

NUNIVAAT – NUNAVIK STATISTICS PROGRAM

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Nunivaat was initiated by the Kativik Regional Government (KRG) in 2005 to establish a permanent, public and independent databank concerning the socioeconomic situation of Nunavik. The research project is directed by the Université Laval. Additional technical support for Nunivaat is provided by the Makivik Corporation.

ON-GOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

Nunavik Comparative Price Index – The Nunavik Comparative Price Index is well underway. Data was captured in 22 Nunavik stores in mid-April with the assistance of KRG local employment officers, and in three stores in the Québec City area. Results were presented at the September sitting of the KRG Council. Of note, these results show that food items are on average 65% higher in Nunavik than in Quebec City. A complete report should be released before the end of the year.

Consumer Prices in Nunavik: Monitoring – Information concerning the evolution of consumer prices in the region and how the new Nutrition North Canada program will affect the region's most vulnerable residents is essential. Consequently, Nunivaat has been given a mandate to monitor consumer prices in Nunavik's communities from the fall of 2011 to the end of 2012.

Poverty in Nunavik: From Facts to Action – Several steps under this collaborative project have been taken. Following a consultation meeting held in October 2010 in Kuujuaq, interviews with some households in Kuujuaq and Kangirsuk were conducted in April. As well, an extensive literature review has been completed concerning anti-poverty strategies around the world. Finally, the data compiled under Statistics Canada's Aboriginal Peoples Survey 2006 and 2006 Census are under analysis. All this information will lend itself later this fall to the preparation of a strategy to fight against poverty in Nunavik.

WWW.NUNIVAAT.ORG ([Click here](http://www.nunivaat.org) to link to the website)

Development and maintenance – The Nunivaat website is currently receiving a facelift. Once the work is complete, www.nunivaat.org will share the same design and colours as the KRG website, emphasizing the link between the two. Neither the content nor the use of the Nunivaat website will be affected.

Visits – The number of visits to the Nunivaat website has increased in recent months to reach about 3,200 per month. The average visitor spends roughly 28 minutes on the website. Generally, interest in the website and the database are increasing over time.

