



DATA PURCHASE AND ACCESS WORKING GROUP

September 11, 2025

2:30pm - 4:00pm Eastern time

Connection details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87902003347>

Attendance

Michael Ditor, CDP

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Valentyn Kliuchnyk, York Region

Sarah Tiller, Simcoe County

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Laurie Dixon, KFLA

Andrea Smith, Durham Region

Agenda

- Data acquisition updates
- 2026 Census questionnaire
- Integrating Artificial Intelligence into the Community Data Program
- T1FF+ redesign
- Import/Export data – indicators of economic activity
- Monitoring impact and exposure to trade disruptions
- Webinars
- Tableau/Data visualization products
- Next meeting
- Other business

Data acquisition updates

Catalogue additions since last DPAWG meeting (June 3, 2025):

- [Dashboard - Community Rental Housing Affordability, Version 1.0](#)
- [Dataset \(Public Listings 2024\) - Community Rental Housing Affordability, Version 1.0](#)

Note that a [webinar to introduce the Rental Housing Affordability Dashboard was given on July 10, 2025](#).

- [Postal Code Conversion File Plus \(PCCF+\) Version 8C, December 2024](#)
- [EIS - Employment insurance \(EI\) beneficiaries, monthly, unadjusted for seasonality](#)

Health Indicators

- [Food security adult status and household status, moderately food insecure and severely food insecure, by province and health region, CCHS 2023](#)
- [Health indicator statistics, for population aged 18 and over, annual estimates by province and health region, CCHS 2023](#)
- [Health indicator statistics for youth aged 12 to 17 years, youth reported, CHSCY 2023](#)
- [Health indicator statistics for children and youth aged 1 to 17 years, parent reported, CHSCY 2023](#)

Note that StatCan indicated that CD-level data would NOT be possible for the CCHS and CHSCY requests.

2023 T1FF (taxfiler) Data

- [2023 T1FF standard tables \(Family, Individual, Senior\)](#)
- [Working poverty \(custom table\) – T1FF, 2023](#)
- [Income inequality \(custom table\) – T1FF, 2023](#)

Building Permits

- [Building Permits - detailed, 2025 - monthly](#)
- [Building Permits - detailed, 2024](#)

Canadian Business Counts

- [Canadian business counts, establishment and location counts, employment size and North American Industry Classification System \(NAICS\), June 2025](#)

2021 Census

- [Working Poor - Selected characteristics \(30\), Income Statistics \(7\), Gender and Age \(15\), Working Activity \(7\), Working Poor Status \(3\), and Class of Worker \(10\), for the Population 18+ in Private Households, 2021 Census - 25% Sample Data](#)

Upcoming Data Acquisitions

TransUnion 2025Q1

- Mortgage debt, non-mortgage consumer debt, possibly other credit report characteristics.
- TU has indicated that they would like to present their data to members and demonstrate use cases.
- Looking into the possibility of acquiring age bands (18-34, 35-64 and 65+) for debt data.

Labour Force Survey

- Will get [8 tables in catalogue](#) for 35 largest Census Subdivisions. Awaiting cost estimate.
- StatCan looking into feasibility of producing these tables for larger Census Divisions.
- Likely a lot of suppression. Will be produced with Quality Indicators.

T1FF Migration Estimates - Table E - 2022-2023

- This table should be ready sometime this Fall.

IMDB update - CORE tables

- Should be acquired this year. Some delays may occur with the LIP custom geographies.
- Still no decision regarding the IMDB ICARE data.

2021 Census

- Household & Family TGP @ DA geographies: population in housing requiring major repairs, households in housing that are unsuitable, households in subsidized housing
- Household & Family TGP @ custom geographies: low-income population (LIM-AT), owner/renter households
- Commuting Flow table @ CD-CSD geographies: [similar to this table](#), but with additional variables added
- 2026 purchase: 2023-base Market Basket Measure tables

IRCC data

- IRRC contacted us to indicate that they would not be able to fulfill the majority of our request and that we should prioritize certain tables for production.
- The National LIP Secretariat prioritized tables pertaining to Temporary Residents, specifically something that would provide a total of the different types of temporary residents present within a community (e.g., work permit, study permit, Temporary Foreign Worker Program, International Mobility Program).
- We will need to revise our 2026 order and determine priorities for members.

2026 Census Questionnaire

Sign language

Religion included (rather than waiting 10 years)

Integrating Artificial Intelligence into the Community Data Program

How we could use AI to help users navigate the catalogue and benefit from the program.

How we could use AI to do our work.

Exchange forum for using AI in community data work.

T1FF+ redesign

The redesign will address a few challenges that have been found with the T1FF:

- Partial income of non-filers will be more complete as new imputation method will be in place for non-filer
- Geography will be more precise (not based on postal code as much as possible but rather longitude/latitude)
- Timelines will change when the redesign is completed (faster release, but the 2024 release will be delayed)
- Census family and household information (pending testing) will be available
- Improvement of the derivation of various non-taxable government transfers

Note that **StatCan is accepting feedback on the redesign from users over the next couple months**. No specific timeline was given, but I imagine that the sooner the better.

StatCan is hoping to hear what is missing from the data that would serve users better and have an understanding of what is crucial to users. This could include what variables you would like to see (e.g., break out lone parent families by gender of parent), as well as feedback regarding the format of the tables (e.g., no more merged cells!).

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If you are submitting feedback, please feel free to copy me - or to send it to me and I will submit it as feedback from a CDP user.

Import/Export data – indicators of economic activity

Response from TIC/TEC unit at StatCan

Spoke with StatCan about grid-level GDP project, but these data are not ready for broad release:

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/36-28-0001/2025004/article/00003-eng.htm>

Mapping the importance of urban and rural economies in Canada: Experimental grid square-based gross domestic product and gross domestic income

ACTION: could CDP aggregate measures of impact and exposure to trade disruptions
Main Street, IRPP, CUI, CDN Chamber of Commerce

York jurisdictional scan

York Region is currently undertaking a **Jurisdictional Scan of Data Consortia Across Canada** to inform the refresh of our local Data Consortium. This scan aims to better understand the structure, governance, and practices of CDP consortia nationwide, and to identify promising approaches that support data access, analysis, and collaboration.

The scan document is attached and includes a table pre-populated with information from the CDP website. We are asking each consortium to review and provide input to their respective entries, and to return the completed document by **Wednesday September 24, 2025**.

Completed scans can be sent to:

- Angelina Richards: Angelina.Richards@york.ca
- Natalie Hui: Natalie.Hui@york.ca
- Mike Ditor: mike@communitydata.ca

Once the scan is complete, York Region will share the findings with all participating consortia to support knowledge mobilization and strengthen our collective efforts.

Labour Force Survey data

From last meeting:

StatCan not open to custom data requests for LFS variables at the Self-contained Labour Area (SLA) level, however...

Work on expanding small area estimation to other labour market indicators and more granular data is ongoing. **StatCan is interested to know what variables would be of interest for further development.**

Note that production of estimates using small area estimation techniques is often limited by the availability of an auxiliary data source required by the models.

Webinars

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

- NRCan – Natural Hazards data
- Data for rural and small communities
- GIS workshop

Your suggestions for webinars are always welcome!

Tableau Infographics and Dashboards

The CDP team regularly solicits the DPAWG members for infographic and dashboard ideas.

Canadian Business Counts dashboard

From previous meeting...

Inflation effects dashboard:

The shelter cost table and home energy spending table could be used to create a shelter costs/inflation effects dashboard.

This dashboard may be put on hold while we focus on other priorities.

Next meeting

Week of November 10 or 17. Will send Doodle closer to date.

Other business

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Meeting ended 2:35 pm ET