



INFORMATION FOR THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE MOVEMENT

NEW ABORIGINAL DATA AT STATISTICS CANADA

Statistics Canada released data and publications from both the 2006 Aboriginal Peoples Survey and 2006 Aboriginal Children's Survey over the past few months. The surveys provided extensive information on First Nations people living off-reserve, Inuit and Métis. As a key partner for these very important surveys for Aboriginal people, the National Association of Friendship Centres is working with Statistics Canada to help promote and disseminate the data and findings.

What is the Aboriginal Peoples Survey?

The Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS) is a national survey of First Nations people living off-reserve, Métis and Inuit. The APS covers children from age 6 to 14 and adults (The Aboriginal Children's Survey studies Aboriginal children under the age of 6). The APS was previously conducted in 1991 and 2001.

The APS provides data on the social and economic conditions of Aboriginal people in Canada. The information collected includes data on health, language, employment, income, schooling, housing, and mobility.

What is the Aboriginal Children's Survey?

The Aboriginal Children's Survey (ACS) is a national survey focusing on the development and well-being of First Nations children living off-reserve, Métis and Inuit, under the age of 6 years. **This is the first time it has been conducted.**

The ACS collects information on a wide range of topics, including child's health, sleep, nutrition, development, nurturing, child care, school, language, behaviour, and activities. Since the child's environment is important to their development and well-being, some information is collected on the child's parent(s) or guardian(s) and their neighbourhood or community.

How is this data useful to the Friendship Centre Movement?

The information contained in the APS will be useful to the Friendship Centre Movement in addressing the specific and unique needs of Aboriginal peoples.

Further, there is currently little data available about the early development of Aboriginal children. The ACS is designed to address this gap and provide information on motor, social and cognitive development of Aboriginal children under the age of 6 years. The data will be useful to the Friendship Centre Movement in addressing the specific and unique needs of young Aboriginal children.

Both surveys will be particularly useful for:

- Writing proposals
- Friendship Centre media and communication activities
- FAQ sheets
- Backgrounders
- Report generation

How to find information from the APS

Documents available:

- Analytical article and fact sheet on Inuit health and social conditions
- Analytical article and fact sheet on school experiences of First Nations children aged 6-14 living off-reserve
- (Article and fact sheet on Métis health and well-being to be released in February)
- Supporting data tables
- Concepts and methods guide

Statistics Canada website:

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/bsolc/olc-cel/olc-cel?catno=89-637-X&CHROPG=1&lang=eng>

How to find information from the ACS

Documents available

- Analytical article
- First Nations off-reserve fact sheet
- Métis fact sheet
- Inuit fact sheet
- Supporting data tables
- Concepts and methods guide

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Other data sources at Statistics Canada

2006 Census Aboriginal release

Example of information available:

- In 2006, Aboriginal people in Canada - First Nations, Métis and Inuit - surpassed the one-million mark, reaching 1,172,790
- Between 1996 and 2006, the Aboriginal population grew by 45%, compared with 8% for the non-Aboriginal population
- The census counted 50,485 Inuit, 389,785 Métis and 698,025 First Nations people in 2006

<http://www12.statcan.ca/census-recensement/2006/rt-td/ap-pa-eng.cfm>

Aboriginal Peoples Living Off-Reserve and the Labour Market, Estimates from the Labour Force Survey, 2007

This report presents the first national estimates on the labour market experiences of Aboriginal people living off-reserve from the Labour Force Survey (LFS).

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/bsolc/olc-cel/olc-cel?catno=71-588-XWE2008001&lang=eng>

2006 Profile of Aboriginal Children, Youth and Adult

This online profile provides an extensive set of data about Aboriginal (Métis, Inuit and off-reserve North American Indians) children, youth and adults using key indicators from the 2006 Aboriginal Peoples Survey and 2006 Aboriginal Children's Survey.

<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2006/dp-pd/89-635/index.cfm?Lang=eng>