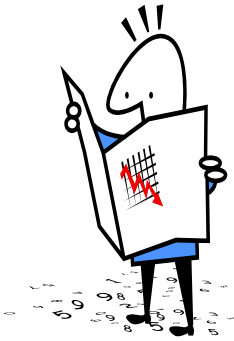




Community Counts and Stats Canada's 2006 Census Data Roll-Out



Given recent newspaper articles on the Statistics Canada 2006 Census data, one might assume that all the data is now available and be asking... "just when will Community Counts feed this information to the website." The reality is, Statistics Canada releases the information over a period of time as they prepare the data for a broad range of "topics".

Release Date	Topics
March 13, 2007	Population and dwelling counts.
July 17, 2007	Age and sex.
Sept. 12, 2007	Marital status; Families and households; Housing and dwelling characteristics.
Dec. 4, 2007	Language; Mobility and migration; Immigration and citizenship.
Jan. 15, 2008	Aboriginal peoples.
March 4, 2008	Labour, Labour-market activity, industry, occupation; Education; Place of work, commuting to work, mode of transportation; Language of work.
April 2, 2008	Ethnic origin and visible minorities.
May 1, 2008	Income and earnings; Housing and shelter costs.

On each of the release dates shown in the table, it is Statistics Canada's intention that the data will be made available for all geographic levels. Community Counts staff will then model the data to its' geographies and be released on the website within 3 to 6 weeks of the initial release date. All 2006 Census data should be available on Community Counts by early summer of 2008.

In the meantime, other data sets - taxfiler data and demographic estimates for example - will provide more current information on an ongoing basis.

Action For Neighbourhood Change: Community Counts Serving Community Development

**What do you like about your community?
What do you *not* like about your
community? What would you change if you
could?**

In 2005, local people who became involved in a two-year project called “Action For Neighbourhood Change” wanted to find out what responses they would get to such questions in Spryfield, a diverse neighbourhood with long, historical roots in Halifax. They went out and asked other members of their community those very questions, and found the answers they heard to help bring about a whole raft of positive changes for the community of Spryfield. In addition to the knowledge, information and history collected from the members of the community, the project also required evidence to support decision making and program planning, which is where Community Counts became an essential tool for the project.



*Captain William Spry Community Centre located
at 10 Kidston Road, Spryfield*

The Community Counts system was able to contribute neighborhood level data on some of the major indicators of healthy and strong communities, such as demographics, economics, labour, and education.

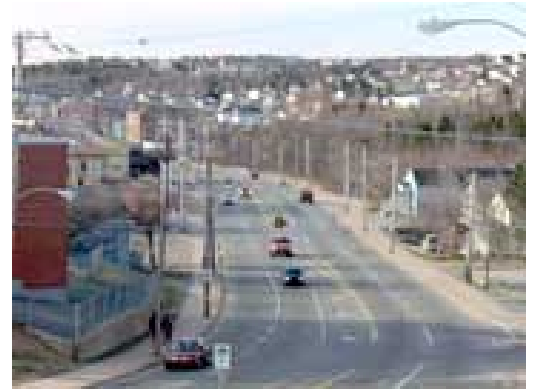


*Above: A famous local attraction,
known as MacIntosh Run*

“Community Counts painted a picture of our community,” says Marjorie Willison, who was involved in “Action” – as she calls the project – from start to finish, and who serves as Community Developer for the Chebucto Communities Development Association.

Knowing that healthy communities are built from healthy individuals, *Action* did much to lift community spirit and bring benefits to Spryfield during its two years. The project generated reports on local modes of transportation, developing community trails, safety in their community, and also saw four short films produced focusing on different

aspects of life in Spryfield. *Action* leveraged over \$200,000 for community developments such as a gardening program for seniors, upgrades to Spryfield's recreation infrastructure, programs to connect young women with educational and employment opportunities, courses on kitchen and cooking skills, all the while engaging more young people in community activities. As well, *Action* encouraged and nurtured new community leaders, created an impressive community profile entitled *We Are Spryfield*, and brought previously isolated community groups together to work toward common goals.



Spryfield from the street perspective

“Community Counts painted a picture of our community.”

Below: Action helped develop a gardening program for seniors

“When I first started looking at the data in Community Counts,” Marjorie recalls from her office in the William Spry Community Centre, “I was amazed. We learned some things about Spryfield that we had suspected, but also some things we hadn't. We found that, although income rose steadily in both the Province and Halifax Regional Municipality over time, in Spryfield, it was essentially a flat line. That was very revealing.”

Marjorie's experience with the Action For Neighbourhood Change project also revealed other aspects of community life in Spryfield. “In lots of measured categories, Spryfield was at or near the bottom compared to other parts of the Municipality,” she says. “But, how do you measure the friendliness, the neighbourliness, which we found so prevalent in Spryfield? A number of groups, including GPI Atlantic and the United Way are starting to look at ways of measuring social capital of this sort.”

Action for Neighbourhood Change was initiated in five communities across Canada by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada and involved strategic partnerships with the National Secretariat on Homelessness, the Office of Learning Technologies, the National Literacy Secretariat, Canada's Drug Strategy, and the National Crime Prevention Strategy.



In addition, it was supported by Tamarack – An Institute For Community Engagement, the Caledon Institute of Social Policy, the National Film Board, as well as by the United Way. Although the Federal portion of the project ended at the end of March of this year, United Way of Halifax Region has stepped forward to fund and manage the work for several years to come. The Spryfield Community Action Coalition and the Chebucto Communities Development Association, will also work in partnership with United Way to continue Action's work of improving community life in Spryfield. For more information on Action for Neighbourhood Change in Spryfield, visit: <http://www.ancccommunity.ca/halifax.html> to view the films and read the report "We are Spryfield".

Spryfield Community Facts (2001)

Individual Employment Income

Spryfield: \$18,669 HRM: \$31,500 Nova Scotia: \$26,825

Percentage of Housing Requiring Major Repairs

Spryfield: 11.1 HRM: 7.6 Nova Scotia: 10.9

Percentage of Youth Labour Force (aged 15-24 years) Unemployed But Looking For Work.2001

Spryfield: 15.6 HRM: 13.3 Nova Scotia: 12.5

Percentage of People (Aged 20 or Older) Who Hold A Secondary School Graduation Certificate

Spryfield: 14.7 HRM: 9.4 Nova Scotia: 9.8

Percentage of Those Aged 15 and Older Who Provide 60 or More Hours Per Week of Unpaid Child Care

Spryfield: 11.7 HRM: 7.2 Nova Scotia: 7.9

Percentage of Housing Made Up of Single Detached Homes

Spryfield: 29.8 HRM: 52.5 Nova Scotia: 68.5

Data Source: "We Are Spryfield", 2006. NOTE: This data is representative of the community of Spryfield as defined by the "Action For Neighbourhood Change" project, and not the community of Spryfield as defined by Community Counts.

Tools and Tips



How do I keep my geographic level while searching for data?

In our first newsletter, we discussed the different methods you can use to find data on your community of interest (or any other geography such as a county, municipality, etc). You may have found that once you have selected your community and began browsing the system for data, you have suddenly 'lost' your community (or county, etc) - meaning that you are now looking at data for Nova Scotia, as opposed data for the community originally chosen. Here we will explain how to 'keep' the community you have chosen as you browse through the data available within the Community Counts system.

- First, select your community (or county, municipality, etc) by choosing ['by Geography'](#) under the Browse Data menu on the left-hand side of the screen as shown below.

Community Counts:

[Home](#)

Browse data

[by Geography](#)

[by Subject](#)

[by Topic](#)

Data Summaries

[Community Profiles](#)

Now you can then select a subject area and then a data table, chart, or graph to view. If you wish to explore various data tables, charts, or graphs for that same community, you must remember to navigate through the Community Counts system using the options on the upper-right hand corner of the screen as shown below.



Select a New View

Select a New Table

Export to Excel

Select a New Subject

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If you click on 'Select a new Table' or on 'Select a New Subject', you will be able to choose a new table under the current subject for the selected community. To view available data, charts, or graphs for a different subject for the selected community, click on one of the blue subject boxes, as shown below (*note: the grey boxes are currently under development).

				
Demographics	Income	Education	Households	Labour
Social	Health	Resources	Environment (To Be Developed)	Production (To Be Developed)

- A very important note to remember is that whenever you navigate through the Community Counts system by using the menu on the left-hand side of the screen, you will always be re-directed to data at the provincial level.

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