

# GUIDEPOST

## CANADIAN STATISTICAL INFORMATION INCLUDING THE CENSUS

Statistical information, which is the collection and analysis of numerical data, can give insight into many issues. Students of business, law and the social sciences commonly use statistics to analyze or compare conditions and facts as well as to illustrate trends.

**STATISTICS CANADA** is our country's national statistical agency. According to the Statistics Act of 1971, it is responsible for collecting and publishing data on almost every aspect of Canadian economic and social activity.

**STATISTICS CANADA** also conducts the national **CENSUS**. For more information on the **CENSUS**, please see the last page of this guidepost.

**STATISTICS CANADA** publishes many reference books and periodicals that include statistics on Canadian climate, economy, geography, culture, health, labour, population and social conditions. Some examples are:

CANADA: A PORTRAIT L,R,S  
REF HC 115 A4253

CANADA YEARBOOK L,R,S  
REF HA 741 A21

MARKET RESEARCH HANDBOOK L,R,S  
REF HC 111 A19

CANADIAN SOCIAL TRENDS L,R,S  
REF HN 103 C26

CANADIAN SOCIAL TRENDS (Journal format) L,R,S

This Statistics Canada journal is also available on the web. Go to the Library Catalogue. Type Canadian social trends in the search box and click on Periodical title. Scroll down to Electronic Access and click on the blue underlined address.

A useful monthly publication that offers a statistical analysis of the economy's performance:

CANADIAN ECONOMIC OBSERVER L,R,S  
Statistics Canada No. 11-010

Many other Statistics Canada publications are available on the Internet. To find them: Go to the Library Home Page at [www.kwantlen.ca/library](http://www.kwantlen.ca/library) and click on Internet Resources by Subject. Click on Statistics and scroll to Statistics Canada. Click on Depository Library

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Many Canadian reference books are excellent sources of statistical information that has been gathered by Statistics Canada. Some examples are:

CANADIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA REF FC 23 C36 1999	L,R,S
CANADIAN WORLD ALMANAC AND BOOK OF FACTS REF AY 414 C35	L,R,S
CANADIAN SOURCEBOOK REF FC 31 M3122	L,R,S
FP MARKETS, CANADIAN DEMOGRAPHICS REF HF 5349 C2 S922	L,R,S
PROFILING CANADA'S FAMILIES II REF HQ 560 P76 2000	L,R,S

**INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS** often include Canadian statistical information, covering topics such as climate, economy, geography and population. Some examples are:

EUROPA YEAR BOOK: A WORLD SURVEY REF D 2 E8	L,R,S
STATESMAN'S YEAR BOOK: STATISTICAL AND HISTORICAL ANNUAL OF THE STATES OF THE WORLD REF JA 51 S7	L,R,S
THE WORLD'S WOMEN 2000: TRENDS AND STATISTICS REF HQ 1154 W95 2000	L,R,S

While the books above contain statistical information on current conditions in Canada, **HISTORICAL STATISTICS** can be found in the following publications (consult the on-line library catalogue for more publications dealing with historical statistics):

HISTORICAL CATALOGUE OF STATISTICS CANADA PUBLICATION, 1918-1980 REF HA 742 Z94	R,S
HISTORICAL STATISTICS OF CANADA REF HA 746 H58 1983	S
HISTORICAL COMPENDIUM OF EDUCATION STATISTICS FROM CONFEDERATION TO 1975 REF LA 411 C26	S

**BRITISH COLUMBIA STATISTICS** appear in some Statistics Canada publications. In addition, you will find them featured and highlighted in the following reference books:

BRITISH COLUMBIA FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC REVIEW REF HC 117 B8 B742	L,R,S
BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIONAL INDEX REF HC 117 B7 B72	L,R,S

PROFILE OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA HIGH TECHNOLOGY SECTOR  
REF HC 79 H53 B752

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SELECTED VITAL STATISTICS AND HEALTH STATUS INDICATORS  
REF HA 747 B75 A52

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**MAGAZINE, JOURNAL AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES** are invaluable sources of statistical information. Look for useful articles by consulting these **ARTICLE INDEXES**:

**Note: These web indexes are also available to Kwantlen students who have access to the internet from off campus. Go to our Library website: [www.kwantlen.ca/library](http://www.kwantlen.ca/library) and click on Article Indexes. Have your library card handy because you will be prompted for the barcode on your Library card.**

#### ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER

- available on the Web at all campus libraries through the Library Home Page or by clicking on the Article Indexes button in the on-line catalogue.
- includes full-text articles from some periodicals.

#### CANADIAN BUSINESS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS (CBCA)

- available on the Web at all campus libraries through the Library Home Page or by clicking on the Article Indexes button in the library catalogue.
- includes full-text articles from some magazines and newspapers.

#### EXPANDED ACADEMIC ASAP (Infotrac Searchbank)

- available on the Web at all campus libraries through the Library Home Page or by clicking on the Article Indexes button in the library catalogue.
- includes full-text articles from some periodicals.

#### CANADIAN PERIODICAL INDEX – (CPI.Q)

- available on the Web at all campus libraries through the Library Home Page or by clicking on the Article Indexes button in the library catalogue.
- includes full-text articles from some magazines and newspapers.

Canadian and B.C. Statistical publications are also available on the **INTERNET**. Surf the net using our **INTERNET SUBJECT GUIDE** on Statistics, which includes web sites evaluated by Kwantlen Librarians. Go to the on-line catalogue, click on Library Home Page. Click on Internet Resources by Subject and then click on Statistics. Scroll down the page to BC Stats or Statistics Canada. Click on the Depository Library link.

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## **CANADIAN CENSUS**

The first systematic census (the complete enumeration of a population) in North America, was carried out in New France in 1666 for Louis XIV by Intendant Jean Talon. The first Canadian census took place in 1871. The Census is now the responsibility of Statistics Canada.

The **CANADIAN CENSUS** is a nation-wide statistical compilation of information on topics such as housing, education, occupations, family size and population. The Census of Population and Housing and the Census of Agriculture are conducted every 5 years, while a more comprehensive national census is conducted every 10 years. The Census is, therefore, the most comprehensive source of information on the Canadian population. The information gathered from the Census is available in hundreds of different publications. This information is used by students and researchers from government, business and academic fields to identify current conditions and plan for or predict future trends.

### **CENSUS 2001**

The most recent census (Canada's 19<sup>th</sup>), took place on May 15, 2001. Publications from the 2001 Census are only available on the web. You can find links to this material by going to our on-line catalogue and typing **census 2001** in the search box. You can also go to the Census website at:

<http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census01/release/index.cfm>

The 2001 census link on this web page provides links to census documents that have been released, some interesting information on the census including a history of the Canadian Census, census dictionary and reference maps.

### **CENSUS 1996**

1996 CENSUS CATALOGUE

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REF HA 741.5 1996 A5 NO. 92-350

This provides an overview of 1996 census publications available from Statistics Canada.

1996 CENSUS CD ROM PRODUCTS

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Two 1996 Census products on CD Rom: THE NATION AND THE PROFILE SERIES CD Roms provide access to demographic and socio-economic data from the 1996 Census.

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