

General Social Survey on caregiving and care receiving: Public use microdata file, 2012

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The public use microdata file for Cycle 26 (2012) of the General Social Survey (GSS) is now available. Cycle 26 focused on Canadians who provided care to family and friends for a long-term health condition, disability or age-related problems, as well as those who received care from family, friends or professionals. The survey covered individuals aged 15 years and over living in private households in the provinces.

In addition to updating the care-related information collected in previous years, the 2012 GSS introduced new content, including the type and severity of the health condition necessitating the care; the impact of caregiving on the lives of caregivers; satisfaction with care received from various sources; and accessible housing. As in all GSS cycles, data were also collected on the respondent's main activity, education, income and other sociodemographic characteristics.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4502.

The *General Social Survey: Caregiving and Care Receiving, Public Use Microdata File: "2012 (Cycle 26)"* is now available on CD-ROM (89M0031X), along with extensive documentation including a user guide and data dictionary.

The initial results from the Cycle 26 of the 2012 General Social Survey on Caregiving and Care Receiving were released in *The Daily* on September 10, 2013. The release also featured two articles, "Portrait of Caregivers, 2012" (89-652-X) and "Family caregiving: What are the consequences?" (75-006-X), available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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