

Newsletter for Communities

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In the news

[Study: Wages and full-time employment rates of young high school graduates and bachelor's degree holders, 1997 to 2012](#)



A new study examines which factors underlie the narrowing of wage differences seen between bachelor's degree holders and high school graduates and the widening of differences in full-time paid employment rates between these two groups.

Four types of factors are considered: those associated with changes in labour supply, labour demand, institutions and employer–employee contracts, and general economic conditions.

Changes in the population of bachelor's degree holders relative to the population of high school graduates are used to capture changes in relative labour supply.

[Study: Living arrangements of children in Canada, 1901 to 2011](#)

Between 1901 and 2011, the family circumstances and living arrangements of Canadian children changed in many ways, according to historical information from the censuses of population.

At the same time, the Canadian families of the past had a degree of diversity that sometimes is reflected in the living arrangements of today's families, even if the context was largely different.

In 1931, for example, 12% of children lived in lone-parent families. Most of these children lived with a widowed lone parent, meaning that a relatively large share of children at that time had experienced the death of a parent.

In contrast, the years 1946 to 1965 (the baby boom) were characterized by higher fertility rates and a larger share of children living in married-couple families. In 1961, 6% of children lived in lone-parent families, the lowest proportion observed over the period 1931 to 2011.

[Portrait of Official-Language Communities in Canada: 2011 Census and 2011 National Household Survey](#)



The publication *Portrait of Official-Language Communities in Canada: 2011 Census and 2011 National Household Survey* is now available. This is a statistical portrait of English and French groups defined by either mother tongue or first official language spoken. For each province and territory and for census divisions and their constituent municipalities, using data from 2011 Census and 2011 National Household Survey, users can draw a profile of the official-language communities, by gender, based on selected demographic, cultural, education, labour force and income characteristics.



Charitable donors, 2012

Both the amount donated to charities by taxfilers and the number of people reporting charitable donations fell from 2011 to 2012. Donations reported by taxfilers declined 1.9% to \$8.3 billion in 2012, while the number of people reporting charitable donations on their 2012 income tax return decreased by 1.4% to 5.6 million.

The number of people reporting charitable donations was down in every province and territory except Nunavut (+1.8%) and Alberta (+0.5%).

In 2012, 22.4% of all taxfilers claimed charitable donations compared with 23.0% in 2011. Manitoba (25.4%), followed by Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan (both at 24.3%), had the highest percentage of taxfilers declaring a donation.

Nationally, the median donation was \$270 in 2012, meaning that half of those claiming a donation gave more than \$270 and half less. This was up slightly from 2011, when the median donation was \$260.

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