

**ABORIGINAL LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION IN CANADA: CONSIDERATION OF A BROADER
DEFINITION OF CAPITAL**

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ABSTRACT

The labour force status of Aboriginal Canadians is analysed with the intent of assessing the role of an expanded definition of capital to include the human capital component of health status and social capital. The dataset of the 2006 Aboriginal Peoples Survey is analysed using an instrument variable ordered probit model to study labour force participation among Aboriginal Canadians. The results suggest that both health status and social capital are significant determinants of labour force status among Aboriginal Canadians. The findings have implications for public policy.

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