

# The Daily

Statistics Canada

**Monday, February 11, 2013**

Released at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time

---

## Releases

---

Registered retirement savings plan contributions, 2011	2
Investment income, 2011	6
Exports of grains by final destination, December 2012	10
Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports, September and October 2012	11

---

<b>New products and studies</b>	<b>12</b>
---------------------------------	-----------

---

---

## Releases

---

### Registered retirement savings plan contributions, 2011

Total contributions to registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs) amounted to \$34.4 billion in 2011, up 1.6% from 2010. Data are based on tax returns filed for 2011.

Just under 6.0 million taxfilers contributed to an RRSP in 2011, virtually unchanged from 2010. Since the number of taxfilers rose slightly during this period, the percentage of taxfilers who contributed to an RRSP slipped from 24.3% in 2010 to 24.0% in 2011.

Regionally, the highest percentage increases in the number of contributors occurred in Yukon (+2.4%) and Prince Edward Island (+2.3%). Total contributions to RRSPs increased in every province and territory. The largest increases were in Prince Edward Island (+14.3%) and Yukon (+9.4%). The smallest increase was in British Columbia (+0.1%).

To be eligible to contribute to an RRSP, a taxfiler must have either new room as a result of qualifying income from the previous year (generally employment income), or unused room from earlier years. The limit is based on 18% of the previous tax year's earned income, to a fixed maximum, less any pension adjustments, plus any unused room carried forward. The fixed maximum RRSP contribution in 2011 was \$22,450, up from \$22,000 in 2010.

Nationally, the median contribution was \$2,830, a 1.4% increase from 2010. The median is the point at which half of the contributors contributed more, and half less.

The median contribution to RRSPs was highest in the territories: Nunavut (\$4,750), Yukon (\$3,480) and the Northwest Territories (\$3,450). Manitoba had the lowest median contribution at \$2,310.

Among census metropolitan areas (CMAs), Calgary (\$3,900) contributors had the highest median RRSP contribution, followed by those in Vancouver (\$3,430) and Toronto (\$3,380). Historically, these three CMAs have had the highest median RRSP contributions. Contributors in Barrie (\$2,210) had the lowest median RRSP contribution.

#### **Note to readers**

*All data in this release have been tabulated according to the 2006 Standard Geographical Classification used for the 2006 Census.*

*A census metropolitan area (CMA) is formed by one or more adjacent municipalities centred on a population centre (also known as the core). A CMA must have a total population of at least 100,000, of which 50,000 or more must live in the core.*

**Table 1**

**Registered retirement savings plan contributors – Canada, provinces and territories**

	Contributors		All taxfilers	Contributions		Median contributions
	2011	2010 to 2011	2011	2011	2010 to 2011	2011
	number	% change	%	thousands of dollars	% change	dollars
<b>Canada</b>	<b>5,953,370</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>34,401,410</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2,830</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	65,140	1.8	16.1	381,385	7.1	2,600
Prince Edward Island	19,320	2.3	18.0	105,145	14.3	2,480
Nova Scotia	125,880	-0.9	18.1	678,205	3.6	2,370
New Brunswick	100,050	-0.1	17.3	538,030	4.3	2,400
Quebec	1,542,590	0.7	25.2	7,924,115	3.0	2,600
Ontario	2,228,230	-0.8	23.9	13,506,355	0.4	2,900
Manitoba	201,600	0.1	22.9	996,310	1.5	2,310
Saskatchewan	189,350	2.0	24.9	1,025,375	5.7	2,670
Alberta	726,460	1.3	27.8	4,702,595	2.1	3,300
British Columbia	739,140	-1.3	22.7	4,442,510	0.1	3,000
Yukon	6,350	2.4	26.1	41,355	9.4	3,480
Northwest Territories	7,160	0.0	25.1	45,125	2.0	3,450
Nunavut	2,110	0.5	11.6	14,905	1.7	4,750

**Table 2**  
**Registered retirement savings plan contributors – Census metropolitan areas**

	Contributors		All taxfilers	Contributions		Median contributions
	2011	2010 to 2011	2011	2011	2010 to 2011	2011
	number	% change	%	thousands of dollars	% change	dollars
<b>Canada</b>	<b>5,953,370</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>34,401,410</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2,830</b>
St. John's	32,930	2.9	22.8	210,530	8.3	2,860
Halifax	65,520	0.0	23.5	377,750	4.9	2,520
Moncton	21,940	1.5	20.9	117,845	7.2	2,400
Saint John	21,270	-1.0	22.8	125,310	4.9	2,800
Saguenay	29,790	2.3	23.9	145,115	2.1	2,520
Québec	184,110	0.3	30.5	912,805	2.8	2,500
Sherbrooke	37,160	0.2	24.2	176,245	2.3	2,280
Trois-Rivières	28,340	-0.3	23.8	137,025	2.3	2,350
Montréal	758,690	0.5	26.2	4,246,345	2.1	2,960
Ottawa–Gatineau, Ontario/Quebec	246,530	1.4	27.8	1,584,105	7.1	3,090
Ottawa part	186,230	0.4	28.3	1,250,590	4.6	3,180
Gatineau part	60,290	4.5	26.5	333,515	18.0	2,820
Kingston	26,890	-1.8	23.9	149,125	1.1	2,380
Peterborough	19,480	-2.6	21.8	106,765	-4.7	2,270
Oshawa	61,200	-0.7	24.8	321,990	-2.1	2,400
Toronto	996,100	-0.7	24.7	6,495,915	0.5	3,380
Hamilton	125,190	-0.5	24.2	757,905	1.4	2,670
St. Catharines–Niagara	60,420	-2.2	20.7	320,740	-5.0	2,280
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	92,990	0.0	26.9	549,210	4.5	2,880
Brantford	21,640	-0.1	22.8	107,925	-3.3	2,270
Guelph	27,800	-0.3	27.5	153,040	-4.3	2,630
London	84,000	-0.4	24.3	484,660	5.1	2,500
Windsor	47,850	-1.0	20.6	274,770	-0.3	2,460
Barrie	31,210	-0.8	24.0	158,330	-0.7	2,210
Greater Sudbury	27,020	-0.2	22.4	152,245	2.3	2,570
Thunder Bay	21,730	0.1	24.1	118,430	3.7	2,500
Winnipeg	139,870	0.3	25.7	692,460	1.7	2,300
Regina	47,320	1.8	29.5	258,255	7.9	2,600
Saskatoon	53,970	2.4	28.1	288,895	5.2	2,600
Calgary	268,660	1.5	31.0	1,961,970	1.7	3,900
Edmonton	237,320	1.1	28.6	1,421,405	1.1	3,100
Kelowna	27,480	-0.4	20.5	155,765	-0.7	2,570
Abbotsford–Mission	22,870	-2.5	19.3	115,070	-0.1	2,400
Vancouver	427,600	-1.0	24.8	2,704,220	0.4	3,430
Victoria	61,180	-2.2	23.8	351,215	-2.4	2,750

**Note(s):** Go online to view the census subdivisions that comprise the census metropolitan areas according to the 2006 Census.

**Available in CANSIM: tables 111-0039 to 111-0041.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4106.**

The databanks *RRSP Contributors* (17C0006, various prices), *Canadian Taxfilers* (17C0010, various prices) and *RRSP Contribution Limits* (17C0011, various prices) are now available for Canada, provinces and territories, federal electoral districts, economic regions, census divisions, census metropolitan areas, census agglomerations, census tracts and other small areas.

CANSIM tables for this release are available for Canada, province and territories, census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; [infostats@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:infostats@statcan.gc.ca)) or Media Relations (613-951-4636; [mediahotline@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:mediahotline@statcan.gc.ca)).

---

## Investment income, 2011

In 2011, the number of taxfilers reporting investment income rose 0.7% from 2010, while the amount of investment income reported for the same period increased by 8.2% (in constant dollars).

Nationally, more than 7.5 million people reported income from investments totaling \$55.7 billion, according to income tax returns for 2011. (Investment income refers to the sum of dividend income from taxable Canadian corporations and interest income from investments in non-tax-sheltered vehicles.)

While the number of taxfilers reporting investment income increased, the proportion of taxfilers reporting investment income at the national level edged down from 30.6% in 2010 to 30.4% in 2011. The largest increase occurred in Newfoundland and Labrador, where the proportion went from 16.3% to 16.9%. The largest decrease occurred in Ontario, where the proportion fell from 32.0% to 31.7%.

Nationally, the median investment income increased from \$550 in 2010 to \$570 in 2011. In other words, one-half of those reporting investment income in 2011 reported more than \$570, and the other half less.

Taxfilers in British Columbia and Alberta reported the highest median investment income (\$700) followed by those in Saskatchewan (\$610). Taxfilers in the Northwest Territories (\$290) reported the lowest.

Among census metropolitan areas (CMAs), taxfilers in Victoria (\$950) reported the highest median investment income, followed by taxfilers in Kelowna (\$920) and Calgary (\$810). Taxfilers in St. John's and Saguenay (\$350) reported the lowest. Victoria (39.1%) was also the CMA with the highest proportion of taxfilers reporting investment income.

### **Note to readers**

*For this release, investment income recipients are defined as taxfilers who either reported dividend income from taxable Canadian corporations or reported interest income. Income earned from investments held under the terms of registered retirement savings plans or registered income funds, for example, are excluded. Capital gains are also excluded.*

*In comparisons involving dollar amounts in this release, all figures for previous years have been adjusted for inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index.*

*All data in this release have been tabulated according to the 2006 Standard Geographical Classification used for the 2006 Census.*

*A census metropolitan area (CMA) is formed by one or more adjacent municipalities centred on a population centre (also known as the core). A CMA must have a total population of at least 100,000, of which 50,000 or more must live in the core.*

**Table 1**  
**Investment income – Canada, provinces and territories**

	Taxfilers reporting investment income		All taxfilers	Investment income			Median investment income
	2011	2010 to 2011	2011	2011	2010	2010 to 2011	2011
	number	% change	%	thousands of dollars	(2011 constant dollars) thousands of dollars	% change	dollars
<b>Canada</b>	<b>7,557,530</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>55,731,575</b>	<b>51,485,025</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>570</b>
Newfoundland and Labrador	68,090	4.4	16.9	276,445	247,310	11.8	320
Prince Edward Island	27,260	1.2	25.4	129,880	128,330	1.2	410
Nova Scotia	168,420	-0.2	24.3	1,282,400	1,157,075	10.8	470
New Brunswick	117,140	-0.6	20.3	643,160	577,520	11.4	380
Quebec	1,630,630	0.8	26.6	9,558,065	9,126,200	4.7	530
Ontario	2,957,580	-0.1	31.7	20,332,140	18,755,435	8.4	560
Manitoba	271,960	0.8	30.9	1,365,720	1,295,930	5.4	460
Saskatchewan	253,830	2.1	33.3	1,905,735	1,731,005	10.1	610
Alberta	888,910	2.2	34.0	10,670,910	9,579,455	11.4	700
British Columbia	1,161,990	1.1	35.6	9,493,785	8,815,465	7.7	700
Yukon	6,100	2.5	25.0	39,260	37,995	3.3	570
Northwest Territories	4,500	1.6	15.8	28,365	28,700	-1.2	290
Nunavut	1,130	1.8	6.2	5,705	4,610	23.8	320

**Note(s):** All figures for previous years have been adjusted for inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

**Table 2**  
**Investment income – Census metropolitan areas**

	Taxfilers reporting investment income		All taxfilers	Investment income			Median investment income
	2011	2010 to 2011	2011	2011	2010	2010 to 2011	2011
	number	% change	%	thousands of dollars	(2011 constant dollars) thousands of dollars	% change	dollars
<b>Canada</b>	<b>7,557,530</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>55,731,575</b>	<b>51,485,025</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>570</b>
St. John's	30,040	4.5	20.8	165,385	152,040	8.8	350
Halifax	73,110	1.4	26.2	734,010	642,575	14.2	560
Moncton	22,920	1.2	21.8	147,440	116,375	26.7	380
Saint John	21,350	-0.4	22.8	137,240	140,915	-2.6	440
Saguenay	28,810	5.9	23.1	103,490	104,015	-0.5	350
Québec	170,920	1.3	28.3	936,210	886,555	5.6	520
Sherbrooke	40,720	2.2	26.5	228,245	212,290	7.5	580
Trois-Rivières	32,170	0.3	27.0	159,215	145,445	9.5	540
Montréal	799,120	0.6	27.6	5,427,860	5,159,090	5.2	560
Ottawa–Gatineau,							
Ontario/Quebec	266,520	1.1	30.1	1,825,930	1,679,900	8.7	590
Ottawa part	216,370	0.9	32.9	1,576,035	1,450,775	8.6	650
Gatineau part	50,150	2.0	22.0	249,895	229,115	9.1	420
Kingston	35,730	-2.0	31.8	242,475	222,380	9.0	620
Peterborough	29,830	0.1	33.4	171,205	159,370	7.4	640
Oshawa	68,480	1.2	27.7	280,605	264,890	5.9	420
Toronto	1,307,430	0.5	32.5	10,614,925	9,725,535	9.1	560
Hamilton	160,690	-1.1	31.0	1,068,885	952,515	12.2	550
St. Catharines–Niagara	92,270	-1.7	31.6	454,315	452,045	0.5	540
Kitchener–Cambridge–Waterloo	105,150	-0.1	30.4	723,145	634,620	13.9	480
Brantford	26,460	-2.9	27.9	141,135	136,880	3.1	480
Guelph	33,200	0.3	32.9	211,175	201,660	4.7	550
London	107,580	-0.5	31.1	720,420	641,365	12.3	550
Windsor	66,060	-2.2	28.5	335,105	321,605	4.2	460
Barrie	34,120	0.9	26.2	204,375	177,020	15.5	470
Greater Sudbury	34,810	-0.4	28.8	195,945	181,075	8.2	530
Thunder Bay	28,240	-1.9	31.3	142,345	131,995	7.8	520
Winnipeg	170,770	1.0	31.4	948,245	900,350	5.3	460
Regina	51,220	1.7	31.9	378,820	342,615	10.6	580
Saskatoon	60,210	4.3	31.3	537,590	471,585	14.0	570
Calgary	303,330	3.6	34.9	4,567,950	3,915,760	16.7	810
Edmonton	266,180	1.4	32.1	2,749,480	2,602,335	5.7	630
Kelowna	50,090	1.3	37.4	516,200	485,605	6.3	920
Abbotsford–Mission	33,160	0.8	27.9	250,440	236,870	5.7	500
Vancouver	640,320	1.4	37.2	5,482,630	5,037,640	8.8	670
Victoria	100,390	0.7	39.1	919,700	882,965	4.2	950

**Note(s):** All figures for previous years have been adjusted for inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index. Go online to view the census subdivisions that comprise the census metropolitan areas according to the 2006 Census.

**Available in CANSIM: tables 111-0036 to 111-0038 and 111-0042.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4106.**

The databanks *Canadian Investment Income* (17C0008, various prices), *Canadian Investors* (17C0007, various prices), *Canadian Savers* (17C0009, various prices) and *Canadian Capital Gains* (17C0012, various prices) are now available for Canada, provinces and territories, federal electoral districts, economic regions, census divisions, census metropolitan areas, census agglomerations, census tracts and other small areas.

CANSIM tables for this release are available for Canada, province and territories, census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; [infostats@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:infostats@statcan.gc.ca)) or Media Relations (613-951-4636; [mediahotline@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:mediahotline@statcan.gc.ca)).

---

## Exports of grains by final destination, December 2012

Data on exports of grains by final destination are now available for December.

**Available in CANSIM: table 001-0015.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3403.**

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; [infostats@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:infostats@statcan.gc.ca)) or Media Relations (613-951-4636; [mediahotline@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:mediahotline@statcan.gc.ca)).

---

## Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports, September and October 2012

Data on aircraft take-offs and landings at airports without air traffic control towers are now available for September and October.

**Available in CANSIM: tables 401-0021 and 401-0022.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.**

The September and October 2012 issues of *Aircraft Movement Statistics: Airports without Air Traffic Control Towers (TP 141)* (51-008-X) will soon be available.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; [infostats@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:infostats@statcan.gc.ca)) or Media Relations (613-951-4636; [mediahotline@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:mediahotline@statcan.gc.ca)).

## New products and studies

There are no new products today.



### Statistics Canada's official release bulletin

Catalogue 11-001-X.

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

To access or subscribe to *The Daily* on the Internet, visit our website at <http://www.statcan.gc.ca>.

Published by authority of the Minister responsible for Statistics Canada. © Minister of Industry, 2013. All rights reserved. Use of this publication is governed by the [Statistics Canada Open Licence Agreement](#):

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/reference/copyright-droit-auteur-eng.htm>