

DATA PURCHASE AND ACCESS WORKING GROUP

January 30, 2024

1:30pm - 3:00pm Eastern time

Connection details:

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85913733707>

Attendance

Michael Ditor, CDP

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Agenda

- Data acquisition updates / Schedule B
- 2021 Census data production
- IRCC Temporary Residents and Permanent Residents data
- CDN Survey on Disability
- Disability Tax Credit Statistics
- New data arrival notifications
- Annual leads' meeting in Winnipeg – May 9-10, 2024
- Rural outreach
- Community Action for Workforce Development project
- Webinars
- Tableau products
- Next meeting
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Data acquisition updates / Schedule B

Please check the catalogue to see what data sets were uploaded since the September 26 DPAWG meeting. A brief summary is provided below:

- LFS estimates at CMA and ER level (no CD/CSD data for these tables as a result of the improved imputation methodology)
- CAWD infographics
- EIS updates
- Core Housing Need table at CMA-CA-CT level
- IRCC Temporary Residents data

Note that the 2024 Schedule B (data acquisition plan) is posted to the CDP website:

https://communitydata.ca/sites/default/files/cdp_schedule-b_2024.pdf

on this page:

<https://communitydata.ca/about/program-governance>

2021 Census production – upcoming

Setting priorities

The Google sheet below provides a summary of what 2021 Census data tables we can expect/afford to acquire in 2024.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hvHbqMzebl_vUAugCrmH3GFwnWiy2z9yQcKpCNmdZcc/edit?usp=sharing

Column A indicates how many of each table type we can acquire and is summarized below:

- Custom cross-tabulations - STANDARD geographies: 5
- Custom cross-tabulations - CUSTOM geographies: 3
- Target Group Profiles - STANDARD geographies (not DA): 2
- Target Group Profiles - STANDARD geographies at DA geography: 20
- Target Group Profiles at CUSTOM geographies: 6
- HH/Family Target Group Profiles at CUSTOM geographies: 6
- HH/Family Target Group Profiles at STANDARD geographies: 0

Column C indicates if the table has already been acquired. Feedback was received by several DPAWG members.

The counts of downloads will be considered when determining the final acquisition priorities for this program year. At this point, [the Activity Limitations table](#) has been clearly identified as a high priority for members. The suggestion was made to include the activity limitation severity dimension in to this table.

2022 CDN Survey on Disability

Statistics Canada indicated that it would cost \$650 to produce each table at the CD-CSD level, which puts the final order considerably higher than what we originally budgeted for. There was consensus among several DPAWG members that we could acquire one less Census custom cross-tabulation in order to get tables from this survey. Note that we will continue acquiring 2021 Census data tables in 2025.

StatsCan will not be able to begin production until after April 1 and that production will take 10-12 weeks.

Disability Tax Credit Statistics from the T1FF

Requested cost estimate for these data from Income Division.

Note that we may not get them in 2024, but could work them into our 2025 acquisitions.

The intention is to use these data to get counts of persons with disabilities from counts of persons claiming the disability tax credit.

Some credits are transferred to a spouse or from a dependant, so we want to incorporate these concepts as well. This could be as the sum of credits being claimed or counts of families claiming credits. Feedback from Income Division has been requested regarding this question.

We would acquire these data for the most recent year available, which may be 2023 by the time we are ordering the data (2025).

We've requested a cost estimate for counts (of credits being claimed) and percentage of persons claiming credits, cross-tabulated by :

- age group (can we get the age of a dependent for whom a credit is transferred?) : under 15, 15-24, 25-44, 45-64, 65+
- gender
- family type of person (in couple family, in couple family with children, non-family person)
- after-tax income group (under \$20K, \$20K-40K, \$40K-60K, \$60K-80K, \$80K-100K, 100K+)
- low-income status (CF-LIM-AT)
- Restriction / basic activities of daily living

To avoid suppression caused by these cross-tabulations, best to have these as four separate tables? The gender cross-tabulation could likely be included with the age groups.

Geography levels of interest:

- Province/territories
- Census division
- Census subdivision
- Census metropolitan areas
- Census agglomeration
- Census tracts (for regions in the census tract program)
- Forward Sortation Area (First 3 digits of the postal code) -

Several members indicated that FSA is not a very useful geographic level. This geographic level is useful however for members that correlate the Statistics Canada data with their in-house data that contain address information, including postal codes.

IRCC Temporary Residents and Permanent Residents data order

The program received IRCC Temporary Residents data at the beginning of the year. Some excellent questions about the data have already come up that were subsequently forwarded to the IRCC data office. The IRCC data office does not provide a data dictionary for their products and it may take up to 20 days to answer our questions unfortunately.

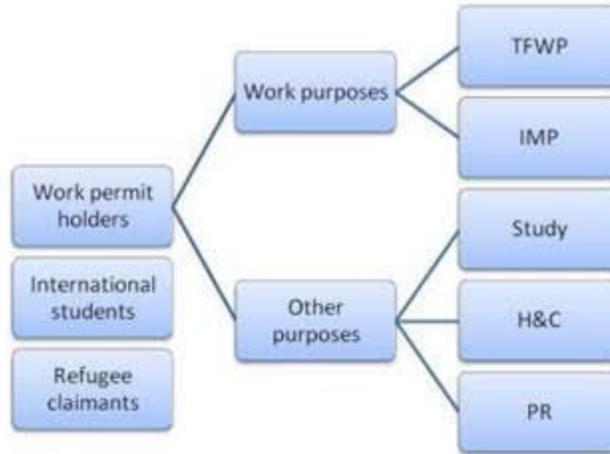
The National LIP Secretariat team has provided the CDP team with contact information for the IRCC Research and Data Branch. Hopefully this could bring about a more rapid response to our questions. The IRCC contact seems open to holding a webinar on IRCC data sets.

These questions were submitted to the IRCC data office:

1. Is there a data dictionary or methodology reference document for this data?
2. We are trying to figure out if there's a difference between non-permanent residents and temporary residents according to STC or IRCC. Moreover, if we are to determine the total number of temporary residents, could we just add up the different types (work permits, student visas, refugees...etc.)? I found this diagram in one of IRCC's document available via the Govt of Canada Open Data portal:

This publication will focus on the following groups of temporary residents (as the following diagram illustrates):

- Work permit holders for work purposes
- Work permit holders for other purposes including study, humanitarian and compassionate, and permanent resident
- International students
- Refugee Claimants



Source: https://www.ircc.canada.ca/opendata-donneesouvertes/data/Facts_and_Figures_2017_TR_EN.pdf

3. When will the entire year of data for 2023 be available? The data tables received have only data for Jan to Oct of 2023.
4. We are also trying to see if there are data on transition rates or proportions of non-permanent residents/temporary residents of different types would turn into permanent residents as those would have implications for settlement services planning. Our understanding is that the Fed has been factoring similar kinds of transition rates/information into their plans to achieve the annual immigration target, so we are wondering if such data exists and how to get them.

We understand that the status of non-permanent residents/temporary residents is very fluid as one could switch from one status to another (like visa student then work permit holder) and that not all non-permanent residents/temporary residents have plans to become permanent residents. So would welcome any suggestions/advice from CDP or STC to figure this out.

5. Furthermore, we would like to know how to figure out the status and numbers of family members associated with principal applicants of the various types of non-permanent residents/temporary residents. For example, a person could be a work permit holder but the person's spouse could be on student visa.
6. Can data on asylum seekers or asylum claims be requested at the CD- or CSD-level? Similar to this: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/asylum-claims/asylum-claims-2023.html>

DPAWG COMMENTS:

The counts of permit holders are based on **intended destination**. Permits are not tracked after that point, so the persons may have moved on.

This is a different universe than the NPR of the Census, which looks at residents.

IRCC doesn't track movement – only intended destinations.

The IMDB can help somewhat with mobility after landing.

Census fills in whether people stayed in their intended destination (e.g., students = highly mobile).

New data arrival notifications

Mailchimp distribution list for notifying members of new data arrivals has not seen much uptake.

Need to update preferences via link in Mailchimp email (such as the newsletter sent out on December 11, 2023)

If you aren't a subscriber to our newsletter distribution list, then you can use the following link to join and you will be able to set your preferences to be included on the new data products list:

<http://eepurl.com/gllmyr>

ACTION: create DPAWG list

Annual leads' meeting in Winnipeg – May 8 (local) 9-10, 2024

Are there any working group members who would like to make a presentation?

Possible discussions/presentations:

- group census consultation – suggestions for 2026 Census consultation
- The modelling low income article from StatsCAN that came out recently would be a great presentation.
- https://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2024/statcan/75f0002m/75f0002m2024001-eng.pdf
- A preview of the review of "visible minority" and ethnoracial collection methodologies for the 2026 census? There may be some significant changes in the next Census.

Rural outreach

The Community Data Program has set an objective this year to expand into more rural and remote areas of Canada. This will entail looking to expand in areas where no consortium exists, as well as looking to recruit members from rural communities in existing consortia. We would like to engage the leads for the latter strategy.

Community Action for Workforce Development project

The Rural Community Workforce Development Data Portal has been added to the website. The portal describes the project in which we are participating. Several community profile infographics have been added to the portal and the catalogue:

<https://www.communitydata.ca/content/rural-community-workforce-development-data-portal#infographics-and-dashboards>

related: Telus will **not** be presenting their mobility data members as part of a webinar.

Webinars

- Tableau products – February 27, 2024
- Using Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) Public Use Microdata File (PUMF) - TBD
- CAWD project – TBD
- Canada's care economy – TBD (end of March)

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/231129/dq231129e-eng.htm>

STC has been in contact with Dana Wray, one of the authors of the report in The Daily and she's very amenable to presenting on this topic to the CDP membership. She's looking toward the end of March because there are some international discussions happening from now until the end of February that may be relevant for their framework, which would impact the information to be relayed in the webinar.

Tableau Infographics and Dashboards

The CDP team is soliciting the DPAWG members for infographic and dashboard ideas.

Updated housing dashboard is being worked on.

Immigration infographic was released. Housing information will be added when available.

Next meeting

early in week of March 25th, 2024 or later in week of April 2nd (avoiding Easter)

Other business

No other business raised.

Meeting ended 3pm