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for**

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Kiglisiniartiit
(Nunavut Bureau of Statistics)**



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Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit

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Introduction

The Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs is presenting a consolidated annual report for the Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit for the period of April 01, 2019, to March 31, 2024. This report was prepared based on the recorded information of the Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit.

The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit office has been based in Pangnirtung and consists of a Statistics and Evaluation Unit with nine positions: a director, five statisticians and three evaluation positions. The Strategic Management Branch of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs has recently undergone a realignment that will see this unit relocate from Pangnirtung to Iqaluit.

The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit has encountered capacity challenges, which impacted planned outcomes and delayed the progress of work, including the ability to submit annual reports in a timely manner. Publicly shared statistical documents were also limited as staff continued to ensure routine updates to statistical records were stored internally. Basic operations were covered by support staff in Pangnirtung with oversight from the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs (EIA) in Iqaluit.

With the recent realignment of the Strategic Management Branch of EIA and moving forward on hiring a Director, Bureau of Statistics, the operations and activities of the Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit will resume as actions are being taken to fill remaining positions.

Background

The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit is the Government of Nunavut’s central statistical agency. The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit maintains monthly, quarterly, and annual datasets and reports with statistical information pertaining to the territory. These statistics are distributed to a list of stakeholders, shared on the Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit’s webpage (<https://www.gov.nu.ca/en/nunavut-statistics>) and are available upon request. These provide the global community with a view of Nunavut through statistical data. The statistical information for these activities is generally provided by Statistics Canada - the national statistical agency - and information is also sourced from records within the Government of Nunavut (GN).

The tabling of an annual report is a requirement under Nunavut’s *Statistics Act*.

Administrative, Planning and Management Activities

The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit collects, records, analyzes, and distributes statistical data on Nunavut to Nunavummiut and across Canada. Data is made available to assist government in its decision-making, planning implementation and evaluations, as well as to make information available to the public.

Statistics Act

Nunavut’s *Statistics Act* was drafted and presented to the Legislative Assembly on December 05, 2006, where it received Third Reading. The *Statistics Act* allows the Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit to access detailed data sets from Statistics Canada that are relevant to Nunavut.

Data and Dissemination of Information

The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit sources its statistical information from Statistics Canada - Canada’s national statistical agency - along with information obtained from records within the Government of Nunavut (GN).

The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit disseminates statistical information to GN departments, various territorial and regional organizations within Nunavut, as well as to media, consultants, researchers and other data users on a regular basis.

Nunavummiut Kiglisiniartiit Webpage

The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit webpage is available to the public at <https://www.gov.nu.ca/en/nunavut-statistics>. The webpage is updated periodically to reflect data received from statistical bodies and conducted surveys. Data is categorized on the webpage under the following headings: Population Data, Economic Data, Labour Force and Employment Data, Social Data, Census Data and Nunavut Housing Survey. The webpage includes several tables of detailed and organized statistics under each data classification.

Updates to the webpage were not as frequent during the reporting period due to capacity issues. Plans are underway to provide updates that more closely align with national releases.

Publications

The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit's statistical publication, *StatsUpdate*, which is produced on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis, provides relevant statistical information about Nunavut, which is distributed to GN departments, various territorial and regional organizations within Nunavut and is also shared on the webpage.

StatsUpdate is the publication produced by the Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis that provides relevant statistical information about Nunavut.

The monthly release includes the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Retail and Wholesale Trade, Payroll and Employment, Employment Insurance, and Labour Force Survey. Along with data provided about the territory, some data sets include more detailed information for Iqaluit (CPI for example).

The quarterly release provides population estimates for all the provinces and territories in Canada.

The annual release includes data (when available) for gross domestic product (GDP), labour force statistics, the Nunavut Food Price Survey, national crime rates, population estimates, and birth and death rates.

Census of Canada data, collected every five years, which addresses language, Indigenous people, education, labour and income, housing and family structure, is also disseminated through the *StatsUpdate* publication.

Data Requests

The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit receives and fulfills data requests from internal and external stakeholders for statistical information and advises on statistical matters relating to Nunavut.

Requests were received from various stakeholders, including GN departments, researchers, consultants, and territorial and regional organizations. Nunavut food prices, demographic data and labour force statistics were popular requested categories. Other topics of interest included, Consumer Price Index (CPI), Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Employment Insurance (EI) and migration.

Territorial and Federal Liaison

The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit is the central statistical agency for the Government of Nunavut and as such, represents the interests of Nunavut within the national statistical system.

Data Sharing Agreement with Statistics Canada

The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit continued to uphold its data sharing agreement with Statistics Canada. The agreement outlines data collection, data sharing, confidentiality, access to information, documentation agreements between Statistics Canada and the Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit. The current agreement was signed in 2019 and will be due for renewal in August 2024.

Focal Point Secretariat and Statistics Canada

The Focal Point Secretariat at Statistics Canada serves as a key contact for accessing microdata and coordinating research data centres. The secretariat holds regular meetings. Designated individuals from various departments and agencies that manage the use of statistical data discuss statistical developments within their jurisdictions and share insights. The Director, Bureau of Statistics for Nunavut attends these meetings. As the Director, Bureau of Statistics was vacant, the Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit fulfilled its provincial and federal liaison responsibilities on this secretariat through the active involvement of the Associate Deputy Minister of EIA.

There are also related focal point committees on which the Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit serves as the representative for Nunavut; these include: Economic Accounts, Mineral and Business Statistics, Demography and Census, Social, Labour Statistics and Agriculture. The purpose of these committees is to discuss and consult with Statistics Canada and other provinces and territories on a wide range of statistical topics and issues. It is through this committee structure and annual meetings that the statistical interests of Nunavut are promoted and maintained.

Research and Analytical Activities

Research and analytical projects were greatly reduced during this time as the Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit faced capacity challenges due to the loss of critical staff. The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit continued to contribute to two projects during this time: the Census of Canada and the Nunavut Food Price Survey. Data from the 2021 census was collected and used to compile relevant statistical tables for the territory to support decision making. The last completed food price survey was done in 2019.

In 2021, the Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit partnered with Government Liaison Officers to conduct another food price survey across all the communities in Nunavut. Due to capacity challenges the data collected has not been formally analyzed.