



Community Data Program

Enabling communities across Canada to measure and track local well-being

DATA PURCHASE AND ACCESS WORKING GROUP

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1:30pm - 3:00pm Eastern time

Connection details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89505449922?pwd=wB984kE039EaXy9NbWMbbeLb1sv3Cl.1>

Attendance

Michael Ditor, CDP
Rebecca Nicholls, SPCW, Winnipeg
Louisa Wong, Hamilton
Rachel Lewis, Kawartha Lakes
Mat Krepicz, Toronto
Ted Hildebrandt, Hamilton
Peter Marriott, Vancouver
Anzo Nguyen, Ottawa Neighbourhood Study
Nitika Arora, Peel Region
Taylor Thorpe, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph
Brenden Harvey, Calgary
Amanda Hobin, Durham Region
Boun Inthavong, Ottawa
Sarah Tiller, Simcoe County

Agenda

- Annual in-person learning/networking event
- Schedule C – Data sharing and end use licence agreement
- Data acquisition updates / Schedule B
- Webinars
- Tableau/Data visualization products
- Next meeting
- Other business

Annual in-person learning/networking event

May 8 and 9, 2025 in Thunder Bay. We will be looking for presenters for this event. Please let us know if you are interested or if you have suggestions for presenters or sessions.

Schedule C – Data sharing and end use licence agreement

Peel: Found the initiative to change Schedule C helpful, in that it prompted them to check in with their own users and ask them to sign their own agreement. This allows them to see who's using the data and what they're doing. Otherwise, it's difficult for them to monitor what members are doing with the data. A signed agreement can help protect them from members' misuse.

Data acquisition updates / Schedule B

Please check the catalogue to see what data sets were uploaded since the December 11 DPAWG meeting. A summary is provided below:

- [Income inequality \(custom table\), 2021 and 2022](#)
- [Postal Code Conversion File, December 2024 update](#)
- [Annual population estimates by age and sex, July 1, 2001 to 2024](#)
- [MIG: Migration Estimates, Tables A-D, 2022-2023](#)
- [Longitudinal Administrative Databank \(LAD\) - Low income duration of tax filers - CD and CSD, reference period: 2015 to 2022](#)
- [Longitudinal Administrative Databank \(LAD\) - Low income persistence of tax filers - CD and CSD, reference period: 2015 to 2022](#)
- [Longitudinal Administrative Databank \(LAD\) - Low income entry and exit rates of tax filers - CD and CSD, reference period: 2021 to 2022](#)
- [EIS - Employment insurance \(EI\) beneficiaries, monthly, unadjusted for seasonality](#)
- [Immigration and Housing Dashboard, 2021](#)
- [Labour Force Survey - LFS characteristics by 2016 Census Division boundaries - two year average estimates, 2007-2024](#)
- [IRCC Temporary Resident Admission Tables, 2015 to 2024](#) (updated CD-level data for 2024, still waiting for other geographic levels)
- [Canadian business counts, establishment and location counts, employment size and North American Industry Classification System \(NAICS\), December 2024](#)

Coming soon

- Labour Force Survey tables at CMA/ER geographies
- Home energy table
- CT-level population estimates 2021 to 2024
- CMHC: flat files from HMIP (1990 to 2024)

2025 Acquisition Plan / Draft Schedule B

2021 Census – Standard Geographies

4 to 6 custom cross-tabulations

- [Home energy spending](#)
- [Working Poor](#) – will try to add *Class of worker including job permanency* to capture gig economy
- [Place of Work x Occupation](#) – what dimensions to add? VM status, LF status
- [CPP-10EF – depths of poverty / modest income](#)

- [CPP-5 a/b/c ??](#) Rank high, but with the exception of [the variables in this dimension](#), the CPP-5 tables don't add more to the catalogue than what is available in CPP-01. We will likely NOT be acquiring these tables.

- Target Group Profiles at DA geography
 - May not be able to get all TGP's at DA geography. Will use downloads and feedback from DPAWG

2021 Census – Custom geographies

- Target group profile of the population by highest level of education, Census, 2021
- Target group profile of the population living in subsidized housing, Census, 2021
- Target group profile of the population living alone, Census, 2021
- Household & Family TGP of Households and Families with Children 0 to 6, Census, 2021

2025 Data acquisitions – New Possibilities

- TransUnion mortgage and consumer debt – IMPORTANT: need pre-approval from TU that we can make these data available publicly

- Educational and Labour Market Longitudinal Platform (ELMLP)
- Labour Force Survey – new tables? [new geographies?](#)
- Modeled estimates from Canadian Income Survey (CT/CD)
- Canadian Housing Survey
- Canadian Census Health and Environment Cohorts ([CanCHEC](#)) - Health linkage possibilities

- Canadian Community Health Survey custom tabulations (Health Region level):

SUGGESTED VARIABLES: personal health, mental health, experience of violence, food security, sense of belonging, access to healthcare, community safety (for well-being work in Ontario).

ACTION: Members of the DPAWG are invited to make additional suggestions for variables to acquire from the CCHS. [I will post a copy of the CCHS Data Dictionary on the CDP server and send a link with the DPAWG notes.](#) The 2017-2018 CCHS PUMF is the most recent PUMF and most recent data dictionary I have been able to find online.

From Dec 11, 2024 DPAWG meeting:

Peel: interest in the CPP tables. It would be helpful to continue with these dimensions

Requests/Suggestions:

- Canadian Income Survey at CSD/CD level?
 - linkage to LFS? opportunity for other data not publicly available? Food security, childcare?
- Canadian Community Health Survey - Food security
 - What other geographies are possible? CMA better than Health Region?
- Annual MBM data – estimates at CD/CSD level?
- Canadian Housing Survey
 - check again to see if custom request is possible

Webinars

These topics are currently on the schedule:

- Canadian Business Counts – April 1
- Modelled Market Basket Measure poverty rates for 2022 and 2023
- NRCan – Natural Hazards data
- CDP orientation
- Data for rural and small communities – focus on rental housing affordability dashboard
- ELMLP

Your suggestions for webinars are always welcome!

Tableau Infographics and Dashboards

The CDP team regularly solicits the DPAWG members for infographic and dashboard ideas.

We have started work on a rental affordability dashboard using data scraped from rental ad websites.

We are looking into collecting data and developing a dashboard to describe the effects of the trade war with the United States. Members of the WG expressed support for this work.

Inflation effects dashboard:

The shelter cost table and home energy spending table could be used to create a shelter costs/inflation effects dashboard.

This dashboard may be put on hold while we focus on other priorities.

Next meeting

Week of May 26/June 2. Will send Doodle closer to date.

Other business

No other business.

Meeting ended 2:50 pm ET