

Technical paper: Best practices for defining the Canadian public sector

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The ultimate goal of compiling Government Finance Statistics is to disseminate data to policy makers and other users to assess the financial performance and position of the government, and the impact of fiscal policy on the economy.

To achieve this goal, the data should be comprehensive in terms of coverage of institutional units, as this has the greatest impact on data quality and comparability. This article looks at best practices for defining and delineating the public sector in Canadian macroeconomic statistics.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5218.

The technical paper "[Best Practices for Defining the Canadian Public Sector](#)," which is part of the *Income and Expenditure Accounts Technical Series (13-604-M)*, is available.

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