

Canadian Income Survey, 2015

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Series The Canadian Income Survey (CIS) is a cross-sectional survey developed to provide a portrait of the income and income sources of Canadians, with their individual and household characteristics.

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Overview of the survey

Income data has been used extensively by researchers to better understand the economic well-being of Canadians. To meet the needs of these users, Statistics Canada has produced numerous cross-sectional public use microdata files (PUMFs). PUMFs for the Survey of Consumer Finance (SCF) were released until reference year 1997. With the end of the SCF, PUMFs for the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics (SLID) were produced for reference years 1996 to 2011. The Canadian Income Survey (CIS) was introduced for the 2012 reference year. The CIS is a cross-sectional survey developed to provide information on the income and income sources of Canadians, with their individual and household characteristics. It is a short questionnaire which is asked of a sub-sample of respondents to the Labour Force Survey (LFS), gathering information on labour market activity, school attendance, support payments, child care expenses, inter-household transfers, personal income, and characteristics and costs of housing. The CIS content is supplemented with information from the LFS on individual and household characteristics (e.g. age, educational attainment, main job characteristics, and family type) and with tax data for income and income sources (Statistics Canada, 2016a). The CIS PUMF is an anonymized microdata file that contains only a subset of variables that are available on the CIS master file. Various techniques have been employed to protect CIS respondents against the risk of disclosure.

Universe

All individuals in Canada, excluding residents of the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, residents of institutions, persons living on reserves and other Aboriginal settlements in the provinces and members of the Canadian Forces living in military camps. Overall, these exclusions amount to less than 3 percent of the population.

**List of Variables Available
in the Modified Canadian Income Survey 2015 dataset**

Variable Name	Variable Description	Corresponding Survey Question	Codes and Values, or unit of measure
PERSONID	Person identifier	N.A	
ALFST	Annual labour force status	Annual labour force status.	1: Employed all year 2: Unemployed all year 3: Not in the labour force all year 4: Employed part-year, unemployed part-year 5: Employed part-year, not in labour force part-year 6: Unemployed part-year, not in labour force part-year 7: Employed, unemployed and not in labour force during year .a: Valid skip (question only asked to all persons aged 16 to 69 and persons aged 70 and over who worked during the reference year)
MTINC	Market income	Market income.	Values in \$
PROV	Province	Province.	10: Newfoundland and Labrador 11: Prince Edward Island 12: Nova Scotia 13: New Brunswick 24: Quebec 35: Ontario 46: Manitoba 47: Saskatchewan 48: Alberta 59: British Columbia
AGEGP	Person's age group as of December 31 of reference year	Person's age group as of December 31 of reference year.	1: 0 to 5 years 2: 6 to 9 years 3: 10 to 15 years 4: 16 to 17 years 5: 18 to 19 years 6: 20 to 24 years 7: 25 to 29 years 8: 30 to 34 years

			9: 35 to 39 years 10: 40 to 44 years 11: 45 to 49 years 12: 50 to 54 years 13: 55 to 59 years 14: 60 to 64 years 15: 65 to 69 years 16: 70 years and over
SEX	Sex	Sex.	1: Male 2: Female
MARST	Marital status	Marital status.	1: Married 2: Common-law 3: Separated 4: Divorced 5: Widowed 6: Single (never married) .a: Valid skip (question only asked to persons aged 16 and over) .b: Not stated
HLEV2G	Highest level of education of person, 2nd grouping	Highest level of education of person, 2nd grouping.	1: Less than high school graduation 2: Graduated high school or partial postsecondary education 3: Non-university postsecondary certificate or diploma 4: University degree or certificate .a Valid skip (question only asked to persons aged 16 and over) .b not stated
USHRWK	Average usual hours worked per week at all jobs during reference year	Average usual hours worked per week at all jobs during reference year.	Time in hours
IMMSTP	Flag - Person is a landed immigrant	Flag - Person is a landed immigrant.	1: yes 2: no .a: Valid skip (Information available only for persons aged 16 and over living in a Census

			Metropolitan Area (CMA) with a population of 500,000 or more)
MAJRI	Major source of income	Major source of income.	1: No income 2: Wages and salaries 3: Self-employment 4: income 5: Government transfers 6: Investment income 7: Private retirement pensions 8: Other income .a: Valid skip (Question only asked to persons aged 16 and over)
HHSIZE	Number of household members	Number of household members.	Number of persons.
DWLTYP	Type of dwelling	Type of dwelling.	1: Single detached house 2: Double, row or terrace, duplex 3: Apartment 4: Other .a: Not stated