

Confidence and Economic Engagement among Aboriginal People

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Abstract

This study examines the relationship between lack of confidence and economic participation among Aboriginal peoples in Canada using data from the 2017 Aboriginal Peoples Survey. The research investigates how confidence varies across Aboriginal groups and regions, and how it relates to employment. It also explores the intersections of lack of confidence with sociodemographic factors in shaping economic outcomes. Employing quantitative methods, the study utilizes descriptive statistics, bivariate analyses, and regression modeling. The findings are expected to reveal significant variations in confidence levels, with higher confidence positively associated with economic participation. Socio-demographic variables are anticipated to moderate these relationships. The results have important policy implications for promoting Aboriginal economic empowerment by informing targeted interventions and support programs that foster self-efficacy and address the unique needs of different Aboriginal subgroups. The study highlights the importance of incorporating confidence and skill development alongside other human capital and institutional supports in policies and initiatives for Aboriginal economic success, contributing to a comprehensive understanding of the factors influencing Aboriginal workforce engagement and success.

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Preface

This study explores the role of confidence in the economic participation of Aboriginal peoples in Canada. It is my hope that these insights will contribute to the ongoing dialogue on Aboriginal economic empowerment and inform future policy decisions.

Dedication

To the Aboriginal peoples of Canada, whose resilience and spirit inspire this work. May it contribute to your journey towards economic empowerment and self-determination.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background to study

Aboriginal peoples in Canada, comprising First Nations, Métis, and Inuit, have faced significant socioeconomic challenges rooted in a complex history of colonization, forced assimilation, and systemic discrimination. These challenges have resulted in persistent disparities in economic outcomes between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal populations. According to Statistics Canada (2023), the employment rate for Aboriginal people aged 15 and over was 57.1% in 2022, compared to 62.3% for non-Aboriginal people. This gap in employment rates highlights the ongoing economic marginalization of Aboriginal communities.

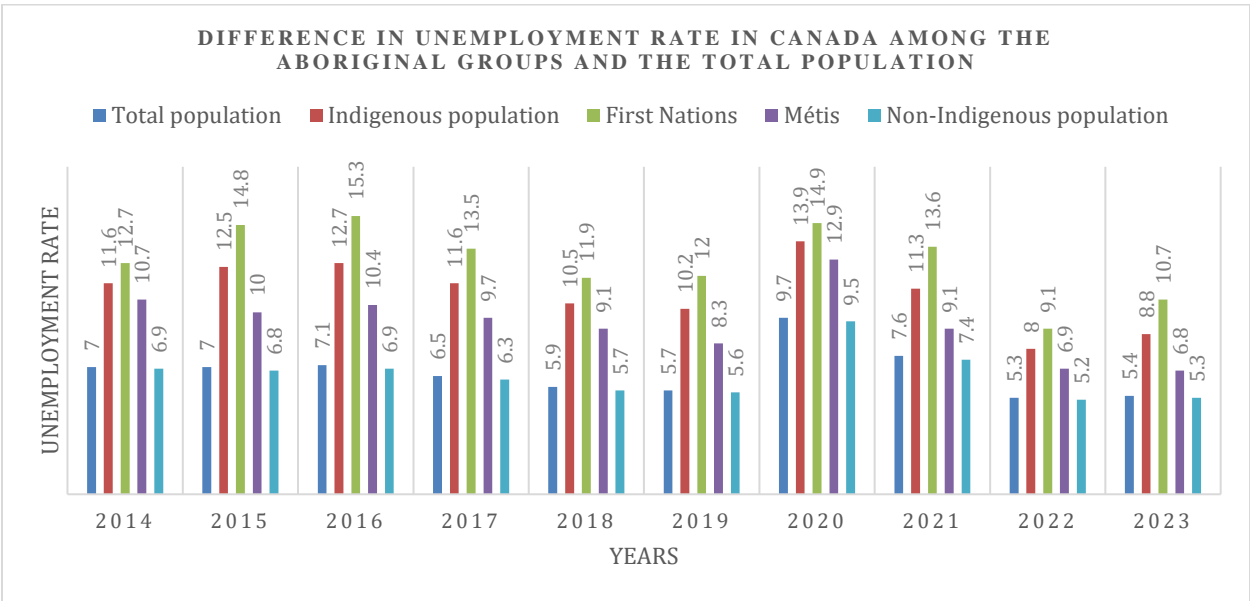


Figure 1: Discrepancy of unemployment rate among the Aboriginal groups and the total population.

This graph illustrates the disparity between the aboriginal population and the total population of Canada. The unemployment rate is much higher in aboriginal groups compared to the others.

The factors contributing to these disparities are multifaceted and deeply rooted in both historical and contemporary realities. Historical trauma, stemming from experiences such as the residential

school system and forced relocation, continues to impact Aboriginal communities intergenerationally (Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, 2015). Geographical isolation presents another significant barrier, with many Aboriginal communities situated in remote areas that offer limited economic opportunities and infrastructure (Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, 2019).

Ongoing biases and discriminatory practices in employment continue to shape recruitment processes and work environments, disadvantaging Aboriginal individuals (Canadian Human Rights Commission, 2020). Additionally, there's often a mismatch between typical workplace expectations and Aboriginal cultural values, which creates challenges for economic inclusion (National Aboriginal Economic Development Board, 2019). These deep-rooted obstacles combine to perpetuate the economic challenges faced by Aboriginal communities.

These structural barriers significantly impact economic participation. However, psychological factors such as confidence have been increasingly recognized as crucial determinants of economic participation and success (Bandura, 1977; Liguori et al., 2019).

Self-confidence, defined as an individual's belief in their ability to succeed in specific situations or accomplish tasks, plays a vital role in shaping motivation, behavior, and outcomes (Bandura, 1997). In the context of employment, higher levels of self-efficacy have been associated with increased job search efforts, better interview performance, and greater career success (Lent & Brown, 2013). For Aboriginal people facing multiple barriers to employment, self-efficacy may be particularly important in navigating challenges and persisting in the face of adversity.

Recent studies have shown promising links between self-efficacy and economic outcomes for marginalized populations. For instance, Bruster (2009) found that African American women transitioning from welfare to work were more likely to secure and maintain employment when they had higher levels of self-esteem and self-efficacy. Similarly, Horn et al. (2022) demonstrated that employees with mental health problems who maintained high levels of return-to-work self-efficacy were more likely to successfully reintegrate into the workforce.

Given the unique cultural, historical, and socioeconomic context of Aboriginal peoples in Canada, it is crucial to examine how self-efficacy and confidence relate to their economic participation. This study aims to build upon and extend the existing literature by investigating these relationships across diverse Aboriginal groups and geographic regions in Canada, using data from the 2017 Aboriginal Peoples Survey.

1.2 Problem Statement

Despite efforts to promote economic reconciliation, Aboriginal peoples in Canada continue to face significant disparities in economic participation and outcomes compared to non-Aboriginal populations. These disparities are rooted in a complex interplay of historical, social, economic, and institutional factors (Laird & Laird, 2023). While psychological factors such as confidence and self-efficacy have been recognized as important determinants of economic success (Bandura, 1977; Liguori et al., 2019), their role in facilitating or hindering economic participation among Aboriginal peoples in Canada remains underexplored.

This study aims to address this gap by leveraging data from the 2017 Aboriginal Peoples Survey to investigate the relationship between confidence and economic participation among Aboriginal peoples in Canada. By exploring how self-efficacy varies across different Aboriginal groups and regions, and how it relates to key economic indicators while accounting for socio-demographic factors, the research seeks to contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of the psychological dimensions of Aboriginal economic participation. The insights gained from this study can inform strategies to support self-efficacy development and promote inclusive economic growth within Aboriginal communities.

1.3 Research objectives

The focus of this research is to examine the relationship between confidence and economic participation among Aboriginal peoples in Canada. The study aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. To assess the variation in confidence levels across different Aboriginal groups (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) and geographic regions in Canada.
2. To determine the relationship between confidence and economic participation among Aboriginal peoples in Canada.
3. To investigate how socio-demographic factors (age, gender, education) intersect with confidence to shape economic outcomes for Aboriginal peoples in Canada.

Hypothesis:

Higher levels of confidence are positively associated with increased economic participation among Aboriginal individuals in Canada, after accounting for relevant socio-demographic factors.

1.4 Justification of the study

This study is necessary for several reasons. Firstly, understanding the role of psychological factors, specifically confidence, in shaping economic outcomes for Aboriginal peoples in Canada is crucial for developing more effective interventions and support systems. By examining the relationship between self-efficacy and economic participation, this research can provide valuable insights into the psychological dimensions of Aboriginal economic empowerment.

Secondly, the insights gained from this study can inform the development of targeted policies, programs, and support systems that foster self-efficacy and economic empowerment within Aboriginal communities. By identifying the factors that influence confidence and its relationship to economic outcomes, policymakers, Aboriginal organizations, and community leaders can design interventions that effectively promote inclusive economic growth and well-being.

Lastly, this research is relevant to a wide range of stakeholders, including policymakers, researchers, educators, and private sector organizations interested in advancing economic

reconciliation and supporting Aboriginal economic development. The findings can contribute to evidence-based decision-making, resource allocation, and community engagement strategies that prioritize the psychological dimensions of economic participation.

CHAPTER TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

In this chapter provide a comprehensive examination of existing literature on confidence and economic engagement among aboriginal people. My focus is particularly on its relevance to Aboriginal peoples and other marginalized populations. By synthesizing and critically analyzing the current body of knowledge, I intend to establish the theoretical and empirical foundation for my study.

I begin by exploring the theoretical underpinnings of lack of confidence, drawing primarily on Bandura's (1977) concept of self-efficacy and its inverse relationship to lack of confidence. This work has evolved in social cognitive career theory (SCCT; Lent, Brown, & Hackett, 1994), providing a framework for understanding how individuals' lack of confidence in their abilities shapes their career-related behaviors and outcomes.

Building on this theoretical foundation, I delve into empirical studies that have investigated the relationship between lack of confidence and employment. These studies span a range of contexts, examining how lack of confidence influences employment status and career advancement. By critically analyzing these findings, I aim to gain insights into the mechanisms through which lack of confidence impacts economic participation.

Given the focus of my study on Aboriginal peoples in Canada, I paid particular attention to research that considers cultural factors in the development and expression of lack of confidence. This section explores how cultural context influences lack of confidence and its relationship to economic outcomes, drawing on studies of Indigenous and minority populations worldwide.

Recognizing the complex interplay of factors that shape economic participation, I also examine research that adopts an intersectional approach. This includes studies that investigate how lack of confidence intersects with other socio-demographic factors such as gender, age, and education to influence economic outcomes. By considering these intersections, I can develop a more nuanced understanding of the role of lack of confidence in diverse populations.

I then turn to practical applications, exploring research on interventions designed to address lack of confidence. Particular attention is paid to interventions targeting employment outcomes and economic participation, assessing their effectiveness and potential relevance to Aboriginal communities.

To contextualize my study, I examine literature specifically addressing the economic participation of Aboriginal peoples in Canada. This section covers research on barriers to participation, facilitators of success, and policy initiatives aimed at promoting Aboriginal economic engagement, with a focus on how lack of confidence plays a role in these areas.

Throughout the review, I identify gaps in the current literature, particularly in relation to lack of confidence and economic participation among Aboriginal peoples in Canada. By highlighting these gaps, I can better position my study to make meaningful contributions to the field.

Finally, I consider the methodological approaches employed in studying lack of confidence and economic outcomes. This methodological analysis highlights the strengths and limitations of different research designs, informing the approach I take in my study.

2.2 Theoretical Framework

The theoretical foundation of my study is primarily anchored in Albert Bandura's concept of self-efficacy and its inverse relationship to lack of confidence, a cornerstone of his broader Social Cognitive Theory (Bandura, 1986). Self-efficacy, defined as an individual's belief in their capacity to execute behaviors necessary to produce specific performance attainments, serves as a crucial psychological construct for understanding lack of confidence in the context of economic participation (Bandura, 1977, 1997).

Bandura's work provides a rich framework for exploring how individuals' lack of confidence in their capabilities influences their actions and outcomes. He identified four primary sources of self-efficacy: mastery experiences, vicarious experiences, social persuasion, and physiological and emotional states (Bandura, 1997). These sources offer valuable insights into how lack of confidence develops and can be addressed, providing potential avenues for intervention and support in bolstering Aboriginal peoples' confidence in their economic capabilities.

In my study, I operationalize lack of confidence through the lens of low self-efficacy, focusing on individuals' lack of belief in their capabilities to perform tasks related to economic participation, such as job seeking, workplace performance, and career advancement.

Self-efficacy's role as a critical mediator between knowledge and action underscores the importance of lack of confidence in my research (Bandura, 2012). It suggests that possessing skills alone is insufficient; individuals must also believe in their ability to use these skills effectively. This insight is particularly relevant in the context of Aboriginal economic participation, where historical trauma and systemic barriers may have significantly impacted individuals' beliefs in their capabilities (Brave Heart et al., 2011).

2.3 Review of Empirical Studies

In this section, I critically examine empirical studies relevant to lack of confidence and economic participation, with a particular focus on research involving Aboriginal and other marginalized populations.

A substantial body of research has explored the relationship between lack of confidence and various employment outcomes. Pinquart et al. (2003) conducted a meta-analysis of 27 studies examining the relationship between job search self-efficacy and job search success among unemployed individuals. Their findings revealed a significant positive correlation between self-efficacy and both job search behavior and employment status, suggesting that lack of confidence could be a significant barrier to employment.

Ruhanen et al. (2015) examined Indigenous tourism in Australia, revealing persistent challenges in confidence, capacity, and market readiness among Indigenous tourism enterprises. Their findings highlighted the crucial interplay between cultural identity, confidence, and economic success. Notably, successful enterprises were characterized by strong leadership and cultural confidence, suggesting that economic initiatives targeting Aboriginal communities should focus not only on skill development but also on building cultural confidence and leadership capacity.

Skewes et al. (2021) explored the development of culturally grounded interventions for substance use disorders in Native American communities. While not directly focused on economic participation, their study emphasized the importance of partnering with native communities and ensuring cultural relevance in intervention design. This work underscores the potential impact of addressing broader community issues on overall well-being and capacity for economic engagement. It also highlights the significance of community partnership and cultural grounding in building confidence and self-efficacy, which could be applied to economic contexts.

In the educational sphere, Louie et al. (2017) investigated the application of Indigenizing principles in Canadian university classrooms. Their study found that incorporating Indigenous knowledge and decolonizing methodologies in higher education settings led to increased confidence, a stronger sense of belonging, and improved academic outcomes among Indigenous students. These findings suggest that culturally appropriate education can play a crucial role in building confidence and self-efficacy among Indigenous learners, potentially translating to greater confidence in economic participation. Moreover, the study highlights the importance of decolonizing approaches in institutions serving Indigenous peoples, which could extend to economic institutions and workplaces.

Building on this work, Zikic and Saks (2009) investigated the role of job search self-efficacy in predicting job search intensity and employment outcomes among a sample of 304 unemployed job seekers in Canada. Using structural equation modeling, they found that job search self-efficacy was positively related to job search intensity, which in turn predicted employment status. While this study provides valuable insights into the Canadian context, it did not specifically examine Aboriginal populations, highlighting a gap in the literature that my study aims to address.

Research examining lack of confidence within Indigenous contexts is more limited but offers crucial insights. McBride and Boates (2001) conducted a qualitative study exploring the career self-efficacy of First Nations adolescents in Canada. Through interviews with 20 participants, they identified cultural identity, family support, and exposure to role models as key factors influencing career self-efficacy. While this study provides rich, contextual data, its small sample size and focus on adolescents limit its generalizability to adult Aboriginal populations, a limitation I aim to address in my study.

2.4 Contribution to Literature

My examination of existing literature on lack of confidence and economic participation, particularly in relation to Aboriginal peoples in Canada, reveals several gaps in our current understanding. These gaps not only highlight the need for further research but also underscore the potential contributions of my study to this critical field.

A primary gap in the literature is the limited focus on Canadian Aboriginal populations from a comprehensive national perspective. While research on lack of confidence and economic outcomes is growing, studies specifically examining these relationships among Aboriginal peoples in Canada often focus on specific regions, groups, or sectors. My study aims to address this gap by providing a comprehensive national perspective on Aboriginal peoples in Canada, offering insights into how lack of confidence operates within the unique cultural, historical, and socioeconomic contexts of various Canadian Aboriginal communities across the country.

Additionally, the few studies that do address Aboriginal populations in Canada often lack a comparative analysis across different Aboriginal groups and geographic regions. This limitation restricts our understanding of how lack of confidence and economic participation may vary among First Nations, Métis, and Inuit populations, as well as across different provinces and territories. By utilizing data from the 2017 Aboriginal Peoples Survey, my study will provide a comprehensive national perspective, allowing for a more nuanced understanding of potential variations and commonalities across different Aboriginal contexts. This approach will enable the identification

of group-specific challenges and opportunities, as well as broader trends that may inform national policy and intervention strategies.

Also, this study explores the intersectionality between lack of confidence and other sociodemographic factors in shaping economic outcomes. While some studies have touched on these intersections, few have done so with a comprehensive national scope that allows for comparisons across different Aboriginal groups and regions in Canada. This approach will provide a more nuanced understanding of how factors such as age, gender, education level, and geographical location interact with lack of confidence to influence economic participation among Aboriginal peoples across the country.

In conclusion, by addressing these gaps and providing a comprehensive national perspective, my study aims to make a significant contribution to our understanding of the relationship between lack of confidence and economic participation among Aboriginal peoples in Canada. The insights gained from this nationwide analysis will not only advance academic knowledge in this field but also inform more effective and culturally appropriate policies and interventions aimed at fostering Aboriginal economic empowerment across the country.

2.5 Conclusion

This literature review has established the theoretical and empirical context for my study on lack of confidence and economic participation among Aboriginal peoples in Canada. Drawing on self-efficacy theory and recent empirical studies, I have identified significant gaps in current research, particularly the lack of a comprehensive national perspective on this issue in Canada.

My study aims to address these gaps by utilizing the 2017 Aboriginal Peoples Survey data to provide a nationwide analysis of how lack of confidence relates to economic participation across different Aboriginal groups and regions. This approach will offer insights into both common patterns and group-specific challenges, considering intersections with factors such as age, gender, education, and geographical location.

By offering a comprehensive national perspective, my research will contribute to a more nuanced understanding of Aboriginal economic participation in Canada. The findings will inform policy decisions and interventions aimed at enhancing Aboriginal economic empowerment across diverse contexts nationwide. This study thus aims to make a significant contribution to both academic knowledge and practical policymaking in this critical area.

CHAPTER THREE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Introduction

This chapter outlines the research methodology employed in this study to examine the relationship between confidence and economic participation among Aboriginal peoples in Canada. The following sections describe the data source, variables, analytical approaches, and data processing techniques used to address the research objectives and test the hypothesis.

3.2 Data Description

3.2.1 Data Collection.

This study utilizes secondary data from the 2017 Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS), a national survey conducted by Statistics Canada. The APS collects comprehensive information on the social and economic conditions of First Nations people living off reserve, Métis, and Inuit aged 15 years and older across Canada. The survey employs a stratified sampling design to ensure representative coverage of the Aboriginal population.

3.2.2 Data Description

The APS data is quantitative and cross-sectional in nature. It provides a snapshot of the Aboriginal population at a specific point in time, allowing for the examination of relationships between variables but not causal inferences. The data is at the individual level, with each respondent representing a unit of analysis

3.2.3 Variables

The dependent variable is Employment Status, coded as a binary variable (0 = Unemployed, 1 = Employed). Key independent variables are presented in Table 1:

Table 1: Description of Variables

Variables	Description
Dependent variable	
Employment Status	What is your employment status? (0 = Unemployed,1=Employed)
Independent Variables	
Geographical mobility	Would move to improve their career or job opportunity? (0=No,1=Yes)
Lack Of Confidence	Have not taken the skill training because I lack confidence or felt unprepared in taking it. (0=No,1=Yes)
Expensive Training	Did not take the training because it is too expensive. (0=No,1=Yes)
Demographic Variables	
Age group of respondents	Age group the individual belongs to. (0=Young Adult {below 35 and above 15 years}, 1= Adult)
Education Attainment	Have attained educational experience at any point. (0=No Post Secondary Education,1= Post Secondary Education)
First Nation	Identify with the First Nation Aboriginal identity (1=Yes,0=No)
Single identity - Métis	Identify with the Métis Aboriginal identity (1=Yes,0=No)
Single identity - Inuk (Inuit)	Identify with the Inuk (Inuit) Aboriginal identity (1=Yes,0=No)
Multiple Aboriginal identities	Identify with the Multiple Aboriginal identities (1=Yes,0=No)
Belonging	Sense of belonging to Canada (0=No,1=Yes)
Gender	Male or Female (0=Female,1=Male)

Other variables in the dataset include traditional economic activities, income, and specific employment assistance, though these are not included in the final regression model presented.

3.2.4 Data Limitations

While not explicitly stated, potential limitations of this dataset might include self-reporting bias, potential underrepresentation of certain Aboriginal groups, and the cross-sectional nature of the data, which limits the ability to establish causal relationships over time.

3.3 Analytical Approaches/Research Design

The study employs a multi-stage analytical approach where Descriptive statistics are used to provide an overview of the variables, including means, standard deviations, and ranges. Also, correlation analysis is conducted to examine bivariate relationships between variables. Logistic regression modeling is the primary analytical technique, given the binary nature of the dependent variable (Employment Status). Two models are presented:

- Model 1: A simple model with only Lack of Confidence as a predictor
- Model 2: A comprehensive model incorporating multiple predictors

The logistic regression model can be represented as:

Model 1:

$$\log \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 (\text{Lack of Confidence})$$

Model 2:

$$\log \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 (\text{Lack of Confidence}) + \beta_2 X_2 (\text{Expensive Training}) + \beta_3 X_3 (\text{Geographical Mobility}) + \beta_4 X_4 (\text{Education Attainment}) + \beta_5 X_5 (\text{Gender}) + \beta_6 X_6 (\text{Age}) + \beta_7 X_7 (\text{First Nations}) + \beta_8 X_8 (\text{Metis}) + \beta_9 X_9 (\text{Inuk}) + \beta_{10} X_{10} (\text{Multiple Aboriginal Identity})$$

Where p is the probability of being employed, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10} are the independent variables, and $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_{10}$ are the regression coefficients. This model is appropriate for analyzing the factors influencing the binary outcome of employment status while controlling for multiple variables simultaneously.

3.4 Limitations of the Model

The logistic regression model, while useful, has several key limitations. It assumes a linear relationship between predictors and log odds, which may not reflect real-world complexities. The model is susceptible to multicollinearity, particularly among related variables like Aboriginal identity indicators, potentially distorting coefficient estimates. It also struggles to capture complex interactions or non-linear relationships between variables, possibly oversimplifying the data. Lastly, the cross-sectional nature of the data limits causal inferences, allowing only for associational interpretations. These constraints emphasize the importance of cautious result interpretation and consideration of complementary analytical methods to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the relationships being studied.

3.5 Data Processing

Data processing and analysis for this study used SPSS. It's capability for data management, descriptive statistics, regression analysis, and data visualization make it an appropriate choice for handling the APS dataset and addressing the research objectives.

The data processing and analysis approach, a systematic four-step process to ensure reliable and meaningful results was employed. First, conducted thorough data cleaning, addressing missing values, outliers, and inconsistencies to maintain data integrity. Next, created new variables through recoding and interaction terms to capture nuanced aspects of our research questions. The third step involved descriptive analysis, generating summary statistics and visualizations to understand basic patterns in the data. Finally, performed inferential analysis, using bivariate tests, regression analyses, and moderation analyses to examine relationships between variables and test our hypotheses. This methodology, leveraging powerful statistical software, enables us to transform raw data into actionable insights, enhancing the validity of our findings on Aboriginal economic participation in Canada.

CHAPTER FOUR: RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Introduction

The employment landscape for Aboriginal people in Canada is a complex tapestry woven from historical, cultural, social, and economic threads. This chapter presents a comprehensive analysis of the factors influencing employment among Aboriginal populations, drawing on data from the 2017 Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS). Through a rigorous quantitative approach, incorporating descriptive statistics, correlation analysis, and logistic regression, this study aims to unravel the intricate relationships between various demographic, social, and economic factors and employment status among Aboriginal individuals.

The importance of this analysis cannot be overstated. Employment is not merely a source of income; it is a cornerstone of personal and community well-being, a pathway to self-determination, and a crucial element in the broader narrative of reconciliation and economic empowerment for Aboriginal peoples in Canada. By examining the nuanced interplay of factors affecting employment, this study seeks to provide valuable insights that can inform policy, guide community initiatives, and contribute to the ongoing dialogue on Aboriginal economic participation in Canadian society.

4.2 Diagnostic Test

The results of the Hosmer and Lemeshow Test (Table 2) for the logistic regression model are highly encouraging. With a chi-square value of 3.161, 8 degrees of freedom, and a p-value of 0.924, the test strongly suggests that the model fits the data well. The high p-value, far exceeding the conventional threshold of 0.05, indicates that there is no statistically significant difference between the observed employment outcomes and those predicted by our model. This lack of significant difference is precisely what is expected to see in a well-fitting model.

Table 2 : Description of Variables

Hosmer and Lemeshow Test			
Step	Chi-square	df	Sig.
1	3.161	8	.924

Further supporting this conclusion is the detailed Contingency Table (Table 3) for the Hosmer and Lemeshow Test. This table, which divides the data into ten groups based on predicted probabilities, shows a close alignment between observed and expected frequencies across all deciles. Such consistency across the spectrum of predicted probabilities is a hallmark of a robust and reliable model.

Table 3: Contingency Table for Hosmer and Lemeshow Test

Contingency Table for Hosmer and Lemeshow Test						
	Employment Status = Unemployed		Employment Status = Employed		Total	
	Observed	Expected	Observed	Expected		
Step 1	1	81	82.274	115	113.726	196
	2	67	63.829	126	129.171	193
	3	63	57.913	128	133.087	191
	4	49	55.472	156	149.528	205
	5	48	47.232	149	149.768	197
	6	40	39.888	145	145.112	185
	7	34	38.770	164	159.230	198
	8	33	33.070	164	163.930	197
	9	27	26.698	155	155.302	182
	10	27	23.855	195	198.145	222

Examining the Contingency Table more closely, observed a slight tendency for the model to overestimate unemployment in the lower probability deciles and underestimate it in the higher deciles. However, these discrepancies are minor and do not detract from the overall strong performance of the model. The consistent performance across different levels of predicted probability suggests that the model is capable of accurately predicting employment status for Aboriginal individuals across various risk profiles.

In conclusion, the Hosmer and Lemeshow Test results provide strong evidence that the logistic regression model is well-calibrated and fits the observed data effectively. This gives us confidence in the model's ability to accurately represent the relationship between the chosen predictors and employment status among Aboriginal peoples in Canada. These results lay a solid foundation for further interpretation of the model's coefficients and odds ratios, and for drawing meaningful conclusions about the factors influencing Aboriginal employment in Canada.

4.3 Descriptive Statistics: A Portrait of the Sample

The descriptive statistics (Table 4) paint a detailed picture of the sample, offering a window into the diverse realities of Aboriginal life in Canada. At the forefront of this portrait is the employment status: 56% of the sample is employed, a figure that serves as both a baseline and a call to action. This statistic, while encouraging, also highlights the persistent employment gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal populations in Canada, underscoring the need for continued efforts to promote economic inclusion.

Educational attainment emerges as a critical factor, with 19% of the sample having achieved post-secondary education. This relatively low percentage is a stark reminder of the educational barriers that many Aboriginal individuals face. Historical injustices, geographic isolation, cultural disconnects in educational systems, and socioeconomic challenges all contribute to this educational gap. The implications of this statistic ripple through the employment landscape, influencing career prospects, earning potential, and overall economic stability for Aboriginal communities.

The gender distribution in the sample, with 47% male respondents, reflects a near-equal representation. This balance allows for a nuanced examination of gender dynamics in Aboriginal employment, a crucial consideration given the intersectionality of gender and Indigenous identity in shaping economic opportunities and challenges.

Table 4: Descriptive statistics for key variables

Variables	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Education Attainment	20849	0	1	.19	.393
Gender	20849	0	1	.47	.499
Age group of respondents	20849	0	1	.45	.497
Employment Status	20849	0	1	.56	.496
Expensive Training	20849	0	1	.06	.229
Geographical mobility	20849	0	1	.38	.486
Traditional economic activities	20755	0	1	.20	.399
Single identity - First Nations (North American Indian)	20849	.00	1.00	.4372	.49605
Single identity - Métis	20849	.00	1.00	.4076	.49141
Single identity - Inuk (Inuit)	20849	.00	1.00	.1425	.34962
Multiple Aboriginal identities	20849	.00	1.00	.0095	.09699
Belonging	19811	0	1	.93	.254
Income	12985	1	8	4.68	2.377
Specific Employment Assistance	1756	0	1	.17	.378
Lack Of Confidence	2785	0	1	.23	.421

Age demographics reveal that 45% of the sample are classified as younger adults. This significant proportion of younger individuals highlights the importance of understanding and addressing the unique employment challenges and opportunities faced by the emerging generation of Aboriginal workers. It also reveals the potential for transformative change if effective strategies for youth employment and career development can be implemented.

The concept of geographical mobility, with 38% of respondents willing to move for career advancement, introduces an important dynamic in Aboriginal employment. This statistic speaks to the tension between economic opportunities and cultural/community ties, a balance that many Aboriginal individuals must navigate in their career decisions.

The diversity of Aboriginal identities within the sample – 43.72% First Nations, 40.76% Métis, 14.25% Inuit, and 0.95% with multiple Aboriginal identities – underscores the heterogeneity of Aboriginal experiences in Canada. Each of these groups brings unique historical, cultural, and geographic contexts to their employment experiences, necessitating nuanced and tailored approaches to employment support and economic development.

Perhaps one of the most striking findings is the high proportion (93%) of respondents reporting a sense of belonging to Canada. This strong sense of national belonging presents an interesting contrast to examine against employment outcomes and other socio-economic factors, raising questions about the relationship between cultural identity, national affiliation, and economic participation.

The psychological dimension of employment is highlighted by the 23% of respondents who reported not taking skill training due to lack of confidence. This statistic underscores the importance of not only providing educational and training opportunities but also addressing the psychological barriers that may prevent individuals from pursuing these opportunities.

Finally, the fact that only 6% of respondents cited expense as a reason for not pursuing training suggests that while cost is a factor, it may not be the primary barrier to skill development for many Aboriginal individuals. This insight challenges assumptions about the primacy of financial barriers in educational and training access and points to the need for a more holistic understanding of the obstacles to skill development in Aboriginal communities.

The correlation analysis (Table 5) reveals a web of interconnected relationships between the variables, offering initial insights into the factors that may influence Aboriginal employment.

These correlations, while not indicative of causation, provide valuable clues about the dynamics at play in the Aboriginal employment landscape.

Employment status emerges as a central node in this web of relationships, showing significant correlations with several key variables. The negative correlation between employment status and lack of confidence (-.122**) is particularly noteworthy, highlighting the profound impact that psychological factors can have on employment outcomes. This relationship suggests that initiatives aimed at boosting self-confidence and self-efficacy could play a crucial role in improving employment prospects for Aboriginal individuals.

Table 5: Correlation analysis for all variables

Variables	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Employment Status	-											
2. Lack Of Confidence	-.122**	-										
3. Expensive Training	-.096**	.116**	-									
4. Geographical mobility	-.038**	.027	.086**	-								
5. Sense of Belonging	.007	.043*	-.010	-.030**	-							
6. Education Attainment	.072**	-.051**	.004	-.001	-.015*	-						
7. Gender	-.065**	-.051**	-.010	.063**	-.020**	-.133**	-					
8. Age	-.119**	.105**	.037**	.329**	-.010	-.137**	.019**	-				
9. First Nations	-.041**	.024	.029**	.042**	-.063**	.000	-.028**	.018*	-			
10. Métis	.071**	-.001	-.004	-.012	.061**	.041**	.029**	-.040**	-.731**	-		
11. Inuk (Inuit)	-.044**	-.031	-.038**	-.039**	.005	-.056**	.003	.035**	-.359**	-.338**	-	
12. Multiple Aboriginal identities	-.006	.001	.015*	-.006	-.010	-.006	-.007	-.006	-.086**	-.081**	-.040**	-

*SPEARMAN'S RHO *P < .05. **P < .01.*

The negative correlation between employment status and expensive training (-.096**) points to the potential barrier that cost can pose to skill development and, by extension, employment opportunities. However, the relatively small magnitude of this correlation, coupled with the low percentage of respondents citing expense as a barrier to training in the descriptive statistics,

suggests that while cost is a factor, it may not be the primary obstacle to employment for many Aboriginal individuals.

The slight negative correlation between employment status and geographical mobility (-.038**) is intriguing and somewhat counterintuitive. One might expect that willingness to relocate for work would be positively associated with employment. This negative correlation could reflect complex dynamics between community ties, cultural factors, and economic opportunities, or it might suggest that those who are already employed feel less need to be geographically mobile.

Age shows a negative correlation with employment status (-.119**), suggesting that younger Aboriginal adults in the sample are more likely to be employed. This finding could reflect changing educational and employment patterns across generations, or it might point to challenges faced by older Aboriginal adults in the labor market, such as skill mismatches or age discrimination.

The correlations between employment status and Aboriginal identities offer fascinating insights. The positive correlation with Métis identity (.071**) contrasts with the negative correlations with First Nations (-.041**) and Inuit (-.044**) identities. These divergent relationships hint at potential differences in employment experiences and outcomes among different Aboriginal groups, which could be influenced by factors such as geographical location, access to resources, historical relationships with the Canadian state, or cultural practices.

Education attainment shows a positive correlation with employment status (.072**), reinforcing the general notion that higher education is associated with better employment prospects. However, the relatively modest strength of this correlation suggests that while education is important, other factors also play significant roles in determining employment outcomes for Aboriginal people.

The negative correlation between education attainment and both gender (-.133**) and age (-.137**) points to potential disparities in educational access or achievement. These relationships suggest that older individuals and males in the sample tend to have lower levels of educational attainment, a finding that could inform targeted educational initiatives.

The positive correlation between geographical mobility and age (.329**) indicates that older individuals in the sample are more willing to relocate for work. This could reflect greater flexibility due to fewer family commitments, or it might suggest that older workers feel more pressure to be mobile in search of employment opportunities.

The complex interplay of these correlations underscores the multifaceted nature of Aboriginal employment. It highlights the need for holistic approaches that consider not only direct employment factors but also broader social, cultural, and psychological dimensions in efforts to improve Aboriginal employment outcomes.

The logistic regression analysis (Table 6), conducted in two models, provides a more nuanced and controlled examination of the factors influencing Aboriginal employment. This statistical technique allows us to assess the impact of each variable while holding others constant, offering a clearer picture of their relative importance.

Model 1, which focuses solely on the impact of lack of confidence, reveals a strong and significant negative relationship between this psychological factor and employment probability ($B = -.635$, $p < .001$, $eB = .530$). The odds ratio (eB) of .530 indicates that individuals who report a lack of confidence have nearly half the odds of being employed compared to those who do not report this lack of confidence. This finding underscores the critical importance of psychological factors in employment outcomes and suggests that interventions aimed at boosting self-confidence could have substantial positive effects on Aboriginal employment rates.

The explanatory power of Model 1, with a Nagelkerke R Square of .20, which suggest that lack of confidence alone accounts for 20% of the variance in employment status, a considerable proportion given the complexity of factors that can influence employment.

Table 6: Binary logistic regression model for the employment status (1= employed, 0 = unemployed)

Predictor	Model 1		Model 2	
	B	eB	B	eB
Lack Of Confidence	-.635***	.530	-.582***	.559
Expensive Training			-.091**	.913
Geographical Mobility			-.044	.957
Sense of Belonging			-.507**	.602
Education Attainment			.338**	2.158
Gender			.229**	1.258
Age			.379***	1.461
First Nations			20.077	523819771.513
Métis			19.532	303790883.430
Inuk (Inuit)			20.327	673078938.317
Multiple Aboriginal identities			19.693	356814568.799
Constant	1.306***		-58.211	
Nagelkerke R Square	.20		.68	
N	1996		1996	

Tests significant at * $p < .1$. ** $p < .05$. *** $p < .01$ o Model 1: Lack of Confidence as a predictor, Model 2: Lack of Confidence + incorporating multiple predictors

Model 2 expands the analysis to include a broader range of variables, providing a more comprehensive picture of the factors influencing Aboriginal employment:

Lack of Confidence remains a significant negative predictor ($B = -.582$, $p < .001$, $eB = .559$) even when controlling for other factors. This persistence reinforces the importance of addressing psychological barriers in employment initiatives.

Expensive Training shows a small but significant negative effect ($B = -.091$, $p < .01$, $eB = .913$). While the impact is less pronounced than that of lack of confidence, it still suggests that cost barriers to training can have detrimental effects on employment prospects.

Geographical Mobility shows no significant effect in this model, contrasting with its negative correlation in the earlier analysis. This suggests that when other factors are accounted for, willingness to relocate may not significantly impact employment probability.

Sense of Belonging has a surprising negative effect ($B = -.507$, $p < .01$, $eB = .602$). This counterintuitive finding warrants further investigation. It may reflect complex dynamics between cultural identity, integration, and economic participation, or it could be an artifact of the model specification.

Education Attainment emerges as a strong positive predictor ($B = .338$, $p < .01$, $eB = 2.158$). The odds ratio indicates that individuals with post-secondary education have more than double the odds of being employed compared to those without, underscoring the critical importance of higher education in Aboriginal employment outcomes.

Gender (being male) has a positive effect ($B = .229$, $p < .01$, $eB = 1.258$), suggesting that male Aboriginal individuals have slightly higher odds of employment. This gender disparity, while not large, points to potential differences in employment opportunities or barriers faced by Aboriginal women.

Age (being older) shows a positive effect ($B = .379$, $p < .001$, $eB = 1.461$), indicating that older individuals in the sample have higher odds of employment. This finding contrasts with the negative correlation observed earlier, highlighting the importance of controlling for other factors in understanding age effects on employment.

The Aboriginal identity variables (First Nations, Métis, Inuit, Multiple identities) show extremely large coefficients and odds ratios. These results suggest potential issues in the model specification for these variables, possibly due to multicollinearity or perfect prediction. This outcome highlights the complexity of modeling Aboriginal identity in relation to employment and suggests the need for more nuanced approaches to capturing these identity effects.

The higher explanatory power of Model 2 (68%) is particularly noteworthy in social science research, where human behavior and social phenomena are often influenced by a multitude of complex, interrelated factors. This robust model suggests that it has captured many of the key variables influencing Aboriginal employment status. It provides a strong foundation for understanding various factors affecting employment outcomes in Aboriginal communities.

4.5 Conclusion

In my analysis, I find that lack of confidence plays a crucial role in shaping employment outcomes for Aboriginal peoples in Canada. This revelation underscores the need for comprehensive, culturally sensitive approaches to improving Aboriginal employment rates – approaches that address not only skills and education but also confidence, cultural identity, and the diverse experiences of different Aboriginal groups. The persistence of lack of confidence as a significant predictor even when controlling for other factors emphasizes its importance as a focus for intervention and support in efforts to promote Aboriginal economic participation.

CHAPTER FIVE: CONCLUSION

5.1 Introduction

In this concluding chapter, I synthesize the key findings of my study on lack of confidence and economic participation among Aboriginal peoples in Canada. I summarize my research, discuss its implications for theory and practice, identify areas for future investigation, and acknowledge the study's limitations. Through this comprehensive reflection, I aim to situate my findings within the broader context of Aboriginal economic empowerment and provide a foundation for future research and policy initiatives.

5.2 Summary of the Study

In my research, I examined the complex relationship between lack of confidence and economic participation among Aboriginal peoples in Canada, utilizing data from the 2017 Aboriginal Peoples Survey. I sought to understand how lack of confidence varies across different Aboriginal groups and regions, to determine its relationship with key economic indicators, and to investigate how socio-demographic factors intersect with lack of confidence to shape economic outcomes.

My findings revealed a significant negative relationship between lack of confidence and employment probability ($B = -.582$, $p < .001$, $eB = .559$), even when controlling for other factors. This aligns with Bandura's (1997) self-efficacy theory, highlighting the crucial role of psychological factors in shaping economic outcomes. I also found that educational attainment emerged as a strong positive predictor of employment, with post-secondary education more than doubling the odds of employment ($B = .338$, $p < .01$, $eB = 2.158$), echoing previous research on the importance of education in Indigenous economic outcomes (Craven et al., 2016).

In my analysis of demographic factors, I found that older individuals ($B = .379$, $p < .001$, $eB = 1.461$) and males ($B = .229$, $p < .01$, $eB = 1.258$) showed higher odds of employment. These findings highlight to me the intersectional nature of employment challenges faced by Aboriginal peoples, particularly for youth and women (Gushue & Whitson, 2006).

Interestingly, I discovered a counterintuitive negative relationship between sense of belonging and employment probability ($B = -.507$, $p < .01$, $eB = .602$), suggesting complex dynamics between cultural identity, lack of confidence, and economic participation.

5.3 Study Implications

The findings of my study have significant implications for theory, policy, and practice in the field of Aboriginal economic participation. Theoretically, my results support and extend self-efficacy theory in the context of Aboriginal employment, underscoring the critical role of lack of confidence in shaping economic outcomes (Bandura, 1997). The complex interplay of factors influencing employment that I observed highlights the need for intersectional approaches in studying Aboriginal economic participation, as suggested by researchers like Gushue and Whitson (2006).

From a policy perspective, my findings emphasize the importance of initiatives aimed at addressing lack of confidence among Aboriginal job seekers. The strong positive effect of education on employment odds that I found underscores the need for continued investment in and support for Aboriginal post-secondary education (Craven et al., 2016). The gender disparity in employment odds I observed suggests a need for targeted support for Aboriginal women in the workforce, addressing the unique barriers they face, including potential issues of confidence.

Practically, my findings suggest that employment programs should incorporate elements aimed at addressing lack of confidence and building self-efficacy, alongside traditional skills training. I propose that career counseling and job training programs should be tailored to address the unique cultural and psychological factors affecting Aboriginal employment. Moreover, I suggest that employers should be educated on the importance of creating culturally inclusive work environments to support Aboriginal employee confidence and success. This recommendation is supported by the work of Haar et al. (2019), who studied Indigenous insights into ethical leadership among Māori leaders in New Zealand. Their research emphasized the crucial role of cultural values and practices in fostering positive workplace environments for Indigenous employees. They found that leaders who incorporated Indigenous cultural principles into their management style were

more effective in building trust, enhancing employee confidence, and promoting overall well-being in the workplace. This underscores the importance of cultural inclusivity in employment settings, not just as a matter of equity, but as a key factor in supporting the confidence and success of Aboriginal employees.

5.4 Further Research Areas

My analysis points to several important areas for future research. I believe longitudinal studies are needed to examine how lack of confidence and economic participation change over time for Aboriginal individuals, providing a more dynamic understanding of these relationships. In-depth qualitative research could explore the nuanced experiences of lack of confidence and employment across different Aboriginal groups, offering richer contextual insights to complement my quantitative findings.

The counterintuitive relationship between sense of belonging and employment probability that I found warrants further investigation. This could involve exploring potential tensions between cultural identity and economic integration, and how these dynamics influence lack of confidence and employment outcomes. I also see a need for research on effective interventions for addressing lack of confidence in Aboriginal job seekers, which could provide practical insights for program development.

Future studies should also examine how traditional economic activities intersect with mainstream employment for Aboriginal individuals, recognizing the diverse economic landscapes within Aboriginal communities and how these might influence confidence levels. Additionally, I believe research on the role of community-level factors in shaping individual confidence and economic outcomes could provide valuable insights for community-based interventions.

5.5 Study Limitations

While my study provides valuable insights, it's important that I acknowledge its limitations. The cross-sectional nature of the data limits causal inferences about the relationship between lack of

confidence and employment outcomes. Longitudinal data would be necessary to establish causal relationships and examine how these factors evolve over time.

I recognize there is potential for self-reporting bias in survey responses, particularly regarding sensitive topics like lack of confidence and employment status. The quantitative measures I used in the study may not fully capture the complexity of Aboriginal identity and its impact on confidence and employment, highlighting the need for mixed methods approaches in future research.

The sample may underrepresent certain Aboriginal groups or geographical areas, potentially limiting the generalizability of my findings. Additionally, while my statistical models account for many factors, they cannot capture all possible influences on employment outcomes, leaving room for unmeasured variables.

Despite these limitations, I believe this study provides a valuable foundation for understanding the complex dynamics of lack of confidence and economic participation among Aboriginal peoples in Canada. By illuminating the psychological dimensions of economic engagement and their intersection with cultural and sociodemographic factors, my research offers a steppingstone for future investigations and informed policymaking in the crucial area of Aboriginal economic empowerment.

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