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2025-2026 Annual Report

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Introduction

The Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs presents the 2025-2026 annual report for the Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit, Nunavut’s bureau of statistics.

The reporting period was largely characterized by the continued progress in the bureau's revitalization, which began the previous year. The year was defined by consolidation and delivery. After several years of constrained operations, the bureau moved from rebuilding its foundations to producing and publishing results. The team grew, and core data products returned to the regular schedule, and the bureau resumed a visible role in territorial and national statistical work.

The most significant milestone was the completion and public release of the 2025 Nunavut Food Price Survey, the first fully verified and published cycle since 2018. The bureau also launched the 2026 cycle of that survey, supported the 2026 Nunavut Government Employee Survey and partnered with Statistics Canada on the 2026 Census of the Population, which began early enumeration in Nunavut communities in February 2026.

Staffing continued to strengthen during the review period. The bureau began the year with four of its six positions filled and ended with six positions filled (three (3) indeterminate staff and three (3) casual staff). Recruitment continued throughout the year with job postings being made to fill all positions with indeterminate staff. The bureau also submitted a Sivuliqtiksat internship application to support a pathway to indeterminate Inuit employment within the team.

Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit continued to close long-standing data gaps on its webpages, resumed regular publication of its StatsUpdate series, and responded to a growing volume of data requests from across government, Inuit organizations, federal agencies, researchers, students and the media.

Background

Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit is the central statistical agency for the Government of Nunavut. It collects, records, analyses, and distributes statistical data on Nunavut to Nunavummiut and other interested parties across Canada and internationally. The bureau makes data available to assist the Government of Nunavut (GN) in its decision-making, planning, implementation, and evaluations; information is also available to the public.

The bureau publishes the statistical data it produces on its web pages, which are housed on the Government of Nunavut's website at: https://www.gov.nu.ca/en/nunavut-bureau-statistics. These datasets offer the global community valuable insights into Nunavut through comprehensive statistical reporting. Data is sourced from all departments within the Government of Nunavut, Inuit organizations, Statistics Canada, and other sources as needed. Tabling an annual report is a statutory requirement under the *Statistics Act.*

Administrative, Planning and Management Activities

Statistics Act

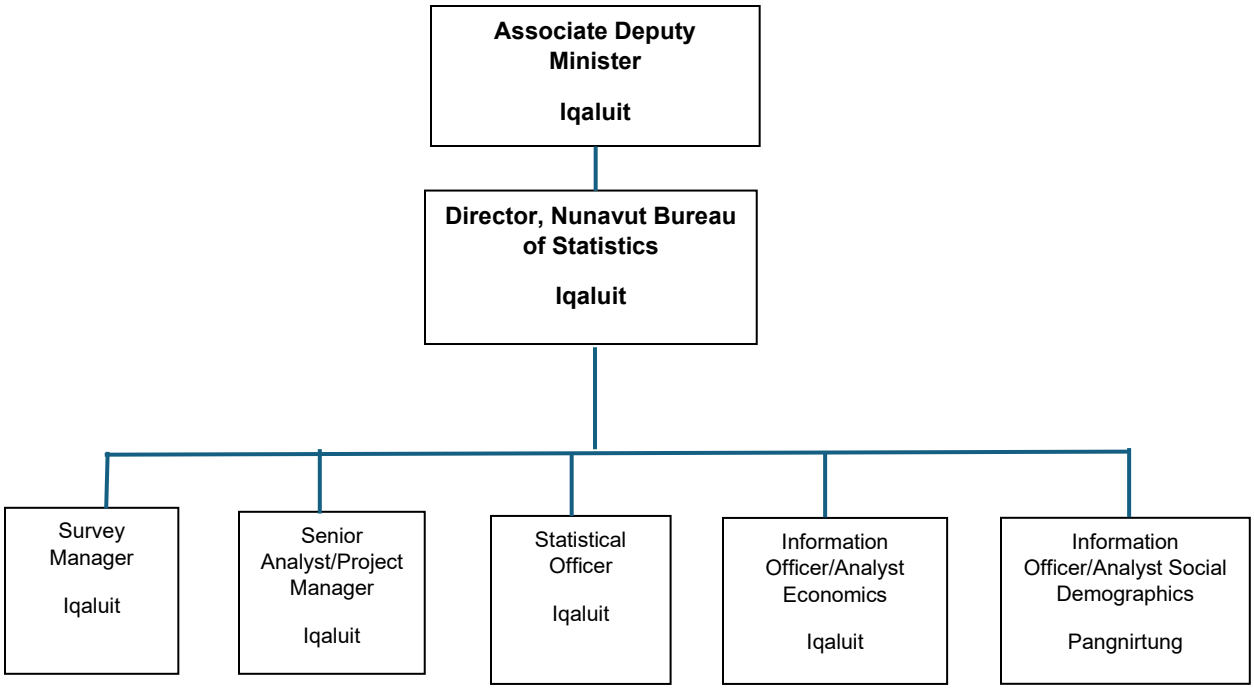
The *Statistics Act* allows the Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit to access more detailed data sets from Statistics Canada that are relevant to Nunavut. It also establishes the Bureau's official name, Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit, and its mandate as the territory's central statistical agency.

Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit Staff

Strengthening the bureau's capacity was a continued priority throughout the reporting period. The bureau began the year with four of its six established positions filled and steadily advanced recruitment for the remaining roles. By the end of the reporting period, the bureau had five positions filled (three indeterminate and two on a casual contractual basis), with recruitment ongoing for the remaining indeterminate vacancy.

Recruitment progressed in stages over the year. During this period, the survey manager, senior analyst/project manager and information analyst competitions advanced to the interview stage. The senior analyst/ project manager position was subsequently filled on an indeterminate basis, while the other two competitions were unsuccessful. At the close of the reporting period, the bureau had the following staff: the director, project manager/senior analyst, statistical officer, information clerk (all based in Iqaluit) and an information officer/analyst (based in Pangnirtung).

Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit Organizational Structure



Sivuliqtiksat Internship Application

During the reporting period, the bureau applied to the Department of Human Resources for consideration of a selected Inuk candidate under the Sivuliqtiksat Internship Program. At the time of the application, the candidate was employed as a casual staff member in the role of information clerk with the bureau. If accepted into the program, the candidate would be trained to occupy the statistical officer position on an indeterminate basis. A detailed learning and training plan was submitted in support of the application, and the bureau awaited the review committee's decision at the end of the period. Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit considers this application a priority, as it offers a pathway to indeterminate employment that strengthens Inuit representation and institutional continuity within the team.

Data & Dissemination of Information

The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit sources its statistical information from Government of Nunavut departments, Inuit organizations, Statistics Canada - Canada's national statistical agency, other federal agencies and relevant authoritative sources. The bureau regularly disseminates statistical information to Government of Nunavut departments, various territorial and regional organizations within Nunavut, and to media, consultants, researchers, and other data users.

Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit Webpages

The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit webpages are available to the public at:
https://www.gov.nu.ca/en/nunavut-bureau-statistics.

The webpages are updated periodically to reflect Nunavut-related data received from statistical sources, which include surveys conducted within the territory. Data is categorized on the webpages under the following headings: Population Data, Economic Data, Labour Force and Employment Data, Social Data, Census Data, and Survey Archives. This includes several tables of detailed, organized statistics for each data classification.

The bureau restored timely data sharing on its webpages after more than three years of minimal updates caused by capacity constraints. Following the appointment of a new director in May 2024 and the subsequent onboarding of additional staff, approximately eighty-five percent (85%) of the public English statistical content on the Government of Nunavut website was updated. Prior to this work carried out between 2024 and early 2026, much of the published data did not extend beyond 2020. The bureau's core statistical tables are now largely up to date and aligned with recent Statistics Canada releases.

Extensive work was completed on the English pages to close the data gap, and translations into all four official languages are now coordinated with the assistance of the communications division within the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs. Planning is also underway to further enhance webpage structure, document formatting, and navigation so that information is clear and user-friendly for all Nunavummiut.

Publications

The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit's statistical publication, StatsUpdate, is produced on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis. StatsUpdates provide relevant statistical information about Nunavut, which is distributed to Government of Nunavut departments, various territorial and regional organizations within Nunavut and is also shared on the bureau's web pages.

Monthly releases of this publication include: the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Retail and Trade, Payroll Employment Earnings and Hours, Employment Insurance, and Labour Force Survey. Along with data provided about the territory, some datasets include more detailed information for Iqaluit (CPI for example). The quarterly StatsUpdate provides population estimates for Nunavut and all the provinces and territories in Canada.

The annual release includes data (when available) for gross domestic product (GDP), labour force statistics, the Nunavut Food Price Survey, national crime rates, population estimates, and birth and death rates. Census of Canada data, collected every five years, address language, Indigenous people, education, labour and income, housing and family structure, and are also disseminated through the StatsUpdate publication.

Statistical Tables

The bureau also produces an extensive list of statistical tables on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis. The tables reflect data for several topics, including population estimates, census results, labour force, employment trends, historical prices, community-specific data, etc.

The tables present intricate data in an organized, easily interpreted format for users. They can be downloaded in Excel format from the bureau's webpages.

Some of the statistical tables are organized from raw data spreadsheets received from Statistics Canada. Others are produced from primary research initiatives like the Nunavut Food Price Survey, or data received from departments across the GN.

Data Requests

The Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit receives and fulfills data requests from internal and external stakeholders for statistical information and advises on statistical matters related to Nunavut. To support this work, the bureau established a dedicated general inquiries email address, statsbureau@gov.nu.ca, during the reporting period.

Throughout the year, the bureau saw a consistent rise in the volume of requests for data and in the range of requesters, which now includes Government of Nunavut departments, Inuit organizations, federal agencies, students, researchers and the media.

Population and labour force data continued to be among the most frequently requested. Staff responded promptly to these inquiries.

Projects & Statistical Initiatives

The 2025–2026 reporting period saw the bureau move from launching initiatives to delivering and publishing results. With renewed capacity during the review period, the bureau completed and released its flagship Food Price Survey, launched the next cycle and partnered with Statistics Canada on two major national data collection efforts: The Nunavut Government Employee Survey (NGES) and the 2026 Census of Canada.

The team also advanced the file migration, data management, and web page management projects from the previous year. These initiatives reflect strategic efforts to revitalize the bureau's operations, modernize data handling, and enhance public accessibility to information, laying the foundation for a more responsive and resilient statistical system.

2025 Nunavut Food Price Survey

The bureau completed and published the 2025 Nunavut Food Price Survey during the reporting period. This was the first fully verified and published cycle since 2018. The Nunavut Food Price Survey was established in 2013 to monitor food price variation across communities and support analysis of cost-of-living pressures.

The 2025 Nunavut Food Price Survey was conducted in March 2025 across all 25 Nunavut communities and includes standardized, comparable price information for commonly purchased food and essential household items. Government liaison officers partnered with the Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit to collect shelf-price data from local retailers, and the same basket of goods was priced in Ottawa, Ontario, to provide a southern reference point.

Given the seven-year publication gap, broader national inflation, and supply chain pressures, a direct comparison with 2018 results should be interpreted with caution. The 2025 cycle restores a consistent, clearly documented methodology and strengthens quality assurance processes, thereby establishing a new baseline for year-over-year analysis going forward.

2026 Nunavut Food Price Survey

The 2026 cycle of the Nunavut Food Price Survey was launched within the reporting period, reinforcing the bureau’s commitment to sustained annual monitoring of food affordability across the territory. At the close of the period, price data had been collected from 23 of the 25 Nunavut communities and from three major Ottawa retailers as a southern reference point. Collection outputs are compiled into both individual community files and a consolidated master dataset, with emphasis on data integrity through careful validation, standardization and quality control. The

bureau has also initiated research into appropriate solutions for digitizing the survey in future cycles. The 2026 report is intended to be completed in Fall 2026.

2026 Nunavut Government Employee Survey

Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit played an administrative coordination role in the 2026 Nunavut Government Employee Survey (NGES), a collaboration among the Government of Nunavut (Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit and the Department of Human Resources), Statistics Canada, the Government of Canada, and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. The survey ran from January 5 to April 3, 2026, and collected data from employees working in Nunavut for the Government of Nunavut and the Government of Canada. It covered workplace experiences, training and learning opportunities, career advancement and hiring, supervisor support and job satisfaction, government housing and childcare, Inuit societal values in the workplace, and the use and support of Inuktitut.

The bureau oversaw the collection and compilation of the Government of Nunavut employee lists submitted to Statistics Canada to inform the survey respondent list. The bureau's director served as one of two survey champions within the Government of Nunavut and was actively involved in ongoing survey requests and updates. The bureau staff handled telephone queries in English and Inuktitut and email requests in all four official languages during work hours.

Survey content was developed through the Nunavut Inuit Labour Force Analysis (NILFA) Technical Working Group, which includes representatives from Government of Nunavut departments, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, Pilimmaksaivik, Employment and Social Development Canada, and Statistics Canada. The results directly support the Government of Nunavut's obligations under Article 23 of the Nunavut Agreement, which commits governments to increasing Inuit employment with the public service toward a representative public service.

2026 Census of Canada

The bureau was an active collaborator with Statistics Canada on the 2026 Census of the Population, which began early enumeration in Nunavut in February 2026, ahead of the rest of Canada. Early enumeration allows Statistics Canada to count Nunavummiut before spring, when a significant portion of the population leaves for seasonal activities on the land, and to reach communities that are more accessible in winter.

Census data are among the most important inputs for territorial programming and planning and play a significant role in determining the federal transfer payments the Government of Nunavut receives. The data inform planning and funding for health services, schools, housing, and social

services; Inuktitut language programming under the *Inuit Language Protection Act*; program planning by Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and regional Inuit organizations; and demographic projections across the territory.

The bureau provided Statistics Canada with necessary context regarding the nuanced realities of the territory when they were consulted prior to the start of the early enumeration process. The bureau also served as knowledge experts on the survey process within the Government of Nunavut, addressing concerns regarding collection methods and serving as a direct liaison to the Statistics Canada team.

The 2026 cycle reflects several changes informed by the experience of the 2021 Census, when pandemic-related disruptions, the cancellation of early enumeration and seasonal timing contributed to Nunavut recording the lowest response rate in the country and elevated imputation. Ahead of the 2026 cycle, Statistics Canada's census leadership visited the territory to meet with the bureau and other local stakeholders; early enumeration was restored and expanded; reference questionnaires were made available in Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun, and additional dialects; and local multilingual enumerators and crew leaders were hired.

Enumerators from Statistics Canada conducted door-to-door collection across all 25 communities in the Kivalliq, Kitikmeot and Qikiqtaaluk regions, with the official Census Day reference date of May 13, 2026.

Rebranding Initiative

The bureau began a rebranding initiative as part of the broader renewal of its identity, relevance and presence within the territory as the Government of Nunavut's central statistical agency. After a sustained period of reduced operations, the bureau is increasing capacity.

As at the end of the reporting period, the initiative is in its consultative phase, which encompasses the development of a new visual identity, including a logo and design elements, rooted in Inuit culture and connected to the communities that the bureau serves. The intent is for the bureau's brand to communicate not only its statistical function, but also its relationship to the land, the people and the territory in which it operates.

Centralized Data Management

Following the relocation of Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit's head office from Pangnirtung to Iqaluit, the bureau continued to prioritize the centralized management of its electronic files. SharePoint and OneDrive functionality continued to provide a shared digital workspace supporting real-time

collaboration between staff and across communities, helping to maintain data integrity and stewardship in accordance with provisions of Nunavut's *Statistics Act*. Relevant physical files that are currently in Pangnirtung will be transferred to the Iqaluit office when the team moves into the new office space being prepared for the Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs later in 2026.

Territorial & Federal Liaison

As the central statistical agency for the Government of Nunavut, Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit plays a vital role in representing Nunavut's interests within Canada's national statistical system. Over the reporting period, the bureau deepened its engagement with federal partners, maintained key data-sharing agreements, and participated in national statistical forums, reinforcing its presence in federal-provincial-territorial statistical collaboration.

Data Sharing Agreement with Statistics Canada

Nunavummit Kiglisiniartiit continued to uphold its data-sharing agreement with Statistics Canada, which outlines protocols related to data collection, confidentiality, access, and documentation. This agreement ensures that Nunavut remains an active contributor to national statistical programs while safeguarding the privacy and interests of Nunavummiut and reinforces the ongoing partnership between the two agencies.

Focal Point Secretariat and Committee Participation

The bureau maintained its participation in the Focal Point Secretariat coordinated by Statistics Canada, which serves as a central hub for accessing microdata and coordinating activities with Research Data Centres. The director attended regular meetings with designated focal points from across the country to exchange updates, share jurisdictional experiences, and discuss emerging statistical priorities.

In addition to the secretariat, the bureau participated in a range of specialized Focal Point Committees, representing Nunavut in areas such as Economic Accounts, Mineral and Business Statistics, Demography and Census, Social Statistics, Labour Statistics, and Agriculture. Through these forums, and through the NILFA Technical Working Group convened in support of the Nunavut Government Employee Survey, the bureau contributed to intergovernmental discussions and ensured that the unique statistical needs of Nunavut were acknowledged and addressed.

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