



## **DATA PURCHASE AND ACCESS WORKING GROUP**

**July 6, 2026**

**1:30pm - 3:00pm Eastern time**

Connection details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85928169608?pwd=vW7hD8rqhnhzOkRbS2Z1qxTfQfitlwo.1>

Link to meeting notes:

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### Attendance

Michael Ditor, CDP  
Ted Hildebrandt, SPRC Hamilton  
Rachel Lewis, Kawartha Lakes  
Sarah Tiller, County of Simcoe  
Hidy Ng, Durham Region  
Kate Bishop-Williams, Grand Erie Public Health  
Natalie Hui, York Region  
Mat Krepicz, City of Toronto  
Peter Marriott, City of Vancouver  
Laurie Dixon, City of Kingston

### Agenda

- Data acquisition updates
- 2021 Census data tables
- 2026 Census data - determining priority rankings
- Webinars
- Tableau/Data visualization products
- Next meeting
- Other business

### Data acquisition updates

Catalogue additions since last DPAWG meeting (April 20, 2026):

- [Selected Characteristics \(17\), Employment Income Statistics \(4\), Work Activity \(7\), Occupation - NOC 2021 - Skill-level \(8\), Highest certificate, diploma or degree \(8\), Sex \(3\) and Age \(5\) for the Population 15+ in Private Households, 2021 Census](#)
- [CMHC Rural Rental Market Survey - Units, Average Rent, Vacancy Rate - 2025](#)
- [Consumer Debt Dashboard, 2025Q1](#)
- [Labour Force Survey tables at Economic Region and CMA geographies](#)  
(link to multiple catalogue entries)
- [Building Permits - detailed, 2026 - monthly](#)
- [EIS - Employment insurance \(EI\) beneficiaries, monthly, unadjusted for seasonality](#)
- [Postal Code Conversion File Plus \(PCCF+\) Version 8D, December 2025](#)

#### *Upcoming Data Acquisitions*

##### **TransUnion data update**

We've received updated data with the # consumers by relevant trade (credit product).

##### **CMHC data**

Still waiting on absorption prices and completions should arrive towards the end of June.

#### 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.

#### *Target Group Profiles on DA and custom geographies*

We have ordered these Target Group Profiles at DA and custom geographies:

- Household & Family TGP for the population in subsidized housing, 2021 - **custom**
- Household & Family TGP of population aged 65 and over, Census, 2021 - **custom**
- Household & Family TGP of population with activity limitations, Census, 2021 - **custom, DA**
- Household & Family TGP for the population in unsuitable housing, 2021 - **custom**

- Target group profile of the population living in dwellings in need of major repairs, Census, 2021 - **custom, DA**
- Target group profile of population with majority of income coming from government transfers, Census, 2021 - **custom, DA**
- Target group profile of population by knowledge of official languages, Census, 2021 - **custom, DA**

**Request from previous meeting, revisited in this meeting:**

**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) - York Region would be interested in this as well and cross-tabs for low-income population.
- Toronto would be interested in seeing those crosstabs.
- Kingston would also be interested in seeing what this would look like - interested more in this for 2026
- Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton interested in child care worker occupation
- Tenant group cross tab- cross-tab income and age
- Useful for example, in redevelopment projects and shelter costs increase - home energy table useful
- Senior tenant focus also useful
- Educational attainment cross-tab with NOC category

Artists and cultural occupations, child care workers

**Background from Vancouver (Peter):**

- In 2016 we ordered (outside CDP) a table of custom artist and cultural worker occupation groups, crosstabbed by income and other demographic and socioeconomic variables. We are interested in repeating in 2021 (and future) and adding other custom occupation/industry groups of interest to social planning
- Public reporting from 2016 order is here:  
<https://opendata.vancouver.ca/pages/indicator-disaggregated-tags/?q.cardid=166>
- 2016 orders: one table just of income at small geographies (occupations x labour force status x income), one table at CSD level with more intersections (occupations x sex x demographics (age, Indigenous identity, racialized groups, immigration status, level of education, family status, housing tenure, activity limitations, mobility) x shelter to income ratio x income, one table with place of residence/place of work flows (occupation x PoR/PoW geographies x place of work). Considering one simpler table for 2021 and not pursuing place of work geographies this cycle.

**ACTION:** CDP will look into these requests.

2026 Census data - determining priority rankings

## General structure

- Feedback request will be sent to all members
- Members can indicate their 2026 Census data needs generally, in terms of dimensions/variables of interest, or as specific tables
- Members can endorse specific tables we've received
- Indicate whether they are interested in these data on custom geographies

What demographic characteristics interest them for various cross-tabulations? Such as:

- new demographics, like health status, sexual orientation or homelessness status in the last 12 months, and
- age groups of interest
- What dimensions (or existing tables, such as CPP-01) would they want to see cross-tabulated with these demographics?

Indicate levels of geography of interest:

- e.g., do they need Dissemination Area

Other considerations:

- Formatting (e.g., having a clean UID label, the DA geographies should always have the parent CSD included) (good idea -MK)

Manage members' expectations regarding what we can get.

## Data requests

Toronto: youth unemployment (York Region is also interested in youth unemployment data)

GEPH would value access to DAs as this is helpful for smaller community action

For York Region, DA-level data are not as important as most of our analyses focus on CT, CSD, CD and custom geos. We would prefer to have more cross-tabs on specific population groups and topics

GEPH also very interested in food security where available (York Region is also interested in food security data)

**ACTION ITEM: speak to STC regarding...**Interest in increasing sample size for sample surveys - like the CCHS and CIS to get better data at the CSD/community level

## Custom geography submissions

Geocoding won't start until after November 2027 at least.

CDP will send out an email to Leads to coordinate custom geography submissions, including the submission form.

### Webinars

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

- August 25, 2026:: T1 Family File - Statistics Canada
- September 1, 2026: 2026 Census - Statistics Canada
- Food security webinar - focus on CCHS data - **DELAYED**
- TransUnion presentation (TBD)
- ?? presenting the re-based MBM to members ? **present again in 2027 when we get the re-based data**

SUGGESTIONS WELCOME!

### Tableau Infographics and Dashboards

- Working on update of the Rental Housing Affordability dashboard
- Consumer debt dashboard to be updated with updated data

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### Next meeting

Week of September 14. Will send availability poll closer to date. (Did Google Forms work alright?) 🍌

### Other business

There was a question about whether the CDP has ever looked into paying to increase CCHS or Canadian Income Survey sample sizes.

CDP looked into this previously but it was prohibitively expensive.

**ACTION:** Will look into costs associated with increasing survey sample sizes

*Meeting ended 2:225pm ET*