

## **DATA PURCHASE AND ACCESS WORKING GROUP**

**September 28, 2018 meeting**

**2:30pm Eastern time**

Adobe Connect: <https://cdp.adobeconnect.com/theboardroom/>

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### Attendance

Femi Adegeye - Regina

Heath Priston - Toronto

Alex Ross - Northern Ontario

Jasmine Ing - Calgary

Chenlu Shao – Nova Scotia

Ted Hildebrandt – Halton

Charles Burchill – Manitoba

Michael Ditor – CDP team

Shreya Nemani – CDP team

### Agenda

- Update on acquisitions
  - Canadian Business Counts
  - T1 Family File Migration tables
- Custom geographies
  - Production for next round of geographies has begun
  - Target Group Profiles;
- National Poverty Reduction Strategy and the MBM
- Prioritizing tables to be produced at custom geographies
- 211 meeting
- Next meeting

**ACTION:** TGP for Core Housing Need population (split out by the CHN dimensions – suitability, affordability, condition). Look into obtaining population-level concepts and household-level concepts (two TGPs)

**ACTION:** revised specifications for collective dwellings table

### **Recent acquisitions**

#### Standard Geographies

Canadian Business Counts has been received and cataloged as well as the T1FF Migration tables

### **Activity Limitation Table**

This table has arrived but will not be cataloged as it appears to contain errors. The new table was meant to correct the previous problem that respondents indicating more than one activity limitation type were only included in the “multiple activity limitation types” variables and NOT in the individual activity limitation types. For example, someone who reported vision and hearing activity limitations would not be included in either the vision or hearing activity limitations but only in the “2 activity limitations” category.

The new table lists each activity limitation type category as the sum of those respondents reporting that activity limitation type either alone or in combination with another activity limitation type. Somehow, the Total population variable is equal to the sum of all activity limitation type categories, however the sum of all activity limitation categories should contain double-counting (those who report more than one type) and should be greater than the Total population variable. We have asked Statistics Canada to review this table and get back to us.

### **T1FF order**

Still waiting to speak with Francois Pagé about our custom T1FF order (CSDs and custom tabulations)

### **Custom Geographies**

Age & Sex and Profiles should be available (hopefully) next week on Batch 2 geographies. The following communities will be included in Batch 2:

- Halton
- London2 (Middlesex London HU)
- Peel
- Regina
- Toronto2 (new Toronto wards)
- Windsor Essex
- Calgary
- Red Deer
- York (most)
- Simcoe
- Waterloo (snuck in there)

Mid-October, should have first group of TGPs for these custom geographies

### **CPP-01**

Some delays resulting from creating LIM-40 and 50% of LIM measures. Can provide us with table now as is and then add these measures later (at cost).

“awaiting assistance from an income subject matter expert who has not been able to provide a timeline for completing this complex derived variable in the census tabulation system”

CDP will acquire CPP-01 now without the above-mentioned variables and will add them later (at a cost) when they are available.

### **National Poverty Reduction Strategy and the Market Basket Measure**

**ACTION:** reach out to see what information can be acquired on the threshold and the disposable income (THIS ACTION HAS BEGUN AND WILL CONTINUE WITH STATISTICS CANADA)

**ACTION:**

- Confirm that Census MBM measure corresponds to that coming out of the Canadian Income Survey (CIS)
- Any plans to improve the CIS? Data below CMA?

**ACTION FOR DPAWG MEMBERS:** check with those in respective communities who are in charge of enacting local poverty reduction strategy – bring them into conversation

- How are the thresholds applied?
  - Is concept of MBM same as that coming out of the Canadian Income Survey? Are there plans to improve CIS, making data available at lower levels of geography?
- Are the thresholds applicable to all communities within a region?
  - Challenge to assign thresholds at regional levels; what number to use?
  - E.g. Halton split between two CMAs – disposable income calculation will be different depending on whether you are applying costs found in Hamilton or those in Oakville/Burlington
- Possible for CDP group involvement in what goes into the MBM basket when its next rebased?
- Calgary: even if CMA threshold level is used, would be good to see the counts of low income popn by CSD

**ACTION:** BUMP UP MBM TGP to top of list of custom geos

**ACTION:** check to see where MBM can be added to tables in production, and then next round of priority tables

### **Other data acquisition issues**

- Core housing need: Deep core housing need = 50% cut-off for affordability
  - Increased demand for this measure – check to see if deep core housing need can be added

**ACTION:** Can deep core housing be added to CHN table or elsewhere- Do NOT delay CHN table since some topics of interest like visible minorities is not included;

- Can Deep CHN be added Table 9 of CPP table?

**ACTION:** Request on more details on place of births for ethno-cultural groups: Cross-tab multiple tables, understand education background, other areas as covered with census (available for free with Stat Can census, look to incorporate this info.)

- For the LIPs: Place of Birth categorized differently for immigrants vs. recent immigrants – would be good to have a table with the full list of countries for P.O.B.

**ACTION:** Question STC about non-permanent resident category. Is it possible to get better info on non-permanent resident category; student visa, etc.? Currently only permanent residents linked to IRCC data

**ACTION:** Improving data collection for populations that are harder to reach (urban indigenous, temporary residents etc.)

CBC articles (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/our-health-counts-1.4833405>;

<https://soahac.on.ca/our-health-counts/>) about 3-4x more indigenous people living in city centres than census estimates in London Ontario, significantly more living in low income than indicated by Census

- o Is census capturing these groups of people? missing these groups or undercounting them due to uncertainty of whether they should participate in the census or not ; similar issues in Calgary and Toronto
- o Advocate STATCAN to improve methods; include non-tradition, hard-to-reach groups;
- Program from St. Michael's hospital in Toronto with indigenous research unit; data-lead was mid-wife program; snowball sample generalized methodology; different from census- wide estimation with 95% confidence interval ; 85% of indigenous community in Toronto living below the Low Income Cut-Off in (much higher than indicated by the Census)
- How to understand what gaps exist?
- Opportunity to advocate for improved methods and how to improve
- These alternate estimates have wide confidence intervals,
- How does STC interpret these findings?

### **Collective Dwellings table**

- Is there a reason why we are focusing only on after-tax income for the collective dwelling table?

**ACTION:** revise table specifications to cut upper-level income groups and make room for total income groups

### **Prioritizing tables to be produced at custom geographies**

**ACTION:** send out list of tables to be acquired at custom geographies for DPAWG members to prioritize or flag omissions

### **211 meeting in Mississauga**

Mike Ditor took part in panel discussion on data issues facing 211. Conversation touched on issues facing potential partnership between 211 Ontario and CDP.

**Next meeting**

Will send a Doodle for the week of October 29 (and Thurs/Fri beforehand)