Researcher Data Priorities

Data Access Division

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Requests for Data or Linkages Currently Available on the RDC

- The Research Data Centre (RDC) repository is published on the Statistics Canada website. It includes a full list of datasets, including social and economic survey data, linked data sets and administrative data file: Data available at the Research Data Centres (statcan.gc.ca

- The full list of Approved Microdata Linkages can be found here: Approved microdata linkages (statcan.gc.ca)

- If you are seeking a data set that does not appear on the list, please contact: statcan.daddatatransfer-dadtransfertdedonnees.statcan@statcan.gc.ca

Requests for the Canadian Employer Employee Database (CEEDD)

- CEEDD data is not widely available because individual worker and firm observations are confidential under the Statistics Act.
- CEEDD data is accessible through the RDC, however data must be extracted on a cost recovery basis.
- Economic Analysis Division (EAD), has been working on an initiative to create a modified version of the CEEDD for the general research community containing selected variables of 100% tax filers and businesses from the different component files of the CEEDD.
- The release of the file has been delayed several times as result of privacy related concerns and legal review requirements.
- DAD will provide an announcement to RDC researchers once the file is ready.

Requests for Existing Datasets to be added to the RDC

- Data Access Division is currently working with subject matter areas to increase the data that is made available in the RDC data repository and via Real Time Remote Access (RTRA) and Public use Microdata.
- A new pilot project is currently in development to determine the barriers to business data programs in adding their data to the RDC repository and piloting a new process to determine file utility of new potential business data files
- Not all data files can be made available in the RDC program, but efforts are being made to ensure that data that is suitable for microdata access be added to the collection.
- Please continue to communicate data sets of interest and topics of interest to the Data Access Division:

statcan.daddatatransfer-dadtransfertdedonnees.statcan@statcan.gc.ca

Requests for Data Linkages to be Added to the RDC

- The social data linkage environment (SDLE) is a secure environment that facilitates the creation of linked population data files for social analysis.
- The SDLE program operates as a service on a cost recovery basis. Organizations and researchers can request a new linkage, directly with SDLE:

  statcan.sdle-ecds.statcan@statcan.gc.ca
- Most data linked files are added to the RDC data repository, once they have been made available to the public. Contact: statcan.daddatatransfer-dadtransfertdedonnees.statcan@statcan.gc.ca for question about the availability of data linked files that are not listed in the repository.
- The Linkable File Environment (LFE) is an environment that links business and economic administrative and survey data. Data is not released due to the confidentiality restrictions, however, data subset may be extracted for research requirements on a cost recovery basis.

Census Data Linkages Available in the RDC

- Several Census linked files are currently available in the RDC repository. Some examples include:

  - *Canadian Census Health and Environment Cohort (CanCHEC)*
  - *Census of Population 2006 linked to the Discharge Abstract Data Base*
  - *Education and Labour Market Longitudinal Platform (ELMP)*
  - *Canadian Emergency Response Benefits Linked to Census of Population*

Knowledge of New and Upcoming Data Releases

- Statistics Canada publishes its release schedule on its website: Release schedule (statcan.gc.ca)
  - Major economic release dates are scheduled to the end of March 2023
  - Upcoming releases for the next 2 weeks
  - Previous and same day releases can be searched by 32 Topics

- Census release plans are published on the StatCan website in advance: 2021 Census of Population – Data products (statcan.gc.ca)

- Data sets usually become available in the RDC program 4-8 weeks after release
  - Enquires on datasets can be directed to:
    statcan.daddatatransfer-dadtransfertdedonnees.statcan@statcan.gc.ca

- List of Surveys in Collection: List of surveys in collection (statcan.gc.ca)

Ad Hoc Questions and Requests

- Requests to add question(s) to the census
- Requests to modify existing survey questions
- Requests for new surveys
- Request for longitudinal surveys
- Requests for data at a more detailed geographic detail (provincial, municipal, etc.)

Your Feedback and Questions Are Important!

Please ask questions and provide feedback/comments and data requests to your local RDC Analyst!

Visit the User Community page and contact your local Research Data Centre.

For General RDC enquiries:
Statcan.dad-apu-dad-uta.statcan.gc.ca