

Growing up in a lower-income family can have lasting effects

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Children growing up in lower-income families are less than half as likely to earn a university degree as those growing up in higher-income families, according to a new study and accompanying infographic that explore how parents' income, education level and other characteristics can shape the lives of their children when they become adults.

Today, Statistics Canada is releasing an infographic based on the article "[Exploration of the role of education in intergenerational income mobility in Canada: Evidence from the Longitudinal and International Study of Adults](#)," published in the *Canadian Public Policy* journal.

The microdata file from the fourth wave (2018) of the Longitudinal and International Study of Adults (LISA) is also now available at Statistics Canada's research data centres in both official languages.

LISA is a longitudinal survey that collects information from respondents across Canada on their jobs, education, health and family. Since 2012, the same people have been interviewed every two years to see how changes in work, education and health have affected their lives. With LISA, researchers can now better assess the long-term benefits of postsecondary education, or how job loss or poor health can affect other aspects of people's lives.

New theme content added in 2018 includes questions about food security (ability to afford buying sufficient nutritious food), child care (type and characteristics of arrangements, satisfaction) and job-related training not sponsored by an employer.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [5144](#).

The infographic "[Intergenerational income mobility: The lasting effects of growing up in a lower-income family](#)," is now available as part of the series *Statistics Canada – Infographics (11-627-M)*.

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