

**DATE:** July 15, 2003

**TO:** Chairman and Members of the Planning and Development Committee

**FROM:** John Zipay, Acting Commissioner of Planning and Building

**SUBJECT:** **2001 Census Update: Income and Religion**  
**MEETING DATE: August 5, 2003**

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**ORIGIN:** Planning and Building Department

**BACKGROUND:** On May 15, 2001 Statistics Canada conducted the 2001 Census of Canada. The eighth data release from the 2001 Census occurred on May 13, 2003 and provided information regarding religion, income of individuals, families and households, and social and economic characteristics of individuals, families and households. Attached under separate cover is a newsletter with information from that data release. This report presents highlights from the newsletter.

Previous data releases from Statistics Canada were as follows:

March 12, 2002	Population and dwelling counts;
July 16, 2002	Age and sex;
October 22, 2002	Marital status, common-law status, families, dwellings, and households and collectives;
December 10, 2002	Language, mobility and migration;
January 21, 2003	Citizenship, immigration, birthplace and birthplace of parents, ethnic origin, visible minorities and Aboriginal peoples;

- February 11, 2003 Labour force activity, class of worker, occupation, industry, place of work, mode of transportation, language of work and unpaid work; and
- March 11, 2003 School attendance, education, field of study, highest level of schooling and earnings.

Newsletters and staff reports with information from these releases were presented to the Planning and Development Committee on April 15, 2002, September 3, 2002, December 2, 2002, February 17, 2003, March 17, 2003, April 14, 2003, and May 20, 2003, respectively.

As data were released, information newsletters and staff reports were prepared and presented to the Planning and Development Committee. These were also posted on the City's website.

**COMMENTS:**

Attached under separate cover is a newsletter titled "*2001 Census Update: Income and Religion*" which provides information from the eighth data release of the 2001 Census.

Highlights from the newsletter are as follows:

- In Canada, the median income of individuals 15 years of age and over was \$22,120. Mississauga showed a median income higher than the national at \$27,467;
- The composition of total income of individuals in Canada showed that 77.1% were largely from earnings, 11.6% from government transfers, and 11.3% from other money. In Mississauga, the composition of total income of individuals were 85.7% earnings, 6.6% government transfers, and 7.7% other money;

- The 2001 Census showed that after adjusting for inflation, the median family income in 2000 had not changed significantly from a decade ago. In 2000, the median income in Canada was at \$55,016 and \$54,560 in 1990. Mississauga showed a higher median family income than the national at \$67,767 in 2000;
- The median family income of couple families was much higher than lone-parent families. For example, in Canada, couple families had a median family income of \$60,345 compared to \$30,791 for lone-parent families. In Mississauga, couple families' median income was \$73,072 and \$39,883 for lone-parent families;
- The composition of total family income in Canada was 92.3% from earnings, 3.4% from government transfers, and 4.3% from other money. Compared to Canada's percentages, Mississauga, showed a higher percentage from earnings and a smaller percentage from government transfers or other money. In Mississauga, total family income was comprised of 94.6% from earnings, 2.0% from government transfers, and 3.4% from other money;
- The median household income was \$46,752 in Canada, and higher in Mississauga at \$67,542. Not surprisingly, the median household income of two-or-more-person households was greater than one-person households. In Canada, the median income of households with more than two persons was \$57,250, compared to \$21,931 for households with one person. In Mississauga, this was at \$74,914 and \$34,505, respectively;
- The number of owner households that spend 30% or more of their income on housing was 1,188,465 in Canada (16% of all owner households). In Mississauga, 30,075 owners, or 21.5% of all owner households spend 30% or more of their income on housing. The average value of dwellings at the time of the Census was \$162,709 in Canada and \$255,365 in Mississauga;

- In Canada, the average monthly cost of housing was \$835 for owners and \$648 for renters. The average payments for rented and owner-occupied dwellings in Mississauga were higher than the Canadian average. Mississauga residents had payments of \$1,232 for owner-occupied dwellings, and \$930 for rented dwellings;
- The results from the Census illustrate that Canada is growing in its religious diversity;
- Of the selected religions, Roman Catholics were the most reported in Canada (43.2%) and Mississauga (41.3%);
- Persons who indicated “no religion” had the second highest responses in Canada (16.2%) and Mississauga (11.8%). There has been an increasing number of people reporting no religion, representing 4.8 million of the Canadian population in 2001, compared to a decade ago when 3.3 million (12%) of Canadians declared that they had no religion;
- As a result of recent immigration from regions outside of Europe, particularly Asia and the Middle East, there have been growth in the Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism religions. The third most reported religion in Canada was the United Church at (9.6%) while Muslim (6.8%) was the third most common religion in Mississauga.

**CONCLUSION:**

The eighth, and last data release from the 2001 Census of Canada occurred on May 13, 2003 and provided information regarding income and religion. An information newsletter with highlights from that data has been prepared. As data were released, information newsletters and staff reports were prepared and placed on the City's website.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the report titled "*2001 Census Update: Income and Religion*", dated July 15, 2003, from the Acting Commissioner of Planning and Building be received for information.

Original Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_

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