

# Newsletter for Communities

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  - ☐ Useful
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- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you currently forward the newsletter to members of your organization or community?

- ☐ Yes
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4. What information would you like to see in the newsletter?

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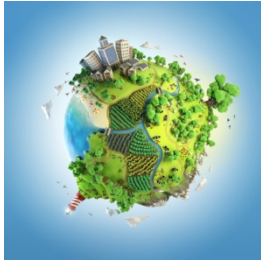
5. Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## In the news

### [Human Activity and the Environment](#)



Between 2000 and 2011, an area almost twice the size of the cities of Toronto, Montréal and Calgary combined was converted from agricultural and natural land to settled areas, according to a new study, "Measuring ecosystem goods and services in Canada," released in *Human Activity and the Environment*. This article reported that the development of settled areas in and around cities and towns increased by 3,158 km<sup>2</sup> over the 11-year period.

### [Aboriginal Population Profile, National Household Survey, 2011](#)



The Aboriginal Population Profile presents information on the Aboriginal identity population from the 2011 National Household Survey. Data are provided for selected standard geographic areas including Canada, provinces and territories, [census divisions](#), [census subdivisions](#) (including Indian reserves, Indian settlements, and Inuit communities), [census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations](#), as well as geographic areas such as [Indian band areas](#), [Inuit regions](#) and [Métis settlements](#) associated with Aboriginal peoples (also known as Aboriginal geographies).

Data are available for areas where the Aboriginal identity population is 250 or more.

### [Co-offending in Canada, 2011](#)



In 2011, co-offending accounted for 11% of cleared incidents reported by police. As seen with crime rates overall, the prevalence of co-offending has declined over time, falling 2.3% between 1995 and 2006, with little change after that year. Most co-offences in 2011 were pair crimes, involving just 2 accused. Group crimes involving numerous offenders (i.e. 6 or more persons) were found to be somewhat rare, comprising less than 2% of all co-offences. Overall, females were more likely than males to be co-offenders, though more than half of co-offending incidents were committed by all male groups. Youth were more likely than adults to be co-offenders and the prevalence of co-offending decreased with age. In general, co-offending was found to be most common among drug and property related crime, particular for incidents in which all accused were youth. Co-offending incidents were more serious, on average, than incidents involving a lone accused.



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## Socioeconomic overview of the farm population, 2011



The Canadian farm population totalled 650,395 persons in 2011, accounting for 1 out of every 50 Canadians.

Results from the Agriculture–National Household Survey (Ag-NHS) show that Ontario had the largest farm population at 174,905 in 2011, representing 26.9% of the national total. Alberta was home to 20.0% of the total, followed by 16.0% in Saskatchewan and 15.6% in Quebec.

The average household size in the Canadian farm population in 2011 was 2.9 persons, compared with 2.5 persons in private households in the total population.

The median income for economic families in the farm population was \$74,604 in 2010, similar to the median income of \$76,458 in the total population.

Immigrants represented 6.9% of the farm population, compared with the 20.7% immigrant share of the total population. Ontario not only had the largest farm population, but also the highest number of immigrants in the farm population, almost 15,000, representing 8.6% of the provincial farm population. British Columbia, in turn, was the province with the largest proportion of immigrants in its farm population at 19.8%.

## Canadian Survey on Disability, 2012



In 2012, about 3.8 million people, or 13.7% of Canadians aged 15 and older, reported being limited in their daily activities because of a disability. Canadians reported different types of disability depending on their age. The youngest age group, those aged 15 to 24, most commonly reported mental/psychological disabilities (2.2%), learning disabilities (2.0%) and pain (1.9%). Among those aged 45 to 64, the most common types of disability were pain (12.7%), flexibility (9.8%) and mobility (8.6%). While these three types of disability are also the most commonly reported among seniors, the prevalence was higher with 22.1% reporting pain,

20.5% identifying mobility issues and 19.3% identifying flexibility issues.

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## Christmas trees... by the numbers

[Here](#) are some facts on Christmas trees in Canada.



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