

DATA PURCHASE AND ACCESS WORKING GROUP

April 6, 2022

2:30pm - 4:00pm Eastern time

Connection details:

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88655380786>

Attendance

Michael Ditor, CDP team
Katie Carr – Ottawa Neighbourhood Study
Peter Marriott - Vancouver
Ted Hildebrandt - Halton
Jasmine Ing - Calgary
Louisa Wong - Hamilton
Andrea Dort – Peel Region
Martin Lefebvre – Northern Ontario
Isaac Coplan – United Way Greater Toronto
Chris Eden – Halton Region
Victoria Chapman – Simcoe County
Graham Good – Muskoka
Sylvie Pelletier – City of Ottawa

Agenda

- Data acquisition updates
- 2016 Census tables
- Canadian Housing Survey UPDATE
- 2021 Census acquisitions - priority list
- DRAFT Schedule B review
- Next meeting
- Other business

Data acquisition updates

These products have been acquired and cataloged recently:

- [Longitudinal Immigration Database tables – tax years 2014-2019](#)
- [Labour Force Survey - supplemental tables, monthly](#)
- [EIS - Employment insurance \(EI\) beneficiaries, monthly, unadjusted for seasonality](#)
- [Community Decision Support Tool for Housing Issues: Demonstration Version](#)
- [Vacancy Rates by Dwelling Type, Year of Construction and Structure Size - for Privately Initiated Structures with 3 or more Units](#)

- [2021 Census Population Dashboard](#)
- [Type of Collective Dwelling \(16\) and Collective Dwellings Occupied by Usual Residents and Population in Collective Dwellings \(2\) of Canada, 2016 Census - 100% Data](#)
- [Canadian business counts, establishment and location counts, employment size and North American Industry Classification System \(NAICS\), December 2021](#)

2016 Census tables

Production system issues. Still having problems with Profiles. Recently received email indicating that it may be fixed (however we've heard this several times since the summer).

TGPs still on the priority list:

- HH TGP of multi-generational households
- HH TGP of households in housing that are unsuitable
- HH TGP of households in subsidized housing
- HH TGP of households in need of major repairs
- TGP of the population living in households spending 30%+ or 50%+ on housing
- TGP of persons in owner/renter households
- TGP by mode of commuting to work, using a compatible universe to what will be used in the 2021 Census

STC has begun production of Working Poor tables

When Working Poor is completed, the next 2016 Census custom tabulations on the priority list:

- CPP Table 3: Age groups (8), sex (3), income status in 2010 - CPP (7) and selected educational and labour force characteristics (84) for the population 15 years and over in private households

Rather than produce this table, a higher priority would be to rerun previously acquired tables with the Market Basket Measure (MBM) concept, but using the 2018 base rather than the 2008 base.

2021 custom geos are being geocoded for 2016 data tables

2021 Census custom table - priority list

TGP requests have been submitted to STC.

Not much response to the priority setting file that was sent out. WG members don't want to work on this in a vacuum. The idea of **a collaborative exercise to prioritize/design 2021 custom tabulations** was suggested. A Mural board could be used to support discussions.

ACTION: Prepare a collaborative priority-setting exercise for next DPAWG meeting. Get feedback from members on the objectives and conditions for a successful session.

Request to update 2016 Census tables with updated Market Basket Measure base.

Consistent data on the poverty line is a priority.

ACTION: MBM – look into rerunning 2016 Census tables to have comparable base year as 2021 tables. Use the 2018 base year.

INCLUDE BOTH BASE YEARS WITHIN THE SAME TABLE?

Request (wish list) : go back to 2011 MBM tables

Tables with the MBM concept

- Target group profile of the low-income population (MBM), Census, 2016
- CPP Table 1: Age Groups (23), Sex (3), Income status in 2015-CPP (7) and Selected cultural and demographic characteristics (48) for the Population in Private Households, 2016 Census – **WITH ACTIVITY LIMITATIONS DATA**
- Household & Family TGP of the low-income population (MBM), Census, 2016
- CPP-2c: Ethnic origin (64), Age groups (10), Sex (3), Income Status in 2015 - CPP (9) and Knowledge of official languages (5) for the population in private households, 2016 Census
- CPP-5b: Visible minority status (14), Age groups (6), Sex (3), Income status in 2015 - CPP (7) and Selected labour force, work activity and income characteristics (35) for the population 15 years and over with income in private households, 2016 Census
- CPP-5a: Aboriginal identity (7), Age groups (6), Sex (3), Income status in 2015 - CPP (7) and Selected labour force, work activity and income characteristics (35) for the population 15 years and over with income in private households, 2016 Census
- CPP-5C: Immigrant status and period of immigration (7), Age groups (6), Sex (3), Income status in 2015 - CPP (7) and Selected labour force, work activity and income characteristics (35) for the population 15 years and over with income, 2016 Census
- CPP-10A-EF - Selected income characteristics (44), Income status (7), Cultural and activity limitation characteristics (13), Children (7), Elderly spouse or economic family reference person (5) for economic family in private households, 2016 Census
- CPP-9A-UI - Age Groups (5), Income Status in 2015 (7), Selected cultural and activity difficulty characteristics (13) and Selected dwelling, income and household characteristics (27) for Persons 15 Years and Over Not in Economic Families, 2016 Census
- CPP-10A-UI - Age groups (5), Income Status in 2015 (9), Selected cultural and activity difficulty characteristics (13) and Selected income characteristics (48) for Persons 15 Years and Over not in Economic Families in Private Households, 2016 Census
- CPP-9A-EF - Elderly spouse or economic family reference person (5), Income status (7), Cultural and activity limitation characteristics (13), Children (7), and Household and income characteristics (27) for economic family households, 2016 Census

- CPP-13: Mode of transport to work (7), Income status in 2015 - CPP (9), Work Activity (7), Selected cultural and activity difficulty characteristics (13), Sex (3), and Age Groups (5) for the Population 15 Years and Over, 2016 Census
- CPP Table 2d: Detailed Language Spoken Most Often At Home (269), Age Groups (10), Sex (3), Income Status in 2015 - CPP (7) and Knowledge of Official Languages (5) for the Population Aged 15 Years and Over in Private Households of Canada, 2016 Census
- Individual MBM Low-income Status (5), Household Living Arrangements for Persons Not in Economic Families (3), Age (4C) and Sex (3) for Persons not in Economic Families Aged 15 Years and Over in Private Households of Canada, 2016 Census - 25% Sample Data
- Family MBM Low-income Status (5), Economic Family Structure (9), Family Size of Economic Family (5), Ages of Economic Family Members (18) and Number of Earners in the Economic Family (6) for Economic Families, 2016 Census - 25% Sample Data

Gender reporting

Gender will be the default concept for STC tables, as opposed to Sex.

Canadian Housing Survey custom tables – order cancelled by subject matter division

The CDP worked with an analyst/programmer at StatCan to design a custom table order at the Census Division level. The CDP was invoiced for the order and the tables were about to be produced and then were cancelled by the subject matter division. The subject matter division stated that "the survey was not designed for that level of detail, and any counts at CD level will not really reflect the reality, given how few respondents we have (or none at all). Data quality would not be acceptable."

It was our understanding that data of unacceptable quality would be suppressed, but that there was sufficient data of publishable quality to merit the table being produced.

We have expressed our frustration and are trying to escalate the issue. It will be raised at our next quarterly meeting with Statistics Canada. Initiatives like this are at the heart of what the CDP is trying to achieve, that is, looking to fill community-level data gaps. Beyond customizing tables, the opportunities to accomplish this work are limited and it seems important to establish this kind of investigation as an accepted practice.

Acquiring data on vacant buildings

Members have expressed interest in acquiring data on vacant buildings at small levels of geography. Data can be acquired from Census.

Context: Safety issue

One option for obtaining this count would be to subtract *Private dwellings occupied by usual residents* from *Total dwellings*.

Peel has used this calculation as a proxy for properties sitting empty and to get a fuller picture of the housing stock.

Census Mapper has these data.

Calgary:

These data could help to reconcile the difference between the federal census and the Calgary civic census (higher counts from STC in suburbs, lower counts in the core).

RELATED

Muskoka: Acquiring data on seasonal residents

Does the Canadian Housing Statistics Program or the Canadian Housing Survey have this information?

ACTION: request data on unoccupied dwellings from STC

ACTION: ask STC about data on seasonal residents

DRAFT Schedule B review

Schedule B is referred to in the consortium Memorandum of Agreement. It outlines what the Community Data Program will try to acquire over the course of the program year.

No significant objections to contents of Draft Schedule B.

Suggestion to acquire data from the Longitudinal Administrative Database to get longitudinal data on income and low income.

ACTION: next meeting LAD table suggestions (previous work, York)

UPDATE: note that the provincial health data and Labour Force Survey custom data tables and the Longitudinal Administrative Database tables were removed from the DRAFT Schedule B. These could be included later when more progress is made toward their acquisition.

Next meeting

Week of June 6 or 13, 2022

ACTION: Prep for collaborative exercise : choosing custom tables / cross-tabs

Other business

No other business.

Meeting ended 3:50pm