



DATA PURCHASE AND ACCESS WORKING GROUP

November 21, 2025

2:30pm - 4:00pm Eastern time

Connection details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705658400?pwd=t4TWcU8EsXliEUXz1qa8ALQzylYPOM.1>

Link to meeting notes:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/11GPOrhtqARqluzOWaUag36qJU_-niJQ5CrYpenCRMDw/edit?tab=t.0

Attendance

Michael Ditor, CDP
Sarah Tiller, Simcoe County
Heather Kindermann, Regina
Anzo Nguyen, Ottawa
Hafiz Jatto, Winnipeg
Dana Soucie, SW Ontario
Jordan Meisel, SW Ontario
Ted Hildebrandt, Hamilton
Michael Whyte, WDG Public Health
Liam McGuire, Ottawa
Mat Krepicz, Toronto
Brenden Harvey, Calgary
Peter Marriott, Vancouver
Nitika Arora, Peel

Agenda

- Data acquisition updates
- Draft Schedule B for 2026
- Import/Export data – indicators of economic activity
- Webinars
- Tableau/Data visualization products
- Next meeting
- Other business

Data acquisition updates

Catalogue additions since last DPAWG meeting (September 11, 2025):

2021 Census - custom geographies added:

- **Household & Family TGP of owner and renter households, Census, 2021**
- **Household & Family TGP of the low-income population (LIM-AT), Census, 2021**

2021 Census - DA geographies added:

- **Household & Family TGP for the population in unsuitable housing, 2021**
- **Household & Family TGP for the population in subsidized housing, 2021**
- **Household & Family TGP for the population in housing requiring major repairs, 2021**

2021 Census - custom cross-tabulations:

- POW geography table from CEDEC: **Industry - North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 2017 (428A), Age (8), First official language spoken (6), and Gender (3) for the Employed labour force having a usual place of work or working at home in private HH, 2021 Census**
- **Commuting Flow from Geography of Residence to Geography of Work by Gender (3) Immigrant Status and Period of Immigration (6) and 5-Yr Mobility Status and Commuting Mode (12) for the Employed Labour Force Having a Usual POW, in Private HH, 2021 Census**
- **IMDB tables to tax year 2022 - standard geographies**
- **Median Income of Migrant Taxfilers 2023-2024 Income years 2022 and 2023 (Table E)**
- **Building Permits - detailed, 2025 - monthly**
- **EIS - Employment insurance (EI) beneficiaries, monthly, unadjusted for seasonality**

Upcoming Data Acquisitions

TransUnion 2025Q1

- Mortgage debt, non-mortgage consumer debt, sub-prime consumers, credit files past due
- TU has indicated that they would like to present their data to members and demonstrate use cases.
- Data will include age bands (18-34, 35-64 and 65+) BUT the data are not cross-tabulated by these age bands, as this would have significantly increased the cost and the amount of suppressed data.

Labour Force Survey

- Will get [8 tables in catalogue](#) for 35 largest Census Subdivisions. Awaiting cost estimate.

- StatCan offered to produce 2 tables for 25 largest Census Divisions. Awaiting new cost estimate.
- After significant interest for youth unemployment was expressed at Leads' meeting, the request was modified to capture youth age groups.
- Likely a lot of suppression. Will be produced with Quality Indicators.

Longitudinal Administrative Databank

- Data are available now. Request submitted to StatCan to update [tables in the catalogue](#).

Draft Schedule B for 2026

A draft of the 2026 Schedule B was presented to the group. The selection of products is fairly similar to what we have received in previous years, however the plan is to reduce spending on 2021 Census products as we approach the end of the 2021 Census cycle. Even with this reduction, Census spending will account for about one third of the data acquisition budget for 2026.

- SW Ontario (Four County): 2021 Census becoming too old to use, small-level geos important to capture rural trends - interested in data by age - more granularity in youth age groups
- Peel : second re: age of census data; would like to do more forecasting; using more T1FF (annual release)
- Vancouver: data at custom geographies is still of interest, no alternative to small custom geos - **preference for acquiring custom geos rather than DA-level**

request:

- Population to whom low-income lines apply to use as a denominator
- Standard profile for the 25% sample

Census 2021 tables? What cross-tabulations would be of interest?

Can take suggestions from the priority setting file, based on feedback and number of downloads, but we would like to get tables that cover themes that are not covered by the tables already in the catalogue. The catalogue already has a lot of tables on low income and immigration status.

Underemployment table:

This table ranks high and there have been a few members that even recently expressed interest in the issue of underemployment (comparing the skill level required for a respondent's job to their educational attainment):

- Selected Characteristics (16), Employment Income Statistics (4), Work Activity (7), Occupation - NOC 2016 - Skill-level (8A), Highest certificate, diploma or degree (8), Sex (3) and Age (5) for the Population 15+ in Private Households, 2021 Census
- <https://communitydata.ca/data/selected-characteristics-16-employment-income-statistics-4-work-activity-7-occupation-noc-2016>

Depths of poverty/modest income:

This table ranks high in the priority-setting table, **but there is less interest from the working group for a table like this and we have a fair number of other tables in the catalogue like this:**

- CPP-10A-EF - Selected income characteristics (44), Income status (7), Cultural and activity limitation characteristics (13), Children (7), Elderly spouse or economic family reference person (5) for economic family in private households, 2016 Census
- <https://communitydata.ca/data/cpp-10a-ef-selected-income-characteristics-44-income-status-7-cultural-and-activity-limitation>

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

ACTION: For next meeting, produce short list of potential cross-tabulations and TGPs. Will also invite working group to submit suggestions via email.

Import/Export data – indicators of economic activity

TIC/TEC unit at StatCan was not willing to give us data covering all CDs or all CSDs in Canada - individual requests still possible.

We are looking into what data sets the Conference Board of Canada has that could be of interest to the program, including Employment and GDP by industry at Census Division level. Uncertain if their licensing terms will be a good match for our program's model of giving data access to many organizations across the country. Will report back...

Webinars

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

- GIS workshop - December 9, 2025
- 2026 Census questionnaire - Jan or Feb 2026
- TransUnion presentation
- CDP Orientation - Spring 2026
- ?? presenting the re-based MBM to members?

Your suggestions for webinars are always welcome!

Tableau Infographics and Dashboards

Canadian Business Counts (2019, 2022, 2025) dashboard to be cataloged shortly.

2026:

- update of the Rental Housing Affordability dashboard - ~May 2026
- TransUnion data

SUGGESTIONS WELCOME!

Next meeting

Week of January 19 or 26, 2026. Will send Doodle closer to date.

Other business

No other business.

Meeting ended 3:40pm ET