developed to conduct both surveys on-reserve.

The Aboriginal Children's Survey (ACS) will collect information about Aboriginal children under the age of six living in urban, rural and remote locations throughout Canada. Between October 2006 and January 2007, the parents or guardians of approximately 17,000 children will be interviewed by telephone. In the territories, the interviews will be conducted in person and both Aboriginal



and non-Aboriginal children will be included. The main topics contained in the survey are health, behaviour, activities, childcare, language and literacy, education, motor and social development, relationships, culture, housing, and community factors. The data collected will provide valuable information on the early childhood development and well-being of Aboriginal children under the age of six. This survey will be conducted every five years.

The Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS) provides information on the social and economic conditions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people in Canada. It was conducted previously in 1991 and in 2001. Between October 2006 and January 2007, about 60,000 people will be interviewed by telephone. Parents or guardians will be asked questions about their children aged 6 to 14. The child and youth topics include health and health care utilization, activities of daily living and conditions, physical injuries, dental care, nutrition, education, social activities and relationships, language and general information about the household. Children 15 to 17 years of age will respond to questions about themselves with the parent's or guardian's permission. For those aged 15 and over,

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## 2006 CENSUS RELEASE DATES

As of October 31, 2006, data from the 2006 Census will be released as follows:

Release no. 1: Tuesday, March 13, 2007

- Population and dwelling counts

Release no. 2: Tuesday, July 17, 2007

- Age and sex

Release no. 3: Wednesday, September 12, 2007

- Marital status
- Common-law status
- Families
- Households
- Housing and dwelling characteristics

Release no. 4: Tuesday, December 4, 2007

- Language
- Immigration
- Citizenship
- Mobility and migration

Release no. 5: Tuesday, January 15, 2008

- **Aboriginal peoples**

Release no. 6: Tuesday, March 4, 2008

- Labour market activity
- Industry
- Occupation
- Education
- Language of work
- Place of work
- Mode of transportation

Release no. 7: Wednesday, April 2, 2008

- Ethnic origin
- Visible minorities

Release no. 8: Thursday, May 1, 2008

- Income
- Earnings
- Shelter costs

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data on education, language, labour activity, health, communication technology, mobility and housing are being collected for all Aboriginal groups across Canada. Additional data are being collected for the Inuit on household and harvesting activities, personal wellness, community wellness and social participation. For the Métis, data on family background, child welfare, social interaction and health are also being collected. Additional data are being collected under the Arctic Supplement for the Inuit on household and harvesting activities, personal wellness, community wellness and social participation. For the Métis Supplement, data on family background, child welfare, social interaction and health are also being collected.

The data from both surveys will be available in the fall of 2008. Information about the Aboriginal Children's Survey and the Aboriginal Peoples Survey is now available on the Statistics Canada website at [www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca) and click on the Aboriginal Survey's icon. To view a questionnaire from either survey, select "Definitions, data sources and methods" from the left side bar at [www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca). Under the Questionnaires topic you may select by either Alphabetical list or List by subject. If you require more information about the surveys, please contact your Aboriginal Communications Officer.

## Recent Statistics Canada Releases

***Victimization and Offending among the Aboriginal Population in Canada:*** Using data from victimization, police and corrections surveys, this Juristat report examines the involvement of Aboriginal peoples in the criminal justice system and explores factors which could be related to their over-representation as victims and offenders. It also presents information on Aboriginal peoples' experiences of discrimination, as well as their fear of crime and their perceptions of the justice system.

### Report Findings:

-Aboriginal people were 3 more times likely than non-Aboriginal people to experience a violent victimization (319 versus 101 incidents per 1,000 population)

***Harvesting and community well-being among Inuit in the Canadian Arctic: Preliminary findings from the 2001 Aboriginal Peoples Survey – Survey of Living Conditions in the Arctic:*** This report draws on findings from the 2001 Aboriginal Peoples Survey and the Survey of Living Conditions in the Arctic to examine two topics related to the well-being of Inuit in the Canadian Arctic: community wellness and the harvesting of country food, which includes caribou, seals, ducks, arctic char, shellfish and berries, among others.

### Report Findings:

-In 2001, there were approximately 46,000 Inuit in Canada, with the majority (80%) living in one of four self-governing Inuit regions in the north.

-Seventy per cent (70%) of Inuit adults (eight in ten Inuit men and six in ten Inuit women) were involved in harvesting food and 90% of Inuit households shared harvested food with others outside of their homes.

-The majority (64%) of Inuit adults had lived in the same community all their lives. For those Inuit adults considering leaving their community, better job opportunities was the main advantage while leaving the family was the biggest disadvantage.

For a copy of these reports, contact your regional Aboriginal Communications Officer or download a copy at [www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca).

## LEARNING CORNER



### Finding Aboriginal Data [www@statcan.ca](http://www@statcan.ca)

*From population numbers to detailed community profiles, Statistics Canada's website contains a wealth of data pertaining to Aboriginal people -- and it's all just a click away!*

Using the navigation bar on the left hand side to begin your search for Aboriginal data, click on the heading "**The Daily**". In the search box, enter Aboriginal and a selection of results will pop up for you to choose from. Browse through the headings and click on ones that interest you.

For Aboriginal data from the 2001 Census, click on the heading "**Census**". Under the heading "**Data and Analysis**", click on *Search by Topic* and choose *Aboriginal Peoples of Canada*. Here you can choose to search free data. Data are available on a variety of topics such as labour force characteristics, education levels, and income levels. Data are also available for different Aboriginal groups, various geographies, various age groups, and can be made gender-specific.

To access thematic maps for Aboriginal peoples of Canada, again click on the heading "**Census**". Under *Maps*, click on *Thematic Maps* and select the data theme of choice.

For free internet publications, click on the heading "**Publications**", and click "**Search the Online Catalogue**". Here you can enter your search words and can choose whether to search free information only. Internet publications include articles, community profiles, and reports based on Census data and other research involving Aboriginal people.

Click on the heading "**Community Profiles**" for profiles that contain information for all Canadian communities (cities, towns, Indian reserves, etc.), counties, metropolitan areas, as well as data for 2003 health regions.

From the "**Community Profiles**" web page, you will also find the **2001 Aboriginal Population Profiles** -- simply click on the heading located on the right hand side. Profiles containing information on the Aboriginal identity population for various communities in Canada where the Aboriginal identity population is above 250.

**2001 Aboriginal Peoples Survey Profiles** - profiles containing free information on the adult and child Aboriginal identity population for selected communities in Canada.

**Can't find it? Give us a call!**

## Aboriginal Communications Program @ Statistics Canada

Statistics Canada's Aboriginal Communications Team is here to assist you and your organization. The objectives of the Aboriginal Communications Program are to:

- build partnerships with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit communities and organizations;
- increase understanding of and access to STC data, products and services;
- promote awareness among Aboriginal people about the value and use of data, in particular census data, in decision-making and community planning activities;
- build statistical capacity within Aboriginal communities through the promotion and delivery of the Aboriginal statistical training program; and
- identify opportunities to provide more useful and comprehensive information to Aboriginal peoples.

### To assist you, we:

- distribute Aboriginal specific data and reports;
- respond to requests for data;
- do presentations at workshops, conferences and meetings;
- deliver statistical training; and
- liaise with communities on STC surveys.

### Become a part of our E-NETWORK!

The ACP Team is committed to keeping you informed. If you know someone who would be interested in becoming a part of our E-Network, please let us know.

### our logo



Our logo, which was designed for Statistics Canada's Aboriginal Communications Program by Velma Day Chief from the Piikani Nation of Alberta, is a unique symbol representing the continuous cycle (circle) of data collection. It represents equal opportunity (hands) within all nations in the sharing of data to provide an overview of every aspect relating to everyday needs. The sun represents the birth or a new beginning of data collection.



# THANK-YOU!



The 2006 Census is complete and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed. Statistics Canada's Chief Statistician, **Dr. Ivan Fellegi** acknowledges the hard work, "Even in the best of circumstances, collecting this census was challenging. I have been enormously impressed by the success of our field staff...You have risen to and met all of these challenges, and I would like to thank you, personally and on behalf of Statistics Canada."

**Jerry Potts Jr.**, Manager of the Aboriginal Communications Program, Western Region for Statistics Canada, acknowledges the efforts of everyone who supported the 2006 Census, "This huge undertaking could not be done without the hard work, commitment and determination of the countless number of people who worked diligently at collecting the data and managing this important project."

Having committed, hardworking staff to carry out survey collection is important but having the support of the

communities is as valuable, Jerry explains, "We could not have gotten the job done without the support of First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities and leadership. In total, 764 reserves in western Canada were enumerated in 2006, so you must take a great deal of pride in the effort that was put forth to enumerate these communities. There is room for improvement and we are already reviewing plans for the 2011 Census. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that we collect complete, high quality data that will assist all users make more informed decisions. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of you who assisted us in completing this very important undertaking."

Statistics Canada recognizes the importance of participation by First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples in the census and many communities, organizations and individuals played a vital role by promoting awareness and participation in the 2006 Census. Community support makes a difference in achieving the most complete census.

## CONFERENCE NOTICE:

### *Tools for Success: Using Data in Aboriginal Communities, Victoria, BC -- March 6, 2007*

Leaders and experts from the Aboriginal, academic, business, and government communities will provide interactive sessions to share how they are using data for planning and decision-making in the context of Aboriginal community, social, and economic development.

For more information or to register, please contact your regional Aboriginal Communications Officer or visit [www.toolsforsuccess.com](http://www.toolsforsuccess.com)



Statistics Canada's **Aboriginal Communications Program** is a national program with Aboriginal Communications Officers/Liaisons located across Canada. The team recently got together in Ottawa, Ontario, November 21 & 22, 2006 to discuss priorities and future initiatives. **1st row (l to r):** Patricia Simon; Melinda Commanda, ALO (Ontario); Valorie Whetung, Chief Social and Aboriginal Statistics Division; Louise St-Amour. **2nd row (l to r):** Tracey Pascal, ACO (Sask); Sandra Ramsbottom; Marie Patry, Mary McNeill, ACO (B.C./Yukon); Kathleen Crowe, ACO (Alberta/NWT); Micheline Leger, ALO (Quebec); Paul Schwetz **3rd row (l to r):** Andrew Bisson, First Nations Statistical Institute; Mark Marasco, ALO (Ontario); Jerry Potts, Aboriginal Communications Manager; David Lewis, ALO (Atlantic Region); Wade Roseborough, ALO (Ontario); Sheila Pelky, ALO (Atlantic Region); Marc-Andre Daigle, ALO (Quebec).

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