



DATA PURCHASE AND ACCESS WORKING GROUP

April 20, 2026

2:30pm - 4:00pm Eastern time

Connection details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81254326117?pwd=UuVuip5NPh6LbOvBeFHUFw7YGmPVx1.1>

Link to meeting notes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QoRuwMrefkDO0bADeZPRMvsRNoKoUpvS2mvNIJHMK8c/edit?usp=sharing>

Attendance

Michael Ditor, CDP
Sarah Tiller, Simcoe County
Brenden Harvey, Calgary
Ted Hildebrandt, Hamilton
Mat Krepicz, Toronto
Dana Soucie, Southwest Ontario - here 😊
Randy Hatfield's notetaker
Heather Kindermann, Regina
Hafiz Jatto, Winnipeg
Hidy Ng, Region of Durham
Boun Inthavong, Ottawa
Liam McGuire, Ottawa
Anzo Nguyen, Ottawa
Peter Marriott, Vancouver
Louisa Wong, Hamilton
Rachel Lewis, Kawartha Lakes
Michael Whyte, WDG Public Health
Justine Levesque, Kawartha Lakes
Jennifer Rojas, Grand Erie
Nitika Arora, Peel
Lesley-Ann Foulds, Region of Durham (joined 3:20pm)

Agenda

- Data acquisition updates

- Increase in cost of tables
- 2021 Census data tables
- 2026: Census-on-demand
- Member survey and strategic planning
- Webinars
- Tableau/Data visualization products
- Next meeting
- Other business

Data acquisition updates

Catalogue additions since last DPAWG meeting (February 2, 2026):

- **Population projections for Census divisions and Census subdivisions, 2025 to 2050**
- **T1FF - MIG: Migration Estimates, Tables A-D, 2023-2024**
- **Canadian business counts, establishment and location counts, employment size and North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), December 2025**
- **Census Tract Annual Total Population Estimates, July 1, 2021 to 2025**
- **EIS - Employment insurance (EI) beneficiaries, monthly, unadjusted for seasonality**
- **CMHC Rental Market Survey 2025**
- **Building Permits - detailed, 2025 - monthly**

Labour Force Survey for selected Census Subdivisions and Census Divisions

(StatCan gave us 2-year moving averages by mistake instead of annual averages, so now we have both)

- **Table 6 - Labour force survey estimates (LFS), Duration of unemployment by age and gender, selected census subdivisions, 2-year moving average, 2022 to 2025**
- **Table 3 - Labour force survey estimates (LFS) wages for employed employees by industry, NAICS (2022), and type of work, selected census subdivisions, 2-year moving average, 2022 to 2025**
- **Table 8 - Labour force survey estimates (LFS) hourly wages for employed employees, National Occupational Classification (NOC), age and sex, selected census subdivisions, 2-year moving average, 2022 to 2025**
- **Table 5 - Selected labour force characteristics by age and gender, selected census subdivisions, 2-year moving average, 2022 to 2025**
- **Table 2 - Labour force survey estimates (LFS) by industry, NAICS (2022), selected census subdivisions, 2-year moving average, 2022 to 2025**
- **Table 7 - Labour force survey estimates (LFS) hourly wages for employed employees by industry, NAICS (2022), age and gender, selected census subdivisions, 2-year moving average, 2022 to 2025**

- Table 4 - Labour force survey estimates (LFS) estimates by age and gender, selected census subdivisions, 2-year moving average, 2022 to 2025
- Table 1 - Labour force survey estimates (LFS) by educational attainment, selected census subdivisions, 2-year moving average, 2022 to 2025
- Table 2 - Labour force survey rates (LFS) by educational attainment, selected Census Divisions, annual average, 2011 to 2025
- Table 1 - Labour force survey rates (LFS) by age, selected Census Divisions, annual average, 2011 to 2025
- Table 3 - Unemployment rate by industry, NAICS 2022, selected Census Divisions, annual average, 2011 to 2025
- Table 8 - Labour force survey estimates (LFS) hourly wages for employed employees, National Occupational Classification (NOC), age and sex, selected census subdivisions, annual average, 2022 to 2025
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Updates to two dashboards

- Immigration Profile Dashboard, 2021 - [NEW LIP CUSTOM GEOGRAPHIES](#)
- Immigration and Housing Dashboard, 2021 - [NEW LIP CUSTOM GEOGRAPHIES](#)

IMDB core tables

- Longitudinal Immigration Database Table 8 (IMDB) - Immigrant taxfiler mobility by socio-demographic profile, immigrant admission category, age and sex, admission year and tax year, for Canada and census divisions, tax years 2016-2023

- Longitudinal Immigration Database Table 5 (IMDB) - Immigrant taxfiler income by knowledge of official languages, immigrant admission category, age and sex, admission year and tax year, for Canada and census subdivisions, tax years 2016-2023
- Longitudinal Immigration Database Table 2 (IMDB) - Immigrant taxfiler mobility by knowledge of official languages, immigrant admission category, age and sex, admission year and tax year, for Canada and census subdivisions, tax years 2016-2023
- Longitudinal Immigration Database Table 10 (IMDB) - Immigrant mobility, by age and sex, knowledge of official languages, pre-admission experience, immigrant admission category, admission and tax year, for custom LIP geographies, tax years 2016-2023
- Longitudinal Immigration Database Table 7 (IMDB) - Immigrant taxfiler income by socio-demographic profile, immigrant admission category, age and sex, admission year and tax year, for Canada and census subdivisions, tax years 2016-2023
- Longitudinal Immigration Database Table 4 (IMDB) - Immigrant taxfiler mobility by socio-demographic profile, immigrant admission category, age and sex, admission year and tax year, for Canada and census subdivisions, tax years 2016-2023
- Longitudinal Immigration Database Table 1 (IMDB) - Immigrant taxfiler income and mobility by sex, socio-demographic profile, admission year and tax year, for Canada, select provinces/territories and partnerships, tax years 2016-2023
- Longitudinal Immigration Database Table 9 (IMDB) - Immigrant taxfiler income by socio-demographic profile, immigrant admission category, age and sex, admission year and tax year, for Canada and census divisions, tax years 2016-2023
- Longitudinal Immigration Database Table 6 (IMDB) - Immigrant taxfiler income by world area, immigrant admission category, age and sex, admission year and tax year, for Canada and census subdivisions, tax years 2016-2023
- Longitudinal Immigration Database Table 3 (IMDB) - Immigrant taxfiler mobility by world area, immigrant admission category, age and sex, admission year and tax year, for Canada and census subdivisions, tax years 2016-2023

Upcoming Data Acquisitions

Labour Force Survey

- Will get [8 tables in catalogue](#) at Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) and Economic Region (ER) level

2021 Census

- Underemployment table ([2016 version](#)) almost completed

CMHC data

UPDATE: Absorption prices and completions should arrive towards the end of June.

UPDATE: IMDB - ICARE data

There hasn't been any update regarding whether the service delivery data module (ICARE) will be available with the IMDB (Longitudinal Immigration Database) tables - however with the government's workforce adjustment, the relevant StatCan department does not anticipate any resources for this purpose anytime soon.

Increase in cost of tables

We have noticed that the cost of Census tables has increased over the past year. The same work that was estimated to take one hour might now be estimated to take two or three hours. In our quarterly meeting with StatCan we raised this issue and they confirmed that this is the case. The StatCan offices in the various regions across the country have made an effort recently to ensure that their cost estimates are consistent with each other. Time for certain tasks that might previously have not been charged is being included in estimates. The CDP works primarily with the Toronto office and they indicated that their estimates seemed lower than other regions. This increase in costs will affect the program budget.

StatCan confirmed that they continue to look for ways to save the program money, particularly on bulk data orders, where certain tasks need only be charged once.

Census 2021 tables

Given the increased cost of tables, the program will focus on a smaller number of custom cross-tabulations at the start of the year and revisit the budget in a few months. See below for the tables that we will request for now.

Underemployment table will be delivered soon.

Rebased MBM

StatCan indicated that it is **unlikely this dimension will be available** in 2026. We will order these 2021 Census tables again in 2027:

- CPP-01 with rebased MBM threshold
- Target group profile of the low-income population (MBM) +1Toronto +1 Calgary
- Household & Family TGP of the low-income population (MBM) +1 Calgary +1Toronto

Target Group Profiles on DA and custom geographies

We are waiting on a cost estimate to acquire Target Group Profiles for Dissemination Areas and custom geographies.

request:

Population to whom low-income lines apply to use as a denominator

Standard profile for the 25% sample

Vancouver interested in a type of profile that crosses wages by occupation and age groups (with detail in the youth age bands)

Tenant group cross tab- cross-tab income and age

Useful for example, in redevelopment projects and shelter costs increase - home energy table useful

Senior tenant focus also useful

Educational attainment cross-tab with NOC category

2026: Census-on-demand

StatCan confirmed that the 2026 Census will offer a tool that will allow users to build their own custom tabulations for certain levels of geography. As this will affect our acquisitions and budgeting, the CDP team received a demonstration of the prototype tool. We will arrange for a demonstration for members when StatCan is ready. If possible, we will arrange for a demonstration for the working group.

The Census-on-demand tool will have certain limits on what a user can produce at one time.

- The lowest level of geography available is Census Subdivision.
- The user will have a set of standard dimensions to choose from (i.e., no user-defined variables).

For a given table, the user will have a 'budget' of 30 credits. Some details regarding the credit system:

- More refined geographies cost more credits (e.g., CMA = 3, CD = 4, CSD = 6) - **however**, getting one CSD costs the same as getting all CSDs.
- Dimensions with more variables cost more credits (e.g., splitting a table by 5 age groups costs less than 10 age groups).
- More sensitive dimensions use more credits. The example shown was an income group dimension that cost 12 credits, where a similarly-sized immigration status dimension cost 8 or 10. This is meant to provide an extra layer of security for sensitive information, even though normal suppression algorithms will be in place.

As an example, a table at the CSD-level, with income groups and immigrant status, could be crossed by age groups (5 or 6 groups?) and gender (3) before running out of credits.

The Community Data Program typically acquires Census tables at geographic levels that are not available with this tool (Dissemination Area, Census Tract, custom geographies), but there may be some cross-tabulations that we don't need to get if this tool can fulfill our members' needs.

Member survey and strategic planning

This year we will be developing our 2027-2032 strategic plan, which looks at what we deliver and how we deliver it in these program areas:

- Program Leadership
- Data Acquisition & Access
- Training & Capacity Building
- Networking & Communication
- Program Administration

To assist in this process, we will have been circulating a survey to all members:

<https://forms.gle/Dq1yQaaahS52FqDL9>

Version for Leads:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUq1iFIQIHOGGbDp5cdokFihDX07Qj9vDwEHhq_2NM6Fq-Hw/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=114096658400098833640

PLEASE FILL OUT THE SURVEY IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY!!

Webinars

These topics are currently on the schedule or in the works:

- Community Data Analysis webinar - June 16
- Food security webinar - focus on CCHS data - July 7
- TransUnion presentation (TBD)
- ?? presenting the re-based MBM to members ?

SUGGESTIONS WELCOME!

We are planning the Community Data Analysis webinar as a training event and are asking if any members are interested in presenting. The presentation would feature a few steps of an analysis that you carried out with CDP data, demonstrating certain principles or tips. It could be a quick 5-minute overview or a more in-depth demonstration.

Here are the topics that could be included in the webinar:

- Choosing the right indicator – topics, choice of denominator
- The universe of a data set: persons, households, families
- Comparing communities to a benchmark
- Change over time – various ways of describing, things to look out for
- Working across geographies
- Using maps
- Writing with data for non-technical audiences
- Small area data limitations – dealing with suppression, margin-of-error, small populations
- Turning a table into a chart
- What the webinar ISN'T: an introduction to statistics, working with raw data

Tableau Infographics and Dashboards

Two dashboards were updated with new LIP custom geographies as part of contract with the National LIP Secretariat:

- [Immigration Profile Dashboard, 2021 - NEW LIP CUSTOM GEOGRAPHIES](#)
- [Immigration and Housing Dashboard, 2021 - NEW LIP CUSTOM GEOGRAPHIES](#)

2026:

- update of the Rental Housing Affordability dashboard - ~May 2026
- TransUnion data (CD, CSD, CT level data)

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Next meeting

Week of June 22 or week of July 6. Will send Doodle closer to date.

Other business

ACTION: check to see if the Statistical Building Register (SBgR) is available to the public.

Update: No, the SBgR is not available to the public, but the National Address Register (NAR) is available here: [National Address Register](#)

Meeting ended 3:35 pm ET