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Results from the

First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey

(RHS) 2002/03

“There exists no other data source for First Nations, living in First Nations communities, as rich and reliable as the RHS”

The **First Nations Regional Longitudinal Health Survey (RHS)** is the most complete study of First Nations health and living conditions in Canada. It is the only national research initiative under complete control of First Nations, in keeping with the First Nations Principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP).

This is the first major survey in Canada carried out by First Nations for First Nations. It is unique in addressing First Nations' own priorities and needs from a holistic perspective. The RHS National Reports (**now available**) and the 10 Regional Reports contain results on the adult, youth and children on-reserve First Nation populations.

The RHS reports provide a snapshot of the health and living conditions in First Nations communities addressing topics such as housing, employment, income, education, community development and residential schools etc.

A total of 238 First Nations communities participated in RHS 2002-03 and over 22,602 First Nations people responded to RHS. RHS is politically supported by national and regional resolutions; **RHS is the First Nations' Survey of Choice**.

If your community is interested:

- In obtaining copies of the RHS national and regional reports;
- In obtaining details on the RHS Phase 2 developments and to raise community issues for potential inclusion in the next wave.

Call **Toll Free: 1-866-869-6789**, or go to our website: www.rhs-ers.ca.

**Coming Soon to Our Communities
RHS Phase 2 Data Collection - Fall 2007**

*“Compared to **other national surveys of Indigenous people from around the world**, the 2002/2003 RHS was unique in First Nations ownership of the research process, its explicit incorporation of First Nations values into the research design and in the intensive collaborative engagement of First Nations people and their representatives at each stage of the research process”.*

RHS Independent Review - Harvard University



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