

Community Data Training Retreat

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Edmonton, Alberta



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The Community Data Program is an initiative of the Canadian Community Economic Development Network

The 2026 Community Data Program annual learning and networking event took place in Edmonton, Alberta, co-hosted by the City of Edmonton. The event was open to all members, with the goals of fostering learning and encouraging networking.



Thursday 14 May 2026

Location – Delta Hotels Edmonton South Conference Centre

08:00 – Breakfast (Hosted by City of Edmonton)

09:00 – City of Edmonton - CCEDNet - CDP – Welcome to the Annual Learning & Networking Event

9:15 – Hello my PROJECT is – roundtable introductions and networking icebreaker

10:00 – Census 2026 Questionnaire - Statistics Canada

Presenters: Ivelina Delahousse, Tania Hinchcliff, Nicole Britnell

The Presentation will provide an overview of methodological and content changes for the 2026 Census of Population and provide information on the planned release schedule for 2026 Census data.

Presentation Slides (PDF)

 [Census of Population 2026 Changes and updates to methodology \(EN\)](#)

 [Recensement de la population de 2026 Changements et mises à jour de la méthodologie \(FR\)](#)

 [2026 Census Collective Dwelling Overview Presentation to CDP – Edmonton Chapter May 2026](#)

 [About the Data Service Centre](#)

 [Recording \(On CDP YouTube channel\)](#)

Q&A session responses and links are available on pages 8 and 9 of this document.

11:30 - Community Data Program Orientation: The CDP team will address a range of topics, including but not limited to:

- What data sets are available through the program?
- Deep dive into the community data
- CDP Rental Housing Affordability Dashboard Version 2 Project

 [Presentation Slides \(PDF\)](#)

12:30 – Lunch (Hosted by the City of Edmonton)

13:30 – A panel discussion on Perspective on Community Data: Ethics and Impact

Presenters:

- Sarah Barber, United Way Alberta Capital Region
- Erin Faught, Edmonton Police Service
- Fatima Mustafa, PolicyWise for Children & Families

Description: Members of the Edmonton Race-Based Data Table will share the history of a community developed "Charter for Ethical Race-Based Data". Through the sharing of experiences and context, the panel will share the relevance of the charter and the subsequent need to consider data's impact on communities and the organizations that work and serve them.

 [Presentation Slides \(PDF\)](#)

14:00 – Project Presentations (CDP Members)

- 14:00 - 14:30 – [From Data to Decisions: Building Banff’s Community Social Assessment with CDP Data](#)
Presenter: Alison Gerrits, Director, Community Services, Town of Banff
Description: This presentation will provide an overview of the Social Assessment process and highlight the key CDP datasets most relied upon to develop the report, along with practical insights on how the data is translated into meaningful, locally relevant direction for action.

 [Presentation Slides \(PDF\)](#)

- 14:30 - 15:00 – [The Calgary Equity Index \(CEI\)](#)
Presenter: Maya Kryzan, City of Calgary
Description: The [Calgary Equity Index \(CEI\)](#) is a research tool that shows patterns of equity and inequity across Calgary. By combining data from 61 indicators, the Index is represented as a single, overall measure—the total equity score—and further organized into six domains representing a community’s Economic Opportunity, Human and Social Wellbeing, Population Health, Community Belonging and Safety, Accessibility and Amenities, and Climate and Environment. Inspired by the Social Determinants of Health, the Index highlights overlapping challenges, like high unemployment, lack of affordable housing, and limited access to services. The CEI can be used to explore and understand community needs across Calgary, helping to identify inequities and guide resources where they are needed most, making Calgary an inclusive and equitable place to live. **The presentation will cover the data used in the tool, the process and methodology, limitations, and use cases / examples of how it has been applied.** Visit the website, www.Calgary.ca/EquityIndex to learn more about the CEI and check out the app at <https://maps.calgary.ca/CalgaryEquityIndex/>

 [Presentation Slides \(PDF\)](#)

15:00 Networking

15:30 Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Community Data

The CDP team will concentrate on the application of AI in the program. We invite the audience to share their experiences, particularly in the context of data management and analysis. As part of the CDP strategic plan for 2027-2031, we aim to explore the best ways to leverage AI over the next five years.

 [Presentation Slides \(PDF\)](#)

16:30 – Day 1 Wrap up

18:00 – Dinner Networking Event

Friday 15 May 2026

Location – Delta Hotels Edmonton South Conference Centre

08:00 – Breakfast (Hosted by City of Edmonton)

09:00 – Project Presentations (Edmonton)

- 09:00 - 09:30 – [Canadian Index of Multiple Deprivation](#)
Presenter: Vivian Michael, Data Analyst, City of Edmonton
Description: This presentation will introduce the Canadian Index of Multiple Deprivation (CIMD) and explore how the model can be used to better understand patterns of social and economic disadvantage across communities. The session will walk through the four dimensions of deprivation within the CIMD framework and demonstrate how these indicators can be applied at the census tract level to support local analysis and decision-making. The presentation will also briefly compare the CIMD with other vulnerability frameworks, such as the Social Vulnerability Index, and discuss how multi-dimensional measures of deprivation can help governments and organizations identify areas of need, improve planning, and support more equitable resource allocation.

 [Presentation Slides \(PDF\)](#)

 [The Canadian Index of Multiple Deprivation: User Guide, 2021 \(PDF\)](#)

- 09:30 - 10:00 – [People First Data Charter](#)
Presenter: Omar Yaqub, Servant of Servants (ED), IslamicFamily
Description: Data is failing everyone! Funders can't see real impact, researchers work with incomplete or distorted inputs, frontline workers are burned out by extractive reporting, and most of all the people seeking help whose stories are fragmented into

checkboxes. In this session we will explore how to redesign measurement systems in social services to be more effective, trauma-informed, and genuinely engaging. Drawing from IslamicFamily's foray into building impact-tech (Transform [flourishing.systems](#)) we'll examine how design, strengths-based metrics, and the people-first data charter (share.islamicfamily.ca/datacharter) can transform data from an administrative burden into a tool that improves care, strengthens equity, and generates evidence that truly informs policy and practice

10:00 – Taxfiler Presentation - Statistics Canada

Presenter: Dominique Pinard

The T1 Family File (T1FF) is a large dataset based on tax data and offers a wide spectrum of possibilities. This presentation will cover various aspects of the T1FF, including its mandate, population, geography, typical data usage and coming redesign.

 [Presentation Slides \(PDF\)](#)

 [Recording \(On CDP YouTube channel\)](#)

11:30 – Ask me Anything – (CDP team)

12:00 – Event wrap up – and announcement of 2027 host community (CDP team)

Participants

#	First Name	Last Name	Title/ Organization
1	Michel	Frojmovic	Program Lead, Community Data Program
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17	Sophie	Wood	University of Alberta
18	Karen	Edwards	Director, Community-University Partnership (CUP), School of Public Health, University of Alberta
19	Alison	Gerrits	Director, Community Services, Town of Banff
20	Christopher	Read	Director of Community Development, Municipality of Jasper
21	Elle	West	Town of Canmore
22	Mat	Krepicz	Senior Analyst, Social Data Analytics, City of Toronto
23	Soraya	Blot	City of Toronto
24	Shivani	Deshmukh	Data Analyst Lead, Social Planning Council of Ottawa
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27	Martin	Janiszewski	Performance Measurement & Reporting Advisor, City of Spruce Grove
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31	Adam	Bentley	
32	Kelly	Husack	Director, Community Initiatives, REACH Edmonton Council for Safe Communities
33	Cheryl	Feldstein	Director, Strategic Communications & Policy, Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations (ECVO)
34	Gemma	Dunn	Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations (ECVO)
35	Aleen	Lenana	Community Relations Advisor, Edmonton Police Service
36	Erin	Faught	Edmonton Police
37	Bryan	Sluggett	Senior Data & Evaluation Specialist , Aboriginal Housing Management Association BC
38	Vishal	Jain	SPARC BC
39	Vash	Ebbadi-Cook	Founder & Principal Consultant Endura Consulting, on behalf of SPARC BC
40	Sarah	Barber	Director, Investments and Insights, United Way Alberta Capital Region
41	Isam	Abdo Ahmad	Economic Reserach Analyst, CEDEC
42	Omar	Yaqub	Servant of Servants (ED), IslamicFamily
43	Zhexian	Zhu	Policy Analyst, Northern Policy Institute,Thunder Bay
44	Fatmia	Mustafa	Data Management Analyst, Policy Wise For Children & Families
45	Meryn	Severson Mason	Data Management Analyst, Policy Wise For Children & Families
46	Seanna	Lawrence	Anti-Racism Lead, Office of Equity, Norquest College

Q&A session Resources for the Statistics Canada Census 2026 Presentation May 14th

Tania sent a follow up email regarding some of the questions during the Q&A, which copied below (in blue).

I mentioned that our content determination framework:

- For the 2026 Census, Statistics Canada used the same content determination framework that was used to determine changes to the 2016 and 2021 Census questionnaire content. The framework was developed from a review of Statistics Canada's census collection and processing methods. The content determination framework includes three main steps that help prioritize Census of Population content: (1) evaluate census data users' needs, (2) assess the Canadian context, and (3) account for Statistics Canada's operational considerations. Each step comprises specific dimensions according to which potential new content is evaluated, in alignment with the framework, and in an effort to reduce program costs and response burden without compromising data quality, and while respecting the privacy of Canadians. More information and links are available in the "Census of Population content determination framework: Overview" section of the [Content consultation guide](#).

Also, I had put links in our chat to the questions that were removed in 2026. These screen shots are taken from the 2021 questionnaires available on our IMDB page. Here is a bit more information:

- Some content was removed from the labour market activities section, helping to reduce the overall reporting burden for a significant portion of respondents. With each Census cycle, Statistics Canada considers potential new content and reviews existing content, to ensure the Census remains relevant while minimizing the reporting burden placed on Canadians. For example, two questions about the reasons people did not work the full year or worked mostly part time during the preceding year, which had been introduced in the 2021 questionnaire, was removed in the 2026 Census.
- Administrative data has replaced the question asking whether a dwelling is located on an agricultural operation.

