

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

**November 27, 2019**

**2:30pm Eastern time**

Connection details:

Adobe Connect: <https://cdp.adobeconnect.com/theboardroom/>

Teleconference: 1-866-398-2885 ; access code: 908904

### Attendance

Michael Ditor, CDP team  
Louisa Wong, Hamilton  
Chenlu Shao, Nova Scotia  
Lan Do, Calgary  
Jasmine Ing, Calgary  
Perna Bhasin, Toronto  
Ted Hildebrandt, Halton  
Kholah Nisar, Simcoe

### Transition update

CDP team met with CCEDNET to discuss budget in detail.

Not clear if data acquisition budget can be met. Data modeling project (~\$35K) might not be completed this program year.

CCEDNET can be invoiced directly by Statistics Canada and data is released. Previously, data needed to be paid for before being released. Will speed up turnaround time for data products. For example, members typically want Canadian Business Counts quickly after it's been officially released and we should be able to provide it more quickly now.

### Data acquisition updates

Household/Family TGP – progress is slow on these tables. They take a long time to verify. No turnaround time has been given.

These two tables are being worked on:

- Citizenship (5), place of birth (272), selected immigrant status, period of immigration, and category of admission characteristics (13), age groups (12) for the population in private households
- Type of collective dwelling (16), Sex (3), Age groups (10), Knowledge of official languages (5), Income groups (20)

CUSP - a new energy poverty table (households, by family-type) has arrived and is being cataloged.

## Tables at custom geographies

Tables at custom geographies – several tables that are in QC  
Estimate from STC was that we could get tables the week of December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Target Group Profile for the low income (MBM) population – should come week of December 2<sup>nd</sup> for Master Group 1.

Master Group 2 and 3 – should arrive before the end of calendar year

### *Custom geography Master Groups:*

Master Group 1: all Group 1

Master Group 2: York

Master Group 3: Peel

Master Group 4: all others from Group 2

Master Group 5: Groups 3, 4, 5

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
Durham	Calgary	Durham2 (school boards)	Winnipeg	Halton2
Erie-St.Clair	Halton	Ottawa	Nova Scotia	Toronto
Hamilton	London2	New Brunswick	Immigration Geographies	Vancouver
Kingston	Peel	Sudbury	North Bay Parry Sound Public Health Unit	
London	Red Deer			
Northern Ontario	Regina			
Parry Sound-Nipissing	Simcoe			
Toronto	Toronto2			
WDG	Waterloo			
LHIN sub-regions	Windsor Essex			
	York - see note in Excel file			

## Labour Force Survey update

Labour Division will be looking at doing Small Area Estimation for LFS indicators to produce LF estimates at the CSD level. The CDP will plan to get these annually if available.

**ACTION:** check with STC how often these data will be available and what will be the data lag

## Childcare cost table

Simcoe County initiated a discussion regarding the possibility of acquiring tables on childcare cost from the T1FF. [This text summarizes the initial request and some of the feedback from the DPAWG.](#)

CDP will contact Income Division to discuss the specification for these tables. Previously, the CDP acquired 5 standard T1FF tables with customizations introduced at a price of \$15K, but was informed by STC that the next time, the tables would cost more like \$30K. It's expected that childcare cost tables with all of the specifications discussed here could easily cost as much. The CDP team will discuss what it

could budget for a product like this, but it will almost certainly be less than \$30K. Likely, we would order these tables once every two or three years (with multiple years of data) to save on the cost.

### IMDB order

The IMDB data group is producing a test table for the CDP team to determine whether anything of value can be produced at the CSD level and to inform design of the final tables.

**ACTION:** confirm retention stats at CSD/LIP geo is possible

### Free data? Yay Calgary!

Calgary Economic Development (CED), a member of the Calgary Data Consortium, was contacted by Statistics Canada, asking What areas/themes do you need data for? Statistics Canada was particularly interested in identifying data that would be useful at the municipal level or smaller.

CED identified the need for data on the education that immigrants have received outside Canada and the work that they're doing now.

What is the highest level of education received, where was that credential obtained, what type of work is the person now doing and what is their income?

Statistics Canada is going to compile a table of this information from Census 2016 data.

Calgary requested that these data be produced for all CSDs in Canada, not just Calgary.  
STC doing this for FREE! YAY!

Statistics Canada is not restricting uses of the data after it's produced, so once it's received, the data can be provided to the CDP

Statistics Canada will do a limited amount of custom geography work for this table (for LIPs geographies).

### Updates on collaboration with Statistics Canada

Urban data centres pilot project – support for data users at the municipal level

Calgary participated in pilot with other cities (some CDP members) – Kitchener/Waterloo, Montreal, Edmonton, and St. John's

1<sup>st</sup> round data – data provided by Statistics Canada was same as CDP holdings, so not of particular interest to CDP members.

2<sup>nd</sup> round - Sustainable development goal (5.2.1 ?) – population with public transportation access

### Data modeling project (liquid assets)

Due to budget constraints, this project could be deferred until next program year. We will see how invoicing goes and how much Census data STC is able to produce for the program.

The CDP is looking to model liquid assets at the CSD level using Small Area Estimation. The CDP team will be working on selecting variables/data sets that will serve as inputs to the model. If you have thoughts on this project or appropriate data sets, please let us know.

Several DPAWG members have indicated an interest in advancing this project. Thanks.

### Other business

STC is moving away from publishing in B2020. See “Which data download options are available?” [on this page](#): “In terms of output formats to download an entire table, Statistics Canada is moving away from proprietary output formats (like Beyond 20/20 IVT format) to support non-proprietary, open, output formats such as CSV or SDMX.”

Is STC firm in this decision? Can CDP provide training in new format? Can CDP advocate for the preservation of the IVT format?

**ACTION:** Follow-up on status of this transition. What can CDP do to advocate for the preservation of this format? Ensure that a workable replacement is found. SDMX readers?

### Next meeting

Week of January 13, 2020. A Doodle poll will be circulated among the group to choose a date.