

Comparison of the Census and Alternative Sources of Data

Data Source	Type and Size of Sample	Frequency Most Recent/ Next Planned	Lowest Level of Geography	Affiliation	Attendance
Census of Population	1 in 5 households	Every 10 years 1991/2001 (1)	Enumeration areas	✓	
General Social Survey	10,000 individuals	Annual up to 1996, every two years thereafter	Provinces	✓	✓
National Longitudinal Survey of Children	22,800 individuals; longitudinal sample	Every 2 years	Provinces and territories	✓	✓
National Population Health Survey	(2)	Every 2 years	Provinces, selected census metropolitan areas, and health regions		✓

- (1) Although the data on religion are collected every 10 years; the census is conducted every 5 years.
- (2) The transversal component of the sample contains 22,000 households; the longitudinal one contains 15,000 households. The size of the sample could fluctuate in the future.