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The Indigenous Liaison Program supports Indigenous communities in making the best possible use of Statistics Canada's information and services.

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Completion of 2026 Census of Population releases

Statistics Canada will release all topics and the 2026 Census content through major releases by December 2027. To add additional value and insight for Canadians, the agency will continue to disseminate complementary data and analysis related to the released content after the major releases are done.

[The 2026 Census of Population dissemination strategy](#)

Statistics Canada is currently planning the dissemination strategy for the 2026 Census of Population, including planning for the development of products and services that will be available for users. The dissemination strategy will aim to meet a wide variety of user requirements.

Release plans

Date	Topic
February 10, 2027	Population and dwelling counts
May 5, 2027	Age, gender, and sex at birth Type of dwellings
July 14, 2027	Families, households, and marital status Income
September 8, 2027	Language Housing Canadian military experience
September 28, 2027	Indigenous Peoples Mobility Poverty
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Indigenous Liaison Program



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Métis and Inuit communities and Indigenous organizations.

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Indigenous Peoples Survey 2028

We are pleased to confirm that development of the 7th cycle of the IPS has resumed, following a pause that began in May 2025.

Building on the substantial progress made before the pause, the IPS questionnaire content has now been finalized, drawing on engagement and content-development activities carried out with Indigenous organizations, Statistics Canada, and federal funding partners. If your organization contributed to this work, thank you again for your valuable input.

Subject to the timely completion of remaining preparation activities, Statistics Canada expects to field the 7th Cycle IPS beginning in early 2028 and, barring any unforeseen delays, anticipated results should become available during fiscal year 2029/2030. This will give organizations such as yours access to new data on a wide range of themes important to Indigenous Peoples – data that can also be compared with the [2022 IPS](#) and earlier cycles.

Recent Releases

2026-07-28

[Wildfire experiences among Indigenous Peoples](#)

Description: This article presents data on Indigenous Peoples and their experiences with wildfires, along with spatial data on forest fires and air quality from 2023. The analysis integrates results from the 2024 Survey Series on First Nations People, Métis and Inuit - Emergency Preparedness and Extreme Weather with 2021 Census Indigenous population data, alongside spatial data on forest fires and air quality from 2023. This analytical article uses maps, charts and tables to show findings, including burned area estimates and air quality index values, to provide a comprehensive overview of wildfire experiences among Indigenous populations in Canada.

2026-06-18

[Silent speakers of Indigenous languages in Canada: A socio-demographic and geographic analysis](#)

Description: This report draws on data from the 2021 Census of Population, alongside previous census cycles to clarify the characteristics of the “silent speakers” of Indigenous languages in Canada. This term refers to those who have an Indigenous mother tongue that they still understand but can no longer speak well enough to conduct a conversation. Silent speakers thus represent a valuable reservoir of cultural and linguistic knowledge. By examining census data across multiple years, this study aims to illuminate the demographic makeup, geographic distribution, and long-term trends of this pivotal group.

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[The use of Indigenous languages in urban areas in Canada](#)

Description: This report draws on data from the 2021 Census of Population, alongside previous census cycles to identify changes over time in the linguistic profile of Indigenous

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Questions or Comments?

Please contact one of the Indigenous Liaison Advisors in your area as listed above.

About the Newsletter

Communities, organizations and businesses have specific information needs. Statistics Canada's Indigenous Liaison Program is dedicated to serving you with this newsletter, as well as with ongoing learning and sharing activities.

language speakers living in a CMA or CA. In addition, supplementary statistics using the 2022 Indigenous Peoples Survey, which asks questions on the importance of Indigenous languages, were also included. Finally, twelve CMAs and CAs were selected for focussed analysis, to highlight the specific linguistic communities in these areas.

Learning Corner



Indigenous Statistical Capacity Development Initiative (ISCDI):

Build Your Statistical Capacity

The Indigenous Statistical Capacity Development Initiative supports Indigenous organizations and communities in developing and maintaining their own statistical capacity by offering instructor-led online workshops on a variety of statistics-related topics. These workshops are intended for First Nations, Métis and Inuit participants, communities and organizations.

If you would like to participate in one of our workshops, please complete the registration form here: <https://forms.gle/N69FPTR3WHCR8TtbA>

Date	Atelier
October 21, 2026 From 12 PM to 2 PM (EST)	Navigating the Statistics Canada Website Duration: 2 hours This course is an introduction to the Statistics Canada website. This course will guide participants through the main sections of the website, focusing on how to access Indigenous statistics, as well as how to find key indicators, community-level data, and census data products.
October 27, 2026 From 12 PM to 2:30 PM (EST)	Using Indigenous Data from the 2021 Census Duration: 2.5 hours Conducted every five years, the Census of Population is the most comprehensive source of data on the demographic, social and economic characteristics of Canadians. This course will explore the 2021 Census of Population data available and enhance participants' ability to use data to support their community and organization's needs. This course will provide participants with a basic understanding of the methodology and processes involved in conducting the census, and will explore census geographies, universes and variables used within the census with a focus on Indigenous data.
November 12, 2026 From 12 PM to 2:30 PM (EST)	Exploring Data Visualization Duration: 2.5 hours This course provides participants with a basic understanding of what data visualizations are, including key concepts, best practices, how visuals

	can communicate a message, and how they can convey information about a particular subject of interest. The course will look at the various data visualizations that can be created, how to create visualizations from a data set and what supporting software can be used to create them.
November 17 to 19, 2026 From 12 PM to 2 PM (EST)	Surveys from Start to Finish Duration: 6 hours (2 hours x 3 days) This course will give participants the basic knowledge needed to understand and evaluate surveys by walking through the survey process. Topics include questionnaire design, data collection methods, working with the data collected and communicating the results in an accessible way.
November 24, 2026 From 12 PM to 2:30 PM (EST)	Preparing Funding Proposals Duration: 2.5 hours This course will discuss different components of funding proposals, including how to develop a plan, identifying potential funding opportunities, finding data needed to support the funding proposal, and how to write the proposal using the data identified.
December 1 and 2, 2026 From 12 PM to 2:30 PM (EST)	Introduction to Statistics Duration: 5 hours (2.5 hours x 2 days) Introduction to Statistics is designed for learners who are new to the world of statistics. This course provides an overview of descriptive statistics, including key concepts, dataset types, and basic formulas to demonstrate how statistics can be used to provide key insights on important topics or issues.
December 3 and 4, 2026 From 12 PM to 2 PM (EST)	Introduction to Excel (offered on an ad hoc basis) Duration: 5 hours (2 hours x 2 days) This course will provide participants with a basic understanding of how to use Excel for data manipulation, recoding and how to produce statistics. The course will discuss functions and formulae and provide an overview of how to create data visualizations.
December 8 and 9, 2026 From 12 PM to 2:30 PM (EST)	Analysis 101 Duration: 5 hours (2.5 hours x 2 days) How do you extract meaning from numbers to provide useful information for decision makers, practitioners, and the public? Analysis 101 provides an overview of the analytical process through a combination of online presentations, demonstrations, and learning exercises.
December 17, 2026 From 12 PM to 2:30 PM (EST)	Telling a Data Story – Writing with Numbers Duration: 2.5 hours This course will examine the importance of a well-planned data story, which includes identifying who your audience is, what they need to know, and how to best deliver the information. It will also provide participants with a solid understanding of the fundamentals of writing a data story including the principal components of storytelling, the data story structure, the narrative, and how these can be used

to construct concise, informative, and interesting messages your audience can trust. It is designed for beginners and demystifies data storytelling by focusing on the core skills needed to extract insights, build narratives and create stories that will resonate with audiences.

For more information, please contact the training team at statcan.cisp-iscdicspa-idcsa.statcan@statcan.gc.ca.

Did You Know?

Statistics Canada is now using text messaging

To accommodate Canadians' preferences, Statistics Canada is now using text messaging, in addition to phone calls and email, to remind selected survey participants to complete their online questionnaire. This will help to ensure we have high participation rates for our surveys, which will allow us to continue to produce high-quality data. Our text message short code is 782-782. Standard message rates may apply.



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