**Data purchase and access working group**

CCSD Community Data Program · Wednesday, August 21, 2013, 1:30 p.m. EST · Telephone meeting

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Present: Ian Faris (external), Irena Pozgaj (Simcoe County), Lindsay Hanzel (Peel Region), Melissa Kelly (Calgary), Sarah Larock (Durham Region), Wayne Chu (Toronto), Brendan Rahman (CDP)

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**Disability question resolved**
- Update from STC: "The definition of a person with a disability in the target group profile that you have is someone who answered **Yes, sometimes** or **Yes, often** to either of the questions on the census form (Q7 or Q8)."
  - Q7: "Does this person have any difficulty hearing, seeing, communicating, walking, climbing stairs, bending, learning or doing any similar activities?"
  - Q8: "Does a physical condition or mental condition or health problem reduce the amount or the kind of activity this person can do?"

Notes:
- Issue with 2011 NHS disability data -- nomenclature is different, and there is a caveat associated with false positives (this latter was similar for the 2006 Census)
  - 2011: http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/nhs-enm/2011/ref/dict/pop147-eng.cfm
  - 2006: http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2006/ref/dict/pop024-eng.cfm
- Survey on disabilities is not available at smaller geographies
- ACTION: Wayne to provide documentation w/ alternative reporting on disabilities (prevalence vs. count)

**Common NHS guidelines and data notes**
- To discuss at next mtg

Notes:
- Link to variable dictionary, mention that STC doesn't use plain language, provide common examples
- Somewhat related: Users would like user guides / webinars for thematic data, e.g. low income data
- ACTION: Brendan to work on guide/note for next meeting

**2011 Census/NHS order plan**
- Semi-custom 2011 Census order -- table at this URL:
  - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0ArbeCIKbu7frdHlEUG55d29nWG1ONFlqd F9fdHhEd0E&usp=sharing
- Place of work data -- which variables to include? (NOC, NAICS, educational attainment, etc.) -- To discuss at next mtg
  - Variable (7 categories)
  - Place of work side of Census/NHS database
  - Ian can send titles of tables used in Place-of-work data

Notes:
- WG okay with ordering non-shaded cells initially, and adding more complicated crosstabulations (orange-shaded cells) to a later fully custom order if there is sufficient interest
- ACTION: CDP to order non-shaded cells
- W/r to red- and orange-shaded tables, in order to reduce the number of IVT tables required, it is possible to:
  - Not crosstabulate everything
  - Use simpler variables
  - Remove certain variables
- Place of work
  - To begin thinking about what profiles/crosstabulations to order
  - Technically, any Census variable is possible, but the population is the employed LF (15+, employed)
- ACTION: Brendan to distill BC's transportation orders and generate a tentative list of variables of interest

**Website upgrade and user testing**
- We encountered certain technical hurdles that have delayed launching an improved catalogue -- we will continue working on this through the fall
  - Until then we will continue to catalogue new datasets with more metadata than datasets in previous program cycles
- We are in the process of migrating from Drupal 6 to Drupal 7 (simple upgrade)
- We will need WG members to check the test site (cdc.jungle.ca) for glitches, bugs, etc.
  a. Registering a user account
  b. Finding and downloading a table
  c. Anything that comes to mind

Notes:
- Server error for registering new user account
- ACTION: Working group members to notify Brendan of issues by email
- ACTION: Brendan to compile issues and notify web developer

**Webinar**
- Scaled-down webinar for September 19
  - On account of delayed NHS release date and delayed improved catalogue launch date
- Tentative agenda
  - CDP progress report on Census/NHS
  - Presentation from Statistics Canada on NHS (TBC)
  - Discussion on data quality issues (what we know, caveats, protocols, experiences, etc.)
  - Sign-off on custom orders: UPP, target-group profiles, topic-based tabulations
- ACTION: Brendan to confirm speakers for webinar and produce a formal agenda

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Next meeting: Thursday September 12, 2013, 1:30 p.m. EST