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2016: The year in statistics

As 2016 winds down, Statistics Canada is gearing up for some exciting times. Not only will data from the 2016 Census of Population be released in 2017, but it will also be Canada's 150th birthday. Then, in 2018, it will be the agency's own centennial.

But before saying goodbye to 2016, this month's *StatCan Blog* article is taking the time to look back at the highlights of an interesting year.

In early 2016, record numbers of newcomers arrived in Canada. In May, Canadians welcomed back the mandatory long-form census with open arms and ready responses, while over the summer and fall, the agency began tracking the impact of the wildfire in northern Alberta.

The agency also made major methodological and technological strides in 2016, expanding its use of data visualization tools and adding more depth to a number of surveys—changes that will provide Canadians with the latest, most accurate information about their country.

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