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**for**

*Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit*

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The Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs is pleased to submit the annual report for the Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit for the year April 01, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

## **Background**

The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit is located in the community of Pangnirtung and consists of a Statistics Section and Evaluation Unit. The Nunavut Bureau of Statistics (bureau or NBS) undertakes and maintains a number of statistical projects and regularly distributes monthly, quarterly and annual publications to its distribution list. It also maintains two websites: [www.stats.gov.nu.ca/en/home.aspx](http://www.stats.gov.nu.ca/en/home.aspx) and [www.gov.nu.ca/information/statistics-home](http://www.gov.nu.ca/information/statistics-home). These provide Nunavut and the global community with an updated view of the territory through current statistical data that are reflective of socio-economic conditions and activities in the territory. Statistical data are generally provided by Statistics Canada which is the national statistical agency and by this bureau. These are augmented with supplementary information sourced from administrative records within the Government of Nunavut (GN).

## **Administrative, Planning and Management Activities**

The Nunavut Bureau of Statistics is the Government of Nunavut's central statistical agency. The bureau collects, records, analyzes and distributes statistical data on Nunavut to Nunavummiut and across Canada. Data provided are utilized by government in its decision-making, planning, programming, implementation, policy design and evaluation activities as well as by the user population for diverse needs. The NBS has also been engaged in capacity upgrading to provide it with an enhanced ability to deliver on its advisory and oversight responsibilities in local and externally-led statistical tasks and program evaluations.

### **Statistics Act**

The Nunavut Statistics Act was drafted and presented to the Legislative Assembly where it received Third Reading and thereby became effective on December 05, 2006. With the Act in place the Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit Division became eligible to access detailed data sets that are relevant to Nunavut from Statistics Canada and to conduct survey operations on its own with the required legal backing and sufficient clout.

In April 2017, the issue of potential expansion in the number of public bodies/organizations that are expected to submit administrative data to NBS under the Statistics Act to include DEAs and Municipalities cropped up. This was due to anticipated changes in the definition of public records that should emanate from forthcoming consequential amendments to the ATIPP Act. Following deliberations between officials of the Departments of Justice and EIA, the ultimate conclusion was that despite these predicted changes in the ATIPP Act, the Statistics Act itself remains robust and therefore requires no subsequent amendments.

### **Capacity Building**

NBS considers capacity building as fundamental to the attainment of its broad goal of providing data users with current and useful statistical data. Accordingly, the bureau pursued capacity building in diverse ways. They include staff training, participation in conferences and meetings, and expanding access to relevant information on statistical methodologies and procedures. During the year, staff participated in the following courses:

- Supervision I & II (Rankin Inlet)
- Project Management (Cambridge Bay)
- Records keeping (Iqaluit)

- Census Reverse Check (Ottawa)

Participation in conferences and meetings build staff capacity by exposing them to new and emerging trends in their areas of activity whilst providing them with the platform to share ideas and experiences with colleagues working with statistical bureaus in other jurisdictions. During the year, staff benefited from participation in the following conferences and meetings

- Annual evaluation conference organized by the Canadian Evaluation Society in Vancouver (May 2017)
- Federal-Provincial-Territorial Committee meetings held by Natural Resources Canada on Mineral Statistics (October 2017)
- Federal-Provincial-Territorial Committee meetings held by Statistics Canada on Economics Statistics (January 2018); Statistical Policy (May, 2017) Demography (June 2017) and Labor and Social Statistics (September 2017)
- In-person Meeting on the Nunavut Inuit Labor Force Analysis held in Ottawa and Iqaluit (June 2017 and March 2018)

### Staffing

The substantive Territorial Statistician for Nunavut quit in March, 2017 to join the Alberta Office of Statistics and Information as the Chief Statistician. In February 2018, the Senior Analyst left NBS temporarily on Inter-departmental Transfer Assignment (ITA) to the Department of Family Services. In November 2017, the bureau augmented its staffing levels with the recruitment of an Inuk as the Evaluation Manager Intern.

## Data and Dissemination of Information

The bureau disseminates statistical information to a number of government departments, various territorial and regional organizations within Nunavut, as well as to the media, consultants, students, researchers and other data users on a regular basis. Much of the statistical data is provided by Statistics Canada. Nunavut Kiglisiniartiit also solicits administrative data held by GN Departments and other organizations that are relevant to, and meet the multiple needs of, the user community and publishes them on its websites.

### Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit Websites

The two Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit websites are available to Nunavummiut and the general public at: [www.stats.gov.nu.ca/en/home.aspx](http://www.stats.gov.nu.ca/en/home.aspx) and [www.gov.nu.ca/information/statistics-home](http://www.gov.nu.ca/information/statistics-home). The user-friendly websites are populated with many tables, survey findings and other information that appeal to a wide range of data users. Explanatory notes are included to broaden user understanding whenever necessary. The websites are a primary reference source for clients of the bureau and contain current publications such as regular releases of *StatsUpdate* on social, economic, labor force and employment, health, income, crime, census and demographic topics relating to Nunavut. In addition, statistical tables on these subject areas are regularly updated on the websites. Periodic expansion of data holdings occurs with the inclusion of new content as and when it becomes available.

### Publications

The bureau releases monthly data in the publication *StatsUpdate* that cover Labor Force Survey, Consumer Price Index, Employment Insurance, Payroll and Employment

information, and Building Permits. Others are Retail Trade, Wholesale Trade, Private and Public Investment, Birth and Death Rates, Crime Rates for Canada and the territories, and other relevant data series. More detailed reports on the Consumer Price Index for Iqaluit along with Retail Trade data for Nunavut are also produced and disseminated on a monthly basis. Quarterly information on population estimates for Canada, the provinces and territories, Consolidated Government Finances including assets and liabilities, Charitable Donors, Hours Worked and Labor Productivity, Homicides, RRSP Contributions, and other topics are also published on the bureau's websites. A more detailed annual report on population estimates is also produced and disseminated. Key findings from the 2016 Census of Canada were made available on NBS websites during the year and covered the main subject areas – Population counts, Language, Aboriginal (Inuit) Peoples, Education and Labor and Income, Housing and Family Structure.

### **Data Requests**

The Bureau receives numerous requests for statistical information, data verification and specialized advice on questionnaire development and other statistical matters relating to Nunavut and Nunavummiut. Requests emanate from a diversity of sources with the most frequent coming from other GN departments. Numerous requests are also received from territorial and regional organizations, consultants, various universities, policy research centers and other organizations within Nunavut and other jurisdictions. Some of the most frequent requests the bureau has responded to during the past fiscal year include the following:

Demographic measures such as population estimates and projections were the most frequently requested data tables. Specific requests were made for Nunavut population estimates by age, sex, community and region. Several requests were also received for customized tabulations on community population projections. General death and birth rates, suicides and migration data were also in demand.

As in each year, there were repeated requests for Labor Force Survey information. These requests dwelt on characteristics about labor force size, employed and unemployed persons, employment, unemployment and participation rates, occupation and industry characteristics and labor force parameters by Inuit and Non-Inuit status as well as by age. Data were also sought on monthly and annual labor force trends.

Requests for crime and justice statistics including detailed counts of criminal offences and crime rates, in general and by community, were also received. Education-related data were in frequent demand, with a focus on enrollment, attendance and secondary school graduation. Information requests for data on disabilities and social assistance were also received and responded to.

### **Research and Analytical Activities**

Nunavummit Kiglisiartiit carried out a number of major research and analytical projects in the past fiscal year. These include the Census of Canada, Nunavut Food Price Survey, Community Population Estimates and Projections, Evaluation Projects, Article 23 Assistance, Article 12 Assistance, Nunavut Job Vacancy Survey, Business Support Project,

Monthly Labor Force Survey Analysis, Nunavut Government Employment Survey, Community Socio-Economic Data Project (CSEDP) and other ongoing analytical projects.

### **Census of Canada**

The bureau embarked upon website publication of census data once these were released by Statistics Canada. The publications covered demographic data including Inuit and Non-Inuit as well as age and sex characteristics. Other areas are occupied dwelling, marital status per community and region, labor force and educational attainment.

Following the pre-release of Nunavut population data by Statistics Canada to NBS, a review of the estimated population data was undertaken and an anomaly with regard to the Baffin Unorganized figure was noticed. NBS then requested for data re-assessment which led to the re-allocation of the population data to Igloolik. Statistics Canada thereafter sent the bureau a formal letter expressing its appreciation for identifying this variance and drawing its attention to it.

The bureau supported the census consultations held by Statistics Canada between November 2017 and February 2018 by informing and urging Nunavummiut to express their opinions on potential uses of the national census. The consultative processes provided opportunities to the territory to propose new topics and issues whose inclusion could make the forthcoming census a lot more beneficial to them. At the end of the consultation, the bureau held discussions on the suggested ideas with personnel of the Census Subject Matter Division of Statistics Canada.

NBS also participated in the ‘Regional Discussions’ on Aboriginal identity that examined ways in which indigenous populations would want to be identified during the 2021 cycle of the census program. NBS had representation at both the Iqaluit discussions (October 17, 2017) and Ottawa discussions (December 8, 2017). NBS benefited from the census coverage studies organized from December 5 to 7, 2017 to expose statistics personnel to evaluation methods used for identification and resolution of cases of overcoverage and undercoverage. These studies will enable NBS to assist in ensuring that residents who were missed during the census enumeration are identified and included in final results to ensure Nunavut count and demographic adjustments constitute an accurate reflection of its demographic totals and distribution.

### **Nunavut Food Price Survey**

For the past four fiscal years, NBS has conducted the Nunavut Food Price Survey to collect food price data for measuring and tracking cost of store food purchases across Nunavut communities. Government Liaison Officers (GLOs) from each community with the exception of Iqaluit collected prices from Arctic Co-operatives Ltd. and/or North West Company retail outlets for the past four cycles. Since 2016, price data have been collected from 3 retail stores in Ottawa to enable NBS undertake a comparative analysis of Nunavut food price levels and Ottawa food cost average.

NBS spent the first part of the fiscal year entering, preparing and disseminating data from the 2017 Nunavut Food Price Survey. As dissemination and analysis were completed, *StatsUpdate* publications were released to the distribution list. In addition, series of data

tables were posted on the bureau's websites from July to September 2017. In general, releases included price comparisons of various food and non-food items between communities, regions and with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for Canada. In November 2017, NBS took advantage of a GLO training program to update them on survey operations particularly the per kilo pricing approach.

Data collection for the 2018 survey was affected by delayed completion in a few communities particularly Cape Dorset. This has been resolved and data entry and processing have been completed with detailed analysis in progress. Tables and *StatsUpdate* publications will begin to be released to the subscriber list and posted on the bureau's websites starting in early August, 2018. In the absence of a broad living expenses data, survey findings are occasionally used to gauge cost of living levels in the territory. NBS intends to conduct further cycles of the Nunavut Food Price Survey to facilitate assessment of community food price differentials and other cost comparisons.

### **Community Population Estimates and Projections**

NBS updates the Nunavut community population estimates on an annual basis in line with Statistics Canada's revisions of provincial and territorial population estimates. The bureau also completed revisions to the community population projection model in the 2015/16 fiscal year. This task which was undertaken in-house entailed the use of contemporary and accepted population projection models such as the component tool which demonstrated the bureau's enhanced capacity for undertaking complicated demographic forecasting. It also deepened institutional memory within the bureau. Community projections from 2015 to 2036 have therefore been placed on bureau websites for public use.

### **Nunavut Government Employment Survey**

Findings of this survey which was conducted by the Government of Nunavut in collaboration with Statistics Canada, Employment and Social Development Canada and Nunavut Tunngavik Inc (NTI) were published on NBS website. The survey covered 4,724 respondents and revealed that about 95% of public sector employees were with the GN while only 5% were Government of Canada employees. Moreover, up to 52% of government employees were Inuit while a significant 65% of government employees were females though females comprised only 49% of total Nunavut population. Almost half of government employees (49%) belonged to the 30 to 49 years age bracket despite the fact that the median age for Nunavut was about 24. According to survey findings, up to 69% of Inuit spoke an Inuit language at work. Majority of the survey respondents mentioned on-the-job training, education and pre-employment training, and encouraging youth to pursue additional education as the most effective strategies for increasing the number of Inuit in government employment.

### **Aboriginal People's Survey**

NBS partners with Statistics Canada and Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) to undertake the Aboriginal People's Survey (APS). Data collection was completed

in June 2017 and analysis is currently in progress. The APS is the most comprehensive data source on well-being of indigenous populations in Canada and it collects a lot more detailed data on employment, education, health and other socio-economic conditions on indigenous communities than other surveys conducted in Canada. For example, even though the 2016 national census covers employment and unemployment data on indigenous populations, the APS extends coverage to include additional issues such as job satisfaction, multiple employment and willingness to move to utilize employment opportunities elsewhere that are critical for employment planning. The next cycle of the survey will be conducted in 2022. Preparatory activities such as questionnaire revisions, interviewer recruitment, respondent selection and awareness creation will commence in late 2018.

### **Nunavut Communities Profile/Facts Sheet**

The bureau has completed profiles on all 25 Nunavut communities and placed them on its website. The profiles provide basic demographic and socio-economic data such as population size, age distribution, marital status, basic health, crime, median income, main languages, school attendance and labor force and employment. These data will enable visitors, researchers and other interested persons have a snapshot view of the communities. Additional information is provided on political leadership in each community such as mayors and MLAs.

### **Compendium of Support Sources for Nunavut Businesses**

Following completion of the Nunavut Business Survey, NBS started compiling sources of financial, technical, marketing and training assistance that Nunavut businesses could tap and utilize to expand their business operations. Currently, over 120 different sources and information leaflets on various sources which Nunavut businesses could apply for funding and other resources have been identified and are being analyzed. Upon completion, the compendium of opportunities would be published on the bureau's websites and Nunavut businesses would be informed of their availability to enable them source for business-enhancing resources.

### **Air fare survey**

In addition to the above, an air fare survey to provide information on actual travel costs between communities and trends in travel expenses over time was initiated in 2017. Data generated would be useful for tourists, investors and the travelling public since they will be better positioned to prepare concise travel budgets before embarking on trips in Nunavut. The formats for data entry and data collection processes were designed in October 2017 while trial collection of travel fare costs commenced in December 2017. Full survey started in January 2018 and is still on-going. Airlines covered are First Air, Canadian North, Calm Air and Ken Boreak Air. All travel routes within Nunavut as well as travels to major destinations outside Nunavut such as Ottawa, Yellowknife, Montreal and Winnipeg are catered for under the survey. The bureau will conduct trend analysis to assess changing price levels for specific routes in order to reveal those that exhibit significant fare price changes over time.

### **Northern Spatial Index Project**

During the year, bureau staff collected price data on transportation items, alcoholic beverages, prepared food types sold in restaurants and other items under the Northern Spatial

Index project being undertaken in collaboration with Statistics Canada and Statistical Bureaus of NWT and Yukon. The project seeks to pair key towns and cities in the three northern territories and thereby undertake a comparative analysis of cost of living between them. Iqaluit is the only Nunavut locality participating in the exercise and is currently paired with Yellowknife. Preliminary data on prices of selected items were submitted to Statistics Canada's Consumer prices Division in March 2018 and comparative inter-city analysis is ongoing.

### **Occupational Supply and Demand Model**

The bureau has been engaged in the development of an occupational supply and demand model for Nunavut in the past two years. Among others, the model will contribute toward identification of current and future labour market imbalances particularly job shortages, jobs in demand and their locations. Population projections that will constitute the base for developing labor supply forecast have already been completed. Labor force data that provide additional supply side information are already available in the bureau. However, detailed labor force data breakdown in terms of sectoral distribution and other categories is required hence the bureau has engaged with Statistics Canada to acquire such data. During the year, contacts were made with officials of the Nunavut Arctic College to obtain data on college enrollment and graduate rates which, along with population growth and labor force data, will be the dominant inputs for generating predicted labor supply values for the model. A number of statistical measurements such as location quotients and scalogram analysis would be utilized for the determination of the strength and direction of inter-relationships between the model's key components.

A key data source for assessing the model's labor demand is the Nunavut Job Vacancy database which is updated on a daily basis to provide information on job vacancies and priority occupations. The database was expanded with segments on Inuit language, cultural awareness and other preferential hiring requirements to provide additional information on the extent to which Inuit have been privileged for employed vis-à-vis Non-Inuit for advertised job openings in Nunavut.

### **Labor Force Survey Analysis**

The NBS produces reports and statistical tables on Labor Force Survey (LFS) for Nunavut. A report is also produced and released to the public on an annual basis. In addition, a variety of statistical tables that are generated from the LFS such as employment by labor force characteristics (age, sex and ethnicity), occupation and industry, as well as, employment characteristics of Iqaluit are published monthly. The monthly and annual StatsUpdate and statistical tables are regularly placed on the NBS websites.

### **Upcoming/new surveys**

The bureau is also participating in a Canada-wide victimization survey that will examine the extent to which people are exposed to discriminatory practices and situations at homes, neighborhoods, restaurants, stores and offices. The survey will further identify constraining factors that limit victims' efforts at seeking justice from the police, courts or other protective agencies. In addition, the bureau is supporting the Survey on Safety in Public and Private Spaces (SSPPS) which will collect data from 1,400 respondents in Nunavut between July and September 2018 on threatening instances, discomfort and insecurity that people encounter in their homes and public places. NBS is also lending assistance toward the



Northern Initiative which is a survey on tourist travel and expenditure patterns, and is being undertaken in partnership with Nunavut Tourism/Travel and Statistics Canada. Moreover, the Workplace Health, Safety and Wellness Division of the Department of Finance has contacted NBS for statistical assistance to conduct an occupational Health, Safety & Wellness survey for GN staff. The survey will be undertaken in partnership with the Institute of Work Health (IWH) and Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW). Plans to organize a Northern Talking Points event in Yukon for the statistical bureaus of the three territories have reached an advanced stage. Whilst the event will provide a forum for exchange of ideas on pending statistical tasks, the focal issue will be a meeting between the Directors of Statistics and the Chief Statistician of Canada to explore potential surveys that are of particular interest and relevance to the territories. Final meeting date will be announced once logistical and scheduling challenges have been resolved.

### **Other Ongoing Collaborative Projects**

Apart from the above programs, the bureau is engaged in a number of ongoing analytical projects. NBS is a committed member of the Nunavut Food Security Coalition. NBS has been actively supporting activities of this group and provides ongoing data support toward attainment of the Coalition's priorities. The bureau participates in the Coalition's yearly review meetings. Findings from the food price survey are sourced by the Coalition to strategize on food security programs and also expand on-going nutrition initiatives that it is currently coordinating.

Moreover, NBS participates in various interdepartmental committees - Socioeconomic Advisory Committee (SEAC) and Sustainable Development Advisory Group (SDAG). Bureau participation yields statistical advice and socio-economic data for informed discussions on changes in community well-being. On-going support is provided by collecting and sharing data and methodological advice on a variety of socio-economic topics such as economic, business, labor, education, population, health and crime statistics. The bureau also assisted in questionnaire review for the Nunavut cannabis survey that was undertaken by Department of Finance, and submitted perceptions on methodological challenges encountered during survey operations in Nunavut for the Northern Data Priority Project. Viewpoints provided by NBS were reported to have been used as critical inputs at the Northern Development Ministers Forum held in Montreal in September 2017. The Northern Data Priority Project is being coordinated by a committee that includes the Strategic and Business Management Division of Nunavut's Department of Finance and Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC).

### **Evaluation Projects**

In an effort to increase Inuit representation at management levels in the bureau, a beneficiary of the Nunavut Agreement was recruited as an Evaluation Manager Intern under the Sivuliqtiksat Internship program. The Evaluation Unit developed a learning plan to ensure the Intern is adequately equipped with the requisite research, program management, planning and evaluation skills. In addition to didactic teaching methods, the internship entails active participation in meetings with major federal agencies such as Statistics Canada and Employment and Social Development Canada, and work assignments on statistical and evaluation programs. Among these are the Nunavut job vacancy database and the Nunavut

Inuit Labor Force Analysis (NILFA) which involves participation in weekly meetings of its Technical Working Group and the In-Person session that was convened in March 2018 at Iqaluit to review the draft NILFA report. The intern has also participated in training sessions on research basics that were delivered in-house, exposure to data compilation aspects of the food price survey, census consultation and census evaluation (Ottawa), questionnaire review and administration (Iqaluit) and a course in project management (Cambridge Bay). The exposures to statistical concepts and survey strategies through ‘learning by doing’ teaching approaches are intended to facilitate the acquisition of practical skills and background knowledge that are mandatory for learning evaluation concepts and methodologies scheduled to cover the majority of next year’s learning sessions.

During the past year, the Evaluation Unit expanded the Nunavut Job Vacancy Survey. It also commenced preparation of methodological processes and procedures for undertaking this survey to guide any future expansion. The Unit was also deeply involved in various survey programs undertaken by the bureau.

### **Article 23 Assistance**

NBS staff collaborated with Statistics Canada, NTI and Employment and Social Development Canada to undertake the Stakeholders’ Engagement Survey, develop specific hiring strategies for recruitment of Inuit interviewers for the Aboriginal People’s Survey and gap assessment, and promote dissemination of findings of the Nunavut Government Employment Survey. These projects were undertaken as part of the bureau’s contributory measures for the fulfilment of Article 23 of the Nunavut Agreement. When completed, they would yield essential data for monitoring and assessing Inuit employment in government. NBS is currently examining options for improving the next cycle of NGES through acquisition of advanced IT infrastructure, developing an electronic questionnaire in Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun alongside English and French, and expanding the survey frame with the inclusion of contact details of casual staff and relief/substitute teachers.

### **Article 12 Assistance**

NBS participates in activities of the Socio-Economic Monitoring Committee during which it collaborates with ED&T, mayors, MLAs and other community representatives to assess socio-economic impacts of extractive ventures on community livelihoods and general wellbeing. Periodic monitoring visits are undertaken to selected communities in the three regions to present changing community level data to enable the committee to assess trends in community dynamics. These include Kitikmeot region monitoring visit (March 20-21, 2017 at Kugluktut), Kivalliq region visits (April 24-25, 2017 at Arviat), and Qikiqtaaluk region monitoring visit (July 5-6, 2017 at Arctic Bay). NBS makes community data presentations at these sessions on variables such as population, labor force, health, crime, suicide, school enrollment and income assistance. These are then used to gauge trends and changes in socio-economic conditions in the target communities.

### **Community Socio-Economic Data Project (CSEDP)**

NBS is engaged in a Community Socio-Economic Data Project which differs from the Nunavut Community Fact Sheet which is one of the bureau’s website publication in terms of this project rather being a long-term activity whose primary aim is to regularly identify, gather and disseminate current statistical data on Nunavut communities and regions for use

by government, business and the general public. GN and other organizations require community level socio-economic data to determine potential impacts of mineral explorations, mining ventures and other extractive resource development schemes on communities for monitoring purposes including monitoring activities of the Regional Socio-Economic Monitoring Committees (SEMC). NBS participates in SEMC meetings and works closely with Economic Development and Transportation Department to ensure data are current, reliable and accessible to participating community leaders, GN, federal government and industry stakeholders. These data are also available on the SEMC Data Map website: [www.nunavutsemc.com](http://www.nunavutsemc.com). In September 2017, the bureau was represented at the Territorial Workshop on Core Data Indicators that reviewed data requirements for various upcoming monitoring exercises. NBS personnel and experts from the Minerals and Resource Development Division of ED&T intend to refine community level data collection, analysis and dissemination and thereby improve the SEMC Data Map. Accordingly, series of meetings have been tentatively scheduled in Pangnirtung this year to review and upgrade the Data Map.

### **Territorial and Federal Liaison**

The Nunavut Bureau of Statistics is the central statistical agency for the Government of Nunavut and as such, represents the interests of Nunavut within the national statistical system. The bureau collaborates with other provinces and territories on a number of committees - Economic Accounts, Mineral and Business Statistics, Demography and Census, Social and Labor Statistics and the Consultative Council on Statistical Policy. These committees provide the platform for experience sharing, lesson exchanges and comprehensive consultations with Statistics Canada and other provinces and territories on a wide range of statistical topics and issues. It is through these committee structures and annualized meetings that the statistical interests of Nunavut are promoted and maintained. NBS exploits meeting opportunities provided through the committees to solicit prior information on upcoming surveys and thereafter institute efforts to ensure its greater involvement in, and support for, survey operations. Additionally, discussions held on the sidelines of committee meetings provide avenues for discussing potential inter-territorial or inter-provincial collaborations and partnerships. A ready and recent example is the partnership with the Yukon Bureau of Statistics for the 2016 Nunavut Business Survey that was undertaken with the Department of Family Services and ED&T. NBS completed data verification, matching and cleaning for the business survey and submitted the cleaned data to Family Services and ED&T in April 2017.

On its part, Statistics Canada consulted with NBS on the following statistical issues – 2016 Census consultations and subject matter definitions, community population estimates, consumer price index food items, survey questionnaire development, sampling frame preparation and statistical review of advanced data releases. The latter included diverse social and economic topics such as quarterly population estimates, public infrastructure, government finance statistics, tourism, real and nominal GDP and GDP by industry.

### **Administrative Data**

NBS also provided interface between Statistics Canada's Data Acquisition Unit and GN's departments/agencies such as the Motor Driver's Licensing Unit of ED&T and Department

of Health that accelerated the submission of administrative data files on drivers' and vehicle registration and health record files to Statistics Canada.

NBS also obtains administrative data on Social Assistance Recipients and Expenditures from the Department of Family Services, school enrollment, graduation and other educational data from the Department of Education and health center visits from the Department of Health. These are then verified and published on NBS websites for public use.