

Infographic: Commuting in Canada's three largest cities, 2016

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Commuting is a fact of life for many Canadians. Commuting to work not only affects people's daily lives, but also affects the environment and city infrastructure.

Today, Statistics Canada is releasing a new infographic, titled "[Commuting in Canada's three largest cities](#)." It provides insights on the complex commuting patterns of Canadians living in large urban areas.

Taking Montréal as an example, close to half (47%) of workers travelled from one suburb to another, and almost one-quarter (23%) travelled within a suburb. The vast majority of these commuters took a car, truck or van to go to work.

One in five workers in Montréal (20%) went from the suburbs to the city core, 6% commuted within the city core, and 4% travelled from the city core to a suburb. These commuters were more likely to use public transit or active modes of transportation, such as cycling or walking.

While similar patterns were found for other major cities, each also had its own key characteristics. Vancouver was characterized by a relatively high proportion of workers commuting within the city core (13%), and 4 in 10 of these workers used an active mode of transportation.

Toronto had a relatively high share of workers commuting from one suburb to another (55%). The vast majority of these workers took a car, truck or van to go to work.

Note to readers

This infographic is based on two studies on commuting that are based on 2016 Census data. The full studies, "[Results from the 2016 Census: Long commutes to work by car](#)" and "[Results from the 2016 Census: Commuting within Canada's largest cities](#)" are available in *Insights on Canadian Society*.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [3901](#).

The infographic "[Commuting in Canada's three largest cities](#)" is now available as part of the series *Statistics Canada — Infographics (11-627-M)*.

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