



Webinar: Statistics Canada on the 2016 Census

Date: Monday, Feb 5, 2018 at 1:30-2:30pm EST

Presenters: Eric Olson (Chief, Census Income and Housing) and Scott McLeish (Chief, Census and Administrative Immigration Data) from Statistics Canada

Level of difficulty: Beginner

Participants: 86

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Summary:

The presentation by Eric Olson (Chief, Census Income and Housing) and Scott McLeish (Chief, Census and Administrative Immigration Data) from Statistics Canada focused on Census data on Income of Canadians and Immigration. They provided definitions for Census terminology and explained concepts including data certification, the benefits of using administrative data, and confidentiality measures. The section on Income summarized low-income lines. Several data visualization tools were presented.

Poll questions:

Have you participated in an event with the CDP before?

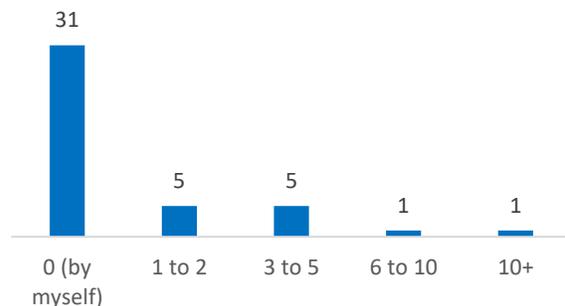
- Yes (14)
- No (14)



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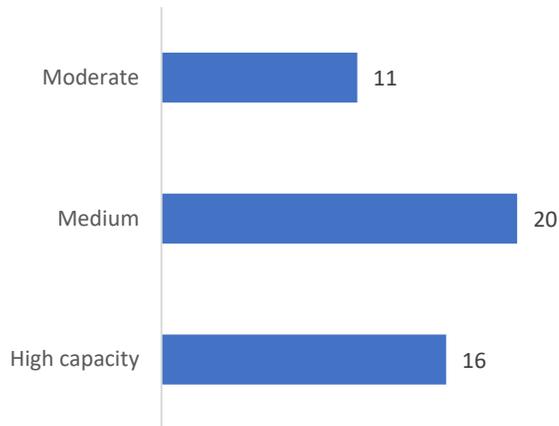
How many people are in the room with you participating?

- 0 (I am participating myself) (31)
- 1-2 (5)
- 3-5 (5)
- 6-10 (1)
- 10+ (1)



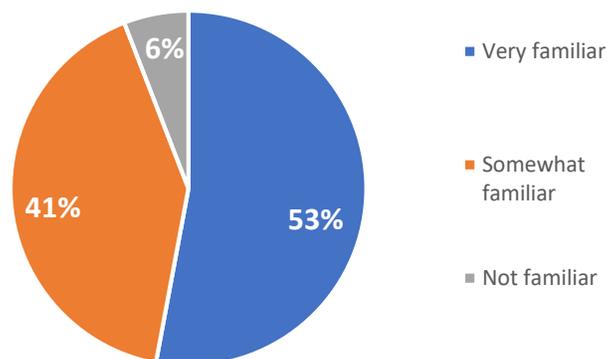
What is your data capacity?

- High capacity - I work with data constantly and we do our own analysis, data analysis is part of my job description (16)
- Medium - I work with data sometimes and can do some analysis to produce policy reports (or similar products) (20)
- Moderate - I use data such as population counts and education levels to support our work like funding applications, but we do not analyze data (11)



Are you familiar with the Statistics Canada website and the data products it regularly releases?

- Very familiar - I have downloaded many different products and used them in my work (27)
- Somewhat familiar - I have downloaded a few tables (21)
- Not familiar (3)



Webinar questions:

How was it determined that 96% of couple both partners earned an income?

- Income data derived from administrative sources, can be tax filings, returns, information on a T slips, or if the government had provided transfers to that person. More information here - September 13, The Daily on Income for the 96% Stat - <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/170913/dq170913a-eng.htm>

Will Statistics Canada is considering calculating low income rates for Aboriginal Persons on – reserve for the next Census? I know that there are caveats with on-reserve data and income concepts, but I think that it is important for policy purposes to capture this information for on-reserve populations.

- We are conducting experiments right now and tabulating the data – that data should become available in an analytical paper, reference material or special tabulation. Do not have an exact date, but it will be included in the standard definition.

Are there any plans to re-base the LICO?

- There are none.

How does ethnicity relate to country of birth and visible minority/population groupings?

- They are different questions in the census - there is no specific tie in. Ethnicity capture background, country of birth for immigration, and visible minority is more in line with the equity.

Will religion data be collected on the next census? Can it be included in every census?

- Religion showed up in the 2011 NHS. We have not made decisions on content for 2021 census. There is a consultation site for you to add your input. Census consultation website can be found here - <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/consultation/index-eng.cfm>

Will Statistics Canada be releasing any additional information based on LICO-BT? We noticed that LICO-AT was reported in the census profile, but LICO-BT is also useful for us as it has been out standard low income indicator for many years.

- In general, we don't have in the profile LICO-BT, but we do have specific data tables. It is on the STC website. There are 5 different measures. The tables do exist and are cross tabulated online, but not at the smallest geography.

Is there any data on Newcomer unemployment data, either on a national level or regional level? For example unemployment rate for newcomers in Peel region?

- Newcomer unemployment data - Title: Labour Force Status (8), Visible Minority (15), Immigrant Status and Period of Immigration (11), Highest Certificate, Diploma or Degree (7), Age (13A) and Sex (3) for the Population Aged 15 Years and Over in Private Households of Canada, Provinces and Territories, Census Metropolitan Areas and Census Agglomerations, 2016 Census - 25% Sample Data - <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/dt-td/Ap-eng.cfm?LANG=E&APATH=3&DETAIL=0&DIM=0&FL=A&FREE=0&GC=0&GID=0&GK=0&GRP=1&P>

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Will there be an expansion of the 50 regions for an update MBM?

Does 'after tax' always include transfers as well?

- Yes, after-tax does include transfers.

This isn't a Census question specifically, but do you have Open Data or other files on taxfiling rates (e.g., percentage of people who file taxes) by geographic area and other demographics? I don't think that that T1FF file has this data. We are trying to increase taxfiling rates in our community to help more people access benefits etc, so this data would be useful.

- Short answer is no. You may be able to look at linkage rates as a proxy. This is not addressed easily, because there can be some discrepancies between addresses from taxfilers and addresses listed on the census.

Is it possible to find out the admission class of immigrants over time? For example, the make up of the different admissions from the different census releases?

- From the census perspective, 2016 is the first time this is looked at. You can use period of immigration for refugees (we have an infographic) – starting in 1980, economic vs family vs refugee – that's one way to see it. If you want to know how immigration has evolved, check out IRCC data. Link - <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/11-627-m/11-627-m2017029-eng.htm>

Are there any plans to make the activity limitations question a true disability question and to report the results of this question publicly?

- Those questions are designed to be filters to conduct the Canadian Survey on Disability. We include notes in the Census dictionary, such as you should not use certain rates and variables for certain things. We don't want misinterpretation for true disability.

Income increase 11% on average. How about that rate across different income group? Any sharing about income disparity trend?

- Average in different deciles over 10 years table

Are low income amounts or immigration numbers available at the dissemination area level?

- The Census Profile does have this data individually at the DA level (not crossed).

Based on your knowledge, what should we keep in mind if we are choosing between the Census LIMAT and the Taxfiler LIMAT when reporting on low income? For example, would one be more likely to capture or exclude certain populations?

- Be aware of the years – you cannot use the Census for annual data. Also, the differences in using census families vs households for aggregation. It may affect certain groups more than others, ie. extended family resources and shelter.

Does Statistics Canada have plans to release average income by each percentile? Some economic literature suggests that taking the mean log average income by percentile is a good measure of inequality/equality.

- There are no plans to release a table with that information at the moment, especially at the CSD level.