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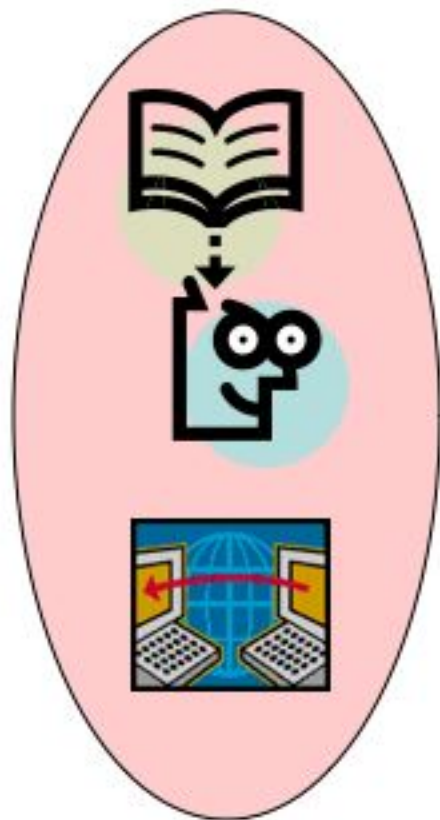


Data access at Statistics Canada



The Research Continuum

(secondary sources)



Data available to the general public

<http://www.statcan.ca/menu-en.htm>

The screenshot shows the Statistics Canada website interface. A green arrow points to the 'Home' link in the left-hand navigation menu. Another green arrow points to the 'Statistics by subject (New)' section in the right-hand column. A red arrow points to the 'CENSUS' logo at the top right of the page content.

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WELCOME TO STATISTICS CANADA
CANADA'S NATIONAL STATISTICAL AGENCY

Today's news releases from *The Daily*

Tuesday, January 8, 2008
Released at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time

Study: Scientists and engineers and urban growth, 1980 to 2000
Both the prevalence of university graduates in a city and their mix have a defining impact on the growth in employment, according to a new study on the role of scientists and engineers in the process of job growth.

Crude oil and natural gas: Supply and disposition, October 2007.

Asphalt roofing, November 2007

Electric power generating stations, 2006

Featured product
Aboriginal Peoples in Canada in 2006: Inuit, Métis and First Nations, 2006 Census

New products

The most recent issues of The Daily

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| January 7, 2008 | HTML PDF |
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Troubleshooting PDFs

Information for survey participants

Latest indicators

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| Population estimate (Note) (October 2007) | 33,091,228 |
| Consumer Price Index (November 2007) | 2.5% |
| Unemployment rate (November 2007) | 5.9% |
| Gross domestic product (October 2007) | 0.1% |

Statistics by subject (New)

- Aboriginal peoples
- Agriculture
- Business performance and ownership
- Business, consumer and property services
- Children and youth
- Construction
- Crime and justice
- Culture and leisure
- Economic accounts
- Education, training and learning

Logos: CAREERS AT STATISTICS CANADA, CANADA YEAR BOOK 2007, CENSUS

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What data are available and what can we learn

- Data on households and individuals
 - Surveys, such as GSS and CCHS
 - Census (from 1981 to 2006)
- Economic data
 - Surveys
 - Economic indicators

Analytical data

<http://www.statcan.ca/english/edu/researchers.htm#data>



Data, research and analysis



- You will find descriptions of **all** our data resources under [Mathematics](#), including **microdata files**.
- [The Data Liberation Initiative \(DLI\)](#) offers Canadian universities and colleges affordable access to data for the purposes of academic teaching and research. [The DLI contact](#) for subscribing universities or colleges.
- [Research data centres](#) offer access to detailed microdata for academic research.
- [Remote data access](#): online service for research and analysis.
- [Education Matters: Insights on Education, Learning and Training in Canada](#): a free online publication which provides summary information on issues and gives access to education indicators and Canadian education analysis.
- [Education statistics program](#): surveys, data, research and analysis relevant to current issues in education.
- [Definitions, data sources and methods](#) includes information on surveys, questionnaires, data quality and standard classification systems such as the [Classification of Instructional Programs](#).
- [Library and information centre](#) provides reference services and inter-library loans.
- [Depository libraries](#) offer free access across Canada to many Statistics Canada publications and standard electronic products.

What is the RDC Network?

It is a partnership that includes:

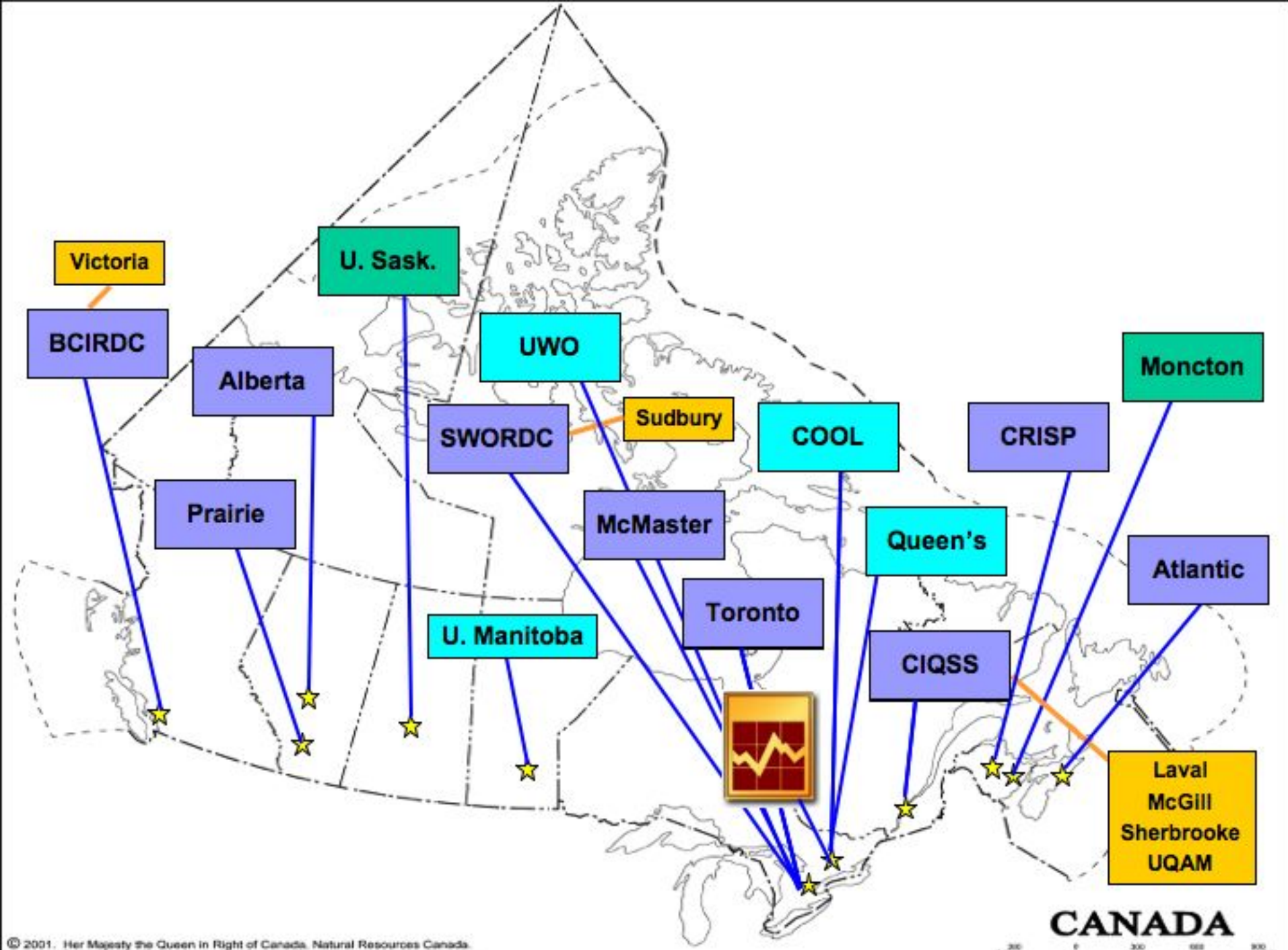
- More than 40 Canadian universities
- Major Granting Councils (SSHRC, CIHR, CFI)
- Provincial governments
- Statistics Canada



What is a Research Data Centre ?

- Secure environment in a setting that is removed from Statistics Canada premises
- Houses Statistics Canada micro data files
- Staffed by a Statistics Canada employee at all times
- Operates under the provisions of the Statistics Act
- Access limited to researchers with approved projects and “**sworn-in**” under Statistics Act as “deemed employees”
- All researchers have direct access to the data







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How do researchers gain access to the RDCs



Access to the Research Data Centres

(Academic researchers)

- Project proposal
- Proposal evaluation - SSHRC
- Security clearance - enhanced reliability check
- Orientation session and “oath of office”
- Researcher agrees to provide publicly available report that falls within Statistics Canada’s mandate



Access to the Research Data Centres

(Federal/Provincial/Territorial researchers)

- Project proposal, “reviewed” by designated official (either DG research for federal departments, or statistical focal point for provinces and territories)
- The work is to be performed by an employee (or contract employee) of the federal department or the provincial/territorial government
- Proposal evaluation - STC
- Security clearance - enhanced reliability check
- Orientation session and “oath of office”





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The Research Data Centres Program

Decision-makers need an up-to-date and in-depth understanding of Canadian society to help them respond not only to today's needs, but to anticipate tomorrow's as well. This need is underlined by a growing demand for analytical output from the rich source of data collected by Statistics Canada.

The Research Data Centres (RDC) program is part of an initiative by Statistics Canada, the [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council](#) (SSHRC) and university consortia to help strengthen Canada's social research capacity and to support the policy research community. The program would like to acknowledge the generous support of the [Canadian Foundation for Innovation](#) (CFI) and the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#) (CIHR).

RDCs provide researchers with access, in a secure university setting, to microdata from population and household surveys. The centres are staffed by Statistics Canada employees. They are operated under the provisions of the [Statistics Act](#) in accordance with all the confidentiality rules and are accessible only to researchers with approved projects who have been sworn in under the *Statistics Act* as 'deemed employees.'

RDCs are located throughout the country, so researchers do not need to travel to Ottawa to access Statistics Canada microdata.

RDC origins

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To learn more ...

<http://www.statcan.ca/francais/rdc/>

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