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RDCs are research infrastructures which provide access to confidential data in accordance to the Statistics Act of Canada, which allows “deemed employees” of Statistics Canada to perform analysis under the same conditions of security and protection of privacy that apply to regular employees of Statistics Canada. Such access is granted to “deemed employees” after their research proposals have undergone a peer review process, managed jointly by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) and Statistics Canada. Beyond providing access to confidential data, RDCs should contribute to the quantitative expansion and qualitative improvement of research and training in social statistics in Canada, as well as to the communication of research to the public, and to the improvement of data and data documentation (2002).

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- To get access to Canadian data “PUMFs” by international researchers. “Open Access to Data”.
- That RDCs can become R&D for Statistics Canada.
- The stewardship of Data should be an emphasis.
- Having the RDCs as a data repository.
- Health data files can be emphasized.
- Try to be included in international studies.
- Which countries do we want to be compared with: USA, United Kingdom and Australia.
- Sustainability. The CRDC should be involved in the beginning stages of collecting data to ensure a non problematic use of data.