

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 statistics program on the socioeconomic situation of Nunavik. Nunivaat is directed by Université Laval.

RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Nunavik Price Monitoring Project – The report entitled *Consumer Prices Monitoring in Nunavik, 2011-2013* was presented to the KRG Council in November. In brief, the report notes that, while the prices of fresh perishable food products have decreased since the implementation of Nutrition North Canada, the prices of other categories of subsidized products and products that used to be subsidized under the Food Mail Program have increased. The full report can be obtained at www.nunivaat.org under the heading Publications.

Study on the Cost of Living in Nunavik – The Makivik Corporation, the KRG and the Québec Government agreed in December to fund a two-year study to evaluate consumer patterns in Nunavik and develop a comparative cost of living index. The study will be conducted through Nunivaat. The three sponsors of the study furthermore made a commitment to use the study's results to define effective and long-term solutions to the region's high cost of living.

United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – As part of a delegation led by Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and the Inuit Circumpolar Council (Canada), the Director of the Nunivaat – Nunavik Statistics Program, Gérard Duhaime, met this fall in Ottawa with UN Special Rapporteur James Anaya. Professor Duhaime expressed concerns about priority issues such as the housing crisis, the poverty rate, and the high cost of living in Inuit Nunangat and specifically in Nunavik.

Poverty Trends in Inuit Nunangat – A funding proposal for this project, designed with the KRG and the Nunavut Anti-Poverty Secretariat, has been submitted to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. The project aims to sustain efforts to improve the understanding of the poverty situation in all Inuit regions of Canada.

Nunivaat, Phase Four – The research agreement concerning the Nunivaat – Nunavik Statistics Program was recently renewed with the specific aim of increasing regional autonomy in statistics. The fourth phase of the Program will extend from 2014 to 2016. Since 2005 under Nunivaat, an online statistical database and a compilation of research publications have been realised, and many pertinent research projects carried out. For a complete list of these research projects, including some key findings, please refer to the link.

[LIST OF RESEARCH REPORTS MADE UNDER THE NUNIVAAT PROGRAM](#)

Economic Portrait of Nunavik – Included under the research component of phase four of Nunivaat, the KRG has requested that the economic portrait of Nunavik be updated. The last portrait was done in 2003. The portrait will provide basic information on the main characteristics of the region's economy, including domestic product, industrial and geographic distribution of activity, public expenditures and investments.



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Data and Publications – During the fourth quarter of 2013, tables were added to the databank and some new releases were posted in the publications section.

New Tables

- Educational attainment in relation to Aboriginal identity and sex, age, plans for further education, labour force status and postsecondary education status from the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey, Statistics Canada. The tables indexed in Nunivaat are available for Canada, Québec and Inuit regions.
- Aboriginal population profile for Nunavik villages from the 2011 National Household Survey, Statistics Canada.

New Publications

- *Consumer Prices Monitoring in Nunavik, 2011-2013*, Duhaime G. and A. Caron, Canada Research Chair on Comparative Aboriginal Condition. Université Laval, Québec, 17 p. + appendices.
- *The Education and Employment Experiences of First Nations People Living Off Reserve, Inuit and Metis: Selected Findings from the 2012 Aboriginal People Survey*, Social and Aboriginal Statistics Division, Statistics Canada. Ottawa, 77 p.

Visits – From October through December, the Nunivaat website received an average of 5,306 visits per month. The length of the average visitor stay was 23 minutes. The length of the average visitor stay continued to grow throughout 2013.

