Data Purchase and Access Working Group

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

Teleconference: 1-866-398-2885

Attendance:

- Blair Hodgson (WDG)
- Charles Burchill (Winnipeg)
- Cheryl Hitchen (Kingston)
- Heath Priston (Toronto)
- Ken Clarke (Perth Huron)
- Louisa Wong (Hamilton)
- Natalie Hui (York)
- Mike Ditor (CDP)
- Julie Lam (CDP)

Agenda:

- Updates on acquisition
- Custom geographies
- Table specifications
- Next meeting

Action items:

- Working Poor table – check with with Statistics Canada on adding high school diploma and submit for cost estimate.
- Age groups for children – clarify with the Health Unit if they need 0-18 instead of 0-17, as typically children are 17 and under.
- Come up with specifications regarding the youth table – need the school attendance piece with information on labour force and work activity (put forward at next meeting).

Update on acquisitions

Canadian Business Counts

- Received and catalogued: http://communitydata.ca/content/canadian-business-counts-establishment-and-location-counts-employment-size-and-north-3

Annual Population Estimates by Age and Sex

- Received and catalogued: http://communitydata.ca/content/annual-population-estimates-age-and-sex-july-1-2001-2017-census

Equifax data – 2017Q1 – added two variables

- The volume of non-mortgage consumers who have been active in the last 12 mothes
- The total balance of non-mortgage consumers who have been active in the last 12 months – this included HELOC

TransUnion data – 2018q1

- Should get this in the 2nd quarter
- See how comparable this is to the Equifax data. This is the single most expensive data product. Perhaps we can get it every other year?

PCCF – commercial license

- Canada Post has taken over licensing and distribution. This will make it more expensive, but this will get rid of hassles with EA'S restrictions on their EPCCF. We will be able to put it in the catalogue for download without making cuts.
- It is still a restrictive license, members cannot share large portions or publish it. It must be used internally.

TGP

- Should get most by April.

Custom geographies

List of completed geos:

- Durham
- Hamilton
- Kingston
- WDG
- Toronto
- Waterloo
- Windsor
- Chatham Kent
- York
- Peel
- Nipissing
- Simcoe
- London
- LHIN sub-regions

Heath: What about the LHIN sub-regions?

Mike: I expect them to be grouped together as their own set, not attributed to each community.

Blair: We would be very interested in the Ontario LHIN sub-regions.

Heath: We initiated the request as a lot of Ontario consortia are interested. Hoping that it's not tucked away in someone's custom geo!

Natalie: LHIN sub-regions data are better put together, to facilitate comparisons across those regions.

Heath: Preference is to have them as soon as possible.

Table Specifications

Working Poor

- Using the same definition as the Metcalfe Foundation
- Needed to cut a dimension to keep to the table size
- Cut dimension 'Occupation - National Occupational Classification (NOC) 2016 - Skill-level Category (8A)'
- Expanded Selected characteristics dimension to include detailed Visible minority classifications
- Change age groupings to 18-24 instead of 15-24
- Added Working poor status dimension

Heath: Support to 18-24 age group, it's a very useful range (employment patterns are different).

Cheryl: Agreed.

Blair: Could you define the working poor definition. I am not sure I am familiar with the Metcalfe definition?

Heath: Low income with employment income >$3000 per year?

Mike: Yes, after-tax income. Children of any age are excluded. See notes in the Working Poverty and Income Inequality product files.

Blair: Okay, that sounds very familiar to the definition we use here.

Mike: Is this table sufficient? If anyone has comments or suggestions, please let us know. This is a high-value table!

Heath: Would there be an impact of separating out high school from the other below bachelor group?

Blair: I think this is high-value table. In the email there was something about Taxfiler tables – this will conflict with some age groups.

Mike: Can clarify with Statistics Canada. Will add high school diploma and submit for cost estimate. ACTION

Income inequality

- Swapped out a dimension (deciles).
- Also changed income statistics, condensed.

- But the table would be too large to submit, at 4 billion cell counts, may need to split this table or cut it down (perhaps work activity or work labour status).

Blair: I would be more interested in labour force status if that lowered the impact factor

Heath: Feels like we are trying to do a lot with this table – how much will this translate into usefulness? If we are expanding education in the other, don't need it labour force and working activity – just one would do.

Blair: I agree with Heath.

Cheryl: Yup.

Underemployment

- Next table is one Jasmine submitted on Underemployment – asking for endorsements. Have a follow up questions for Jasmine – from looking at the Selected characteristics (16) dimension, unsure about the 'Children in census families (as in sons, daughters or grandchildren)' under the 'Total - Population aged 15 years and over in private households' heading.

Heath: Can see that table is using highest certificate (4), separating high school would make things consistent.

Multigen01

- Went with household type of person (9) dimension.
- But requested "Person in skip-generation household (no middle generation)" to be added.
- Checking in with STC to get a variable in – we were given two choices for this dimension.

Multigen02

- Looking at families, not quite multi-gen, so may skip this table.
- Notes from Heath: Without the shelter cost to income ratio, this is a bit less interesting than Multigen01. If we do pursue this table, I know there would be demand among our consortium to see visible minority data included, even if it is only adding a VM- nonVM category. It could be placed in the Aboriginal identity dimension, maybe?
- Notes from Jasmine: The dimensions all seem fine (except maybe the family characteristics one, which has a lot going on and might benefit from some refinement), but there doesn't actually seem to be anything that covers the topic of multigenerational households. Is it possible that the multigenerational household dimension was excluded?

Mode of transport + low income status

- It may have been Kelvin from Halifax who brought this up (however he is no longer a consortium lead). This is the first draft specifications.
  - Mode of transport to work (6)
  - Sex and Age (15) (similar to Jasmine's earlier table)
  - Work Activity During the Reference Year (7)
  - Income status in 2015 (8)

- There is room to add another dimension here (Immigrant, VisMin, Family status, Education?) or to break out Sex and Age separately and add more age groups.

Age group for children

- Similar requests from Kawartha and Nipissing – tables on specific age groups by high level of certificate, by labour force, by work activity, etc.
- Wanted to float this out to the group to see if anyone has similar needs.
    o Number of people within a specific age-group (19-24, 25-44, 45-64, 65+), by highest level of education
    o Number of people within a specific age-group (15-18, 19-24, 25-44, 45-64, 65+), by labour force status
    o Number of people within a specific age-group (15-18, 19-24, 25-44, 45-64, 65+), by work activity during the reference year
    o Number of people within a specific age-group (15-18, 19-24, 25-44, 45-64, 65+), by after-tax income groups
    o Number of people within a specific age-group (18-24, 25-44, 45-64, 65+), by marital status
- (For the next nine points below, we do not need to know how many children, just if the person has children in the household).
- Though I've listed the people with and people without children separately, these could likely be provided in one table per concept, but I thought the listing would help clarify.
    o Number of people with children aged 0-18, by parent's age-group (15-18, 19-24, 25-44, 45-64, 65+)
    o Number of people with children aged 0-18, by highest level of education
    o Number of people without children aged 0-18, by highest level of education
    o Number of people with children aged 0-18, by labour force status
    o Number of people without children aged 0-18, by labour force status
    o Number of people with children aged 0-18, by work activity during the reference year
    o Number of people without children aged 0-18, by work activity during the reference year
    o Number of people in a specific age-group (19-24, 25-44, 45-64, 65+), with children aged 0-18, by marital status
    o Number of people in a specific age-group (19-24, 25-44, 45-64, 65+), without children aged 0-18, by marital status
- For the family/household concepts:
    o Census families with children age 0-5 and 6-17
    o Couple census families with & without children (0, 1, 2, 3+), by after-tax income groups
    o Female-lone parent census families with & without children (0, 1, 2, 3+), by after-tax income groups
    o Male-lone parent census families with & without children (0, 1, 2, 3+), by after-tax income groups
    o Census families with children 0 to 6 years of age, by after-tax income groups
    o Couple census families with & without children (0, 1, 2, 3+), by shelter-cost-to-income ratio

- o Female Lone parent (0, 1, 2, 3+ children), by shelter-cost-to-income ratio
- o Male Lone parent (0, 1, 2, 3+ children), by shelter-cost-to-income ratio
- o Census families with children 0 to 6 years of age, by shelter-cost-to-income ratio

Heath: One thought – clarify with them if they need 0-18 instead of 0-17, as typically children are 17 and under. <mark>ACTION</mark>

Natalie: We will be doing a Youth Profile but the age group is quite specific, like 12-29 with two sub-groups, 12-17 and 18-29. But I am not sure that would match data needs of other CDP members.

Heath: Natalie, our youth strategies also run a wider age range, 13-29.

Louisa: 18 to 29 would be good for us to with some program we're doing.

Natalie: Also, our partner UWTYR also is looking for data for 17-29 for their Youth employment initiatives as they offer programs for such age group. As I am not program staff, I really don't know why 29 is the age they pick as the oldest for youth.

Mike: This request came from a health unit in Nipissing.

Natalie: In the past, York Region doesn't have youth-specific programs, so internally we are still trying to settle with the age range for youth. However, given that many internal and external programs define youth as somewhat 17/18 to 29, we will likely end up with that.

Blair: We use 0 to 18 as our definition of children/youth… <19

Natalie: BTW, we are working on a children profile, which we include 0-12 as children. Another recent request I got is for the demographic characteristics of "young parents" who aged 25 or younger. Such data is currently hard to find.

Mike: Will get back to them to confirm the age groups.

Heath: Not a fan of seeing shelter income ratios in the same table as income, prefer to have those things broken out

Heath: Regarding the youth table – need the school attendance piece with information on labour force and work activity. This is something would like to put forward to next meeting.

<mark>ACTION</mark>: Come up with specifications.

Natalie: Agreed with Heath, the youth group is quite diverse, and more initiatives are looking for youth data to under this group better.

Next Meeting

Week of April 16th – will send a doodle poll.