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## Releases: 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey products

### School mobility and educational outcomes of off-reserve First Nations students

On March 31, 2015 Statistics Canada released the study "[School mobility and educational outcomes of off-reserve First Nations students, 2012](#)", based on data from the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS). Among other findings, the study reports that off-reserve First Nations students who had changed schools once, outside of a regular academic progression, were more likely to have repeated a grade than those who had not changed schools or who had one regular academic progression move. This finding held even when other variables such as age, sex, household income, living arrangements and rural/population centre residence were taken into account.

Students in Grades 1-6 who had one non-regular progression move were more likely to need or receive help for behavioural or emotional problems than those who didn't move. For more findings, please see the full report at <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-653-x/89-653-x2015006-eng.pdf> (in PDF) or <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/89-653-x/89-653-x2015006-eng.htm> (in HTML).

For further information on the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey, please see: [www.statcan.gc.ca/aps](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/aps).

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### CANSIM tables on Aboriginal Health

New data tables from the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS) were also released on its key socioeconomic database, [CANSIM](#) on March 30, 2015. The four tables are related to the health of Aboriginal people, and provide data on perceived general health, long-term health problems and access to and use of health care services.

Data for the four tables are available at the Canada level. Click on the table numbers below to access each of the four tables:

[Table 577-0001](#): Aboriginal peoples survey, perceived general health, by Aboriginal identity, age group and sex, population aged 6 years and over

[Table 577-0003](#): Aboriginal peoples survey, access to and use of health care services, by Aboriginal identity, age group and sex, population aged 6 years and over

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[Table 577-0005](#): Aboriginal peoples survey, long-term health problems (self-reported) by Aboriginal identity and sex, population aged 6 to 11 years

[Table 577-0013](#): Aboriginal peoples survey, perceived mental health and suicidal thoughts and attempts, by Aboriginal identity, age group and sex, population aged 18 years and over

The APS is a national survey on the social and economic conditions of Aboriginal people (First Nations people living off reserve, Métis and Inuit) aged six years and older. It is designed to identify the needs of Aboriginal people and focus on issues such as education, employment, health, language, income, housing and mobility.

The initial results from the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey, Education and Employment, were released in [www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/131125/tdq131125-eng.htm](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/131125/tdq131125-eng.htm) on November 25, 2013. For further information on the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey, please see [www.statcan.gc.ca/aps](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/aps).

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## 2012 APS Public Use Microdata File (PUMF)

On March 24, 2015 Statistics Canada released the [public-use microdata file \(PUMF\)](#) for the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS). This PUMF contains data for a wide variety of variables collected from the 2012 APS and provides access to non-aggregated data covering a sample of 24,803 respondent records and 326 variables. As one of the measures to ensure respondent anonymity, only two geographic identifiers are available on this PUMF; the first one specifies if respondents were living in a population centre while the second identifies if Inuit respondents were living inside or outside Inuit Nunangat.

This product is available in CD format along with extensive documentation including a user guide and data dictionary. It can be ordered at <http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/olc-olc/olc.action?ObjId=89-653-X2015005&ObjType=46&lang=en&limit=0>.

For further information on the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey, please see: [www.statcan.gc.ca/aps](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/aps).

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## Upcoming Releases:

### Aboriginal Statistics at a Glance – Revised

Coming in the Spring of 2015, Statistics Canada will make available in electronic and print formats a revised, more up-to-date edition of the popular product *Aboriginal Statistics at a Glance*.

The brochure is created to provide data users with a thematic guide to Aboriginal data at Statistics Canada. Each theme is illustrated with a chart presenting statistical information on a basic indicator, a plain language definition and links to related information to further assist people in meeting their data needs.

The list of themes covered in the brochure has been expanded and includes the following: population and geographic distribution, demographics, family compositions, housing, languages, education, employment, income, health, justice and victimization.

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As much as possible, data are presented for each of the three Aboriginal identity groups: First Nations (North American Indian), Métis, and Inuit. The information only provides a snapshot of the sources of Aboriginal data at Statistics Canada. For more information, please visit the Statistics Canada website at: [www.statcan.gc.ca/aboriginalpeoples](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/aboriginalpeoples).

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**Aboriginal Peoples Fact Sheets**

Also watch for a series of geographic profiles for provinces and territories as well as for Inuit Nunangat and the four Inuit regions in Canada to be produced by Statistics Canada in the Spring/Summer of 2015.

This series aims to present a summary of characteristics about the Aboriginal population living in these areas. Demographic data and information on living arrangements of children, education, employment, income, housing, health and language are highlighted.

Data provided for each Aboriginal group are provided for select variables, as well as data for the non-Aboriginal population for comparison purposes.

Findings are based on the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey, the 2011 National Household Survey, and the 2012 Canadian Community Health Survey.

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**Did You Know?**

**Aboriginal population increasing at faster pace than non-Aboriginal population**

The Aboriginal identity population grew by 20.1% between 2006 and 2011, compared to 5.2% for the non-Aboriginal population; therefore, increasing at about 4 times faster than the mainstream population.

The number of First Nations people increased by 22.9%, or about 157,000 people. The number of Métis by 16.3% or just over 63,000 people and the number of Inuit increased by 18.1%, or around 9,000 people.

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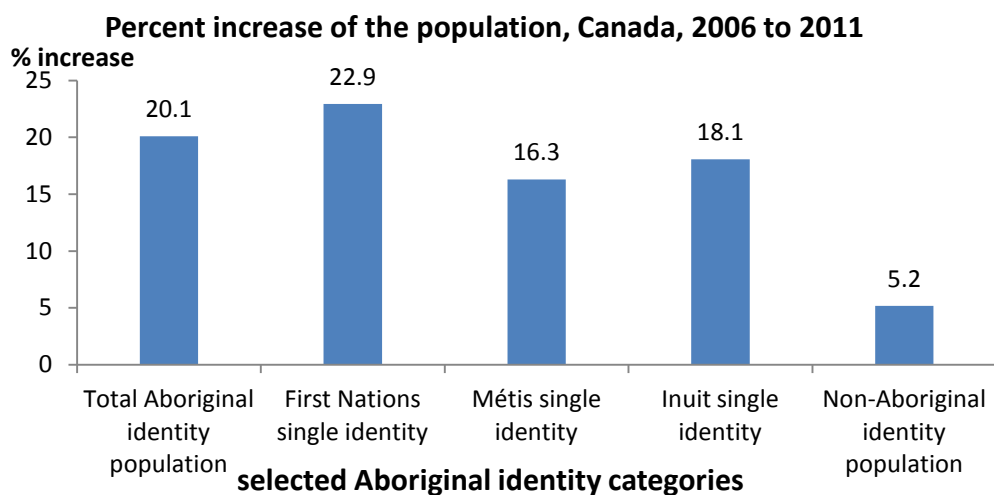
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Sources: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011, Census of Population, 2006.

Data have been adjusted to account for incompletely enumerated Indian reserves and Indian settlements in 2006 and/or 2011; 2006 Census data have been adjusted to the same universe used for the 2011 NHS (population in private households).

## Learning Corner:

### National Household Survey (NHS) Focus on Geography Series

NHS Focus on Geography Series provides a quick access to key results from the NHS for different levels of geography and topics.

These topics include: Aboriginal Peoples, Immigration and Ethnocultural Diversity, Education, Labour, Income and Housing. Data are presented for the population living in private households and/or for the number of occupied private dwellings.

Access key NHS results for these geographic levels:

- [Canada](#)
- [Provinces and territories](#)
- [Census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations](#)
- [Census subdivisions with 5,000-plus NHS population estimate](#)

You can access the NHS Focus on Geography series by visiting Statistics Canada website at:

<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/nhs-enm/2011/as-sa/fogs-spg/?Lang=E>

## Regional news:

### Information Sessions Available Upon Request

### Findings from the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey & the 2011 National Household

### 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey: First Findings

On November 25, 2013, Statistics Canada released data from the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS). The APS is a national survey of First Nations people living off reserve, Métis and Inuit aged 6 years and over. The 2012 APS represents the fourth cycle of the survey and focuses on issues of education, employment and health. The survey also collected information on language, income, housing and mobility.

The presentation covers the results of the accompanying report, *The Education and Employment Experiences of First Nations People Living Off Reserve, Inuit, and Métis: Selected Findings from the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey*, which provides insights into factors associated with staying in or dropping out of school, how educational background can affect work experiences, and what plans for further schooling might be among First Nations people living off reserve, Inuit and Métis aged 18 to 44. Data will be presented separately for the First Nations living off reserve, Inuit and Métis populations (18 to 44 years) who were not attending high school at the time of data collection.

### Aboriginal Peoples in Canada: First Nations People, Métis and Inuit – 2011 National Household Survey

Results from the 2011 National Household Survey (NHS) will be presented for the total Aboriginal population and separately for First Nations people, Métis and Inuit, for Canada and Saskatchewan. The NHS provides a wealth of information on demographic and socio-economic characteristics of these populations, such as population sizes for each of three groups, by age groups and sex, for various geographic areas (provinces and territories, on and off reserve residence and by Inuit regions) as well as data on families, Aboriginal languages, education, employment, income and housing. Various NHS data and reference products available to data users will be discussed and how to access them.

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