

"BY THE NUMBERS"

# Fathers in Canada 2014

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**8.6M** Total number of fathers in Canada in 2011 (includes biological, adoptive and stepfathers), 3.8 million of whom have children under the age of 18 living with them<sup>1</sup>

**77% & 81%** Participation rate of men in housework and related activities in 2005 and 2010, respectively<sup>2</sup>

**360, 345 & 379** Number of minutes per day that men spent on average with family members in 1986, 2005 and 2010, respectively<sup>3</sup>

**28% & 80%** Proportion of fathers in Quebec who took or intended to take parental leave in 2005 and 2012, respectively, since the introduction of the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan (QPIP) in 2006<sup>4</sup>

**11% & 9%** Proportion of recent fathers outside Quebec who claimed or intended to claim parental leave in 2011 and 2012, respectively<sup>5</sup>

**10%** Proportion of fathers who were found to experience prenatal and postnatal depression (2010 study)<sup>6</sup>

**16%** Percentage of growth in the number of lone-parent families headed by men between 2006 and 2011<sup>7</sup>

**21%** Proportion of same-sex couples with children in 2011 who were male couples<sup>8</sup>

**15%** Proportion of separated or divorced fathers in Canada whose residence was their child's primary residence in 2011<sup>9</sup>

**15%** Proportion of separated or divorced fathers in Canada who report being the primary decision-maker regarding their children's health, religion and/or education<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Statistics Canada, *Father's Day... By the Numbers 2013* (May 2013), accessed May 5, 2014, <http://bit.ly/lppEC3W>.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Statistics Canada, "Employment Insurance Coverage Survey, 2012," *The Daily* (November 15, 2013), accessed May 5, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1mY1xnh>.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> James F. Paulson and Sharnail D. Bazemore, "Prenatal and Postpartum Depression in Fathers and Its Association with Maternal Depression: A Meta-analysis," *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, 303:19 (May 2010), accessed May 5, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1nYvmVe>.

<sup>7</sup> Statistics Canada, *Father's Day... By the Numbers 2013*.

<sup>8</sup> Statistics Canada, "Conjugal Status, Opposite/Same-sex Status and Presence of Children for the Couple Census Families in Private Households of Canada, Provinces, Territories and Census

Metropolitan Areas, 2011 Census," *2011 Census of Population*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 98-312-XCB2011046 (September 2012), accessed May 1, 2014, <http://bit.ly/S51y3Y>.

<sup>9</sup> Statistics Canada (2013), "Distribution of Separated or Divorced Parents, by Primary Residence of Their Children, Canada, 2011," (Table 18) from *2011 General Social Survey: Overview of Families in Canada*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 89-650-XWE (October 2012), accessed May 5, 2013, <http://bit.ly/1gFRPoY>.

<sup>10</sup> Statistics Canada, "Distribution of Separated or Divorced Parents by Major Decision Making Role About the Health, Religion and/or Education of Their Children, Canada, 2011" (Table 19), *2011 General Social Survey: Overview of Families in Canada*, Statistics Canada catalogue no. 89-650-X (October 2012), accessed May 5, 2014, <http://bit.ly/1iBkgOJ>.

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