



Canada Social Report

# Federal Policy Monitor

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The [Caledon Institute of Social Policy](#) regularly scans for the release of federal government policies and programs that impact areas of interest, including income security, disabilities, health, housing, poverty reduction, recreation, seniors and youth.

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#### DEMOGRAPHICS

*Recent changes in demographic trends in Canada*, a population study released by Statistics Canada, showed that, while the country's population growth averaged 1.1 percent a year between 2011 and 2014, there were major differences in growth patterns among the provinces and territories.

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/151027/dq151027a-eng.htm>

#### EDUCATION

Statistics Canada released *Education Indicators in Canada: Report of the Pan-Canadian Education Indicators Program*. It presents education indicators for all Canadian jurisdictions as well as selected international comparisons and comparisons over time. The Pan-Canadian Education Indicators Program draws from a variety of data sources to provide information on the school-age population, financing education systems, elementary and secondary education, postsecondary education, and transitions and outcomes.

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/151026/dq151026g-eng.htm>

#### EMPLOYMENT

Statistics Canada reported that employment was little changed for the fourth consecutive month in September (+12,000 or +0.1 percent). The unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 7.1 percent as more people participated in the labour market. In the 12 months to September, employment increased by 161,000 (+0.9 percent), with all of the gains in full-time work. Over the same period, the total number of hours worked rose by 1.1 percent.

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/151009/dq151009a-eng.htm>

#### HEALTH

Statistics Canada released a study entitled *The impact of mental health problems on family members, 2012*. Among its conclusions: In 2012, approximately 11 million Canadians (38 percent) age 15 and older reported having one or more immediate or extended family members with a mental health problem, i.e., problems with their emotions, mental health, or use of alcohol or drugs.

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/151007/dq151007b-eng.htm>

#### YOUTH

Data from the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey showed the youth labour force participation rate declined from 2008 to 2014, the first prolonged decrease since the early 1990s. The labour force participation rate during school months declined 6.1 percentage points to 46.4 percent for youth ages 15 to 19, while it fell 2.2 percentage points to 73.7 percent for youth ages 20 to 24.

Most (70 percent) of the decline among 15- to 19-year-olds was attributable to lower labour force participation among students. Increased school enrolment accounted for 16 percent of the decline, while lower labour force participation among non-students was responsible for 14 percent. For the 20-to-24 year-old age group, increased enrolments explained 57 percent of the decline in the participation rate. The remainder was the result of lower labour force participation among non-students.

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/151030/dq151030b-eng.htm>