



Newsletter for Communities

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In the news

2011 Census of Population: Language

On October 24, 2012, Statistics Canada released the fourth and last round of data from the 2011 Census of Population, which provide an up-to-date profile of Canada's language diversity.

The findings are available in an online report [*Linguistic Characteristics of Canadians*](#). It examines the evolution of languages in Canada between 2006 and 2011.

Specifically, the report releases findings on changes in the use of immigrant languages, as well as developments in Canada's linguistic duality, that is, English and French both as mother tongue and language spoken most often at home.

Three companion reports are also available. They analyze Aboriginal languages, immigrant languages and the presence of French in Canada and the provinces and territories.

- [*Immigrant languages in Canada*](#)
- [*Aboriginal languages in Canada*](#)
- [*French and the francophonie in Canada*](#)

Census video on language

In this video, Annie Turner, an analyst at Statistics Canada, offers a quick overview of Canada's linguistic diversity and of the use and knowledge of its two official languages—English and French.

Being a parent in a step family: a profile

Using data from the 2011 General Social Survey (GSS), this article describes the situation of parents and stepparents aged 20 to 64 living in stepfamilies. ("Parents" refers to those individuals who responded to the survey.) We begin by looking

Focus on the regions

Did you know?

In addition to our headquarters in Ottawa, Statistics Canada also has three major regional offices—the Eastern Region, the Central Region, and the Western and Northern Territories Region—all proudly representing Statistics Canada across the nation.

Webinars

In this issue, we are featuring upcoming webinars developed by our regional colleagues.

Over the next few days, the Western and Northern Territories Region will offer a number of one-hour webinars on *2011 Census Data on Language* and on *Working with Census Tracts* respectively. These sessions will demonstrate the use of various products and tools to find the data you need.

There is no cost for participating, however, registration is required. To sign up, click on one of the following links:

Webinar: 2011 Census Language Data

[9:00 a.m. November 27](#), Pacific time

[1:00 p.m. November 29](#), Pacific time

Webinar: Working with Census Tracts

[1:00 p.m. November 27](#), Pacific time

[9:00 a.m. November 29](#), Pacific time

The sessions are offered in English only. Stay tuned for upcoming sessions in French.



at the changes over the last 15 years in the composition of stepfamilies and their characteristics in terms of conjugal history.

The socioeconomic characteristics of the parents in stepfamilies are compared with those of lone parents and parents in intact families. The financial difficulties encountered by stepfamilies are also examined. The GSS is one of the few sources of data that can be used to conduct a retrospective study of family-related topics at the national level for this population.

[Social participation and the health and well-being of Canadian seniors](#)

The article is from Statistics Canada's latest online issue of [Health Reports](#). It examines the relationship between the number of social activities in which seniors "frequently" participate and three measures of health and well-being: self-perceived health, loneliness, and life dissatisfaction. The extent to which social support mediates the effect of social participation on health and well-being is considered. In addition, for the first time in a nationally representative Canadian study, reported barriers to greater social participation are examined. The data for this analysis are from the 2008/2009 Canadian Community Health Survey – Healthy Aging.

[Health Reports](#) is a peer-reviewed journal of population health and health services research. It is designed for a broad audience that includes health professionals, researchers, policymakers, and the general public. To view past issues, click the publication's [Chronological index](#) link.

[Health Profile, June 2012](#)

This profile features health region data from a number of sources including Statistics Canada's health surveys, administrative data, and the census of population. The application is designed to give quick access to the latest health-related data available for a selected health region, providing the corresponding provincial data by default, but users can easily select any region of choice for comparison.

About the Newsletter for Communities

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Did you miss this event?

Chat with an expert

On October 26, Statistics Canada held a one-hour online session so people who use the data could [chat with an expert](#) about the 2011 Census release on language. Jean-Pierre Corbeil, Statistics Canada's expert in the field of language statistics, answered many questions. If you missed the session, you can view the [transcript](#).



Recent releases from *the Daily*

The Daily is Statistics Canada's official release bulletin. Recent releases include the following:

- Building permits
- Consumer Price Index
- Investment in non-residential building construction
- Labour Force Survey

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Statistics Canada surveys

Statistics Canada is able to provide accurate and timely statistical information thanks to the ongoing co-operation of the citizens of Canada, its businesses, governments and institutions. If your organization has been asked to participate in a Statistics Canada survey, please see our website for more [information for survey participants](#).

We hope that we can count on your support.

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