



Sport Participation in Canada

Chapter 11

11.0 Involvement in Amateur Sport as Administrator or Helper

In total, 1.7 million adult Canadians (7%) were involved in amateur sport as administrators or helpers in 1998, down from nearly 2 million (9%) in 1992.

Males and females were involved as administrators / helpers in equal proportion in 1998, a change from 1992 when nearly twice as many men were sport administrators as were women.

Approximately 1.7 million adult Canadians (7% of the population) were involved in amateur sport as administrators or helpers in 1998, down from nearly 2 million (9%) in 1992. Males and females were involved as administrators/helpers in equal proportion in 1998. Not so six years earlier, when nearly twice as many men were sport volunteers or helpers as were women.

As with coaches and referees, most Canadians involved in the administration of amateur sport were 15-18 year olds (13%) followed by the 35-54 age group (10%). Persons with higher levels of education and higher household incomes (particularly \$50,000 or more) were more likely to volunteer their time as administrators or helpers for amateur sport.

At the provincial level, the highest involvement rates were reported in the Atlantic Provinces (ranging from 11% in New Brunswick to 15% in PEI) and Saskatchewan (13%). The lowest proportion of amateur sport administrator/helper was reported in Quebec (4%).

As for mother tongue, Anglophones (10%) participated as administrators at a much higher rate than did persons of other linguistic profiles. Rates of participation were lowest for persons speaking a language other than English or French (3%) and for Francophones (5%).

Table 13.

Profile of Canadians (aged 15 years and over) who participate
in Amateur Sport as an Administrator or Helper, 1998

	population	Total		Male		Female	
		000s	%	000s	%	000s	%
Total	24,260	1,706	7.0	842	7.1	864	7.0
Age group							
15-18	1,644	214	13.0	118	13.8	96	12.2
19-24	2,415	130	5.4	53	4.4	77	6.4
25-34	4,615	291	6.3	139	6.0	152	6.6
35-54	9,353	929	9.9	434	9.3	495	10.6
55 and over	6,233	141	2.3	97	3.4	44	1.3
Level of education							
Some secondary or less	6,286	311	4.9	177	5.7	134	4.2
Some college/trade/high school	6,057	496	8.2	245	8.6	251	7.8
Diploma/some University	6,201	487	7.9	175	5.9	312	9.6
University degree	4,094	397	9.7	236	10.4	160	8.8
Family income							
LESS THAN \$20,000	2,305	55	2.4	x	x	x	x
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1,828	75	4.1	x	x	x	x
\$30,000 to \$49,999	4,262	305	7.1	145	7.1	160	7.2
\$50,000 to \$79,999	4,418	498	11.3	230	9.5	268	13.4
\$80,000 or more	3,168	363	11.5	214	10.8	149	12.5
Province of residence							
Newfoundland	447	57	12.7	31	14.1	26	11.3
Prince Edward Island	107	16	14.8	9	17.6	7	12.2
Nova Scotia	761	107	14.1	61	16.5	46	11.8
New Brunswick	613	67	11.0	29	9.7	38	12.3
Quebec	6,006	248	4.1	112	3.8	136	4.4
Ontario	9,184	555	6.0	294	6.5	261	5.6
Manitoba	893	79	8.9	41	9.4	38	8.3
Saskatchewan	787	101	12.9	59	15.1	43	10.7
Alberta	2,261	218	9.7	99	8.7	119	10.6
British Columbia	3,201	257	8.0	106	6.7	150	9.3
Labour force participation							
Full time	11,388	967	8.5	549	8.0	418	9.3
Part time	1,615	168	10.4	x	x	x	x
Student with/without employment	2,368	276	11.6	135	11.2	141	12.1
Not in labour force	6,742	260	3.9	116	4.7	144	3.4
Mother tongue							
English only	11,360	1,142	10.1	557	9.8	586	10.3
French only	4,321	198	4.6	77	3.8	121	5.3
Other only	2,358	75	3.2	x	x	x	x
Multiple languages	4,161	291	7.0	165	8.0	125	6.0

% The participation rate is calculated by using the total Canadian population 15 years and older for each designated category.

Estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand. Totals may not add due to rounding.

* Only replies with estimates of 35,000 or more are indicated.

Source: Statistics Canada, General Social Survey, 1998