

Quality guidelines

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Quality is a cultural element that is fundamental in fulfilling the mandate of Canada's statistical system, which is to produce information. The *Quality Guidelines* are a companion document to the *Quality Assurance Framework*. Their main objective is to provide a fairly comprehensive list of guiding principles and best practices to apply during a statistical business process.

This sixth edition of the *Quality Guidelines* aligns with the continuous need for update and has three objectives: a) to provide all data producers in the Canadian statistical system with a reference document; b) to adapt to the increasing prevalence of administrative data by covering the main statistical business processes; and c) to facilitate compliance with current quality assurance methods. It has two main sections: the first covers product quality and the second addresses the quality of processes in a statistical business activity.

The sixth edition of the *Statistics Canada Quality Guidelines* ([12-539-X](#)) is now available.

Statistics Canada's Quality Assurance Framework ([12-586-X](#)) and the [Data Quality Toolkit](#) are also available.

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