

"BY THE NUMBERS"

Mothers in Canada 2014

MAY 2014



9.8M Total number of mothers in Canada (including biological, adoptive and stepmothers) in 2011¹

4.1M Total number of mothers in Canada with children under 18 living with them (including biological, adoptive and stepmothers) in 2011²

23.6, 25.9 & 28.5 Average age of first-time mothers in Canada in 1961, 1991 and 2011, respectively³

1.72 & 1.61 Total fertility rate (number of children per woman) of women in Canada in 1991 and 2011, respectively⁴

28.5, 3.9 & 10.3 Fertility rate of women in Canada aged 40-44 in 1961, 1991 and 2011, respectively⁵

24.1% & 27.8% Proportion of all first-time mothers in Canada who gave birth in 1991 and 2011, respectively, who were 35-39 years of age⁶

78% Proportion of all recent mothers (those with a child aged 12 months or less) who had insurable employment in 2012⁷

70% Proportion of separated or divorced mothers who reported in 2011 that their household was the primary residence of their children⁸

81% Proportion of mothers in Canada surveyed in 2013 who reported owning a smartphone (vs. 68% among the general population)⁹

87% & 88% Proportion of 11-year-old girls and boys, respectively, in Canada surveyed in 2010 who said they find it easy to talk to their mothers¹⁰

¹ Statistics Canada, *Mother's Day... By the Numbers 2013* (May 2013), accessed April 11, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1n0SzWr>.

² Ibid.

³ Anne Milan, "Average Age of Mother by Birth Order, Canada, 1945 to 2011" (Figure 3), *Fertility: Overview, 2009 to 2011*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 91-209-X (July 2013), accessed April 11, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1hpWbOv>.

⁴ Anne Milan, "Total Fertility Rate (Number of Children per Woman), Canada, Provinces and Territories, 1981 to 2011" (Table 2), *Fertility: Overview, 2009 to 2011*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 91-209-X (July 2013), accessed April 11, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1iDfPG>.

⁵ Anne Milan, "Fertility Rate by Age Group, Canada, 1926 to 2011" (Figure 2), *Fertility: Overview, 2009 to 2011*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 91-209-X (July 2013), accessed April 11, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1kQrCjR>.

⁶ Statistics Canada, *Live Births, by Age and Parity of Mother, Canada* (CANSIM table 102-4508), accessed April 11, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1IPXvdK>.

⁷ Statistics Canada, "Employment Insurance Coverage Survey, 2012," *The Daily* (November 2012), accessed April 11, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1mY1xnh>.

⁸ Statistics Canada, "Distribution of Separated or Divorced Parents, by Primary Residence of Their Children, Canada, 2011" (Table 18), *2011 General Social Survey: Overview of Families in Canada*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 89-650-X (July 2013), accessed April 11, 2014, <http://bit.ly/17vVieg>.

⁹ Babycenter, *2013 Canada Social Mom Report* (June 2013), accessed April 11, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1a5YaSo>.

¹⁰ Candace Currie et al. (eds.), "Social Determinants of Health and Well-Being Among Young People," *Health Behaviour in School-Aged Children (HBSC) Study: International Report from the 2009/2010 Survey* (2012), accessed April 11, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1Jo8kxu>.