

The 2014 Canadian UFO Survey: Summary of Results

- **There were 1,021 UFO sightings reported in Canada in 2014, or almost three each day. This is the third-highest number of UFO sightings recorded in Canada during the last 25 years, only slightly down from last year.**
- **The number of UFO reports received per province is almost identical to a province's population compared with the rest of Canada. For example, in 2014, Ontario had approximately 37 per cent of all Canadian UFO reports, a percentage almost equal with the percentage of its population compared with the rest of the country. This was true for all provinces except Quebec and British Columbia. Quebec had about seven or eight per cent fewer reports than expected, and BC had about the same percentage more than expected.**
- **The Top 5 metropolitan areas with the most UFO reports are (in order of highest): Toronto, Vancouver, Hamilton, Calgary and Montreal (tie), and Edmonton.**
- **Although there has been a trend during the past 25 years of having more UFO reports received in the mid-summer months (corresponding to long nights and fair weather for observing UFOs in the night sky), 2014 was exceptional in that there was a marked peak in UFO reports in the early fall. In fact, almost 17 per cent of all reports in 2014 came in September, well above the average of 9.5 per cent for September during the past 25 years.**
- **As in previous years, the vast majority of sightings in 2014 were of nocturnal objects. Almost 50 per cent were simply lights in the night sky, and almost 35 per cent were of spheres or other apparently structured objects seen at night. Less than 13 per cent were objects seen during the day, and less than two per cent were cases of Close Encounters.**
- **In 2014, most UFO sightings occurred between 9:00 pm and 11:00 pm local time. This peak is about one hour earlier than the 25-year average, and from the year before.**

- **In 2014, the average Strangeness rating of UFO reports was 4.26, well above the 25-year average of 3.5 and above last year's average of 3.67. Strangeness measures the degree to which a UFO report is comparatively unusual, for example a simple light in the sky being 2 or 3, and occupants observed outside a landed craft being about 8 or 9 on the Strangeness ratings scale. The average Reliability rating was similarly up in 2014, suggesting more cases were of higher quality or were better investigated. Most UFO sightings, unfortunately, are not well investigated, leaving the field wide open for speculation and sensationalism.**

- **In 2014, about 11 per cent of all UFO reports were classified as unexplained, down from 14 per cent in 2013, which was closer to the 25-year average. In 2014, about 19 per cent of the cases had Insufficient Evidence to form a conclusion, and slightly more than 70 per cent either had definite or probable explanations.**

- **The most common colour of reported UFO in 2014 was orange, at 38 per cent of all cases.**

- **More than 47 per cent of all UFO sightings were of an object described as a "point source," or starlike.**

- **The typical UFO sighting lasted approximately 13 minutes in 2014, comparable with other years.**

Results of this study show that many people continue to report unusual objects in the sky, and some of these objects do not have obvious explanations. Many witnesses are pilots, police and other individuals with reasonably good observing capabilities and good judgement.

Numbers of reported UFO sightings remain consistently high year after year. Several theories for this can be suggested: more UFOs are present and physically observable by witnesses; more secret or classified military exercises and overflights are occurring over populated areas; more people are unaware of the nature of conventional or natural objects

in the sky; more people are taking the time to observe their surroundings; more people are able to report their sightings with easier access to the Internet and portable technology; or even that the downturn in the economy is leading to an increased desire by some people to look skyward for assistance.

Although the largest percentage of reported UFOs is simply lights in the night sky, a small number are objects with definite shapes observed within the witnesses' frame of reference.

Popular opinion to the contrary, there is no incontrovertible evidence that some UFO cases involve extraterrestrial contact. The continued reporting of UFOs by the public and the yearly increase in numbers of UFO reports suggests a need for further examination of the phenomenon by social, medical and/or physical scientists.

More than 15,000 Canadian UFO reports have now been catalogued during the past 26 years by Ufology Research.

In previous years, the Canadian UFO Survey was published in print and/or online as an annual publication. Starting with the 2014 Canadian UFO Survey, the data tables will be made available online as per usual, but only a summary of the findings will be posted online. Previous years' surveys can be viewed for detailed descriptions of methodology, data and analyses.

To place the 2014 results in context, please visit: <http://survey.canadianuforeport.com>

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