

Appendix 1 (as supplied by the authors)

Appendix 1A: Kessler Psychological Distress Scale (K10)

Please select the answer that is correct for you:	All of the time (score 5)	Most of the time (score 4)	Some of the time (score 3)	A little of the time (score 2)	None of the time (score 1)
1. In the past 4 weeks, about how often did you feel tired out for no good reason?					
2. In the past 4 weeks, about how often did you feel nervous?					
3. In the past 4 weeks, about how often did you feel so nervous that nothing could calm you down?					
4. In the past 4 weeks, about how often did you feel hopeless?					
5. In the past 4 weeks, about how often did you feel restless or fidgety?					
6. In the past 4 weeks, about how often did you feel so restless you could not sit still?					
7. In the past 4 weeks, about how often did you feel depressed?					
8. In the past 4 weeks, about how often did you feel that everything was an effort?					
9. In the past 4 weeks, about how often did you feel so sad that nothing could cheer you up?					
10. In the past 4 weeks, about how often did you feel worthless?					

Source: Kessler RC, Andrews G, Colpe LJ, Hiripi E, Mroczek DK, Normand SLT et al. Short screening scales to monitor population prevalences and trends in non-specific psychological distress. *Psychol Med* 2002; **32**: 959–76.

Appendix 1B: The definition and weighted descriptive statistics of the variables used in the study

Variables	Description	Proportion/Mean†		
		Total	Male	Female
Outcome variable				
<i>Psychological distress</i>	The Kessler Psychological Distress Scale (K10) score (Min=10 and Max 50)	16.061	15.168	16.745
<i>Lifetime suicide ideation</i>	1= if individual reported suicide ideation in the lifetime, 0 otherwise, 0 otherwise	0.1934	0.1609	0.2185
<i>Lifetime suicide attempt</i>	1= if individual reported a suicide attempt in the lifetime, 0 otherwise, 0 otherwise	0.0217	0.0198	0.2315
Demographic variables				
Sex				
<i>Male</i>	1= if male, 0 otherwise	0.4336		
<i>Age (years)</i>	Age of individual in years	42.5383	42.5469	42.5316
Marital Status				
<i>Married</i>	1= if married or <i>de facto</i> married, 0 otherwise	0.5385	0.5826	0.5048
<i>Divorced or widowed</i>	1= if divorced or widowed, 0 otherwise	0.1483	0.0907	0.1924
<i>Single (Ref.)</i>	1= if single, 0 otherwise	0.3132	0.3266	0.3028
Cultural group				
<i>Métis (Ref.)</i>	1= if Métis, 0 otherwise	0.4528	0.4736	0.4368
<i>Status First Nations</i>	1= if status First Nations, 0 otherwise	0.3428	0.3232	0.3578
<i>Non-status First Nations</i>	1= if non-status First Nations, 0 otherwise	0.1605	0.1595	0.1614
<i>Inuit</i>	1= if Inuit, 0 otherwise	0.0439	0.0438	0.0441
Socioeconomic variables				
<i>Equivalentised household income (log)</i>	Natural log of household income divided by the square root of household size	10.4227	10.5125	10.3540
Education Level				
<i>Grades 8 and less (Ref.)</i>	1= if completed grade 8 or less, 0 otherwise	0.0634	0.0665	0.0612

<i>Grades 9-10</i>	1= if completed grade 9 or 10, 0 otherwise	0.0939	0.0986	0.0903
<i>Grades 11- secondary completed</i>	1= if completed grade 11, 12, 13 (secondary), 0 otherwise	0.2292	0.2406	0.2205
<i>Some post- secondary</i>	1= if completed some post-secondary education without earning any degree/diploma/certificate, 0 otherwise	0.1876	0.1963	0.1809
<i>Post-secondary degree/diploma</i>	1= if completed post-secondary degree (e.g., university, trade school, college), 0 otherwise	0.4259	0.3981	0.4472
Employment status				
<i>Employed (Ref.)</i>	1= if employed, 0 otherwise	0.6404	0.0552	0.1809
<i>Not in labour force</i>	1= if not in labour force, 0 otherwise	0.243	0.1849	0.2876
<i>Unemployed</i>	1= if unemployed, 0 otherwise	0.1166	0.1297	0.1066
Household crowding				
<i>Room per capita 2 and less (Ref.)</i>	1= if room per capita in the household is 2 and less, 0 otherwise	0.5317	0.5245	0.5373
<i>Room per capita greater than 2 to 4</i>	1= if room per capita in the household is greater than 2 and less than 4, 0 otherwise	0.3666	0.3708	0.3633
<i>Room per capita above 4</i>	1= if room per capita in the household is 4 and above, 0 otherwise	0.1017	0.1047	0.0994
Housing maintenance				
<i>Regular (Ref.)</i>	1= if regular maintenance is needed, 0 otherwise	0.553	0.5444	0.5594
<i>Minor</i>	1= if minor maintenance is needed, 0 otherwise	0.3108	0.3283	0.2975
<i>Major</i>	1= if major maintenance is needed, 0 otherwise	0.1362	0.1273	0.1431
Food security‡				
<i>High (Ref.)</i>	1= if individual had high food security, 0 otherwise	0.8138	0.8447	0.7903
<i>Low</i>	1= if individual had low food security, 0 otherwise	0.0964	0.0892	0.1018
<i>Very low</i>	1= if individual had very low food security, 0 otherwise	0.0898	0.0661	0.1080
Behavioural variables				
Drinking habit				
<i>Regular drinker</i>	1= if individual drank once a month or more, 0 otherwise	0.5741	0.6635	0.5056
Smoking habit				
<i>Daily tobacco use</i>	1= if individual was a daily tobacco user, 0 otherwise	0.3083	0.3087	0.3081

Social connectedness variables

<i>Strong extended family tie§</i>	1= if individual reported having the strength of ties of 4 or 5 (on a scale of 1 to 5) with family members living in their city/town/ community but in another household, 0 otherwise	0.5143	0.4678	0.5499
<i>No one to turn to for support</i>	1= if individual had no one to turn to for support, 0 otherwise	0.0495	0.0633	0.0389

Other cultural variables

Cultural engagement

<i>Clothing footwear</i>	1= if individual made clothing/footwear in the last year, 0 otherwise	0.0985	0.0307	0.1504
<i>Art craft</i>	1= if individual made art craft in the last year, 0 otherwise	0.2808	0.2168	0.3297
<i>Hunting/fishing/trapping</i>	1= if individual went hunting, fishing or trapping in the last year, 0 otherwise	0.3678	0.5021	0.2649
<i>Plant gathering</i>	1= if individual gathered wild plants in the last year, 0 otherwise	0.3089	0.2802	0.3309

Language

<i>Speak Indigenous language</i>	1= if individual spoke an Indigenous language well or with effort, 0 otherwise	0.1108	0.0976	0.1209
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Residential school variable

<i>Not attended (Ref.)</i>	1= if none of the family attended residential schools, 0 otherwise	0.7014	0.7200	0.6872
<i>Any family member attended</i>	1= if at least one of the individual's family attended residential schools, 0 otherwise	0.2095	0.1913	0.2234
<i>Missing</i>	1= if individual did not answer the residential school attendance question, 0 otherwise	0.0891	0.0887	0.0894

Geographical variables

Urbanicity

<i>Rural (Ref.)</i>	1= if individual resided in the small rural area, 0 otherwise	0.2318	0.2445	0.2220
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<i>Small population centre</i>	1= if individual resided in small population centre 1,000 to 29,999, 0 otherwise	0.205	0.2084	0.2023
<i>Medium population centre</i>	1= if individual resided in a medium population centre 30,000 to 99,999, 0 otherwise	0.118	0.1064	0.1270
<i>Urban</i>	1= if individual resided in large urban population centre 100,0000 or more, 0 otherwise	0.4452	0.4407	0.4487
Regions				
<i>Atlantic provinces</i>	1= if individual resided in the four Atlantic provinces (i.e., New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador), 0 otherwise	0.0755	0.2513	0.2559
<i>Quebec</i>	1= if individual resided in Quebec, 0 otherwise	0.1052	0.0719	0.0782
<i>Ontario (Ref.)</i>	1= if individual resided in Ontario, 0 otherwise	0.2870	0.1157	0.0971
<i>Manitoba</i>	1= if individual resided in Manitoba, 0 otherwise	0.1231		
<i>Saskatchewan</i>	1= if individual resided in Saskatchewan; 0 otherwise	0.0851	0.1224	0.1237
<i>Alberta</i>	1= if individual resided in Alberta, 0 otherwise	0.1554	0.0820	0.0876
<i>British Columbia</i>	1= if individual resided in British Columbia, 0 otherwise	0.1687	0.1525	0.1576
<i>Territories</i>	1= if individual resided in the three territories (i.e., Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut), 0 otherwise	0.0331	0.1720	0.1661

Note: *Ref.* indicates reference category in the decomposition analysis.

† The columns indicate the proportion for each variable coded as 1, except for equalized household income and age, for which they represent the mean value.

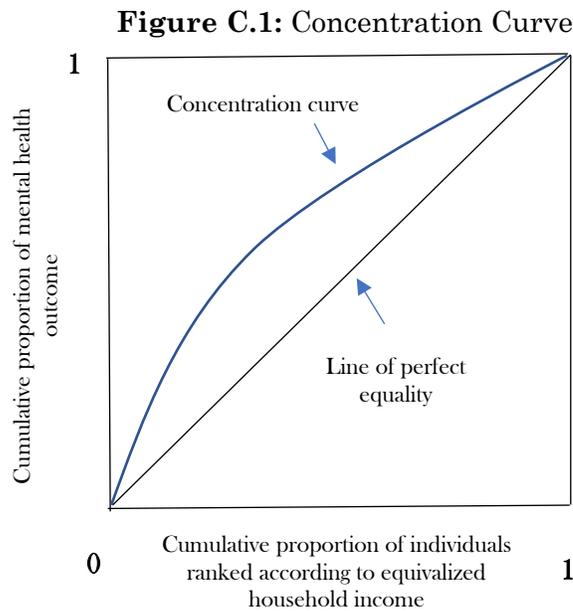
‡ This variable is derived from the respondent's answers to the six questions using the U.S. Household Food Security Survey Module Six-Item Short Form. For further detail see "United States Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service. U.S. household food security survey module: six-item short form. <http://www.ers.usda.gov/media/8282/short2012.pdf>. Updated September 2012. Accessed Feb 9, 2019."

§ The cut-off was selected based on the weighted median value of extended family ties scale.

Appendix 1C: Detailed Statistical Analysis

The Concentration Index

The concentration index (C) approach was used to quantify the extent of income-related inequalities in psychological distress, lifetime suicidal ideation and attempt among Indigenous peoples living off-reserve in Canada. As a summary measure of socioeconomic inequality in health, the C for each health outcome is computed based on the concentration curve, which graphs the cumulative percentage of the population ranked by ascending order of an SES variable (e.g., equivalised household income), on its x -axis, against the cumulative percentage of a health outcome (e.g., mild-to-severe psychological distress) (see Figure C.1).



If the concentration curve coincides with the diagonal (the perfect equality line), health outcome is the same for all individuals, regardless of their SES level. The C is calculated as twice the area between the diagonal and the concentration curve. If the concentration curve lies above the diagonal, it suggests that health outcome is more prevalent among lower SES individuals and *vice versa*.¹ The value of C varies from -1 to 1 and the value of zero indicates perfect equality. A negative (positive) value of the C indicates that the health outcome is disproportionately concentrated among low SES individuals.

The C can be computed using the following “convenient regression” formula:²

$$2\sigma_R^2 \left(\frac{y_i}{\mu} \right) = \alpha + \delta R_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad (1)$$

where y_i is individuals i 's health outcome, μ is the proportion of health outcome for the total sample, R_i is the individuals i 's fractional rank in the distribution ($i = 1$ and n for the poorest and richest individuals, respectively) and is calculated as $R_i = i/n$. The σ_R^2 denotes the variance of fractional rank. The ordinary least squares (OLS) estimate of δ and its standard error indicates the value and the standard error for the C , respectively.³ The minimum and maximum values of the index are not -1 and +1 when the health outcome is binary (e.g., lifetime suicidal ideation and lifetime suicide attempt). Thus, as per Wagstaff's suggestion,⁴ the magnitude of the C and its standard error were normalized by multiplying them by $1/1 - \mu$. The normalized concentration index (C_n) was used to measure income-related inequalities in lifetime suicidal ideation and lifetime suicide attempt.

Decomposing the Concentration Index

The C can be decomposed to identify factors explaining income-related inequality in mental health outcome among the off-reserve Indigenous population. The decomposition analysis enables us to measure the extent to which observed explanatory factors of the health outcome (e.g., demographic, socioeconomic, social connectedness, geographic characteristics, etc.) contributed to the income-related inequality in mental health outcome among Indigenous population. Wagstaff and colleagues⁵ showed that if we have a linear regression model that relates our outcome variable, y , to a set of k explanatory variables (including SES variable itself), x_k , such as:

$$y = \alpha + \sum_k \beta_k x_k + \varepsilon, \quad (2)$$

the C for the health outcome variable, y , can be decomposed as follows:

$$C = \sum_k \left(\frac{\beta_k \bar{x}_k}{\mu} \right) C_k + \frac{GC_\varepsilon}{\mu}. \quad (3)$$

As per Equation 3, the C for the health outcome variable is equal to a weighted sum of the C of the explanatory variables, the C_k , where the weight is the elasticity of y with respect to x_k (i.e., $\beta_k (\bar{x}_k / \mu)$, where \bar{x}_k represents the mean of x_k and β_k is the coefficient of x_k obtained from Equation 2). If an explanatory factor is distributed unequally across income distribution and has a significant elasticity, the factor contributes to the observed income-related inequality in health outcome.⁵ The contribution of each explanatory (i.e., $\left(\frac{\beta_k \bar{x}_k}{\mu} \right) C_k$) shows how much the variation in the explanatory variable of x_k among different income groups can explain the association between health outcome and income via its partial relation with

health outcome (i.e., as measured by the elasticity of the x_k). The negative (positive) contribution of a factor to the C suggests that income-related distribution of the factor and the association between the factor and health outcomes results to an increase in the health outcome among the poor (rich). The error term in the model, GC_ε equals to $\frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i R_i$ ⁵ and demonstrates income-related inequality in the health outcome that cannot be explained by variation in x_k across income groups.³ As discussed above, the two mental health outcome variables in the study are binary, and normalization is necessary to bound the minimum and maximum values of the index at -1 and +1. If we apply Wagstaff's normalization to the decomposition of the C , Equation 3 can be written as:

$$C_n = \frac{c}{1-\mu} = \frac{\sum_k \left(\frac{\beta_k \bar{x}_k}{\mu} \right) C_k}{1-\mu} + \frac{GC_\varepsilon}{1-\mu}. \quad (4)$$

Since lifetime suicidal ideation and lifetime suicide attempt are binary, marginal effects of coefficients obtained from the non-linear logit model were used in the decomposition analysis. As per Statistics Canada's Research Data Centre (RDC) guidelines,⁶ we applied bootstrap weights (using the SVY command⁷ in the Stata 14⁸) in the analyses to obtain estimates that are representative of Indigenous populations living off-reserve in Canada and to take into account the complex survey design.

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Appendix 1D: Detailed decomposition of income-related inequalities in psychological distress and suicidal behaviours (Total)

	Psychological distress				Lifetime suicide ideation			Lifetime suicide attempt			
	\bar{X}_k	C_k	β_k	$\frac{\beta_k \bar{X}_k}{\mu}$	Contribution †§	β_k	$\frac{\beta_k \bar{X}_k}{\mu}$	Contribution‡ §	β_k	$\frac{\beta_k \bar{X}_k}{\mu}$	Contribution‡ §
Demographic variables											
Sex (Ref.=Female)											
<i>Male</i>	0.4336	0.0722	-0.9857	-0.0266	-0.0019	-0.0163	-0.0365	-0.0033	-0.0001	-0.0021	-0.0002
Age (years)	42.538	0.0059	-0.0430	-0.1138	-0.0007	-0.0003	-0.0756	-0.0006	-0.0002	-0.4494	-0.0027
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Marital Status (Ref.=Single)											
<i>Married</i>	0.5385	0.1176	-0.0515	-0.0017	-0.0002	-0.0202	-0.0563	-0.0082	-0.0045	-0.1112	-0.0134
<i>Divorced or widowed</i>	0.1483	-0.1704	0.6820	0.0063	-0.0011	0.0506	0.0388	-0.0082	-0.0057	-0.0389	0.0068
					-0.0039			-0.0202			-0.0095
					(7.2)			(9.3)			(2.9)
Cultural group (Ref.=Métis)											
<i>Status First Nations</i>	0.3428	-0.0986	-0.5917	-0.0126	0.0012	0.0167	0.0296	-0.0036	-0.0001	-0.0020	0.0002
<i>Non-status First Nations</i>	0.1605	0.0314	0.1501	0.0015	0.0000	-0.0036	-0.0030	-0.0001	0.0030	0.0219	0.0007
<i>Inuit</i>	0.0439	-0.0252	-1.5823	-0.0043	0.0001	0.0215	0.0049	-0.0002	0.0013	0.0025	-0.0001
					0.0014			-0.0039			0.0008
					(-2.6)			(1.8)			(-0.3)
Socioeconomic variables											
<i>Equivalised household income (log)</i>	10.422	0.0470	-0.2420	-0.1570	-0.0074	-0.0127	-0.6823	-0.0397	-0.0011	-0.5313	-0.0255
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					-0.0074			-0.0397			-0.0255
					(13.7)			(18.2)			(7.8)
Education Level (Ref.=Grades 8 and less)											
<i>Grades 9-10</i>	0.0939	-0.2329	0.1955	0.0011	-0.0003	0.0585	0.0284	-0.0082	0.0050	0.0215	-0.0051
<i>Grades 11-secondary completed</i>	0.2292	-0.0526	-0.5954	-0.0085	0.0004	0.0494	0.0585	-0.0038	0.0013	0.0137	-0.0007
<i>Some post-secondary</i>	0.1876	0.0176	-0.2865	-0.0033	-0.0001	0.0785	0.0761	0.0017	0.0037	0.0323	0.0006
<i>Post-secondary degree/diploma</i>	0.4259	0.1149	-0.6630	-0.0176	-0.0020	0.0799	0.1758	0.0251	0.0053	0.1039	0.0122

					-0.0019			0.0147			0.0069
					(3.5)			(-6.7)			(-2.1)
Employment status (Ref.=Employed)											
<i>Not in the labour force</i>	0.2430	-0.3071	1.4909	0.0226	-0.0069	0.0050	0.0062	-0.0024	0.0064	0.0719	-0.0226
<i>Other occupations</i>	0.1166	-0.0689	0.7786	0.0057	-0.0004	0.0007	0.0004	0.0000	0.0024	0.0130	-0.0009
					-0.0073			-0.0024			-0.0235
					(13.5)			(1.1)			(7.2)
Household crowding (Ref.=Room per capita 2 and less)											
<i>Room per capita greater than 2 to 4</i>	0.3666	0.1102	-0.0399	-0.0009	-0.0001	-0.0043	-0.0082	-0.0011	0.0012	0.0202	0.0023
<i>Room per capita above 4</i>	0.1017	0.1916	-0.0222	-0.0001	0.0000	-0.0146	-0.0077	-0.0018	0.0031	0.0146	0.0029
Housing maintenance (Ref.=Regular)											
<i>Minor</i>	0.3108	0.0228	0.5309	0.0103	0.0002	0.0153	0.0246	0.0007	0.0031	0.0437	0.0010
<i>Major</i>	0.1362	-0.1670	1.1811	0.0100	-0.0017	0.0459	0.0323	-0.0067	0.0058	0.0364	-0.0062
					-0.0016			-0.0089			0.00004
					(2.9)			(4.1)			(0.01)
Food security (Ref.= High)											
<i>Low</i>	0.0964	-0.2723	2.6036	0.0156	-0.0043	0.1142	0.0569	-0.0192	0.0083	0.0367	-0.0102
<i>Very low</i>	0.0898	-0.4601	6.7777	0.0379	-0.0174	0.1470	0.0682	-0.0389	0.0172	0.0713	-0.0335
					-0.0217			-0.0581			-0.0437
					(40.2)			(26.7)			(13.4)
Behavioural variables											
Drinking habit											
<i>Regular drinker</i>	0.5741	0.0856	-0.2569	-0.0092	-0.0008	-0.0390	-0.1157	-0.0123	0.0012	0.0330	0.0029
Smoking habit											
<i>Daily tobacco use</i>	0.3083	-0.1586	1.3436	0.0258	-0.0041	0.0698	0.1112	-0.0219	0.0064	0.0914	-0.0148
					-0.0049			-0.0342			-0.0119
					(9.0)			(15.7)			(3.6)
Social connectedness variables											
<i>Strong extended family ties</i>	0.5143	0.0270	-1.2426	-0.0398	-0.0011	-0.0523	-0.1391	-0.0047	-0.0084	-0.1985	-0.0055
<i>Turn to someone for support</i>	0.0495	-0.2043	0.9628	0.0030	-0.0006	-0.0035	-0.0009	0.0002	0.0056	0.0127	-0.0027

					-0.0017 (3.1)			-0.0044 (2)			-0.0081 (2.5)	
Other cultural variables												
Cultural engagement												
<i>Clothing footwear</i>	0.0985	-0.0805	0.0108	0.0001	0.0000	0.0487	0.0248	-0.0025	0.0018	0.0084	-0.0007	
<i>Art craft</i>	0.2808	-0.0584	0.9530	0.0167	-0.0010	0.0629	0.0913	-0.0066	0.0004	0.0054	-0.0003	
<i>Hunting/Fishing/Trapping</i>	0.3678	0.0838	0.0531	0.0012	0.0001	-0.0108	-0.0206	-0.0021	0.0004	0.0074	0.0006	
<i>Plant gathering</i>	0.3089	0.0000	0.4130	0.0079	0.0000	0.0266	0.0425	0.0000	-0.0001	-0.0011	0.0000	
Language												
<i>Speak Indigenous language</i>	0.1108	-0.1395	-0.5856	-0.0040	0.0006	-0.0375	-0.0215	0.0037	-0.0024	-0.0123	0.0017	
					-0.0003 (0.6)			-0.0075 (3.4)			0.0014 (-0.4)	
Residential school variable												
(Ref.=Not attended)												
<i>Attended</i>	0.2095	-0.1085	0.5466	0.0071	-0.0008	0.0320	0.0347	-0.0047	0.0061	0.0589	-0.0065	
<i>Missing</i>	0.0891	-0.0713	0.5049	0.0028	-0.0002	0.0640	0.0294	-0.0026	0.0054	0.0222	-0.0016	
					-0.0010 (1.8)			-0.0073 (3.3)			-0.0081 (2.5)	
Geographical variables												
Urbanicity (Ref.= Rural)												
<i>Small population centre</i>	0.2050	0.0251	0.2091	0.0027	0.0001	0.0151	0.0160	0.0005	-0.0008	-0.0075	-0.0002	
<i>Medium population centre</i>	0.1180	-0.0691	1.0269	0.0075	-0.0005	0.0310	0.0189	-0.0016	0.0029	0.0156	-0.0011	
<i>Urban</i>	0.4452	-0.0199	1.0295	0.0285	-0.0006	0.0338	0.0778	-0.0019	-0.0028	-0.0577	0.0012	
Regions (Ref.= ON)												
<i>Atlantic provinces</i>	0.0755	-0.0071	-0.3245	-0.0015	0.0000	-0.0561	-0.0219	0.0002	-0.0101	-0.0352	0.0003	
<i>Quebec</i>	0.1052	-0.0690	-0.4917	-0.0032	0.0002	0.0505	0.0274	-0.0023	0.0017	0.0080	-0.0006	
<i>Manitoba</i>	0.1231	-0.0475	-0.2744	-0.0021	0.0001	-0.0380	-0.0242	0.0014	0.0016	0.0089	-0.0004	
<i>Saskatchewan</i>	0.0851	-0.0600	-0.9296	-0.0049	0.0003	-0.0111	-0.0049	0.0004	-0.0047	-0.0185	0.0011	
<i>Alberta</i>	0.1554	0.1147	-0.4866	-0.0047	-0.0005	0.0239	0.0192	0.0027	-0.0003	-0.0024	-0.0003	
<i>British Columbia</i>	0.1687	-0.0443	-0.4593	-0.0048	0.0002	0.0163	0.0142	-0.0008	-0.0019	-0.0148	0.0007	
<i>Territories</i>	0.0331	0.0496	-1.5355	-0.0032	-0.0002	-0.0217	-0.0037	-0.0002	-0.0058	-0.0089	-0.0005	

	-0.0009	-0.0017	0.0002
	(1.6)	(0.8)	(-0.1)
Residual	-0.0030	-0.0443	-0.2059
	(5.5)	(20.3)	(63)
The C and C_n	-0.0536	-0.2181	-0.3272
	(100)	(100)	(100)

Note: *Ref.* indicates the reference category in the decomposition analysis.

† The absolute contribution of each explanatory variable, x , to the overall C was calculated by multiplying “elasticity” of each explanatory variable (i.e., $\beta_k(\bar{x}_k/\mu)$, where \bar{x}_k represents the mean of x_k , β_k is the coefficient obtained from ordinary least squares (OLS) model of x_k and μ is the proportion of relevant health outcome) by C_k where C_k is the concentration of that explanatory variable.

‡ The absolute contribution of each explanatory variable, x , to the overall C_n was calculated by multiplying “elasticity” of each explanatory variable (i.e., $\beta_k(\bar{x}_k/\mu)$, where \bar{x}_k represents the mean of x_k , β_k is the marginal effect obtained from a logit model of x_k and μ is the proportion of relevant health outcome) by $C_k/1 - \mu$, where C_k is the concentration of that explanatory variable.

§ The aggregate contributions (reported in bold font) are the sum of the contributions of all variables in each category. Percentage contributions in the brackets were calculated by dividing the corresponding aggregate contribution by the C or C_n .

Appendix 1E: Detailed decomposition of income-related inequalities in psychological distress and suicidal behaviours (Male)

	Psychological distress				Lifetime suicide ideation			Lifetime suicide attempt			
	\bar{X}_k	C_k	β_k	$\frac{\beta_k \bar{X}_k}{\mu}$	Contri bution †§	β_k	$\frac{\beta_k \bar{X}_k}{\mu}$	Contri bution‡ §	β_k	$\frac{\beta_k \bar{X}_k}{\mu}$	Contri bution‡ §
Demographic variables											
<i>Age (years)</i>	42.546										
	9	0.0022	-0.0351	-0.0983	-0.0002	-0.0003	-0.0685	-0.0002	-0.0001	-0.1803	-0.0004
Marital Status (Ref.=Single)											
<i>Married</i>	0.5826	0.0707	-0.3673	-0.0141	-0.0010	-0.0257	-0.0932	-0.0079	-0.0032	-0.0930	-0.0067
<i>Divorced or widowed</i>	0.0907	-0.1095	-0.1089	-0.0007	0.0001	0.0236	0.0133	-0.0017	-0.0071	-0.0323	0.0036
					-0.0011			-0.0098			-0.0035
					(2.5)			(4.3)			(0.8)
Cultural group (Ref.=Métis)											
<i>Status First Nations</i>	0.3232	-0.0879	-0.2795	-0.0060	0.0005	0.0255	0.0511	-0.0054	0.0029	0.0476	-0.0043
<i>Non-status First Nations</i>	0.1595	-0.0046	0.1799	0.0019	0.0000	0.0003	0.0003	0.0000	0.0087	0.0697	-0.0003
<i>Inuit</i>	0.0438	-0.1004	-1.2874	-0.0037	0.0004	0.0068	0.0018	-0.0002	0.0001	0.0002	0.0000
					0.0009			-0.0056			-0.0046
					(-1.9)			(2.4)			(1)
Socioeconomic variables											
<i>Equivalentised household income (log)</i>	10.512										
	5	0.0456	-0.1877	-0.1301	-0.0059	-0.0130	-0.8483	-0.0461	-0.0015	-0.7894	-0.0367
					-0.0059			-0.0461			-0.0367
					(12.9)			(20.1)			(7.9)
Education Level (Ref.=Grades 8 and less)											
<i>Grades 9-10</i>	0.0986	-0.2305	-0.6890	-0.0045	0.0010	0.0244	0.0149	-0.0041	-0.0019	-0.0094	0.0022
<i>Grades 11-secondary completed</i>	0.2406	-0.0326	-0.8849	-0.0140	0.0005	0.0106	0.0158	-0.0006	-0.0037	-0.0443	0.0015
<i>Some post-secondary</i>	0.1963	0.0355	-0.5009	-0.0065	-0.0002	0.0618	0.0753	0.0032	-0.0011	-0.0107	-0.0004
<i>Post-secondary degree/diploma</i>	0.3981	0.1136	-0.8924	-0.0234	-0.0027	0.0275	0.0680	0.0092	-0.0015	-0.0293	-0.0034
					-0.0014			0.0077			-0.0001
					(3)			(-3.4)			(0.2)
Employment status (Ref.=Employed)											

Cultural engagement											
<i>Clothing footwear</i>	0.0307	-0.1567	0.4639	0.0009	-0.0001	0.0745	0.0142	-0.0027	0.0102	0.0158	-0.0025
<i>Art craft</i>	0.2168	-0.0869	1.0409	0.0149	-0.0013	0.0407	0.0549	-0.0057	-0.0043	-0.0465	0.0041
<i>Hunting/Fishing/Trapping</i>	0.5021	0.0551	0.0977	0.0032	0.0002	-0.0045	-0.0139	-0.0009	0.0040	0.1007	0.0057
<i>Plant gathering</i>	0.2802	-0.0023	-0.0541	-0.0010	0.0000	0.0067	0.0116	0.0000	-0.0030	-0.0425	0.0001
Language											
<i>Speak Indigenous language</i>	0.0976	-0.1375	-1.3033	-0.0084	0.0012	-0.0369	-0.0224	0.0037	-0.0060	-0.0295	0.0041
					-0.0001			-0.0056			0.0115
					(0.2)			(2.5)			(-2.5)
Residential school variable											
(Ref.=Not attended)											
<i>Attended</i>	0.1913	-0.0868	0.6437	0.0081	-0.0007	0.0373	0.0443	-0.0046	0.0051	0.0490	-0.0043
<i>Missing</i>	0.0887	-0.0721	0.4899	0.0029	-0.0002	0.0729	0.0402	-0.0035	-0.0023	-0.0101	0.0007
					-0.0009			-0.0080			-0.0036
					(2)			(3.5)			(0.8)
Geographical variables											
Urbanicity (Ref.= Rural)											
<i>Small population centre</i>					-						
	0.2084	0.0170	-0.0920	-0.0013	2	0.0077	0.0100	0.0002	-0.0013	-0.0136	-0.0002
<i>Medium population centre</i>					-						
	0.1064	-0.0113	0.1561	0.0011	1	0.0105	0.0069	-0.0001	-0.0006	-0.0033	0.0000
<i>Urban</i>					-						
	0.4407	-0.0019	0.3596	0.0104	2	0.0115	0.0316	-0.0001	-0.0060	-0.1337	0.0003
Regions (Ref.= ON)											
<i>Atlantic provinces</i>	0.0719	-0.0279	-0.6744	-0.0032	0.0001	-0.0553	-0.0247	0.0008	-0.0190	-0.0687	0.0020
<i>Quebec</i>	0.1157	-0.1251	-0.4589	-0.0035	0.0004	0.0491	0.0353	-0.0053	-0.0015	-0.0090	0.0012
<i>Manitoba</i>	0.1224	-0.0642	-0.4877	-0.0039	0.0003	-0.0397	-0.0302	0.0023	0.0025	0.0152	-0.0010
<i>Saskatchewan</i>	0.0820	-0.0414	-0.4302	-0.0023	0.0001	-0.0250	-0.0127	0.0006	-0.0069	-0.0286	0.0012
<i>Alberta</i>	0.1525	0.1602	-0.3828	-0.0038	-0.0006	0.0021	0.0020	0.0004	-0.0090	-0.0692	-0.0113
<i>British Columbia</i>	0.1720	-0.0525	-0.5807	-0.0066	0.0003	-0.0002	-0.0002	0.0000	-0.0013	-0.0113	0.0006
<i>Territories</i>	0.0322	-0.0345	-1.4619	-0.0031	0.0001	0.0037	0.0007	0.0000	-0.0061	-0.0099	0.0003

	0.0007	-0.0011	-0.0070
	(-1.4)	(0.5)	(1.5)
Residual	-0.0075	-0.0727	-0.3684
	(16.3)	(31.7)	(79.7)
The C and C_n	-0.0455	-0.2294	-0.4623
	(100)	(100)	(100)

Note: *Ref.* indicates the reference category in the decomposition analysis.

† The absolute contribution of each explanatory variable, x , to the overall C was calculated by multiplying “elasticity” of each explanatory variable (i.e., $\beta_k(\bar{x}_k / \mu)$, where \bar{x}_k represents the mean of x_k , β_k is the coefficient obtained from ordinary least squares (OLS) model of x_k and μ is the proportion of relevant health outcome) by C_k where C_k is the concentration of that explanatory variable.

‡ The absolute contribution of each explanatory variable, x , to the overall C_n was calculated by multiplying “elasticity” of each explanatory variable (i.e., $\beta_k(\bar{x}_k / \mu)$, where \bar{x}_k represents the mean of x_k , β_k is the marginal effect obtained from a logit model of x_k and μ is the proportion of relevant health outcome) by $C_k / 1 - \mu$, where C_k is the concentration of that explanatory variable.

§ The aggregate contributions (reported in bold font) are the sum of the contributions of all variables in each category. Percentage contributions in the brackets were calculated by dividing the corresponding aggregate contribution by the C or C_n .

Appendix 1F: Detailed decomposition of income-related inequalities in psychological distress and suicidal behaviours (Female)

	Psychological distress				Lifetime suicide ideation			Lifetime suicide attempt			
	\bar{X}_k	C_k	β_k	$\frac{\beta_k \bar{X}_k}{\mu}$	Contribution †§	β_k	$\frac{\beta_k \bar{X}_k}{\mu}$	Contribution‡ §	β_k	$\frac{\beta_k \bar{X}_k}{\mu}$	Contribution‡ §
Demographic variables											
<i>Age (years)</i>	42.531										
	6	0.0092	-0.0470	-0.1195	-0.0011	-0.0004	-0.0839	-0.0010	-0.0003	-0.5512	-0.0052
Marital Status (Ref.=Single)											
<i>Married</i>	0.5048	0.1496	0.1694	0.0051	0.0008	-0.0143	-0.0330	-0.0063	-0.0041	-0.0901	-0.0138
<i>Divorced or widowed</i>	0.1924	-0.1604	1.0432	0.0120	-0.0019	0.0679	0.0598	-0.0123	-0.0037	-0.0306	0.0050
					-0.0023 (4.1)			-0.0196 (10)			-0.0140 (5.9)
Cultural group (Ref.=Métis)											
<i>Status First Nations</i>	0.3578	-0.1012	-0.8032	-0.0172	0.0017	0.0068	0.0111	-0.0014	-0.0032	-0.0493	0.0051
<i>Non-status First Nations</i>	0.1614	0.0556	0.0479	0.0005	0.0000	-0.0117	-0.0087	-0.0006	-0.0041	-0.0289	-0.0016
<i>Inuit</i>	0.0441	0.0314	-1.8326	-0.0048	-0.0002	0.0353	0.0071	0.0003	0.0031	0.0059	0.0002
					0.0016 (-2.9)			-0.0018 (0.9)			0.0037 (-1.5)
Socioeconomic variables											
<i>Equivalentised household income (log)</i>	10.354										
	0	0.0475	-0.2628	-0.1625	-0.0077	-0.0119	-0.5660	-0.0344	0.0005	0.2104	0.0102
					-0.0077 (14)			-0.0344 (17.6)			0.0102 (-4.3)
Education Level (Ref.=Grades 8 and less)											
<i>Grades 9-10</i>	0.0903	-0.2431	0.8820	0.0048	-0.0012	0.0875	0.0362	-0.0112	0.0118	0.0461	-0.0115
<i>Grades 11-secondary completed</i>	0.2205	-0.0744	-0.4562	-0.0060	0.0004	0.0897	0.0906	-0.0086	0.0068	0.0647	-0.0049
<i>Some post-secondary</i>	0.1809	-0.0051	-0.2265	-0.0024	0.0000	0.0972	0.0805	-0.0005	0.0084	0.0653	-0.0003
<i>Post-secondary degree/diploma</i>	0.4472	0.1242	-0.5062	-0.0135	-0.0017	0.1303	0.2667	0.0424	0.0112	0.2162	0.0275
					-0.0024 (4.3)			0.0220 (11.2)			0.0107 (-4.5)
Employment status (Ref.=Employed)											

Cultural engagement											
<i>Clothing footwear</i>	0.1504	-0.0218	-0.1934	-0.0017	0.0000	0.0430	0.0296	-0.0008	-0.0020	-0.0133	0.0003
<i>Art craft</i>	0.3297	-0.0238	0.9369	0.0184	-0.0004	0.0742	0.1120	-0.0034	0.0028	0.0399	-0.0010
<i>Hunting/Fishing/Trapping</i>	0.2649	0.0766	0.0054	0.0001	0.0000	-0.0161	-0.0195	-0.0019	-0.0036	-0.0409	-0.0032
<i>Plant gathering</i>	0.3309	0.0108	0.7720	0.0153	0.0002	0.0429	0.0650	0.0009	0.0038	0.0536	0.0006
Language											
<i>Speak Indigenous language</i>	0.1209	-0.1307	-0.1256	-0.0009	0.0001	-0.0391	-0.0217	0.0036	0.0001	0.0003	0.0000
					-0.0001			-0.0016			-0.0033
					(0.2)			(0.8)			(1.4)
Residential school variable											
(Ref.=Not attended)											
<i>Attended</i>	0.2234	-0.1181	0.4014	0.0054	-0.0006	0.0283	0.0289	-0.0044	0.0045	0.0437	-0.0053
<i>Missing</i>	0.0894	-0.0746	0.4933	0.0026	-0.0002	0.0573	0.0234	-0.0022	0.0088	0.0339	-0.0026
					-0.0008			-0.0066			-0.0079
					(1.5)			(3.4)			(3.3)
Geographical variables											
Urbanicity (Ref.= Rural)											
<i>Small population centre</i>	0.2023	0.0273	0.4585	0.0055	0.0002	0.0217	0.0201	0.0007	-0.0003	-0.0030	-0.0001
<i>Medium population centre</i>	0.1270	-0.0952	1.7092	0.0130	-0.0012	0.0488	0.0283	-0.0035	0.0073	0.0403	-0.0039
<i>Urban</i>	0.4487	-0.0315	1.5679	0.0420	-0.0013	0.0531	0.1090	-0.0044	0.0025	0.0475	-0.0015
Regions (Ref.= ON)											
<i>Atlantic provinces</i>	0.0782	0.0108	0.0732	0.0003	0.0000	-0.0483	-0.0173	-0.0002	-0.0027	-0.0090	-0.0001
<i>Quebec</i>	0.0971	-0.0285	-0.3185	-0.0018	0.0001	0.0502	0.0223	-0.0008	0.0019	0.0079	-0.0002
<i>Manitoba</i>	0.1237	-0.0353	0.0307	0.0002	0.0000	-0.0345	-0.0195	0.0009	-0.0017	-0.0088	0.0003
<i>Saskatchewan</i>	0.0876	-0.0720	-1.1656	-0.0061	0.0004	0.0015	0.0006	-0.0001	-0.0020	-0.0076	0.0006
<i>Alberta</i>	0.1576	0.0850	-0.4727	-0.0044	-0.0004	0.0392	0.0283	0.0031	0.0024	0.0161	0.0014
<i>British Columbia</i>	0.1661	-0.0412	-0.2468	-0.0024	0.0001	0.0315	0.0239	-0.0013	-0.0022	-0.0155	0.0007
<i>Territories</i>	0.0339	0.1142	-1.3517	-0.0027	-0.0003	-0.0363	-0.0056	-0.0008	-0.0017	-0.0024	-0.0003
					-0.0025			-0.0064			-0.0032
					(4.6)			(3.2)			(1.4)
Residual					0.0002			-0.0251			-0.1503
					(-0.5)			(12.8)			(63.7)

The C and C_n	-0.0548 (100)	-0.1960 (100)	-0.2358 (100)
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Note: *Ref.* indicates the reference category in the decomposition analysis.

† The absolute contribution of each explanatory variable, x , to the overall C was calculated by multiplying “elasticity” of each explanatory variable (i.e., $\beta_k(\bar{x}_k / \mu)$, where \bar{x}_k represents the mean of x_k , β_k is the coefficient obtained from ordinary least squares (OLS) model of x_k and μ is the proportion of relevant health outcome) by C_k where C_k is the concentration of that explanatory variable.

‡ The absolute contribution of each explanatory variable, x , to the overall C_n was calculated by multiplying “elasticity” of each explanatory variable (i.e., $\beta_k(\bar{x}_k / \mu)$, where \bar{x}_k represents the mean of x_k , β_k is the marginal effect obtained from a logit model of x_k and μ is the proportion of relevant health outcome) by $C_k / 1 - \mu$, where C_k is the concentration of that explanatory variable.

§ The aggregate contributions (reported in bold font) are the sum of the contributions of all variables in each category. Percentage contributions in the brackets were calculated by dividing the corresponding aggregate contribution by the C or C_n .