

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.

RESEARCHES AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Study on the Cost of Living in Nunavik – The KRG, the Makivik Corporation, Université Laval and the Québec government reached an agreement on the cost of living survey to be conducted in Nunavik. A pilot phase is planned in November in one community and will be followed by surveying in six communities in 2015. Under the *Agreement on the Financing of Measures to Reduce the Cost of Living in Nunavik* signed in December 2013, the Makivik Corporation, the KRG and the Québec government made a commitment to use the survey's results to define effective and long-term solutions to the region's high cost of living.

Economic Portrait of Nunavik – Work to update the economic portrait of Nunavik is progressing. The last portrait was done in 2003. The Economic Portrait of Nunavik includes basic information on the main characteristics of the region's economy, such as domestic product, industrial and geographic distribution of activity, public expenditures and investments. It will be very helpful for comparisons and decision-making. Results are expected to be ready in the spring of 2015.

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Data and Publications – During the third quarter of 2014, work was carried out on several tables in the databank.

- *National Household Survey 2011*, Statistics Canada. A variety of tables on topics including Aboriginal identity, education, occupation and housing. The complete statistical profiles of each Nunavik village were indexed in the database last spring. Breakdowns of the profiles are now being prepared to provide more concise tables. The goal of the exercise is to make specific data more easily accessible.
- *ECO-Santé*. A variety of tables about health, including life expectancy, hospitalizations, births, mortality, and medical staff. These updated tables are available for the regional level.

Visits – During the third quarter of 2014, Nunivaat received an average of 4,840 visits per month. Average visitor stay length climbed to 38 minutes.

