



Aboriginal Peoples Survey Coming Your Way

Statistics Canada may contact you to participate in an important survey of Aboriginal peoples (First Nations people living off-reserve, Métis and Inuit). The Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS) will be collecting information on matters such as education, employment and health that will be useful to Métis governments, service providers and policy-makers in the years ahead. In all, about 50,000 Aboriginal people will be contacted to participate in the survey, many of whom will be Métis. Statistics Canada will begin interviews February 6th and the survey will continue until the end of June. If you are called, we encourage you to participate.

The Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS) has been designed to collect more detailed and thorough information on Aboriginal people in Canada than is possible through the Census or National Household Survey. The 2012 APS focuses primarily on education and employment, but also asks a variety of questions on other matters, such as mobility (times and reasons for moving), knowledge and use of Aboriginal languages, traditional activities and health conditions. The APS applies only to those who identify as an Aboriginal person – First Nations, Métis and Inuit – and live off-reserve. A similar questionnaire will be conducted on-reserve in 2013 by the First Nations Information Governance Centre. Together the results will provide a very valuable snap shot of the entire Aboriginal population.

The 2012 APS will collect information on First Nations people living off-reserve, Métis and Inuit aged 6 years and over. The questionnaire has been designed to ask distinct questions of different age groups. For example, children in elementary school are asked different questions than those attending high school, including questions about bullying and racism.

The APS is a sample survey, meaning not everyone will be asked to participate. Approximately 50,000 First Nations, Métis and Inuit people have been included in the sample. The sample was drawn from households that responded to the 2011 National Household Survey who identified as an Aboriginal person and/or indicated Aboriginal ancestry. If you are among the persons selected in the sample, you will be asked whether you identify as First Nations, Métis or Inuit as the questionnaire applies only to those who self-identify. So it is important to identify as Métis if you are Métis.

The survey will be conducted between February 6, 2012 and the end of June 2012. If you have been selected in the survey sample, a Statistics Canada representative will be contacting you over the phone during this period. In remote communities and in the North, Statistics Canada will also be conducting personal interviews in the person's home. The questionnaire will take approximately one hour to complete. Results will then be processed and released in the fall of 2013.

The APS is being carried out under the *Statistics Act*, which means personal information and responses must be kept strictly confidential. For more information about the APS, please follow the link below:

www.statcan.gc.ca/aps