

# Newsletter for Communities

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## In the news



### SPECIAL ISSUE: ETHNIC DIVERSITY AND IMMIGRATION

#### [National Household Survey: Immigration and Ethnocultural Diversity](#)

This article presents data on immigration, citizenship and place of birth, ethnic ancestry and the visible minority population, religion, and languages spoken in Canada. Information is provided on Canada's immigrant or foreign-born population: its size, its geographic distribution, its origins and its demographic characteristics. Similar information is available for the Canadian-born population and for non-permanent residents. Data from the 2011 National Household Survey (NHS) are available for various levels of geography.

#### [Study: Mixed unions in Canada, 2011](#)



As Canada's population is becoming increasingly diverse, more people are forming a conjugal union with someone from a different ethnocultural background.

Data from the 2011 National Household Survey show that about 360,045 couples were in mixed unions, that is, relationships where one spouse or partner is a member of a visible minority while the other is not, or where the spouses or partners are from different visible minority groups.

The proportion of couples in mixed unions increased over a 20-year period, from 2.6% of all couples in 1991 to 3.1% in 2001 and 4.6% a decade later in 2011.

Most mixed unions involved partners who were born in different countries, with one spouse or partner born in Canada and the other born outside Canada (49.2%). About one in five (19.4%) were mixed unions where both were foreign-born, but from different countries.



## Generation status: Canadian-born children of immigrants



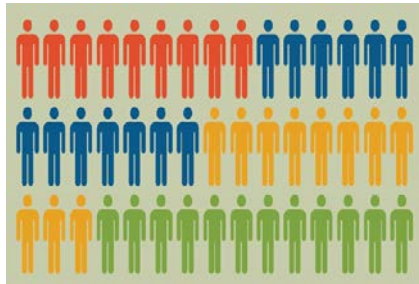
The ethnocultural characteristics of the population vary considerably according to the number of generations a person's ancestors have lived in Canada. The characteristics of each generation reflect the origins of various waves of immigrants who have settled in Canada over time.

The 2011 National Household Survey (NHS) provides data that allow the analysis of the Canadian population on the basis of generation status. This term 'generation status' refers to whether a person or their parents were born in Canada.

Specifically, the data identify whether people are first, second or third generation or more in Canada.

This NHS in Brief examines the population according to generation status, focusing on those who are second generation, that is, those who are Canadian-born and for whom one or both parents were born outside Canada. This group is having a growing impact on the nation's future. Its members can be considered as a bridge between the first generation newcomers and those who have been in the country for at least three generations.

## Projections of the Diversity of the Canadian Population, 2006 to 2031



Carried out on the initiative of Canadian Heritage, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada and Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the projections presented in this document are primarily intended to describe the evolution of the ethnocultural diversity of the Canadian population from 2006 to 2031. The results show that regardless of the scenario of future change considered, the ethnocultural diversity of the population will continue to increase significantly over the next two decades, especially within certain census metropolitan areas. Three Canadians in ten

could be a member of a visible minority group in 2031, and the corresponding proportion in the Toronto and Vancouver Census metropolitan areas (CMAs) could be two times greater.

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## Articles



### **Getting to Know Canada with Statistics Canada**

*By Peter Liang, Communications Division*

Each year Canada welcomes about a quarter of a million new immigrants from around the world. Settling into a new country can be a daunting task. While the challenges vary from one individual to another, housing, education, health care and labour market entry are the common priorities for many within the first few months of arrival in the country, according to Statistics Canada's Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants to Canada.



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When conducting research on these topics, information abounds on the Internet. However, when it comes to accurate and reliable information, Statistics Canada has been a trusted source since 1918, when the federal agency's former body, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was founded. Exploring Statistics Canada's website ([www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)) is a great way to get to know Canada including its people, economy, culture and society. Let's get started!

## Browse by subject

On [Statistics Canada's home page](#), you will notice that the data are grouped into 32 subjects, including housing, education, health and labour. Browsing the information by subject of interest is a great way to start your research. Select any of the links under Browse by subject, and you will be directed to a wealth of information.

As an example, let's say you are interested in finding out the cost of housing. Just follow these simple steps:

1. Select "[Families, households and housing](#)" from the list of subjects;
  2. From the subtopics, choose "[Housing and dwelling characteristics](#)";
  3. Select "[Publications](#)" under Resources.
- There are a variety of publications on housing and dwelling characteristics, including one titled "[Home Ownership and Shelter Costs in Canada](#)", which you can view in either HTML or PDF format. The article presents key trends on home ownership and shelter costs in Canada and from here you can also find data for communities across the country, most of which are available free of charge.

## More about Statistics Canada

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As a new member of the Canadian society, you may also be contacted to participate in a Statistics Canada survey. We hope we will be able to count on your cooperation.

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## Other news

### Video: Immigration and Ethnocultural Diversity

Are you more of a visual person? Then you will certainly enjoy this short [video](#) presenting a quick overview of the immigration and ethnocultural diversity data from the 2011 National Household Survey.



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