

DATA PURCHASE AND ACCESS WORKING GROUP

December 12, 2022

1:30pm - 3:00pm Eastern time

Connection details:

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88655380786>

Attendance

Michael Ditor, CDP
Jennifer Rojas, Brant County
Andrea Dort, Peel
Indro Ray, Calgary
Rachel Lewis, Kawartha
Natalie Hui, York
Peter Marriott, Vancouver
Victoria Chapman, Simcoe County
Ted Hildebrandt, SPC Hamilton
Laurie Dixon, Kingston
Lesley-Ann Foulds, Durham
Catalina Yokingco, Toronto Public Health
Sarah Ahmed, City of Toronto
Liz Corson, City of Toronto
Mat Krepicz, City of Toronto

Agenda

- Presentation from STC on COVID income supports affecting income-related indicators
- Data acquisition updates
- 2016 Census tables
- 2021 Census tables
- Proposal for dashboard project to track effects of inflation and rising interest rates
- Other business
- Next meeting

Presentation from Statistics Canada at the upcoming Lead's meeting

We have asked Statistics Canada if they could present on how the COVID income supports are skewing the income-based indicators coming out of the 2021 Census and options to mitigate this problem. In discussing what we would like to see StatsCan present, the following points were raised:

- Members would like guidance and recommendations on interpreting 2020 income-related indicators (core housing need, housing affordability, low-income...) and the unequal effects of supports across geographies and demographic groups.
- Could the income supports be removed from the 2020 incomes and then re-calculate income-based indicators? What is the feasibility of this (perhaps a technical question for the production team)? Such calculations have been done at the PR level. Can this be done at the CT level?
- Could a multi-year running average be used to estimate low-income incidence (and other indicators)?
- Would it be better to use 2021 income? (only available later in 2023?)
- What scenarios would they recommend that we use? 2020 income data? With supports removed? 2019 data? 2021 data?
- Any thoughts on the costs that would be required to implement any of these recommendations?

Data acquisition updates

Since the November 14 DPAWG meeting the following tables were added to the catalogue:

- Household & Family TGP for the population in subsidized housing
- Household & Family TGP for the population in housing requiring major repairs
- Household & Family TGP for the population in unsuitable housing

2016 Census tables

We are winding down what we will be acquiring from the 2016 Census. Any 2016 acquisition is displacing 2021 tables at this point. These products from the 2016 Census that use the 2018 rebased Market Basket Measure, were considered a priority, in order to be able to have a standard measure for poverty:

- Individual and Household/Family Target Group Profile of the low-income population using the Market Basket Measure
- Community Poverty Project Table 1 with rebased MBM and with counts for persons with activity limitations

UPDATE: THESE PRODUCTS WILL BE IN THE CATALOGUE SHORTLY

2021 Census tables – Update on acquisitions

This update on Census data acquisitions went out with these notes to Leads and members of the DPAWG:

Tables at custom geographies

Will your consortium be submitting custom geographies this year? Please let us know soon.

The earliest that data for custom geographies will arrive is late February or March. Technical delays prevent loading all of the CDP's custom geographies into the production system. The delays should be fixed in the next couple weeks and everything loaded into the production system towards the end of February.

The first tables we will receive on custom geographies will be

- [the Census Profile](#)
- [the Age \(single years\) & Gender table](#)

After that, we want to run a small number of Target Group Profiles on custom geographies, depending on cost and what TGPs are ready for production (see below). We want to initiate a second run later in the year for submissions that have still to be geocoded and will need to preserve a budget for these geographies to get data as well.

Semi-custom table production

In addition to [the 2021 tables that are already in the catalogue](#), here are the semi-custom tables (standard tables at additional geographies) we will be receiving over the next few months:

Title	Table number
Shelter cost by tenure including presence of mortgage payments and subsidized housing	98-10-0253-01
Family characteristics of seniors by total income statistics	98-10-0251-01
Census family status and household living arrangements, presence of parent in household, age group and gender	98-10-0137-01
Housing suitability with bedroom shortfall by tenure	98-10-0236-01
Individual low-income status by Indigenous identity and residence by Indigenous geography	98-10-0283-01
Dwelling condition by Indigenous identity	98-10-0287-01
Number of persons per room by Indigenous identity and housing suitability	98-10-0285-01

Individual Market Basket Measure poverty status by demographic and economic family characteristics of persons	98-10-0112-01
Industry groups by class of worker including job permanency, labour force status, age and gender	98-10-0448-01

These will be acquired at the ADA, CMA-CA-CT and CD-CSD-DA geographic levels.

Target Group Profiles

Statistics Canada is still working out TGP programming and had some technical difficulties to overcome. Currently we are looking at getting these Target Group Profiles:

- TGP of the low-income population (MBM, LIM-AT, LIM-BT, LICO-AT, LICO-BT)
- TGP by age groups
- TGP by immigrant and citizenship status (non-immigrant, immigrant, 2016-2021, 2011-2015, 2001-2010, 1991-2000, 1981-1990, 1980 or earlier, non-permanent resident, Total-Citizenship, citizen, non-citizen)
- TGP of the visible minority population (broken out by category, including non-visible minority and total visible minority)
- TGP of the Aboriginal identity population [Indigenous identity, Single Indigenous responses, First Nations (North American Indian), Métis, Inuk (Inuit), non-Indigenous identity]

These acquisitions may be affected by the cost/feasibility of creating composite Target Group Profiles (e.g., several immigrant cohorts in the same TGP, as indicated above). We are hoping to receive some Target Group Profiles in February, but it may not be until March before they start arriving. We will acquire these tables first at standard geographies (ADA, CMA-CA-CT and CD-CSD-DA) and then at custom geographies as budget and production capacity allow.

Custom Tabulations

We have requested the following custom tables:

- **Core Housing Need table:** Demographic Status of Household (17), Age of the primary household maintainer (6), Age of the primary household maintainer (6), Household type (7), CMHC housing standards (14), Household data (5), Tenure (3) - [similar to this 2016 table, but with an expanded demographic dimension](#)
- **Educational attainment, demographics, income:** Highest certificate, diploma or degree (16), Age (12), Gender (3), Selected demographic characteristics (28), Income in 2020 (36) - [similar to this 2016 table, but with an expanded demographic dimension](#)
- **NEET table:** Age groups (10), Labour Force Status (8), Gender (3), Attendance at school (5), Work activity during the reference year (9), Job permanency (9), Visible minority, Immigrant and

Aboriginal identity status (27) - [similar to this 2016 table, but with an expanded demographic dimension](#)

- **CPP-01:** Selected cultural and demographic characteristics (53), Income status in 2020 - CPP (7), Age groups (33), Sex (3) - [similar to this 2016 table](#)

We have no estimated delivery date yet, but expect to see at least the first two tables before the end of March.

detailed Gender (8) tables

We submitted requests for tables that include the Gender (8) dimension, which includes cisgender, transgender and non-binary persons - but Statistics Canada is treating this as a restricted variable and **it appears unlikely that we will receive the tables.**

REQUEST: in Target Group Profile for owners and renters, break out owners with and without mortgage

Proposal for dashboard project to track effects of inflation and rising interest rates

Simcoe County proposed the idea of pulling together a dashboard on data to understand inflation, the measures used by the government to control inflation (e.g., raising interest rates), who in the population is most impacted and to look at industries affected by recession and inflation effects.

ACTION: propose indicators for potential dashboard project to track effects of recession/inflation

Next meeting

With the last Census release taking place on November 29, 2022. The frequency of meetings can be reduced. Email updates will provide information on data acquisition.

Set meeting for week of February 13, 2023.

Other business

No other business.

Meeting ended 3pm