DATA PURCHASE AND ACCESS WORKING GROUP
October 29, 2018 meeting
2:30pm Eastern time

Adobe Connect: https://cdp.adobeconnect.com/theboardroom/
Teleconference: 1-866-398-2885
Code: 908904

<u>Attendance</u>

Ken Clarke – Perth-Huron
Albert Boakye - Winnipeg
Charles Burchill - Winnipeg
Heath Priston - Toronto
Louisa Wong - Hamilton
Simcoe County - Michelle, Victoria, Danxi and Kholah
Jasmine Ing – Calgary
Ted Hildebrandt – Halton
Blair Hodgson - WDG
Cheryl Hitchen - Kingston

<u>Agenda</u>

Acquisitions update
Market Basket Measure update
Collective dwellings table
Tables at custom geographies
Canada's Survey on Health of Children and Youth

ACTION: MD to clean up list of tables at custom geographies and re-send to the working group

<u>Acquisition update</u>

NEET table should be delivered this week.

These tables are almost completed:

- CPP01: Age groups (23), Sex (3), Income status in 2010 - CPP (9), and Selected cultural and demographic characteristics (37) for the population in private households, 2016 Census
- Selected household and housing characteristics (26), Admission category and applicant type (12), Period of immigration (14) and Sex (3) for the Population in Private Households, 2016 Census

- Shelter cost groups (16), Household type (9), Age groups of primary household maintainer (9), Housing tenure including presence of mortgage and subsidized housing (7) for owner and tenant households in non-farm, non-reserve dwellings private dwellings, 2016 Census
- Aboriginal household status (3), Age of the primary household maintainer (6), Core housing need status (3), Household type (7), CMHC housing standards (6), Selected household statistics (Count, Incomes, Shelter Costs, STIRs) (5), and Tenure (3), for private households in non-farm, non-band, non-reserve households with household incomes greater than zero and shelter-cost-to-income ratios (STIRs) less than 100%, for (selected geography – see below) - 2016 Census
- Immigrant status and period of immigration (9), Age groups (10), Sex (3), Income status in 2015 - CPP (9) and Selected income characteristics (42) for the population 15 years and over with income in private households, 2016 Census

Heath: experiencing challenges with similar table (household TGP) – will forward information

They have produced an Aboriginal HH profile – look into getting this.

ACTION: refer to this table when asking STC for HH level TGP
ACTION: acquire Aboriginal HH profile

The "in production" tables are all expected to be completed by early 2019.

Priority-setting for remaining files in production. Bump the following TGPs, which had "fallen off" the production list, to top of list, but maintain correction of DSQ data table as top priority.

- TGP for the population living alone
- TGP for the population in subsidized housing – change this to a TGP-like table, by tenure (incl. subsidized housing and band housing)
- TGP-like table by knowledge of official languages

Missing from the series: Canadian Business Practices – June, 2011
UPDATE: We will wait until the end of the program year before purchasing this table, depending on what remains in the budget. Otherwise, this table will be acquired in 2019-2020 program year.

<u>Market Basket Measure update</u>

The notes below summarize a conversation with one of the methodologists working on the MBM at Statistics Canada.

Confirm that Census MBM measure corresponds to that coming out of the Canadian Income Survey (CIS)

No difference. Both the CIS and Census use the same thresholds and mortgage-free advantage values

2012 homeowners without a mortgage were added to the threshold
Difference between census and survey – will give rise to data differences

Any plans to improve the CIS? Data below CMA?

Starting this year, collected for reference year 2017 – increased sample size by 50%, which should result in less volatility in the estimates produced. They will be able to include smaller CMAs and at-risk groups. The CV will be lower. There are no plans however to change publication tables or the geographic levels for which data will be available.

Inability for cities to get data on the Market Basket Measure between Census years

Will be discussed in the next comprehensive review. CIS is necessary to determine aspects of disposable income – will be explored in the future.

Possible to disaggregate taxfiler data to determine disposable income?

Not really

Clarification on MBM thresholds – e.g., what would be the MBM threshold for the Region of Waterloo? Are there multiple thresholds?

Different thresholds based on address

Interest to better understand how the disposable income and MBM thresholds play out in different communities. The thresholds seem simple enough to interpret, but greater transparency in the disposable income calculations will be needed by our members.

Disposable income side of the MBM is calculated using taxfiler data and the CIS.
The CIS data is based on respondent information. For the disposable income calculation there is no initial grouping of cities. Disposable income is calculated based solely on tax data with no assumptions made and then some expenses are imputed based on CIS responses.
ACTION: VERIFY

Expenses used for calculating the disposable income (like health care expenses) may not be fully captured on tax returns because the incentive to report your health care expenses is limited due to narrow parameters for actually being able to get a tax refund based on those expenses.
Good example for how relying on tax data can't work so well.

Agreed, but unlikely to change soon.

Consultations taking place re: MBM? Opportunity to participate in re-basing?

CDP is looking to participate in relevant discussions with ESDC.

Crowd-sourcing app – open-text question at the end
Interviewers are amassing 'lived experience' data

Cheryl: If anyone is coming up with a simple tool to explain MBM as compared to LIM and LICO please
pass it along. Thanks
ACTION: check the chat transcripts, send out request for this

Ability for use as a means-testing measure – far too complicated, not useful
Jasmine Ing discusses the difficulties with using the MBM as a means test at the end of the last DPAWG
meeting ([link to recording](#), 4m30s).

PUMF Subscription Service

At this time a consortium made up of multiple institutions would not be eligible for a subscription to the
PUMF Collection.

Canada's Survey on Health of Children and Youth

Feb to June 2019 – survey will run
Expect to have data out by end of March 2020
PUMF would be available late 2020

The survey will cover ages 1-17
Sample size: 25K across Canada, including territories
Statistics Canada is dealing with provincial and sub-provincial entities for buy-in
Ontario will buy-in for municipal data.
The content will vary by age-group: health status, community and environment topics
Characteristics of parent (or person most knowledgeable): labour force
Content will be similar to the pilot

With this sample size, should be able to get some sub-provincial data – CMA, urban/rural

Adding several thousand could cost >$100K
$50/case example given

ACTION: Send out contact info to Blair and Louisa