

Newsletter for Communities

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In the news



[Victim Services Survey, 2011/2012](#)



Between April 1, 2011, and March 31, 2012, 760 victim service providers reporting to the *Victim Services Survey* helped almost 460,000 victims of crime. The survey looked at services provided to both those directly victimized (primary victims) and persons affected by the victimization of another (secondary victims, such as family members of homicide victims).

[Study: Emerging trends in living arrangements and conjugal unions for current and future seniors, 1981 to 2011](#)

Between 1981 and 2011, the share of seniors 65 years of age and older who lived with their spouse or partner increased, while the overall share of those in other living arrangements decreased. The conjugal lives of seniors also changed, as the proportion of those who were divorced or separated rose from 4% to 12% over the period.

In 2011, 92% of all seniors 65 years of age and older lived in private households and 8% lived in collective dwellings. At least half of those living in collectives were 85 years of age or older.

The proportion of those living in collectives declined between 1981 and 2011, especially among older seniors. In 2011, 35% of women 85 years of age and older lived in collectives, compared with 41% in 1981. Among men in that same age group, the proportion declined from 29% to 23% over the period.



[Demographic Changes in Canadian Agriculture](#)



The structure of agriculture has changed significantly over the last two decades with fewer but larger farms. While there were 280,043 farms in 1991, according to the Census of Agriculture, by 2011, that number had gradually declined to 205,730. Since 1991, the average farm area increased from 198 to 778 acres, while the number of farm operators decreased from 390,875 to 293,925, a 24.8% drop. Over the same period, the average age of farm operators increased, rising from 47.5 to 54.0 years.



[Life Satisfaction and Income in Canadian Urban Neighbourhoods](#)



An emerging area of subjective well-being (SWB) research is centered on the differences in the levels of SWB both across countries and among geographic regions within a country. The consideration of geographic differences would extend our knowledge about the determinants of SWB from "internal" factors of personality traits and individuals' socio-demographic characteristics to "external factors" embedded in individuals' environments. An issue with important theoretical and policy implications is whether the income of others in the same geographic area is associated with individuals' SWB. The association could be positive if people benefit from the improved resources, amenities, and social capital in high-income areas. The association could also be negative if people tend to emulate the lifestyles of their more affluent neighbours. Related empirical studies so far have not come to a consensus on this question.

Other news

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It provides analysis and detailed statistics on a variety of justice-related topics and issues. There are annual articles on areas of recurring interest such as:

- Crime
- Homicide
- Youth and adult courts
- Correctional services

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