

DATA PURCHASE AND ACCESS WORKING GROUP

November 18, 2020

2:30pm - 4:00pm Eastern time

Connection details:

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

Teleconference: 1-866-398-2885 ; access code: 908904

Attendance

- Michael Ditor, CDP team
- Saeideh Hejazi, CDP team
- Albert Boakye, Winnipeg
- Andrea Dort, Peel Region
- Auburn Larose, Parry Sound-Nipissing
- Cheryl Hitchen, Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington
- Danxi Rao, Simcoe
- Jasmine Ing, Calgary
- Kholah Nisar, Simcoe County
- Laurie Dixon, Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington
- Luke Grazier, Regina
- Louisa Wong, Hamilton
- Morgane Dunot, Simcoe
- Peter Marriott, City of Vancouver
- Raven Wheesk, Thunder Bay
- Ted Hildebrandt, Halton Region
- Valentyn Kliuchnyk, York Region
- Victoria Chapman, Simcoe

Agenda

- Data acquisition updates
- CMHC – CDP data sharing agreement – feedback requested
- Community Recovery Dashboard – feedback requested
- Liquid Assets – feedback requested
- Childcare Credit Amounts – feedback requested
- Custom geographies – geocoding process
- Other business
- Next meeting

Data acquisition updates

These products have been acquired and cataloged recently:

- [Liquid Assets - Modeled Estimates for 2016 Census Divisions](#)
- [Labour Force Survey - supplemental tables, monthly](#)
- [Working poor and Income inequality tables – 2016, 2017, 2018](#)
- [IMDB table – ‘missing’ table for LIP geographies](#)
- [Community Recovery Dashboard](#)
- [Childcare Credit Amounts, 2018](#)
- [T1FF tables – standard, some CSD geography, some custom tabulations](#)

Upcoming

- HH TGP of households in dwellings that are unsuitable (overcrowded) – **also at CUSTOM GEOS**
- HH TGP of households in subsidized housing
- HH TGP of households in dwellings in need of major repairs
- T1FF Migration Estimates
- PCCF / PCCF+ – likely in January 2021
- Estimates of Population by Age and Sex – likely in February 2021
- Canadian Housing Survey – hopefully soon before the new year

CMHC – CDP data sharing agreement

Progress continues in developing a data-sharing agreement with Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

A first draft of the data requests that we would make to CMHC was presented to the WG and their feedback solicited.

ACTION ITEM: DPAWG members – Please send your feedback regarding “CDP-CMHC data sharing schedule – CDP request” excel file. What data sets don’t you see here? Is there a better way to present the data?

Note: Highlighted yellow cells indicate questions for CMHC

A prioritization exercise will need to be carried out to identify which products should be acquired first. Moreover, a small number of tables to be produced at custom geographies will need to be selected by this group. Only custom geographies for which housing data are relevant will be submitted to CMHC.

The Solutions Lab Survey is also expected to feed into the priority setting exercise.

Community Recovery Dashboard – feedback requested

[Community Recovery Dashboard](#)

ACTION ITEM: DPAWG members – Do you think more indicators should be in this dashboard? Do you think more explanation or definitions are needed? Have you encountered any technical issues while using this dashboard? Please send your feedback to:

Jamie Carrick jamie@communitydata.ca

Mike Ditor mike@communitydata.ca

Michel Frojmovic michel@communitydata.ca

Liquid Assets – feedback requested

[Liquid Assets - Modeled Estimates for 2016 Census Divisions](#)

If these data are considered useful by members, then we will request data at the CT and CSD level. The CDP team would like to see people use these data. These data will eventually be integrated into the Community Recovery Dashboard.

Liquid assets data could also contribute to the Neighbourhood Financial Health Index (NFHI) that we developed a few years ago using data from Environics Analytics. These data were expensive and had a very restrictive licence. With the addition of this data set, all components of the NFHI could be replicated with data we have through the program: mortgage debt, non-mortgage consumer debt, income, low income, real estate assets, liquid assets.

Feedback from Peter Marriott, City of Vancouver: quintiles?

Feedback from Andrea Dort, Peel Region: Values seemed high, Smaller geography will be helpful

Two methods are used for producing this data:

Method 1 built the model using all liquid asset estimates from the Survey of Financial Security.

Method 2 built the model using all liquid asset estimates from the Survey of Financial Security, except for the top 1% of the distribution of liquid assets.

Statistics Canada recommends using the estimates produced by Method 1. The coefficient of variation associated with these estimates was generally lower than with Method 2

ACTION ITEM: DPAWG members – Please send your feedback to us.

Childcare Credit Amounts – feedback requested

[Childcare Credit Amounts, 2018](#)

ACTION ITEM: DPAWG members – Do you find this data useful and valuable? Please send your feedback and suggestions

Custom geographies – process

This is an issue that we continue to bring up with Statistics Canada to determine how we can carry out this task more efficiently. Custom geography geocoding and custom geography table production has had some problems associated with it, for some CDP members. A complaint that has come up on occasion is that while a member is still waiting for their tables at custom geographies to be produced, a non-member department across the hall has submitted their custom geographies and received tables back.

Custom geography submissions have typically been submitted to StatCan in groups by community and tables are produced for entire communities. Tables for a community's custom geographies were not produced until all the custom geographies are geocoded. This meant that a community could be waiting for one custom geography to be geocoded before their community's geographies go into production. Custom geographies can hold up the geocoding process if

- they are complex
- there are a lot of areas to geocode
- there is a lack of communication between the “owner” of the custom geo and StatCan

Suggestion:

Member organizations will be invited to submit their custom geography directly to Statistics Canada or could have the Lead submit custom geographies for them. The result would be that the CDP would be removed from the geocoding logistical process as much as possible. Tables at custom geographies would be produced as critical masses of geocoded custom geos become ready. In theory, custom geographies would be ready for production based on when they are submitted and, on their complexity, and not be delayed by other custom geographies in their community.

Any organization that does not want to take on the submission process could still submit their custom geographies to the CDP team. The CDP team would want to create an appropriate disclaimer for this option.

Upon submission to StatCan, submitting organizations would need to indicate that the CDP has permission to use their custom geographies and that invoices for geocoding should be submitted directly to the CDP.

ACTION ITEM: DPAWG members – Do you think this process works fine for you? Do you have any problems with this process? What are your suggestions? Please send your feedback to us.

Next meeting

Propose the week of January 25, 2021. Will send Doodle poll to confirm availability.

Other business

No other business raised.