

This paper documents how the gaps between Canada's Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal populations in terms of educational attainment and labour market outcomes have changed between 2001 and 2011 and assesses the consequences of any progress (or lack thereof) for the Canadian economy. Building upon previous research conducted by the Centre for the Study of Living Standards, we estimate the benefits of eliminating the educational attainment gap by the year 2031. Using projections of the Aboriginal population in 2031 and data from the 2011 National Household survey, we estimate the impact of closing the Aboriginal educational attainment gap on Aboriginal labour market performance and the national economy. We provide breakdowns of the estimated benefits by province, sex, age, Aboriginal identity, registered Indian status, and residence on- and off-reserve.