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Total Canadian population, 1921-1998

	Women	Men	Total	Women as % of the total
		000s		
1921	4,258.3	4.529.6	8.787.9	48.4
1931	5,002.2	5.374.5	10.376.8	48.2
1941	5,606.1	5,900.5	11.506.7	48.7
1951	6,920.6	7,088.9	14.009.4	49.4
1961	9.019.4	9.218.9	18.238.2	49.4
1971	10.935.3	11,026.8	21,962.1	49.8
1981	12,468.8	12,351.6	24.820.4	50.2
1991	14.136.4	13.894.4	28.030.9	50.4
1996	14.980.1	14.691.8	29.671.9	50.4
1998	15.302.3	14,998.8	30,301.2	50.5

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 93-310; and Demography Division.

# Population distribution, by age, 1998

	Women	Men	Total	Women as % of the total
		000s		
People aged:				
Less than 15	2,911.7	3,064.1	5.975.8	48.7
15-24	1.996.1	2.091.9	4.088.0	48.8
25-44	4.859.9	4.918.2	9.778.2	49.7
45-64	3.386.5	3.335.5	6.772.1	50.0
65-84	1.882.0	1.474.2	3.356.2	56.1
85 and over	266.0	114.9	380.9	69.8
Total	15,302.3	14,998.8	30,301.2	50.5

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.

Population, by province and territory, 1998

				Women as % of
	Women	Men	Total	the total
		000s		
Newfoundland	273.8	270.0	543.8	50.4
Prince Edward Island	69.3	67.3	136.5	50.7
Nova Scotia	476.4	457.8	934.2	51.0
New Brunswick	379.8	373.1	753.0	50.4
Quebec	3.717.4	3,617.1	7,334.5	50.7
Ontario	5.788.4	5.625.2	11,413.7	50.7
Manitoba	574.2	564.4	1,138.7	50.4
Saskatchewan	514.8	509.5	1,024.3	50.3
Alberta	1.446.0	1.468.6	2,914.5	49.6
British Columbia	2.014.8	1.994.2	4,009.0	50.3
Yukon	15.1	16.6	31.7	47.7
Northwest Territories	19.7	21.3	41.0	48.0
Nunavut	12.4	14.0	26.4	47.2

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.

# Aboriginal identity, immigrant, and visible minority populations, 1996

			2	71
Total	Men	Women		
3,197.4 11.2	1,565.6 11.1	1,631.9 11.3	(000s)	Members of the visible minority community As a % of total popula
799.0	390.9	408.1	(000s)	Aboriginal identity population
2.8	2.8	2.8		As a % of the total population
4,971.1	2.405.4	2,565.7	(000s)	Immigrants
17.4	17.1	17.7		As a % of the total population

Source: Statistics Canada, 1996 Census of Canada.

# Immigrants arriving in Canada by class, 1998

	Women	Men	Total	Women as % of the group
Family class	19,921	31.064	50.985	39.1
Convention refugees Other	12,230 52,834	10.416 47,786	22,646 100,620	54.0 52.5
Total	84,985	89,266	174,251	48.8

Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

# Family status of the population aged 15 and over, 1996

	Women	Men	Total
		%	
Marital spouse Common-law spouse Lone parent Child living at home Living with extended family	50.0 8.0 8.2 13.7 3.7	52.8 8.4 1.8 18.5 3.0	51.4 8.2 5.1 16.0 3.3
Total living with family	83.5	84.4	84.0
Living with non-relatives Living alone	3.6 12.9	5.2 10.4	4.4 11.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 1996 Census of Canada,

# Marital status of the population aged 15 and over, 1996

	Women	Men	Total
		%	
Married	57.4	60.9	59.1
Separated	2.8	2.3	2.6
Divorced	5.9	4.3	5.1
Widowed	10.0	2.2	6.2
Single, never married	23.8	30.4	27.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 1996 Census of Canada.

# Total fertility rate, 1921-19961



Newfoundland included only since 1990.

# Births per 1,000 women, by age group, 1986-1995

		Women aged					
	15-191	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
1986	23.0	78.7	119.0	72.5	22.3	3.2	0.1
1991	26.0	77.5	120.3	83.6	28.3	3.9	0.2
1993	24.9	73.0	114.7	84.9	29.5	4.4	0.2
1994	25.1	72.2	114.0	86.0	30.4	4.7	0.1
1995	24.5	70.5	109.7	86.8	31.3	4.8	0.2

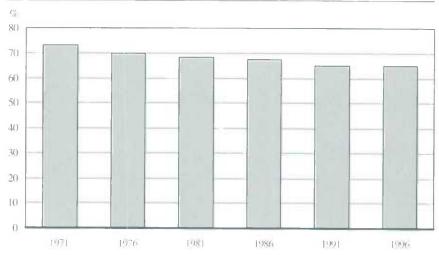
Includes births to those under age 15.

Source: Statistics Canada, Health Statistics Division.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Refers to all births over the course of a woman's lifetime. Source: Statistics Canada, Health Statistics Division.

<sup>2</sup> Includes births to those aged 49 and over.

Percentage of all families with children under age 24 living at home, 1971-1996



Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada.

Life expectancy at birth and at age 65, 1921-1996

	Remaining life expectancy					
	At bir	At birth At age		65		
	Females	Males	Women	Men		
	Years					
192117	60.6	58.8	13.6	13.0		
19312	62.1	60.0	13.7	13.0		
19412	66.3	63.0	14.1	12.8		
1951	70.9	66.4	15.0	13.3		
1961	74.3	68.4	16.1	13.6		
1971	76.4	69.4	17.6	13.8		
1981	79.1	71.9	18.9	14.6		
1991	81.0	74.6	20.0	15.8		
19963	81.4	75.7	20.2	16.3		

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Quebec.

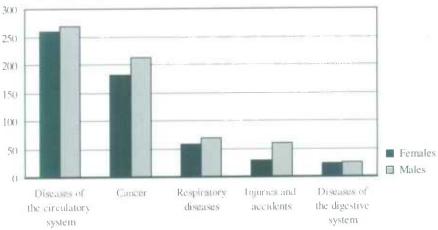
Source: Statistics Canada, Health Statistics Division.

Excludes Newfoundland.

<sup>3</sup> Preliminary results.

# Leading causes of death, 1996





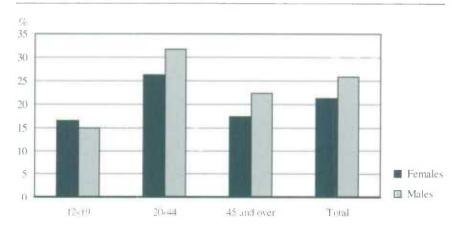
Source: Statistics Canada, Health Statistics Division.

# Percentage reporting long-term disabilities, by age group, 1996-1997

	Women	Men	Total
		%	
People aged:			
25-54	9.6	8.6	9.1
55-64	19.4	19.7	19.6
65-74	19.7	22.2	20.8
75-84	27.0	28.9	27.8
85 and over	44.4	46.0	45.0
Total aged 65 and over	24.0	25.8	24.8
Total aged 25 and over	13.8	12.7	13.2

Source: Statistics Canada, National Population Health Survey.

#### Percentage who smoke daily, by age, 1996-1997



People aged

Source: Statistics Canada, National Population Health Survey.

# Smoking status of people living in a private household, 1996-1997

	Women	Men
	0/0	
People aged 25 and over:		
Daily smoker	21.8	27.2
Former daily smoker!	23.4	31.3
Occasional smoker	3.4	3.7
Never smoked	47.1	33.5

Includes people who smoke occasionally.

Source: Statistics Canada, National Population Health Survey.

#### Homicide victims, 1997

	Women	Men	Total
Total number of victims	204	376	5811
As a % of all victims	35.1	64.7	100.0
Victims per 100,000 population	1.3	2.5	1.9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes one victim for whom the gender was not known. Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

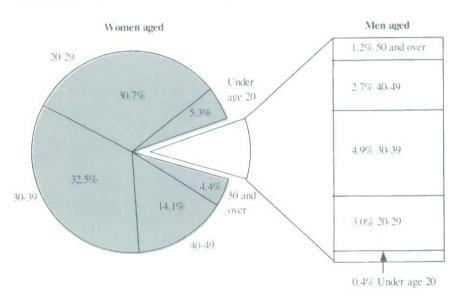
Distribution of homicide victims,1 by relationship to accused, 1997

	Women	Men	Total	Women as % of victims in group
		%		
Family Acquaintance Stranger Unknown	66.4 25.9 7.1 0.6	26.8 55.5 16.9 0.7	42.1 44.1 13.1 0.7	60.8 22.6 20.7 33.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	N/A
Total solved offenses	170	272	442	38.4

Refers to solved offenses.

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

# Victims of police-reported spousal violence, by age, 1997



Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 85-224-XPE.

# Educational attainment of the population aged 15 and over, 1996

	Women	Men	Total
		%	
Less than Grade 9	12.4	11.7	12.1
Some high school	22.4	23.0	22.7
High school graduation	15.6	13.0	14.3
Trades certificate or diploma	2.6	4.9	3.7
Some postsecondary	16.9	15.5	16.2
Non-university certificate or diploma	17.9	17.6	17.7
University degree	12.3	14.3	13.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total population (000s)	11,606.4	11,022.4	22,268.9

Source: Statistics Canada, 1996 Census of Canada.

# Full-time university enrollment, by level, 1997-1998

	Women	Men	Total	Women as % of total enrollment
Bachelor's and first				
professional degree	261,087	207,305	468,392	55.7
Master's	21,374	20.817	42,191	50.7
Doctorate	9.786	13.220	23,006	42.5
Total enrollment	292,247	241,342	533,589	54.8

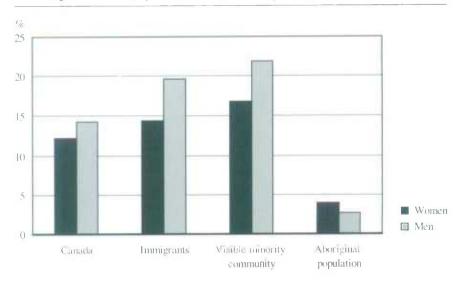
Source: Statistics Canada, Centre for Education Statistics.

Women as a percentage of full-time university enrollment, by level and field of study, 1997-1998

	Bachelor's and first professional degree	Master's	Doctorate	Total
			%	
Education Fine/applied arts Humanities Social sciences Agriculture/biological sciences	69.5 63.4 62.2 57.4 63.5	69.7 61.4 57.7 50.7 55.6	66.3 58.6 50.0 51.6 40.1 15.6	69.4 63.2 60.8 56.6 61.8 21.5
Engineering/applied sciences Health professions Mathematics/physical sciences	21.5 70.8 29.7	25.2 62.4 32.7	47.4 23.4	68.1 29.4
Total <sup>1</sup>	55.7	50.7	42.5	54.8

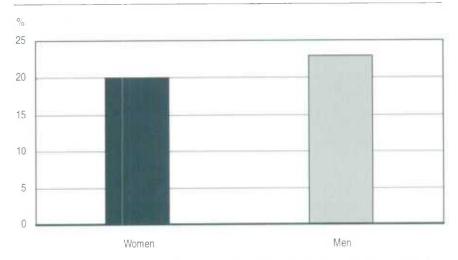
Includes those with no specialization and those for whom no specialization was stated. Source: Statistics Canada, Centre for Education Statistics.

# Percentage of selected populations with a university degree, 1996



Source: Statistics Canada, 1996 Census of Canada.

# Percentage of the population aged 16 and over with difficulty reading, 1994



Refers to those who are only able to perform simple reading skills such as locating and matching a single piece of information in a text.

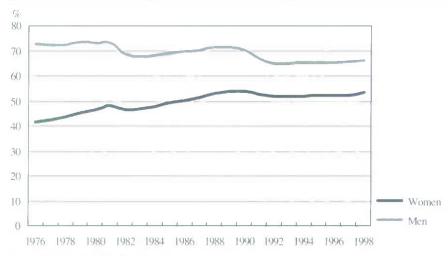
Source: Statistics Canada, International Adult Literacy Survey.

# Percentage using a computer, 1993

	Computer use	
	Women	Men
	%	
People aged:		
15-19	82.5	86.0
20-24	77.0	83.0
25-34	71.7	66.0
35-44	69.4	64.0
45-54	55.0	58.3
55-64	35.1	38.6
65 and over	7.8	14.4
Total	56.0	58.3

Source: Statistics Canada, 1993 General Social Survey.

# Percentage of the population aged 15 and over employed, 1976-1998



Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey.

# Percentage employed, by age, 1998

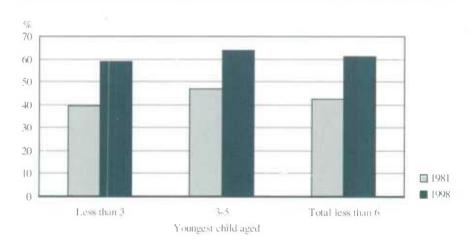
	Women	Men
		%
People aged:		
15-24	52.1	53.0
25-44	73.0	85.4
45-54	69.2	82.9
55-64	35.6	55.4
65 and over	3.3	10.3
Total	53.4	66.2

Percentage of the population aged 15 and over employed, by province, 1998

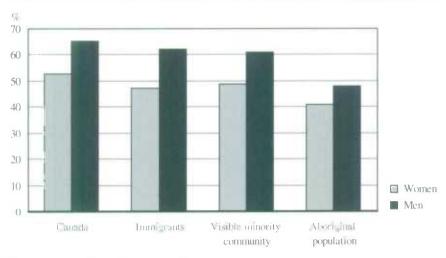
	Women	Men	Total
		0/0	
Newfoundland	39.7	49.2	44.4
Prince Edward Island	52.6	61.3	56.9
Nova Scotia	48.4	60.2	54.1
New Brunswick	48.7	58.6	53.5
Quebec	48.7	63.1	55.8
Ontario	55.3	68.1	61.6
Manitoba	56.4	70.5	63.3
Saskatchewan	55.7	69.8	62.7
Alberta	61.2	74.9	68.0
British Columbia	54.1	64.1	59.1
Canada	53.4	66.2	59.7

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey.

#### Employment rates of women with pre-school age children, 1981 and 1998



Percentage of selected populations employed, 1996



Source: Statistics Canada, 1996 Census of Canada.

# Occupational distribution, 1998

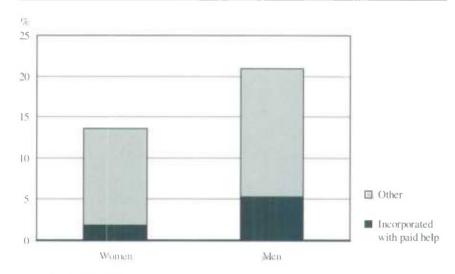
	Women	Men	Women as % of total in occupation
		%	
Senior management	0.5	1.5	21.9
Other management	8.0	10.4	39.2
Administrative and secretarial	10.7	1.8	82.9
Professional	26.6	20.5	52.0
Clerical	13.2	5.0	68.7
Sales and service	31.5	19.6	57.4
Manufacturing	5.2	10.5	29.3
Primary	2.0	6.0	21.9
Trades	2.2	24.6	7.0
Total	100.0	100.0	45.5

# Employed persons working part-time, by age, 1998

	Women	Men
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Workers aged:		
15-24	53.1	37.8
25-44	22.7	4.9
45-64	25.4	6.3
65 and over	56.8	34.3
Total	28.6	10.4
Total employed part-time (000s)	1,865.9	818.1
% of all part-time employment	69.5	30.4

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey

# Percentage of workers self-employed, 1998

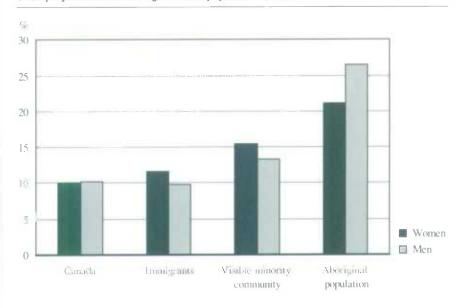


# Unemployment rates, by age, 1998

	Women	Men	Total
		%	
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Labour force participants aged: 15-24	13.7	16.6	15.2
25-44	7.4	7.6	7.5
45-54	6.2	6.3	6.3
55-64	6.9	6.9	6.9
65 and over	3.0	2.6	2.8
Total	8.1	8.5	8.3
Total unemployed (000s)	577.7	727.4	1,305.1

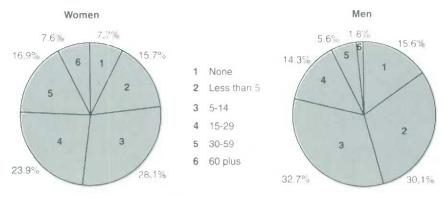
Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey.

# Unemployment rates among selected populations, 1996



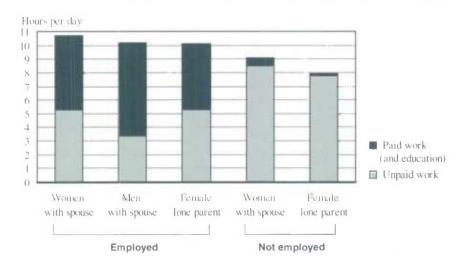
Source: Statistics Canada, 1996 Census of Canada.

#### Hours spent on unpaid housework, per week, 1996



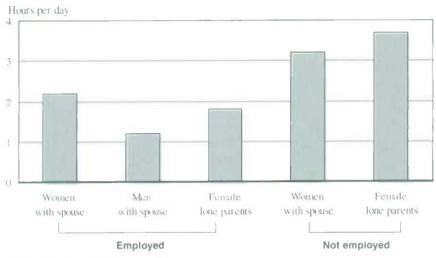
Source: Statistics Canada, 1996 Census of Canada.

# Average hours per day spent in paid and unpaid work by those with children under age 5, by employment and family status, 1992



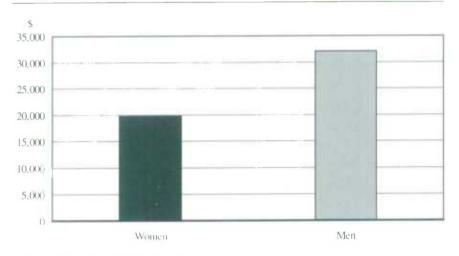
Includes time spent on educational activities.Source: Statistics Canada, 1992 General Social Survey.

# Average hours per day spent on unpaid child care activities by those with children under age 5, by employment and family status, 1992



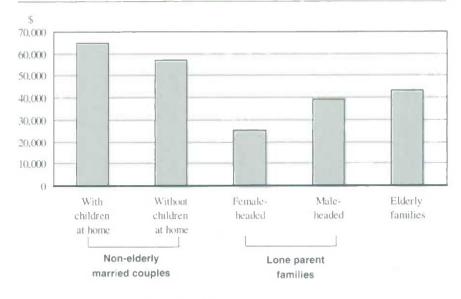
Source: Statistics Canada, 1992 General Social Survey

#### Average incomes, 1997



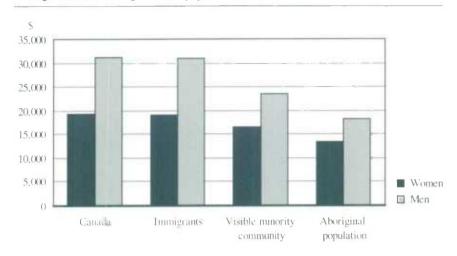
Source: Statistics Canada, Income Statistics Division.

Average family incomes, by type of family, 1997



Source: Statistics Canada, Income Statistics Division

#### Average incomes among selected populations, 1996



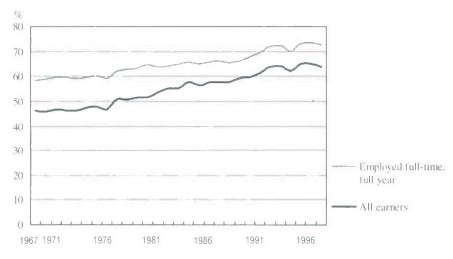
Source: Statistics Canada, 1996 Census of Canada.

# Sources of income, 1997

	Women	Men
		%
Wages and salaries Net income from self-employment Total employment income	67.7 4.6 72.2	72.5 8.0 80.5
RRSPs	8.0	0.6
Other investment income Interest/bonds Dividends Other Total other investment income	2.4 0.7 0.7 3.7	1.4 0.8 0.7 3.0
Income from government transfers Old Age Security' C/QPP Unemployment insurance Social assistance Other government transfers Total government transfers (including Child Tax Benefits)	5.7 4.3 1.7 2.3 4.1 18.1	2.4 3.1 1.6 1.2 1.7 9.9
Retirement pensions Other money income (including alimony)	3.3 1.9	4.9 1.1
Total	100.0	100.0
Total income (\$)	19,847	32,104

<sup>1</sup> Includes Guaranteed Income Supplements. Source: Statistics Canada, Income Statistics Division.

Earnings of employed women as a % of those of men, 1967-1997



Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 13-217-XPB.

Earnings of women employed full-time, full-year, as a % of those of men, by province, 1997

	Women	Men	Women's earnings as a % of those of men's
	(	\$	
Newfoundland	26.268	37.247	70.5
Prince Edward Island	26.304	32.803	80.2
Nova Scotia	25,875	36,459	71.0
New Brunswick	25,735	36.890	69.8
Quebec	29,209	39,100	74.7
Ontario	33,494	45,841	73.1
Manitoba	27,722	37.844	73.3
Saskatchewan	26,251	35.808	73.3
Alberta	27,681	43.139	64.2
British Columbia	32,849	45,050	72.9
Canada	30,915	42,626	72.5

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 13-217-XPB.

Earnings of women employed full-time, full-year, as a % of those of men, by education, 1997

	Women	Men	Women's earnings as a % of those of men	
	\$			
Less than Grade 9	21,403	30.731	69.6	
Some high school	22.846	35.367	64.6	
High school graduate	27.525	37,705	73.0	
Some postsecondary	28,360	37,812	75.0	
Non-university certificate				
or diploma	29,539	41.868	70.6	
University graduate	42,661	57,930	73.6	
Total	30,915	42,626	72.5	

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 13-217-XPB.

# Earnings of women employed full-time, full-year, as a % of those of men, by occupation, 1997

	Women	Men	Women's earnings as a % of those of men	
	\$			
Managerial/administrative	33.165	53.113	62.4	
Natural sciences	34.413	44,464	77.4	
Social sciences	30.412	48,043	63.3	
Teaching	30,812	42.781	72.0	
Medicine/health	28.082	55,652	50.4	
Clerical	21,426	27.899	76.8	
Sales	18,478	31,631	58.4	
Service	14,160	23,869	59.3	
Agriculture	12,198	20,699	58.9	
Manufacturing	19,698	33.734	58.4	
Transportation	22,285	33,166	67.2	
All occupations	30,915	42,626	72.5	

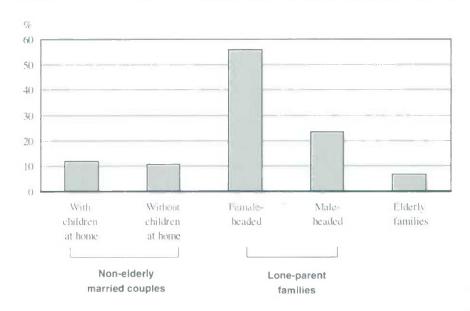
Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 13-217-XPB.

Percentage of the population with low incomes, by family status, 1997

	Females	Males	Total
	%		
Children under age 18	19.0	20.6	19.8
People aged 18-64: In families Unattached All persons aged 18-64	14.4 40.9 17.8	10.7 35.1 15.1	12.6 37.5 16.4
Seniors: In families Unattached All seniors	5.4 49.1 24.0	6.4 33.3 11.7	5.9 45.0 18.7
Total	18.9	16.1	17.5

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 13-207-XPB.

### Percentage of family with low incomes, by family type, 1997



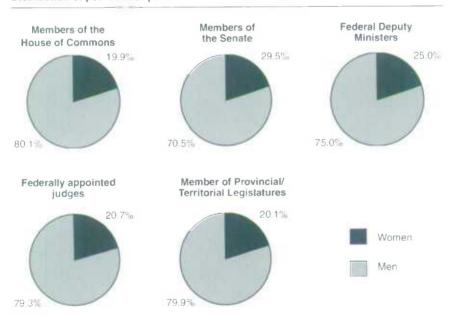
Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 13-207-XPB.

Percentage of the population with low incomes, by province, 1997

	Women	Men	Total
	º/o		
Newfoundland	19.2	17.4	18.2
Prince Edward Island	14.3	10.3	12.3
Nova Scotia	18.2	12.5	15.3
New Brunswick	16.2	13.7	15.0
Quebec	22.2	17.4	19.8
Ontario	15.3	12.4	13.8
Manitoba	20.7	15.0	17.8
Saskatchewan	16.3	11.2	13.8
Alberta	17.5	12.9	15.1
British Columbia	17.8	16.1	16.9
Canada	17.9	14.3	16.1

Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 13-207-XPB.

# Distribution of positions of power



Source: Library of Parliament.

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ON GENDER STATISTICS AVAILABLE FROM STATISTICS CANADA AND STATUS OF WOMEN CANADA

Women in Canada: Using data from Statistics Canada and other sources, this 180-page report measures the progress of women—or lack of it—toward greater equality in a wide range of areas. Written in an easily readable style, and supported by numerous tables and charts, Women in Canada provides the most comprehensive overview of the changing status of women in Canadian society, including analysis of their family status, housing, health, education, labour force characteristics, income, and criminal victimization. The report also includes separate profiles of immigrant women, women in a visible minority, Aboriginal women and women with disabilities. (Also note that this publication was prepared to coincide with the fourth United Nations World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995 and an updated version is scheduled for release in June 2000).

Women in Canada (Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 89-503-XPE, \$49) can be ordered toll free at 1-800-267-6677.

Economic Gender Equality Indicators. This document presents an innovative set of indicators which provide an overall picture of the economic status of women across Canada. The report, which was initiated by the federal-provincial/territorial Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women, was produced jointly by Statistics Canada and Status of Women Canada and is designed to enhance the understanding of the economic realities faced by Canadian women and to contribute to public policy discussions on gender equality. As such, the report examines the issue of women's economic autonomy from the perspective of income and earnings, participation in paid and unpaid work, and educational attainment and training, particularly within the context of family status and the presence of children.

This report is available upon request from Status of Women Canada by calling (613) 995-7835.

Finding Data on Women: A Guide to Major Sources at Statistics Canada. This report is a reference tool that indicates what gender-specific data is available at Statistics Canada on a wide range of economic, social, and legal issues important to gender equality. The report also spells out how to access the data, whether in the form of regular publications, survey data, analytical articles, or other paper and electronic sources.

This guide can be obtained from Status of Women Canada by calling (613) 995-7835. It can also be accessed at the Status of Women Canada website at www.swc-cfc.gc.ca.

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