

Data linkage between the 2017 General Social Survey (Family) and 2016 Tax Records

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This record linkage project brings together data from the 2017 General Social Survey (GSS) and tax data from the 2016 T1 Family File (T1FF). The linked data are now available upon request in Statistics Canada's research data centres.

The purpose of the linkage project is to better understand and quantify the impact of family transitions experienced by Canadians on their socioeconomic well-being. This project will allow researchers to examine topics such as the use of the child care tax benefit, the gender wage gap, and the socioeconomic outcomes of Canadians after experiencing family events (e.g., a birth, a marriage, or a separation or divorce).

The 2017 GSS is a comprehensive source of data that collects cross-sectional and retrospective information on the family lives of Canadians, particularly regarding their transitions in and out of partnerships, the birth or adoption of children, leaving the parental home, childcare use, and characteristics of parents and grandparents.

The project proposal (no. 001-2021) to conduct a data linkage between the GSS and tax records was reviewed and approved by Statistics Canada management. A summary of the [approved microdata linkage](#) is posted on Statistics Canada's website. Statistics Canada takes the confidentiality and privacy of Canadians very seriously. All information provided is kept confidential and used only for statistical purposes. To learn more on the safeguards put in place regarding the data obtained from Canadians, please consult [Statistics Canada's trust centre](#).

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