

General Social Survey on Families, 2011

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The public use microdata file from Cycle 25 (2011) of the General Social Survey (GSS) is now available. With a focused theme related to the family, Cycle 25 collected data from people aged 15 years and over living in private households in Canada, excluding residents of Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut; and full-time residents of institutions.

The 2011 survey updated most of the information collected in previous surveys, including leaving the family home, conjugal history (marriages, common-law unions, separations and divorces), children (biological, adopted or step), maternity and parental leave, childcare arrangements, intentions to form (or re-form) a union, fertility intentions, custody and financial support agreements, and work history. As in all GSS surveys, data were also collected on the respondent's main activity, education and other socio-demographic characteristics.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4501.

The *General Social Survey, Cycle 25: Family, 2011 Public Use Microdata File*, is available on CD-ROM (12M0025X), along with complete documentation including a user guide and codebook.

The initial results from the *General Social Survey, Cycle 25: Family, 2011* were released in [The Daily](#) on October 18, 2012. This release also featured two articles, "Being a Parent in a Stepfamily: A Profile" and "Selected Tables on Families in Canada," part of the publication *2011 General Social Survey: Overview of Families in Canada* (89-650-X), available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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