



# New Aboriginal Data – Coming in Fall 2008

Statistics Canada

# Why are Aboriginal Statistics important?

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- Honour and acknowledge Aboriginal peoples;
- Provide up-to-date information;
- Track changes over time;
- Inform decision-making;
- Support academic research.



# Defining the Aboriginal Population

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Many ways including:

- Aboriginal identity: People who identify themselves as
  - North American Indian, Métis or Inuit;  
And/or
  - Treaty Indian or Registered Indian as defined by the Indian Act of Canada;  
And/or
  - Member of an Indian Band or First Nation.
  
- Aboriginal ancestry: People who have Aboriginal ancestors.



# The Census and Aboriginal Data

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- Important source of information;
- Aboriginal identity (January 15, 2008);
- Education and labour force (March 4, 2008);
- Aboriginal ancestry (April 4, 2008);
- Income and earnings (May 1, 2008);
- Housing and shelter costs (May 1, 2008).

# 2006 Census Highlights

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- Aboriginal people surpass one-million mark:
  - Comprised 3.8% of Canadian population;
  - Grew by 45% between 1996 and 2006.
- Half of the Aboriginal population comprised children and youth:
  - Median age 27 years (40 years for non-Aboriginal population);
  - More information: [www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca).



# Aboriginal Surveys

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- Aboriginal Children's Survey (ACS):
  - 0 to 5 years.
  
- Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS):
  - 6 to 14 years;
  - 15 years and over.
  
- Data available: **Fall 2008.**



# Aboriginal Children's Survey (ACS)

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# ACS – Overview



- A new survey;
- Every 5 years after the Census;
- Holistic portrait;
- Development and Well-being;
- First Nations (status and non-status), Inuit, Métis children, under the age of 6 years;
- Sponsored by Human Resources and Social Development Canada.





# ACS – Overview (Continued)



- Involvement of Aboriginal people;
- Collection: October 2006 to March 2007;
- Sample of approximately 18,000 Aboriginal children.



# ACS – Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

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- Diverse group of professionals;
- Expertise in many areas relating to Aboriginal Children:
  - Includes First Nations, Inuit and Métis professionals;
  - From across Canada.



# TAG (Continued)

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- Provide advice and guidance throughout survey process:
  - FN, Inuit, Métis perspective;
  - Work to ensure data is meaningful.
- Participation is tied to personal commitment to the well-being of Aboriginal Children.



# ACS – Survey Content

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- holistic in nature.

## Topics:

- Relationships within the household;
- Health; Food & nutrition; Sleep;
- Development;
- Nurturing;
- Child care; School;
- Language;
- Behaviour;
- Activities.



# ACS – Survey Content (Continued)

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- Parent information;
- Neighbourhood / community;
- Additional household information from the Census.

# ACS – Data Collection

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- October 2006 to March 2007;
- Face to face interviews;
- Telephone interviews;
- Translated into 6 Aboriginal languages;
- Interpreters used;
- Aboriginal interviewers wherever possible;
- Response rate: approximately 82%.



# ACS – Domains of Estimation

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- No community level data;
- Provinces / Territories:
  - Atlantic provinces aggregated.
- 4 Inuit regions;
- By Aboriginal group (Inuit, Métis, FN off-reserve):
  - where possible.
- By age group (0-1, 2-3, 4-5):
  - where possible.



# ACS – Data Products



- Analytical Articles;
- Fact Sheets;
- Profiles;
- Custom tabulations;
- Analytical File in Research Data Centres.

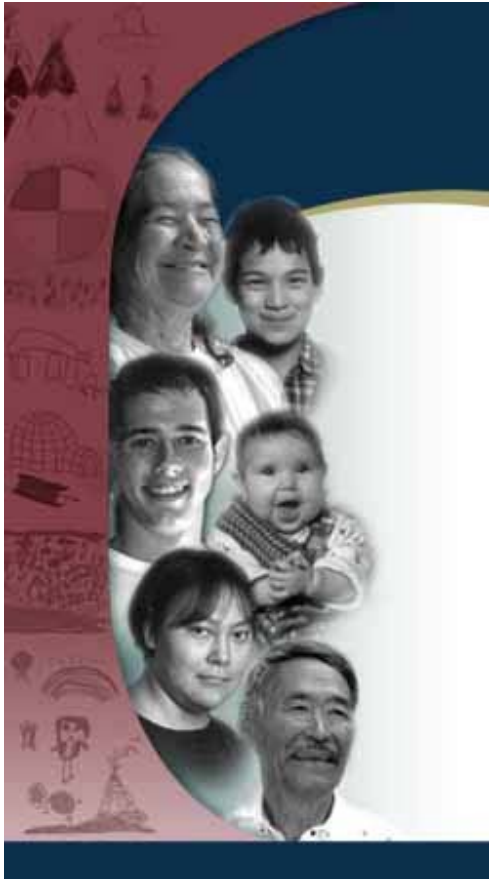




# Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS)

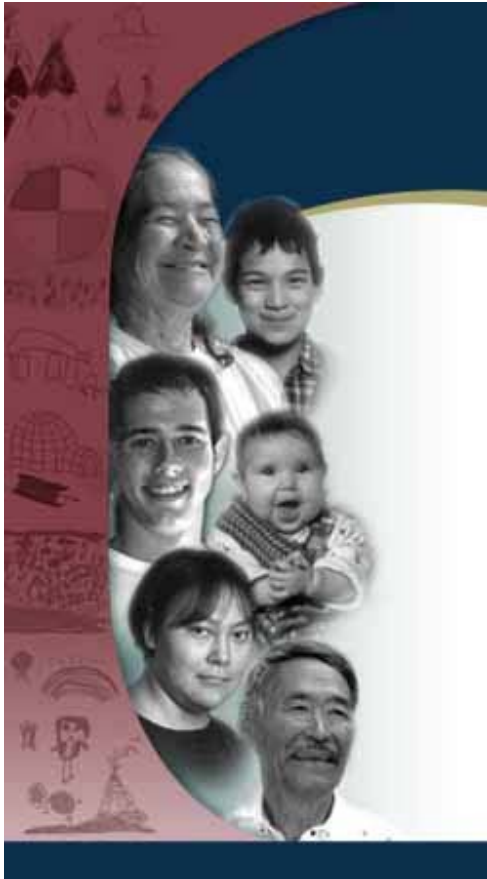
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# APS – Overview



- Social and economic conditions;
- Inuit, Métis and First Nations people living off reserves;
- Ages:
  - 6-14 years;
  - 15 years and over.
- Conducted in 1991, 2001 and 2006;
- Partnership with national Aboriginal organizations.

# APS – Overview (Continued)



- Collection – October 2006 to March 2007;
- Sample of approximately 60,000 Aboriginal persons.



# APS – Involvement of National Aboriginal Organizations

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- Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP);
- Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK);
- The Métis National Council (MNC);
- National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC);
- Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC).



# APS – Questionnaires

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- Children and youth (6–14 years);
- Adults (15 years or more):
  - Métis supplement;
  - Arctic supplement.



# APS – Children and Youth

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- Demographics;
- General Health;
- Health Care Utilization;
- Activities of Daily Living and Medical Conditions;
- Physical Injuries;
- Dental Care;
- Nutrition;
- Education;
- Social Activities and Relationships;
- Language;
- Household Data.



# APS – Adults

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- Education;
- Language;
- Labour Activity;
- Income;
- Health;
- Communication technology;
- Mobility;
- Housing.



# APS – Métis Supplement

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- Family Background;
- Child Welfare;
- Social Interaction;
- Health.





# APS – Arctic Supplement

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- Household and Harvesting Activities;
- Personal Wellness;
- Community Wellness and Social Participation.



# APS – Data Collection

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- October 2006 to March 2007;
- Face to face interviews;
- Telephone interviews;
- Translated into 20 Aboriginal languages;
- Interpreters used;
- Aboriginal interviewers wherever possible;
- Response rate: approximately 80%.



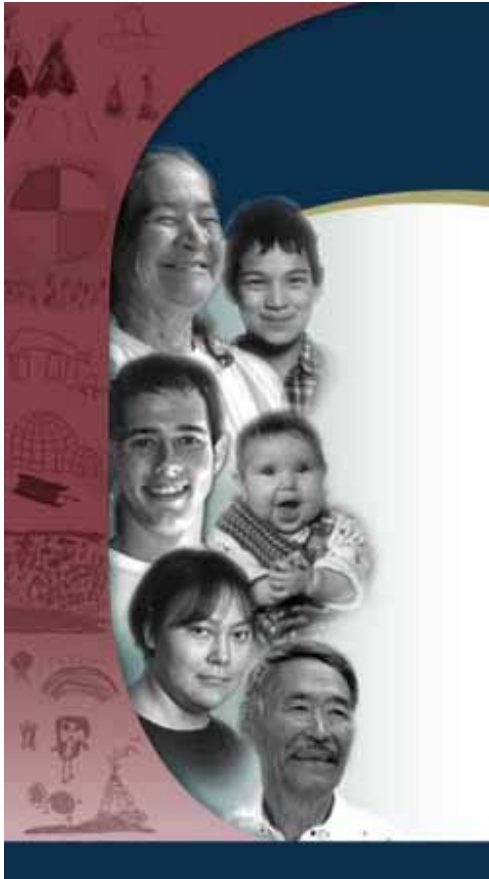
# APS – Domains of Estimation

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- By Aboriginal group where possible;
- For Canada, provinces/territories;
- 4 Inuit regions;
- Some communities:
  - Inuit communities;
  - Selected urban areas with large Aboriginal populations.



# APS – Data Products



- Analytical Articles;
- Fact Sheets;
- Profiles;
- Custom tabulations;
- Public Use Microdata File;
- Analytical File in Research Data Centres.



# Considerations for Analyzing Aboriginal Data

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- Participation of Aboriginal Peoples;
- Context;
- Balanced stories;
- Comparisons when there is value;
- No pan-Aboriginal data;
- Appropriate terminology.

# For more information:

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