

The Daily

Statistics Canada

Monday, June 8, 2009

Released at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time

Releases

Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating, 2007	2
Most Canadians provided either time or money to charitable and non-profit organizations. The top 25% of donors provided 82% of total donations, and the top 25% of volunteers contributed 78% of the total unpaid work.	
Domestic sales of refined petroleum products, April 2009 (correction)	5
Pension plans in Canada, as of January 1, 2008	5
For-hire motor carriers of freight, all carriers, fourth quarter 2008	6
Manure production, 2006	6

New products	7
---------------------	---



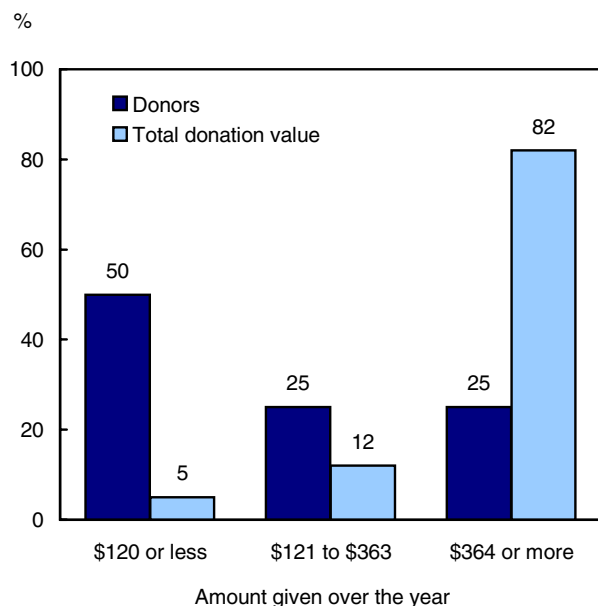
Releases

Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating

2007

Most Canadians provided either time or money to charitable and non-profit organizations. The top 25% of donors provided 82% of total donations, and the top 25% of volunteers contributed 78% of the total unpaid work.

A few donate the most money



The top 25% of donors – those who gave \$364 or more – tended to be older, to have higher household incomes and to possess higher levels of formal education. Those who are employed, widowed, or attend religious services on a weekly basis, also tended to be in the top group of donors.

The top 25% of volunteers – those who volunteered 171 hours or more – were widely distributed throughout the population. However, those who attend religious services on a weekly basis, those who have university degrees, and those with school-aged children in the household were much more likely than others to be top volunteers.

Note to readers

This release provides data from the 2007 Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating (CSGVP). The 2007 survey is the fourth iteration of a series of surveys that began with the National Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating in 1997 and 2000.

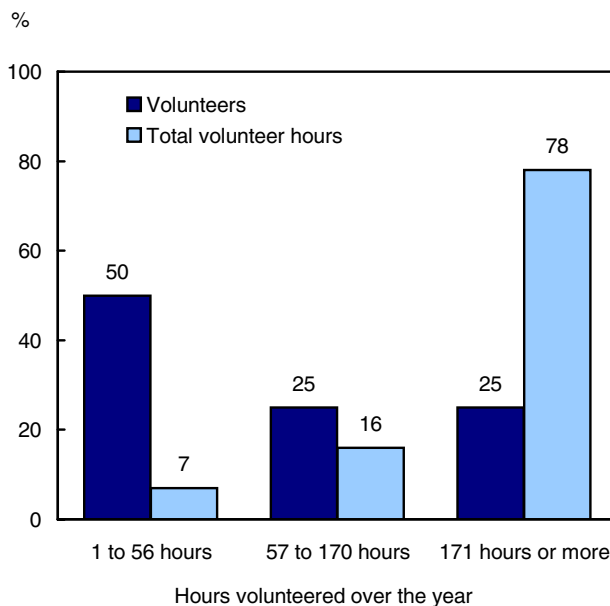
The CSGVP was developed through partnerships with federal government departments and voluntary sector organizations. These include Canadian Heritage, Health Canada, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, Imagine Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada, Statistics Canada and Volunteer Canada.

Definitions

Donors: People who made at least one donation of money to a charitable or other non-profit organization in the 12-month reference period preceding the survey.

Volunteers: People who volunteered, that is, who performed a service without pay, on behalf of a charitable or other non-profit organization, at least once in the 12-month reference period preceding the survey. This includes any unpaid help provided to schools, religious organizations, sports or community associations.

A few volunteer the most time



Almost 23 million Canadian, or 84% of the population aged 15 and over, made a financial donation to a charitable or non-profit organization during the 12-month period covered by the survey. During the same period, 12.5 million Canadians, or 46% of the

population, volunteered their time through a group or organization. These rates were largely unchanged from 2004.

Canadians donated a total of \$10.0 billion in 2007, up from \$8.9 billion in 2004. In 2007, the average donation was \$437, compared with \$400 in 2004. These increases were not adjusted for inflation.

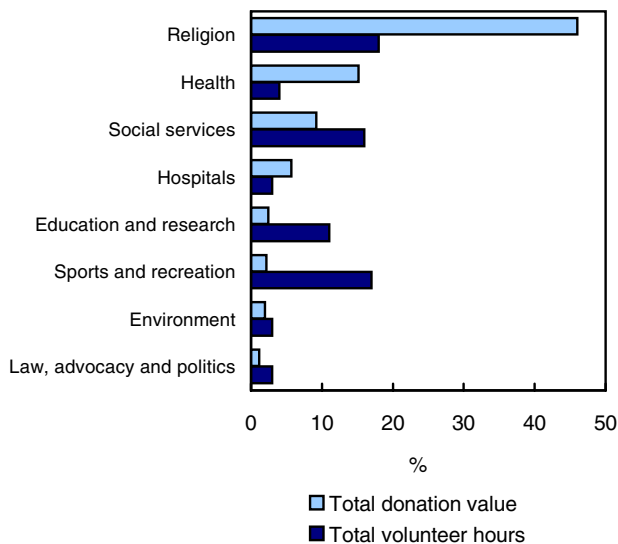
The total amount of time volunteered through groups and organizations amounted to about 2.1 billion hours, which was equivalent to almost 1.1 million full-time jobs. On average, volunteers contributed 166 hours each.

Religious organizations the biggest beneficiaries

Religious organizations were the biggest beneficiaries of charitable giving. They received more than three times the donations than did the second most popular type of organization.

Religious organizations receive the greatest support

selected organization type



Slightly over one-third (36%) of donors gave to religious organizations in 2007. These organizations received \$4.6 billion, almost half (46%) of the total amount donated nationally.

Health organizations, the second biggest beneficiary of charitable giving, received money from 56% of donors, the largest support base. They collected \$1.5 billion, or 15% of total donations.

Religious organizations received the largest percentage of volunteer hours (18%), followed by sports and recreation (17%), social services (16%), and

education and research organizations (11%). These proportions were largely unchanged from 2004.

Provinces and territories

Provincially, the rate of volunteering in 2007 was highest in Saskatchewan, where 59% of the population aged 15 and over volunteered through a group or organization. It was followed by Yukon (58%), Prince Edward Island (56%) and Nova Scotia (55%).

The rate of volunteering through a group or organization increased slightly in most provinces and territories between 2004 and 2007. The largest increases were observed in Prince Edward Island (+9%), Nova Scotia (+7%) and Saskatchewan (+5%).

In terms of donations to charitable and non-profit organizations, the Atlantic provinces posted the highest rates, while people in the western provinces donated higher average amounts in general.

About 91% of the population aged 15 and over in Newfoundland and Labrador made a financial donation to a charitable or non-profit organization during the 12-month period covered by the survey. This was highest among the provinces and territories, and well above the national average of 84%.

Donors in Alberta each gave \$596 on average in 2007, the highest among the provinces and territories. They were followed by donors in the Northwest Territories (\$550), Yukon (\$530) and Manitoba (\$520).

Early experiences in life likely to increase participation

According to the survey, people were more likely to volunteer and donate to charities or non-profit organizations later in life if they had participated in a range of community or youth activities during their primary or secondary schooling.

These activities included participating in student government, a religious organization, a youth group such as girl guides or scouts, or an organized team sport.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4430.

The publication *Caring Canadians, Involved Canadians: Highlights from the Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating, 2007* (71-542-X, free) is now available from the *Publications* module of our website. A paper version of the publication (71-542-XPE, \$20) is also available. See *How to order products*.

For more information about the analysis in this release, contact Marnie Grona (416-597-2293 ext. 244), Imagine Canada.

To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-800-461-9050; 613-951-3321; fax:

613-951-4527; ssd@statcan.gc.ca), Special Surveys Division, Statistics Canada. ■

Domestic sales of refined petroleum products

April 2009 (preliminary) (correction)

Sales of refined petroleum products in April totalled 7 360.4 thousand cubic metres, down 4.8% from April 2008. (One cubic metre equals a thousand litres.)

Sales fell in five of the seven major petroleum product groups.

Sales of motor gasoline totalled 3 517.7 thousand cubic metres (**correction**), a 5.9% increase from April 2008. Regular unleaded gasoline, which represented about 91 % of total gasoline sales,

rose 6.8%. Premium unleaded advanced 9.7%, while mid-grade gasoline decreased by 41.2%.

Note: Preliminary domestic sales of refined petroleum products data are not available on CANSIM.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2150.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the dissemination officer (toll-free 1-866-873-8789; 613-951-9497; energ@statcan.gc.ca), Manufacturing and Energy Division.

Sales of refined petroleum products

	April 2008 ^r	April 2009 ^p	April 2008 to April 2009
	thousands of cubic metres		% change
Total, all products	7 734.9	7 360.4	-4.8
Motor gasoline	3 320.5	3 517.7	5.9
Diesel fuel oil	2 039.1	1 786.5	-12.4
Light fuel oil	301.0	279.9	-7.0
Heavy fuel oil	459.1	441.5	-3.8
Aviation turbo fuels	462.0	465.4	0.7
Petrochemical feedstocks ¹	425.6	190.1	-55.3
All other refined products	727.6	679.2	-6.7

^r revised

^p preliminary

1. Materials produced by refineries that are used by the petrochemical industry to produce chemicals, synthetic rubber and a variety of plastics.

Pension plans in Canada

As of January 1, 2008

As of January 1, 2008, membership in registered pension plans (RPPs) in Canada amounted to 5.9 million, an increase of more than 140,000, or 2.4%, from the previous year.

The number of RPPs reached 19,185, an increase of 590. Increases in the number of plans in recent years have come mainly from plans with fewer than 10 members.

These small plans accounted for more than one-half of all RPPs, but less than 1% of total membership. The 28 plans with 30,000 members or more accounted for about 47% of all membership.

Public sector plans added 96,500 members in 2007, accounting for nearly 70% of the total increase. Private sector plans added 43,800 members.

Private sector plans had just over 3 million members, or 52% of the total, but this proportion has declined in recent years.

Membership among women rose slightly faster than among men. Women accounted for 2.9 million

of total membership, or 48.5%, while men accounted for 3.0 million, or 51.5%.

About 38.3% of paid workers participated in an RPP, a slight increase from 2006. Coverage rates in the public sector rose from 83.2% of all employees to 83.9%. Rates in the private sector remained virtually unchanged at just over 25%.

Defined benefit pension plans remained the predominant type, accounting for 4.5 million members or nearly 77% of total membership. However, defined contribution plans reached 935,000 members in 2007, accounting for close to 16% of the total.

Membership in combination pension plans reached almost 370,000 in 2007. These accounted for 6.3% of all membership.

Total employee and employer contributions to RPPs in 2007 exceeded \$40 billion for a second consecutive year. Employers contributed 68% of total contributions in 2007, compared with 72% in the previous year.

Note: Registered pension plans (RPPs) are established by employers or unions for employees. These data

come from the Pension Plans in Canada Survey at January 1, 2008.

There are two main types of RPPs. A "defined benefit plan" defines the benefits to be paid according to a formula stipulated in the plan text. The employer's contributions are not predetermined, but are a function of the cost of providing the promised pension. A "defined contribution plan" specifies the contributions made by the employee, if the plan is contributory, as well as by the employer.

Pension benefits paid are a function of accumulated contributions and investment returns. Membership is defined as being an active member of the pension plan who currently makes contributions to the pension plan or for whom contributions are being made.

Available on CANSIM: tables 280-0008 to 280-0014 and 280-0016 to 280-0027.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2609.

For more information, to obtain statistical tables providing key information or custom tabulations (74C0002, various prices), or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-888-297-7355; 613-951-7355; fax: 613-951-3012; income@statcan.gc.ca), Income Statistics Division. ■

For-hire motor carriers of freight, all carriers

Fourth quarter 2008

For-hire trucking companies based in Canada with annual revenue of \$1 million or more generated operating revenue of \$7.2 billion in the fourth quarter, up 1.7% from the same quarter a year earlier.

These companies reported operating expenses of \$6.8 billion, practically unchanged from the fourth

quarter of 2007. As a result, the operating ratio (operating expenses divided by operating revenue) improved to 0.93 from 0.95 a year earlier.

Note: This will be the final release of data on all carriers from the Quarterly Motor Carriers of Freight Survey, as the survey has been discontinued. Beginning with the first quarter of 2009, this survey will be replaced by the Quarterly Trucking Survey. Data from this new survey will first be released in July.

Available on CANSIM: table 403-0002.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2748.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-866-500-8400; fax: 613-951-0009; transportationstatistics@statcan.gc.ca), Transportation Division. ■

Manure production

2006

Data on the production of manure by sub-drainage area are now available for 2006.

Available on CANSIM: table 153-0040.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3438 and 8012.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact the information officer (613-951-0297; fax: 613-951-0634; environ@statcan.gc.ca), Environment Accounts and Statistics Division. ■

New products

Statistical Methods Research and Development Program... Achievements, 2008/2009
Catalogue number 12-206-X (HTML, free)

All prices are in Canadian dollars and exclude sales tax. Additional shipping charges apply for delivery outside Canada.

Caring Canadians, Involved Canadians: Highlights from the Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating, 2007
Catalogue number 71-542-X (PDF, free; Print \$20; HTML, free)

Catalogue numbers with an -XWE, -XIB or an -XIE extension are Internet versions; those with -XMB or -XME are microfiche; -XPB or -XPE are paper versions; -XDB or -XDE are electronic versions on diskette; -XCB or -XCE are electronic versions on compact disc; -XVB or -XVE are electronic versions on DVD and -XBB or -XBE a database.

How to order products

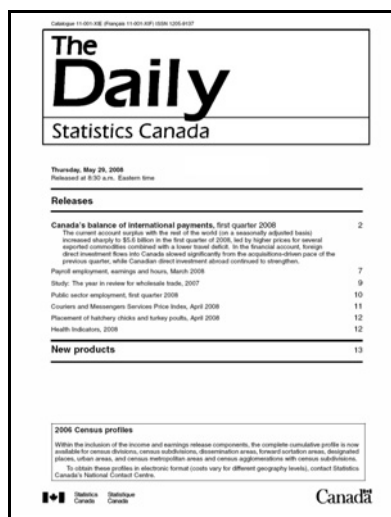
To order by phone, please refer to:

- The title
 - The catalogue number
 - The volume number
 - The issue number
 - Your credit card number.
- From Canada and the United States, call: **1-800-267-6677**
From other countries, call: **1-613-951-2800**
To fax your order, call: **1-877-287-4369**
For address changes or account inquiries, call: **1-877-591-6963**

To order by mail, write to: Statistics Canada, Finance, 6th floor, R.H. Coats Bldg., Ottawa, K1A 0T6.
Include a cheque or money order payable to **Receiver General of Canada/Publications**. Canadian customers add 5% GST and applicable PST.

To order by Internet, write to: infostats@statcan.gc.ca or download an electronic version by accessing Statistics Canada's website (www.statcan.gc.ca). From the *Our products and services* page, under *Browse our Internet publications*, choose *For sale*.

Authorized agents and bookstores also carry Statistics Canada's catalogued publications.



Statistics Canada's official release bulletin

Catalogue 11-001-XIE.

Published each working day by the Communications and library Services Division, Statistics Canada, 10G, R.H. Coats Building, 100 Tunney's Pasture Driveway, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6.

To access *The Daily* on the Internet, visit our site at <http://www.statcan.gc.ca>. To receive *The Daily* each morning by e-mail, send an e-mail message to lisproc@statcan.gc.ca. Leave the subject line blank. In the body of the message, type "subscribe daily firstname lastname".

Published by authority of the Minister responsible for Statistics Canada. © Minister of Industry, 2009. All rights reserved. The content of this electronic publication may be reproduced, in whole or in part, and by any means, without further permission from Statistics Canada, subject to the following conditions: that it be done solely for the purposes of private study, research, criticism, review or newspaper summary, and/or for non-commercial purposes; and that Statistics Canada be fully acknowledged as follows: Source (or "Adapted from", if appropriate): Statistics Canada, year of publication, name of product, catalogue number, volume and issue numbers, reference period and page(s). Otherwise, no part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form, by any means—electronic, mechanical or photocopy—or for any purposes without prior written permission of Licensing Services, Client Services Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0T6.