



Determining the Relevance of a Source

- **Does the source match your question/topic**
- **Does the source provide up-to-date information**
- **Does the source provide the type of information you need**

Different “kinds” of information...

- ✓ Primary sources – original material, created at the time of the event or by the person/people involved
- ✓ Secondary sources – created after the event, may involve analysis & interpretation
- ✓ Analysis of fact/events
- ✓ Statistics
- ✓ Images and other graphics
- ✓ Diaries
- ✓ Interviews (legal proceedings, personal, telephone, email)
- ✓ Letters
- ✓ Original Documents (i.e. birth certificate or a trial transcript)
- ✓ Proceedings of Meetings, Conferences and Symposia.
- ✓ Survey Research (such as market surveys and public opinion polls)
- ✓ Works of Literature
- ✓ Biographies
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Commentaries
- ✓ Dissertations
- ✓ Indexes, Abstracts, Bibliographies (used to locate primary & secondary sources)
- ✓ Journal Articles
- ✓ Almanacs
- ✓ Encyclopedias
- ✓ Fact books

For this assignment, you are asked to focus your research using

- ✓ Statistics – Statistics Canada
- ✓ Published, Peer Reviewed Articles – online databases
- ✓ Fact Books – Canada Year Book

1. Statistics Canada

Statistics Canada is Canada's statistics gathering agency. The collection of statistics in all areas, economics, population etc., is vitally important for the running of government. Policy and budget decisions at all levels of government depend upon good statistics gathering.

Go to <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/start-debut-eng.html>



The screenshot shows the Statistics Canada website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Government of Canada logo and the text "Government of Canada" and "Gouvernement du Canada". The main header features the "Statistics Canada" logo and a large red maple leaf. Below the header, there are navigation tabs: "Information for...", "Browse by subject", "Browse by key resource", and "Help". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Latest indicators" and lists two indicators: "Population estimate (Note) (July 2013)" with a value of 35,158,304, and "CPI annual inflation (August 2013)" with a value of 1.1%. The right column is titled "In the news: *The Daily*" and shows a news item dated September 30, 2013, titled "Industrial product and raw materials price indexes" for August 2013.

Begin by clicking on **Browse by Subject**, the **Income, Pensions, Spending and Wealth**. You will see a host of publications related to our topic. Spend some time looking at some of these reports.

If you click on the sub-topic **Low Income and Inequality**, you will find some especially relevant statistical information and analysis on poverty in Canada, both raw statistics and analysis. Especially interesting is **The Daily**, which is a daily publication of Statistics Canada which highlights reports on specific topics.

Income, pensions, spending and wealth



Low income and inequality

Individuals and families living with low income in Canada, various provinces, or other geographical units (e.g., cities, small towns, and neighbourhoods). [Show more...](#)

Resources

- [Latest news releases in The Daily](#) (17)
- [Summary tables](#) (2)
- [Census tables](#) (16)

2. Published Articles

An Online Database is a comprehensive collection of information in electronic form and organized for quick retrieval. Typically it is comprised of a large collection of encyclopedia, magazine, and/or newspaper articles, and occasionally other media such as transcripts, interviews, maps, historical documents, photos and videos. Databases, like encyclopedias can be general or subject specific.

The Surrey School District subscribes to a suite of databases through a supplier called *Ebsco*. For this assignment, you will use the *Ebsco* tutorials to learn more about online databases.

- ✓ go to the Library Catalogue Home page and click on **Access the Surrey School District's Online Resources HERE**
- ✓ click on **Secondary**, then **Academic Search Primer**



- ✓ check the **Full Text** and **Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals** boxes under Limit Your Results

Limit your results

Full Text



Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals



- ✓ in the search box type **Poverty Canada**



Searching: **Academic Search Premier** | [Choose Databases](#)

poverty canada

Search

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- ✓ click on search and you will get a number of articles. Click on PDF Full Text (bottom) to read.

1.



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Journal

The Politics of Poverty in Canada.

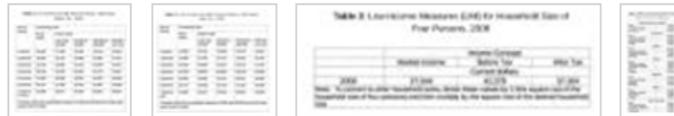
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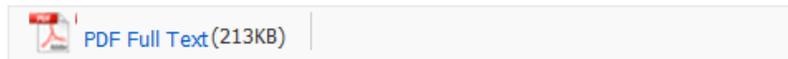
Subjects: **POVERTY**; WEALTH; POOR people; **CANADA** -- Politics & government -- 1980-; **CANADA** -- Economic conditions -- 1991-

Database: Academic Search Premier

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3. Canada Year Book

The Canada Year Book has been published since 1867. It charts key trends and indicators in the nation's economy, population, society and environment. It offers a wonderful snapshot, with statistics and analysis, of Canada today and in the past. It offers great opportunity to compare; what does poverty in Canada look like today, as compared with twenty years ago.

- ✓ Go to <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/11-402-x/index-eng.htm>

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Canada Year Book

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Canada Year Book is available to purchase. [HTML](#) and [PDF](#) versions are released in October.

[Canada Year Book Historical Collection](#) explores Canada's statistical history in text, tables, charts, maps and multimedia features from 1867 to 1967.

- ✓ Under **2012**, click on **Chapters in PDF**. Then click on **Income, Pensions, Spending and Wealth**. The article is rich with data, especially comparative data on this topic.
- ✓ Other chapters that are relevant to our topic include: **Aboriginal Peoples, Children and Youth, Families Households and Housing, Labour, and Prices and Price Indexes**.
- ✓ Again, the Canada Year Book offers you an easy way to compare not only historically, but across the subject as well. (For example you may ask: What is the relationship between income and the labour market situation).

Slow recovery in employment

Following the 2008–2009 recession, Aboriginal workers aged 25 to 54 experienced a slower labour market recovery than non-Aboriginal workers. Employment among core-aged Aboriginal workers fell by 4.9% (12,400 jobs) in 2010 after dropping 2.8% (7,300 jobs) in 2009. By comparison, non-Aboriginal workers experienced a gain of 0.8% (93,000 jobs) in 2010 following a 1.7% decline (198,000 jobs) in 2009.

In 2010, participation rates fell to 75% for core-aged Aboriginal workers, compared with 87% for their non-Aboriginal counterparts. The decline reflects in part the stronger impact of

Chart 1.2
Labour force characteristics of Aboriginal population aged 25 to 54, 2010



Notes: Excludes people living on reserves or in the territories.
Source: Statistics Canada, Catalogue no. 71-588-X.