Introduction to the Community Data Program July 4, 2023

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By the end of the session you will have a better understanding of:

- 1. What is the Community Data Program?
- 2. What datasets are available through the program?
- 3. Finding and using data
- 4. Tableau dashboards
- 5. General questions



What is the Community Data Program (CDP)?

- Established in the 1990s by Canadian Council on Social Development. Now administered by Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNet)
- Created to track poverty in neighbourhoods
- Focuses on acquiring data for small area geography from Statistics Canada and other data sources
- Helps analyze and report on socioeconomic trends
- Shares cost of data









What services does the CDP provide?



Data	Capacity Building	Networking
Direct access to web- based customized community data	Data analysis tools and training	National networking sessions



Who is involved in the network?



How is the CDP structured?

30+

Community

Data Consortia

375+

Member Organizations

2000+

Registered Individuals

Who is involved in the network?

Consortium Network

 National network, covering all of Canada except for PEI and Quebec and the Territories

Examples of Members

- Municipal and provincial governments
- Local United Way chapters
- Community health centres
- Social planning councils
- School boards
- Immigration and youth services
- Libraries
- Economic development agencies



How are membership fees structured?

Consortium Fees

- Fees based on population
- Collected annually by CDP
- Consortium leads can develop own model for recovering costs

Membership Fees

- Member organizations pay a \$150 annual fee to the CDP
- Typically, each legal entity, i.e. a municipality, is responsible for paying its own membership fee
- Membership fee enable an unlimited number of user accounts within organization



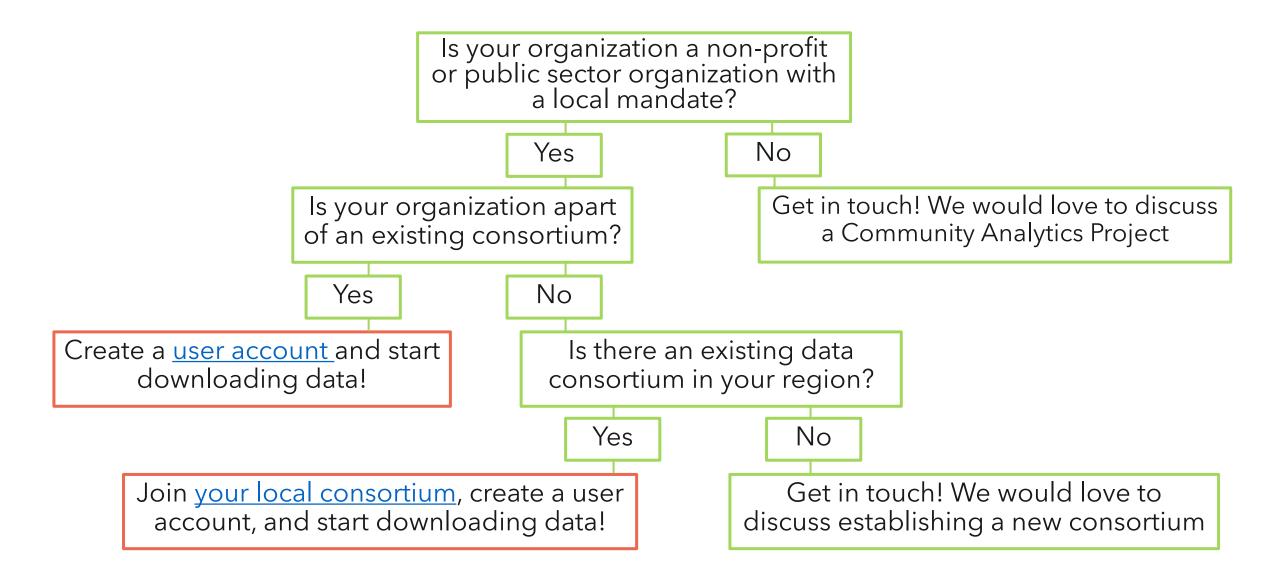
Why this model?

 The CDP was previously partly funded by the federal government. In 2011, this funding was pulled

 The consortium model allows the CDP to be financially independent and continue to purchase data, offer support, and grow the program



How can I access CDP data?



What data sets are available through the program?

Health Cultural Income & Identity Finances **THEMES** Housing Demographics Education & Work



What data sets are available through the program?

- Smallest possible geographic scale
 - Always sub-provincial
 - Municipal Level (Census Division, Census Subdivision)
 - Neighbourhood-level where possible (Dissemination Area, Census Tract)
- Custom Statistics Canada data
 - Custom cross-tabulations and target group profiles
 - Custom boundaries
- Links to open data
- Data available in IVT table format, excel, or Tableau



Refresher on Statistics Canada Geography



Link to the Illustrated Glossary page on Statistics Canada website

Census Division (CD):

- An intermediate geographic areas between the province/territory level and the municipality
- In some provinces, CDs correspond with regional district, county, or upper tier municipality

Census Subdivision (CSD):

Corresponds with municipal boundaries (as determined by provincial/territorial legislation)

Dissemination Area (DA):

• Small, relatively stable geographic unit composed of one or more adjacent dissemination blocks with an average population of 400 to 700

Aggregate Dissemination Area (ADA):

• With populations between 5,000 and 15,000, ADAs are created by grouping existing dissemination geographic areas, including census tracts (CTs), census subdivisions (CSDs) or dissemination areas (DAs). ADA boundaries respect provincial, territorial, census division (CD), census metropolitan area (CMA) and census agglomeration (CA) boundaries.



Refresher on Statistics Canada Geography

Census Metropolitan Area (CMA):

One or more adjacent municipalities centred on a population centre (known as the core). A
CMA must have a total population of at least 100,000, of which 50,000 or more must live in
the core

Census Agglomeration (CA):

• One or more adjacent municipalities centred on a population centre (known as the core). A CA must have a core population of at least 10,000.

Census Tract (CT):

- Small, relatively stable geographic areas that usually have a population between 2,500 and 8,000 persons.
- Located in census metropolitan areas (CMAs) and census amalgamations (CAs) with a stable, core population of at least 50,000



2021 Census Release

• <u>CDP prepared a Tableau Dashboard for</u> each data release

- Semi-custom tabulations (standard tables at smaller geographies)
- Custom tabulations
- Target Group Profiles
- Tables at custom geographies
 - Census Profile
 - detailed Age & Gender
 - popular tables like TGPs





CDP TOOLS

- 1.The Data Catalogue
- 2.Beyond 20/20
- 3.Tableau
- 4.QGIS

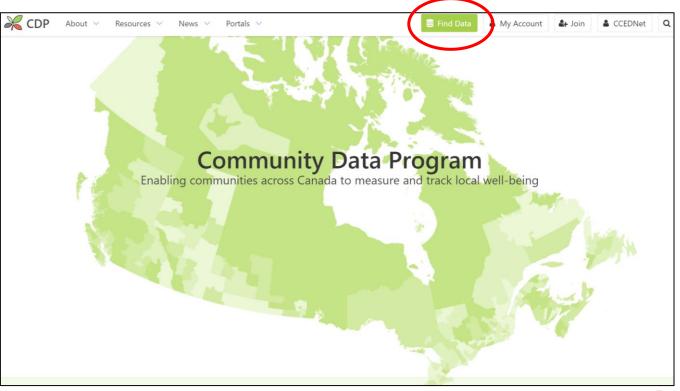


The Data Catalogue

What to use it for:

- Accessing data tables and tableau dashboards
- All users with a registered account can download as much data as they like
- Data is typically available in .csv (Excel), .ivt (Beyond 20/20), or .twbx (Tableau) format

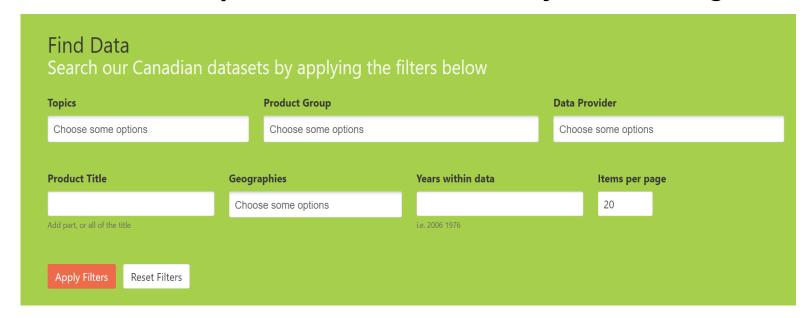
To access the data catalogue from the home page click "find data"





The Data Catalogue

Use the search parameters to find the data you are looking for.



Want to learn more about how to use the catalogue?

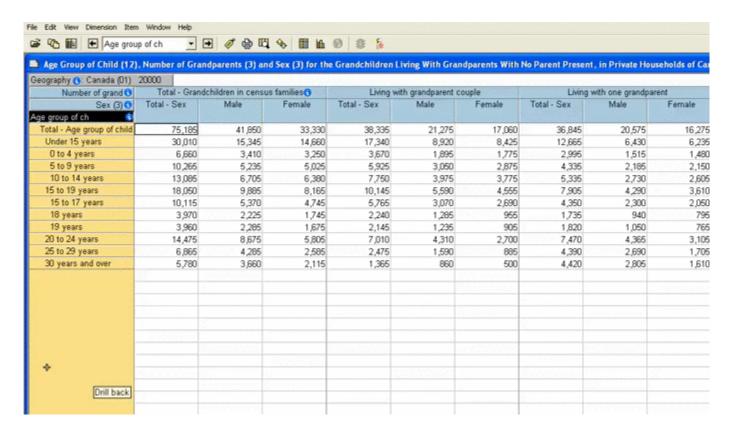
Check out our "How to Find Data" page



Beyond 20/20

What to use it for:

- Many tables are only available in .IVT table format
- StatsCan software
- Can be used to manipulate multi-dimensional tables and zero in on the data you need before bringing data into excel





Beyond 20/20

Want to learn more about using Beyond 20/20?

Check out our <u>Beyond 20/20</u>
<u>Resources</u> on the CDP Website

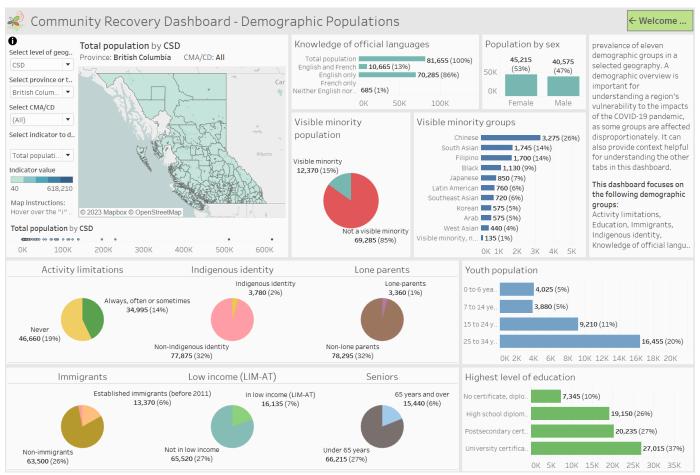




Tableau

What to use it for:

- Data visualization and data access - We did the work for you!
- Users can access CDP data without having to download an .IVT table
- Easier to see trends and conduct analysis





Tableau

Want to learn more about using Tableau?

Check out our <u>Infographics and Dashboard</u>
Portal, previous webinar on using <u>Tableau for data visualization</u>, and tutorial on the <u>Community Recovery Dashboard</u>

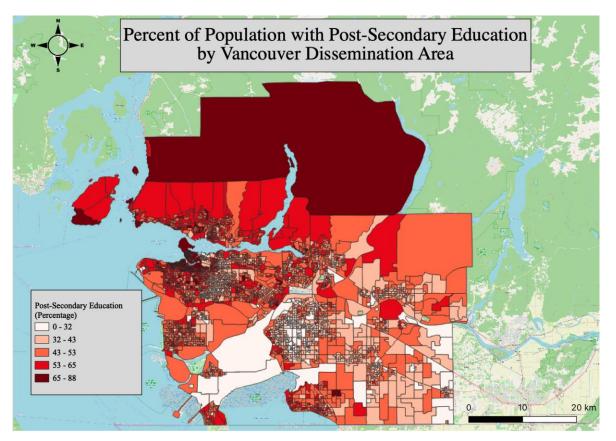




QGIS

What to use it for:

- Open source mapping software
- Most CDP data can be mapped
- Census data is spatial data Must be joined to a
 georeferenced file
 (shapefile) to map





QGIS

Want to learn more about using CDP data in QGIS?

Check out our tutorial on <u>bringing data from</u> the catalogue into QGIS

Need a spatial data file? Visit the <u>StatsCan</u> <u>Website</u> to download a boundary file





Want to learn more?

Visit our webinar archive page

Recently added recordings include:

- Toward a municipal and local government data strategy
- Web Scraping Panel Discussion
- Estimating the Effect of Pandemic-Related Relief Benefits on Income and Other Key Well-Being Indicators
- Working with the Postal Code Conversion File (PCCF)

Working on a project that uses CDP data? Want to share your work in a webinar format? Let us know!



Thanks for listening! Contact us any time with questions.

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