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Study: Factors associated with voting 2011

Voting rates in the May 2011 federal election increased with both age and education, although the impact of education was much stronger among younger voters.

For example, among people aged 25 to 34, the difference in voting between those with at least a bachelor's degree and those with less than a high school education was 42 percentage points. This gap narrowed to 10 percentage points among people aged 55 and over.

After controlling for education and other factors, 25- to 34-year-olds were 15 percentage points less likely to vote than 45- to 54-year-olds, while 65- to 74-year-olds were 19 percentage points more likely to vote than 45- to 54-year-olds.

The presence of children was associated with lower voting rates in all family types. The effect was particularly strong for single parents, as 36% of those with children under age 5 voted, compared with 60% of couples with children the same age.

Overall, immigrant citizens were less likely to vote than people born in Canada, but voting rates generally increased with time in Canada.

Employed people were more likely to vote than the unemployed or those not in the labour force after controls were in place for factors like age and education. Among the employed, those working in the public sector or in high-skill occupations were most likely to vote. Voting rates were lower for those working 40 hours or more per week, and for those in less-skilled occupations.

Home owners had significantly higher voting rates than renters.

Note: This article examines the factors associated with voting in the May 2, 2011, federal election. Data were derived from three questions added to the May 2011 Labour Force Survey, commissioned by Elections Canada, to determine the main reasons some Canadians did not vote in the election. These voluntary questions were: Are you a Canadian citizen?; Did you vote in the recent federal election held on Monday, May 2, 2011?; and, if they did not vote, What is the main reason you did not vote?

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3701.

The article "Factors associated with voting" is now available in the February 2012 online edition of *Perspectives on Labour and Income*, Vol. 24,

no. 1 (75-001-X, free), from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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Oilseed crushing statistics

January 2012

Oilseed processors crushed 636 670 tonnes of canola in January. Oil production totalled 284 893 tonnes while meal production amounted to 357 729 tonnes.

Available without charge in CANSIM: table 001-0005.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3404.

The January 2012 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* (22-007-X, free) will be available in March.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Client Services (toll-free 1-800-465-1991; agriculture@statcan.gc.ca), Agriculture Division. ■

Deliveries of major grains

January 2012

Data on major grain deliveries are now available for January.

Available without charge in CANSIM: table 001-0001.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3403, 3404, 3443, 5046 and 5153.

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Cereals and oilseeds review

December 2011

Data from the December issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review* are now available. December's issue contains an overview of January's market conditions and the annual "Grain storage and movement supplement," which was prepared in conjunction with the Canadian Grain Commission.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3401, 3403, 3404, 3443, 3464, 3476 and 5046.

The December 2011 issue of *Cereals and Oilseeds Review*, Vol. 34, no. 12 (22-007-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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Cereals and Oilseeds Review, December 2011,
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Catalogue number **22-007-X** (PDF, free; HTML, free)

Perspectives on Labour and Income, Spring 2012,
Vol. 24, no. 1
Catalogue number **75-001-X** (PDF, free; HTML, free)

Women in Canada, 2010-2011, Sixth edition
Catalogue number **89-503-X** (Print, free)

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27	Characteristics of international overnight travellers	Third quarter 2011
28	International travel account	Fourth quarter 2011
28	Port activity	2010
29	Private and public investment in Canada	2012
1	Balance of international payments	Fourth quarter 2011
1	Industrial product and raw materials price indexes	January 2012
2	Gross domestic product by income and by expenditure	Fourth quarter 2011
2	Gross domestic product by industry	December 2011
