

# FACTS AND STATS



## Commuting in Canada

**15.4M** Number of Canadians who reported that they commuted to work in 2011<sup>1,2</sup>

**74%, 12% & 7%** Proportion of Canadian commuters who drove a vehicle, used public transportation and used active transportation (walking, bicycle), respectively, to travel to work in 2011<sup>3</sup>

**31%, 19% & 8%** Proportion of Canadian commuters<sup>4</sup> who reported travelling less than 15 minutes, 30–44 minutes and 60+ minutes, respectively, to their workplace in 2011<sup>5,6</sup>

**12%** Proportion of commuters in Canada who reported commuting to a location that varied from day to day in 2011 (representing 1.9 million people)<sup>7</sup>

**66 min.** Longest average commuting time per day in Canada (commuted by residents in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area)<sup>8</sup>

**85% & 15%** Proportion of Canadian workers who reported being satisfied (39% very

satisfied, 46% satisfied) and dissatisfied, respectively, with the amount of time it took to get to work in 2010<sup>9</sup>

**36% & 23%** Proportion of full-time workers in Canada who took 45+ minutes and less than 15 minutes to travel to work, respectively, who said that most days were quite or extremely stressful in 2010<sup>10</sup>

**21% & 15%** Proportion of Canadian workers who took less than 30 minutes and more than 45 minutes, respectively, to get to work who volunteered regularly in 2010<sup>11,12</sup>

**33%** Proportion of surveyed Canadian workers who said in 2013 that they would work an extra three hours per week in exchange for a “reasonable commute”<sup>13</sup>

**50%** Proportion of surveyed Canadian workers who said in 2013 that commuting time would be the main deciding factor in choosing one job over another<sup>14</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Martin Turcotte, “Commuting to Work,” *NHS in Brief*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 99-012-X (June 2013), accessed December 12, 2013, <http://bit.ly/1aVb9UK>.

<sup>2</sup> Based on National Household Survey (NHS) 2011 data. Statistics Canada has taken steps to mitigate against the potential effects of non-response rates due to the voluntary nature of the NHS. For more details about NHS data quality, visit the Statistics Canada website: <http://bit.ly/ZPsg9D>.

<sup>3</sup> Turcotte, 2013.

<sup>4</sup> Commuters who travel to a usual place to work (i.e. excludes those who commute to a different location from day to day).

<sup>5</sup> Statistics Canada, “Mode of Transportation, Commuting Type, Commuting Duration, Commuting Distance, Time Leaving for Work, Age Groups and Sex for the Employed Labour Force Aged 15 Years and Over Having a Usual Place of Work, in Private Households of Canada, Provinces, Territories, Census Metropolitan Areas and Census Agglomerations, 2011 National Household Survey,” 2011 National Household Survey, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 99-012-XWE2011064 (December 2013), accessed December 12, 2013, <http://bit.ly/1henglt>.

<sup>6</sup> See note 2.

<sup>7</sup> Turcotte, 2013.

<sup>8</sup> Conference Board of Canada, *The Value of Travel Time and Reliability: Commuting on 407 ETR* (December 2013), accessed December 12, 2013, <http://bit.ly/1bWGxbD>.

<sup>9</sup> Martin Turcotte, “Commuting to Work: Results of the 2010 General Social Survey,” *Canadian Social Trends*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 11-008-X (August 2011), accessed December 11, 2013, <http://bit.ly/1cp0vXB>.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

<sup>11</sup> Martin Turcotte and Stéphanie Gaudet, “Social Participation of Full-Time Workers,” *Labour Statistics: Research Papers*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 75-004-M (April 2013), accessed December 11, 2013, <http://bit.ly/1bxZdvB>.

<sup>12</sup> People who did an average of five or more hours of volunteer work per month in the past year are considered to have “volunteered regularly.”

<sup>13</sup> Oxford Properties and Environics Research Group, *Destination Collaboration: The Future of Work* (December 2013), accessed December 11, 2013, <http://bit.ly/1HicK3>.

<sup>14</sup> Oxford Properties and Environics Research Group.