

Households and the Environment Survey, 2021

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Data from the 2021 Households and the Environment Survey related to the presence and types of air conditioners and cooling systems, the use of parks and public greenspaces, and outdoor activities are now available.

Sustainable Development Goals

On January 1, 2016, the world officially began implementation of the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)—the United Nations' transformative plan of action that addresses urgent global challenges over the next 15 years. The plan is based on 17 specific sustainable development goals.

The Households and the Environment Survey is an example of how Statistics Canada supports the reporting on the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. This release will help to measure the following goals:



Note to readers

The Households and the Environment Survey (HES) asks Canadian households about their activities and behaviours with respect to the environment. It covers a wide variety of topics including water and energy consumption and conservation, hazardous products used in the home, and the household's interactions with nature. Data from the survey are used by governments to guide policies and programs, by researchers to learn more about Canadians, and by individuals to see how they compare with the rest of the country.

In 2021, the HES surveyed approximately 38,000 households.

The target population of the 2021 HES consisted of households in Canada, excluding households located in Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut; households located on reserves and in other Indigenous settlements in the provinces; and households located on Canadian Forces bases. Institutions, collectives and households in certain remote regions were also excluded.

First conducted in 1991, the HES was subsequently conducted in 1994, 2006 and every second year starting in 2007. Some of the environmental variables from the first cycle continue to be measured, but many new topics have been introduced over the years.

Available tables: [38-10-0019-01](#) to [38-10-0022-01](#) and [38-10-0121-01](#) to [38-10-0123-01](#) .

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [3881](#).

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