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Labour Force Status (8), Highest Certificate, Diploma or Degree (15), Aboriginal Identity (8), Age Groups (13B) and Sex (3) for the Population Aged 15 Years and Over, in Private Households of Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Metropolitan Areas and Census Agglomerations, 2011 National Household Survey

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Global non-response rate (GNR)¹ = 16.1 %

Highest certificate, diploma or degree (15)	Labour force status (8)							
	Total - Labour force status ²	In the labour force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in the labour force	Participation rate	Employment rate	Unemployment rate
Total - Highest certificate, diploma or degree ³	31,755	23,930	21,200	2,730	7,825	75.4	66.8	11.4
No certificate, diploma or degree	9,865	4,960	3,700	1,260	4,900	50.3	37.5	25.4
High school diploma or equivalent ⁴	6,520	5,345	4,765	585	1,180	82.0	73.1	10.9
Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree ⁵	15,365	13,625	12,740	885	1,740	88.7	82.9	6.5
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma ⁶	3,190	2,700	2,350	340	495	84.6	73.7	12.6
Trades certificate or diploma (other than apprenticeship) ⁷	1,670	1,370	1,110	260	300	82.0	66.5	19.0
Registered Apprenticeship certificate ⁸	1,515	1,325	1,245	85	190	87.5	82.2	6.4
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	5,810	5,145	4,745	405	660	88.6	81.7	7.9
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level ⁹	725	625	580	40	100	86.2	80.0	6.4
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	5,640	5,155	5,060	100	485	91.4	89.7	1.9
Bachelor's degree	4,000	3,590	3,520	70	410	89.8	88.0	1.9
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level	355	335	325	10	20	94.4	91.5	3.0
Degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or optometry	85	80	75	0	0	94.1	88.2	0
Master's degree	1,120	1,080	1,060	15	40	96.4	94.6	1.4
Earned doctorate ¹⁰	85	75	80	0	0	88.2	94.1	0

¹ For the 2011 National Household Survey (NHS) estimates, the global non-response rate (GNR) is used as an indicator of data quality. This indicator combines complete non-response (household) and partial non-response (question) into a single rate. The value of the GNR is presented to users. A smaller GNR indicates a lower risk of non-response bias and as a result, lower risk of inaccuracy. The threshold used for estimates' suppression is a GNR of 50% or more. For more information, please refer to the National Household Survey User Guide, 2011.

² In the past, this variable was called Labour force activity.

[3](#) 'Highest certificate, diploma or degree' refers to the highest certificate, diploma or degree completed based on a hierarchy which is generally related to the amount of time spent 'in-class.' For postsecondary completers, a university education is considered to be a higher level of schooling than a college education, while a college education is considered to be a higher level of education than in the trades. Although some trades requirements may take as long or longer to complete than a given college or university program, the majority of time is spent in on-the-job paid training and less time is spent in the classroom.

For further definitions, refer to the National Household Survey Dictionary, Catalogue no. 99-000-X. For any comments on collection, dissemination or data quality for this variable, refer to the Education Reference Guide, National Household Survey, Catalogue no. 99-012-X2011006.

[4](#) 'High school diploma or equivalent' refers to graduation from a secondary school or equivalent. It excludes persons with a postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree.

[5](#) 'Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree' includes 'apprenticeship or trades certificates or diplomas', 'college, CEGEP or other non-university certificates or diplomas' and university certificates, diplomas and degrees.

[6](#) 'Trades certificate or diploma (other than apprenticeship)' includes trades certificates or diplomas such as pre-employment or vocational certificates and diplomas from brief trade programs completed at community colleges, institutes of technology, vocational centres, and similar institutions. 'Registered Apprenticeship certificate' includes Certificate of Qualification, Journeyperson's designation.

[7](#) 'Trades certificate or diploma (other than apprenticeship)' includes trades certificates or diplomas such as pre-employment or vocational certificates and diplomas from brief trade programs completed at community colleges, institutes of technology, vocational centres, and similar institutions.

[8](#) 'Registered Apprenticeship certificate' includes Certificate of Qualification, Journeyperson's designation.

[9](#) Comparisons with other data sources suggest that the category 'University certificate or diploma below bachelor level' was over-reported in the National Household Survey (NHS). This category likely includes some responses that are actually college certificates or diplomas, bachelor's degrees or other types of education (e.g., university transfer programs, bachelor's programs completed in other countries, incomplete bachelor's programs, non-university professional designations). We recommend users interpret the results for the 'University certificate or diploma below the bachelor's level' category with caution.

For any other comments on data quality for this variable, refer to the Education Reference Guide, National Household Survey, Catalogue no. 99-012-X2011006.

[10](#) 'Earned doctorate.' This category refers to persons who have completed a doctorate degree awarded by a university. This includes, for example, Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.). It does not include honorary doctorates.

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey, Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 99-012-X2011039.

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