**Commuting in Canada**

15.4M Number of Canadians who reported that they commuted to work in 2011

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

31%, 19% & 8% Proportion of Canadian commuters who reported travelling less than 15 minutes, 30–44 minutes and 60+ minutes, respectively, to their workplace in 2011

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)

66 min. Longest average commuting time per day in Canada (commuted by residents in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area)

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

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

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

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”

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

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2 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.

3 Turcotte, 2013.

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


6 See note 2.

7 Turcotte, 2013.


10 Ibid.


12 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.”
