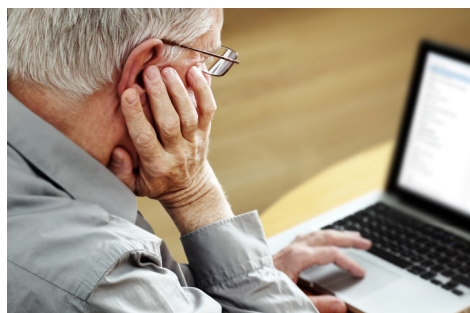


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In the news



[Study: An Overview of the Working Lives of Older Baby Boomers, 1983 to 2010](#)

With the leading edge of the baby boom generation now in their mid-sixties, there is considerable interest in how and when these individuals will retire. To help place this issue in a broader context, this paper provides information on the employment histories of individuals who were aged 33 to 38 in 1983 and aged 60 to 65 in 2010.

The longest observed duration of employment is used as an organizing framework, with summary measures presented on indicators such as years of employment, job turnover, annual and cumulative earnings, permanent and temporary layoffs, and years of pensionable service. Cohort members are loosely categorized as 'marginally attached workers', 'mobile workers', or 'long-term-job holders' according to their employment characteristics, with about one-tenth, one-quarter, and two-thirds of cohort members in these groups, respectively.

[Farm Environmental Management Survey, 2011](#)



This report details the methodology and results of the Farm Environmental Management Survey (FEMS).

The FEMS is conducted to gather information about farming practices on Canadian crop and livestock operations. The survey focuses on information related to manure storage and spreading, pesticide application, crop and nutrient management, grazing and the implementation of environmental farm plans.

[Skills in Canada: First results from the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies, 2012 \(final\)](#)



This report presents the first Canadian results of the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC), an initiative of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. PIAAC provides internationally comparable measures of three skills that are essential to processing information: literacy, numeracy, and problem-solving in technology-rich environments (referred to as PS-TRE).

Canada is one of 24 countries and sub-national regions



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participating in this initiative. A sample of over 27,000 respondents was collected and allows reliable estimation at the national, provincial and territorial level.

The report provides information about the literacy, numeracy and PS-TRE skills for the Canadian population aged 16 to 65. It provides results for Canada as a whole, as well as for all the provinces and territories. In addition, it looks at the relationships between skills proficiency and a range of socio-demographic characteristics (e.g., age, gender, level of education) across the entire Canadian population. It also reports first results on the literacy, numeracy and PS-TRE skills of Aboriginal populations, immigrants, and official-language minority communities.

Canadian Community Health Survey: Rapid response on access to health care services and waiting times, 2013



The Canadian Community Health Survey is a cross-sectional survey that collects information related to health status, health care utilization and health determinants for the Canadian population. It relies upon a large sample of respondents and is designed to provide reliable estimates at the health region level.

These data were collected from all provinces between March and June 2013. Respondents were asked about their experiences and perceptions regarding access and waiting times for various types of health care services.

Additionally, respondents were asked whether they have a regular medical doctor and where they go when sick or needing advice about health.

Recent releases from *The Daily*

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Other News

General Social Survey (GSS) on Social Identity



How does one get an overall picture of Canadians' identification, attachment, belonging and pride in their social and cultural environment? Please allow us to tell you a little bit about the General Social Survey (GSS) on Social Identity, which is being carried out by Statistics Canada from June to December 2013.

Now we are all used to seeing StatCan reports and numbers on population, employment and unemployment, inflation and similar undeniably quantifiable phenomena. We may, or may not, be aware that Statistics Canada also gathers data on social trends in order to monitor

changes in the living conditions and well-being of Canadians over time; and to provide information on specific social policy issues of current or emerging interest.

This is where the General Social Survey comes in. In the past we have provided insight and analysis on many important aspects of Canadians' lives, such as:

- [Violence against women](#)
- [Being a parent in a stepfamily](#)
- [Caregivers in Canada](#)
- [Commuting to work](#)
- [Sources of stress among workers](#)

The GSS on Social Identity aims to understand how Canadians interact with family and friends and how they feel connected to society. As you can imagine, this is a complex subject with a really broad scope. There are many [questions](#) on social contacts and connections with relatives and friends, the quality of these connections, civic engagement and national pride, trust in neighbours and confidence in institutions, subjective well-being and experience of discrimination, engagement with politics and media consumption... and many other areas.

There is also a series of questions on aspects of the respondent's identity such as education, employment and ethnicity. Taken together with questions on social networks, civic participation and engagement, knowledge of Canadian history, appreciation of national symbols, shared values, confidence in institutions and trust in people, these data will be used to analyse the relationship between identity and social integration.

You can see how these are issues of great importance, from a policy and program perspective, in a vibrant, multicultural society like ours.

If members of your community have been asked to participate in the survey, please encourage them to do so. You can visit our website for more [information for survey participants](#). We hope that we can count on your support.



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Recruiting to Succeed



They come for a job and find a career.

The October 2013 edition of the [StatCan Blog](#) talks about how, each year, Statistics Canada seeks out the brightest talent from across the country to join its ranks. The interesting thing is that when people come to StatCan, they like it so much, they stick around.

An examination of the senior managers at the agency reveals that many are lifers—people who have spent two decades or more working here.

The blog article looks at three areas in recruitment: economists, sociologists and technicians (EC), mathematicians and statisticians (MA) and computer technicians and programmers (CS).

More ways to stay connected



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