

# Newsletter for Communities

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## In the news

### Police-reported cybercrime in Canada, 2012



As Internet is becoming an increasingly integral part of the daily lives of Canadians, many of us are no strangers to the term “cybercrime”. Police-reported cybercrimes refer to criminal offences involving a computer or the Internet as either the target of a crime or as an instrument used to commit a crime.

In 2012, 9,084 incidents of cybercrime were reported by Canadian police services participating in the newest version of the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey. This represented a rate of 33 cybercrime incidents per 100,000 population.

Property violations accounted for 61% of police-reported cybercrimes in 2012, totalling 5,544 incidents. Fraud, the most common property violation, accounted for more than half (54%) of all cybercrimes coming to the attention of police. An accused was identified by police in a relatively small proportion (6%) of property-related cybercrimes in 2012.

Statistics Canada’s latest edition of [Juristat](#), an online publication on justice statistics, features a comprehensive article titled “[Police-reported cybercrime in Canada, 2012](#)”.

### Survey of Approaches to Educational Planning, 2013



As a parent of children aged 17 years or younger, have you set aside savings for their post-secondary education?

In partnership with Employment and Social Development Canada, Statistics Canada’s [Survey of Approaches to Educational Planning 2013](#) collects detailed information on how Canadians prepare for their children’s postsecondary education. Here are a few highlights from the latest release:

- Almost 7 in 10 Canadian children (68%) 17 years old or younger had savings set aside for their postsecondary education in 2013.
- More than three-quarters (77%) of children with savings had a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP).
- The average amount among children with an RESP was \$10,253 at the end of 2012.
- Parental education, education expectations and the child's academic performance were reflected in savings patterns.
- Amount saved varies with the child's age and household income level.



## Study: Understanding seniors' risk of falling and their perception of risk, 2008 and 2009



About one in three seniors aged 65 and older (34%) surveyed in 2008 and 2009 were concerned about future falls. Falls can have serious consequences for the health of seniors. In 44% of cases, this concern led seniors to stop some activities that they had previously enjoyed. About 42% of women perceived a risk compared with about a quarter of men (24%). Older seniors, aged 85 and older, also had a higher perception of risk (46%) compared with younger seniors, aged 65 to 69 (26%).

Among seniors who perceived a risk, 29% had fallen in the year prior to the survey, 68% thought their health was poor, fair or good, and 71% had a diagnosis of three or more chronic conditions.

For more results, read the full article titled "[Understanding seniors' risk of falling and their perception of risk](#)".

## End-of-life care, 2012



In 2012, 13% of Canadians (3.7 million) aged 15 and older reported providing end-of-life or palliative care to a family member or friend at some point in their lives. This is one of the findings based on the 2012 General Social Survey on caregiving and care receiving.

Providing end-of-life care was most often a reality for those in their 50s and 60s. About one in five of these Canadians reported that they had ever provided palliative care to a parent, spouse, grandparent, other family member or friend.

As with caregiving overall, women were more likely than men to have provided assistance to someone who was terminally ill. Over their lifetimes, 16% of women reported doing so compared with 10% of men.

Providing end-of-life care was sometimes done in the caregiver's own home. This was true for about one-third (35%) of Canadians who had provided care for their terminally ill relative or friend.

Some caregivers felt they lacked the necessary resources or abilities to provide end-of-life care in their own home. Home care resources, financial assistance, paid time off from work and home modifications were among the supports listed by the one in six caregivers who would have preferred providing palliative care in their own home.

You can read the full article "[End-of-life care, 2012](#)" on our website.



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## Other news

### Behind the data – seasonal adjustment explained in simple terms



When reading a report from Statistics Canada, you may come across the term “seasonally adjusted” and wonder what it means.

Statistics Canada has put together a special feature titled “[Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions](#)” in the new “Behind the data” module. It provides nontechnical answers to selected questions related to the use and interpretation of seasonally adjusted data. We hope you will find it useful.

### Canadian Megatrends

[Canadian Megatrends](#) is a new special feature that Statistics Canada publishes in celebration of the agency’s centennial – yes, the agency is turning 100 in 2018! The publication highlights some of the sweeping changes that have had a lasting impact on Canadian society and economy by using StatCan data.

In the inaugural edition, we invite you to discover the changing contribution of migratory and natural increase to population growth in Canada from 1851 to 2061 through the article titled “[Population growth: Migratory increase overtakes natural increase](#)”.

### We are taking a little break

We will not publish a newsletter in December. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season. See you in 2015!

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