



DATA PURCHASE AND ACCESS WORKING GROUP

February 2, 2026

2:30pm - 4:00pm Eastern time

Connection details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89160768491?pwd=chjTQDLCKcfH5F0HtXwtgGDDxes0AR.1>

Link to meeting notes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18hGtzBOyvpPyF-DNWfjPk9TDNbOoDTtWyi854mwBO48/edit?usp=sharing>

Attendance

Michael Ditor, CDP
Sarah Tiller, Simcoe County
Hafiz Jatto, Winnipeg
Anzo Nguyen, Ottawa
Brenden Harvey, Calgary
Ted Hildebrandt, Hamilton
Jordan Meisel, SW Ontario
Mat Krepicz, Toronto
Hidy Ng, Region of Durham
Michael Whyte, WDG Public Health
Louisa Wong, Hamilton
Rachel Lewis, Kawartha Lakes
Mat Krepicz, Toronto
Reuben Mulinda Nashali, SPCO
Shivani Deshmukh, SPCO
Nitika Arora, Peel
Lesley-Ann Foulds, Region of Durham
Tarek Fathelbab Edmonton
Jennifer Rojas, GEPH

Agenda

- Data acquisition updates
- Increase in cost of tables
- 2021 Census data tables
- 2026: Census-on-demand
- 2026 Census - SDMX and machine-friendly IVT files - not happening for CDP

- StatCan workforce adjustment
- Learning and Networking event
- Member survey and strategic planning
- Webinars
- Tableau/Data visualization products
- Next meeting
- Other business

Data acquisition updates

Catalogue additions since last DPAWG meeting (November 21, 2025):

- [Labour Force Survey - LFS characteristics by 2021 Census Division boundaries - two year average estimates, 2007-2025](#)
- [EIS - Employment insurance \(EI\) beneficiaries, monthly, unadjusted for seasonality](#)
- [Credit Report Characteristics: Credit Risk & Demographics, Debt Composition, and Financial Stress Indicators by Geography, 2025 Q1](#)
- [Building Permits - detailed, 2025 - monthly](#)
- [Postal Code Conversion File, December 2025 update](#)
- [Longitudinal Administrative Databank \(LAD\) - Low income persistence of tax filers - CD and CSD, reference period: 2016 to 2023](#)
- [Longitudinal Administrative Databank \(LAD\) - Low income duration of tax filers - CD and CSD, reference period: 2016 to 2023](#)
- [Longitudinal Administrative Databank \(LAD\) - Low income entry and exit rates of tax filers - CD and CSD, reference period: 2022 to 2023](#)
- [Canadian Business Counts Dashboard \(2019, 2022, 2025\)](#)

Upcoming Data Acquisitions

Labour Force Survey

- Will get [8 tables in catalogue](#) for 35 largest Census Subdivisions.
- StatCan offered to produce 2 tables for 25 largest Census Divisions.
- After significant interest for youth unemployment was expressed at Leads' meeting, the request was modified to capture youth age groups.
- Likely a lot of suppression. Will be produced with Quality Indicators.

Canadian Business Counts, December 2025

- Arriving towards the end of February

CSD population estimates by age and sex

- StatCan confirmed that they cannot produce CSD population by age and sex, even as a custom request. They are looking at developing appropriate frameworks and tools to produce them, but they are unable to commit to a timeline for when those will be ready for use in production.

CT-level population estimates

- Total population estimates - arriving beginning of March

T1FF Migration tables

- Arriving beginning of March

IMDB Core Tables

- Arriving toward the end of March

APIM/T1FF tables - These tables will not be available until the T1FF+ redesign is available in Spring 2027:

- Canadian Tax Filers
- Charitable Donations
- RRSP Contributors
- Wage, Salaries and Commissions

Increase in cost of tables

We have noticed that the cost of Census tables has increased over the past year. The same work that was estimated to take one hour might now be estimated to take two or three hours. In our quarterly meeting with StatCan we raised this issue and they confirmed that this is the case. The StatCan offices in the various regions across the country have made an effort recently to ensure that their cost estimates are consistent with each other. Time for certain tasks that might previously have not been charged is being included in estimates. The CDP works primarily with the Toronto office and they indicated that their estimates seemed lower than other regions. This increase in costs will affect the program budget.

StatCan confirmed that they continue to look for ways to save the program money, particularly on bulk data orders, where certain tasks need only be charged once.

Census 2021 tables

Given the increased cost of tables, the program will focus on a smaller number of custom cross-tabulations at the start of the year and revisit the budget in a few months. See below for the tables that we will request for now.

Underemployment table:

This table ranks high and there have been a few members that even recently expressed interest in the issue of underemployment (comparing the skill level required for a respondent's job to their educational attainment):

- Selected Characteristics (16), Employment Income Statistics (4), Work Activity (7), Occupation - NOC 2016 - Skill-level (8A), Highest certificate, diploma or degree (8), Sex (3) and Age (5) for the Population 15+ in Private Households, 2021 Census
- <https://communitydata.ca/data/selected-characteristics-16-employment-income-statistics-4-work-activity-7-occupation-noc-2016>

Rebased MBM

The program will acquire these 2021 tables again with the rebased MBM in order to have comparable data for 2026:

- CPP-01 with rebased MBM threshold
- Target group profile of the low-income population (MBM)
- Household & Family TGP of the low-income population (MBM)

request:

Population to whom low-income lines apply to use as a denominator

Standard profile for the 25% sample

Vancouver interested in a type of profile that crosses wages by occupation and age groups (with detail in the youth age bands)

2026: Census-on-demand

StatCan confirmed that the 2026 Census will offer a tool that will allow users to build their own custom tabulations for certain levels of geography. As this will affect our acquisitions and budgeting, they have committed to providing a demo of the tool as soon as they are able.

2026 Census - SDMX and machine-friendly IVT files - not happening for CDP

We spoke recently with StatCan to express our interest in having more machine-readable custom data files. IVT files need to be manipulated and exported to CSV before they can be processed. StatCan is moving in this direction with SDMX format files that can be produced from tables on their website

(possibly including the Census-on-demand tables mentioned above), but nothing is in the works yet for custom files delivered to clients. They were quite interested in learning more about our use case and would like to move towards providing a product that is more machine-readable, but this process is slow.

StatCan workforce adjustment

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/stats-canada-workforce-adjustments-9.7043637>

StatCan is currently unable to comment on any implications this may have but will share any relevant information in a timely manner.

Learning and Networking event

The event will take place in Edmonton on May 14 and 15

Invitation for presentations

Suggestions for topics to cover? from StatCan and members

Member survey and strategic planning

This year we will be developing our 2027-2032 strategic plan, which looks at what we deliver and how we deliver it in these program areas:

- Program Leadership
- Data Acquisition & Access
- Training & Capacity Building
- Networking & Communication
- Program Administration

To assist in this process, we will be circulating a survey to all members. The survey asks about the importance of various elements associated with each program area and the effectiveness of the program in their delivery.

Any suggestions for survey questions are welcome. A copy of the survey was recently sent out to leads in advance of the leads' virtual meeting.

Conference Board of Canada data

Met with the Conference Board of Canada. Data sharing licence is not appropriate for the Community Data Program and most data is only available down to the CMA level.

Webinars

These topics are currently on the schedule or in the works:

- TransUnion presentation
- CDP Orientation - Spring 2026
- ?? presenting the re-based MBM to members?
- Strategic Plan / Member survey
- Food security webinar - focus on CCHS data (CIS?)

Your suggestions for webinars are always welcome!

Tableau Infographics and Dashboards

[Canadian Business Counts \(2019, 2022, 2025\) dashboard](#) now available

2026:

- update of the Rental Housing Affordability dashboard - ~May 2026
- TransUnion data (CD, CSD, CT level data)

SUGGESTIONS WELCOME!

Next meeting

Week of April 20, 2026 (after quarterly meeting with StatCan). Will send Doodle closer to date.

Other business

ACTION: check to see if the Statistical Building Register (SBgR) is available to the public.

Update: No, the SBgR is not available to the public, but the National Address Register (NAR) is available here: [National Address Register](#)

Meeting ended 3:30pm ET