The Data Liberation Initiative

and Research Data Centres

Partnerships for research in the university community

RDC CDR

Centres de données de recherche
Research Data Centres

Statistics Canada Statistique Canada

Powerful resources for analysis and learning!

The Data Liberation Initiative (DLI) provides Canadian academic institutions with affordable access to Statistics Canada standard products, databases, public-use microdata and geographical files.

The Research Data Centre (RDC) program provides secure access to detailed microdata for researchers. This program, designed to help strengthen Canada's social research capacity and support social and economic policy analysis, is part of an initiative by Statistics Canada, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and participating universities.

Access mode depends on research subject and methodology used

	Open statistics ←——————————————————————→ Restricted data					
Service	Statistics Canada website	Depository Services Program (DSP)	**Data Liberation Initiative**	Custom tabulations	Remote job submission	**Research Data Centres**
Eligibility	General public	General public through DSP libraries	Postsecondary academic staff and students	Individuals or organizations	Researcher with accepted proposal	Researcher with accepted proposal
Conditions	Free at www.statcan.ca	Free at libraries	Restricted to teaching and research purposes	Contract between Statistics Canada and individual or organization	Agreement between Statistics Canada and researcher	SSHRC peer review and deemed Statistics Canada employee status

What are the benefits?

The two programs help to
- support research and teaching in the social statistics field
- improve access to data resources in Canada's postsecondary institutions
- create new knowledge about Canadian society
- facilitate a network of social research across the country—in both large and small population centres
- further collaboration among Statistics Canada, SSHRC, universities and academic researchers
- train a new generation of Canadian data specialists
- generate research evidence relevant to policy analysis.

How do I access these programs?

Postsecondary academic staff and students access DLI data products through the DLI contact person located in the library at member institutions.

At the RDCs, access is given to researchers with SSHRC-approved research projects. Researchers submit a project proposal to an adjudication committee, which evaluates proposals on the basis of
- demonstrated need for access to master microdata files
- scientific merit of the proposed research
- suitability of the methods to be applied, given the data to be analysed.

Rules of eligibility, guidelines on preparing a project proposal and other useful information are available on the RDC website.

What data are available?

The DLI offers access to standard data products such as
- public-use microdata files from the Canadian Community Health Survey, the General Social Survey and the Household Internet Use Survey
- databases such as the Social Policy Simulation Database and Model and the Inter-Corporate Ownership
- census standard products
- aggregated data on subjects such as justice and education
- geography products.

The RDCs host a variety of cross-sectional and longitudinal detailed microdata files from population and household surveys such as
- the National Population Health Survey
- the National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth
- the General Social Survey
- the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics.

Within your reach!

The DLI has 66 member institutions. For a complete list of locations, please visit www.statcan.ca/english/Dli/dli.htm

The RDCs are located in a dozen Canadian universities. For a complete list, please visit www.statcan.ca/english/rdc/index.htm

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