

Data Centre News Bytes

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Check it out !!!

CANADIAN SURVEYS

- Canadian Election Survey, 2000
- Canadian Tobacco Use Monitoring Survey, 2000
 - Annual Survey
 - Person File
 - Household File
 - Cycle 1 Survey
 - Person File
 - Household File
 - Cycle 2 Survey
 - Person File
 - Household File
- Homeowner Repair and Renovation Survey, 1995
- Homeowner Repair and Renovation Survey, 1994
- Survey of Consumer Finances, Economic File, 1988
- Survey of Consumer Finances, Economic File, 1985
- Survey of Consumer Finances, Economic File, 1984

INTERNATIONAL SURVEYS

- Food Product Safety, Child Sex Tourism, Health Care and Cancer, April-May 1998 (Eurobarometer 49.0)
- CBS News/New York Times Monthly Poll, January 1995
- CBS News/New York Times Monthly Poll, December 1994
- CBS News/New York Times Monthly Poll, November 1994
- Political Regimes and Regime Transitions in Africa, 1910 – 1994

But I didn't Vote for Them ...

One of the surveys received last term is the 2000 National Election Survey (conducted by Canadian Election Study Group). It surveyed 3648 people and questioned them before and after the election. The primary mandate of this study is: to provide a thorough account of the election; to underline the main reasons why people vote the way they do; to indicate what does and does not change during the campaign and from one election to another; and to highlight similarities and differences between voting and elections in Canada and in other democratic countries.

The second mandate of the study is to contribute to the development of knowledge surrounding the reasons that voters vote the way they do.

The third mandate is to put together a rich set of data about Canadians' attitudes and opinions on a wide variety of social, economic, and political issues.

There are many different areas that can be researched using this survey. For example, the mailback questionnaire contained many different questions:

- how much confidence do you have in the Supreme Court;
- do you agree that we must crack down on crime;
- what volunteer associations have you been part of in the past year;
- do you agree that protecting the environment is more important than protecting jobs; and
- do you know any women who are carpenters.

The above variables can be analyzed with the party the respondent voted for to build a profile of people who vote for the different parties.

Just send us an email and we will send you a copy of the dictionary of variables so you can see the breadth of questions asked.

(Information for this section is taken from <http://www.fas.umontreal.ca/pol/ces-eec/ces.html>)

Let's Share!

Did you know that we will come to *your* classroom to do a presentation on the Data Centre? Or we will book the presentation room in the library and you can bring your class here?

We give presentations to many different departments around the campus and have received rave reviews from many of the students.

Some of the departments we have enlightened are: Sociology and Anthropology; Political Science, Mass Communications; Social Work; Business; Geography; and Psychology.

There are different presentations from which you can choose. The main one concerns the Data Centre itself. It is a basic introduction and lists the many services we provide. This one is quite useful for first or second year students at the undergraduate level. It is also useful for first year MA and PhD students as a number of them will be using our data.

Wendy Watkins (head of the Data Centre) will tailor the presentation to the department requesting it. Some of her past presentations include: "Using CANSIM"; "Using the Web to find Social Sciences Data"; and "How to Use Community Profiles".

Hello & Good-bye

We are pleased to introduce Stephanie Mullen as our new Statistical Consultant. She will be at the Data Centre from 2 to 7 pm Mondays and Tuesdays. If you want to understand what your data is really saying, come in and see Steph and she will show you how to understand it.

Three of our students from last year enjoyed working here and helping students so much that they have decided to return – "Welcome Back" to Blake, Jaclyn and Kristin. We will miss Gianna and Scott as they follow their interests elsewhere. Good luck! And we would like to welcome 2 new students – Jennifer and Robert. Everyone is eagerly awaiting your questions.

Looking for a Job?!

We are looking for students who are very comfortable with computers and have taken a Statistical Methodology course in the Social Sciences. (Experience with **DOS** or **UNIX, Windows** and **SPSS** is necessary.)

Next year we will have openings for four students. Our past employees have come from different departments (Sociology, Geography, Mass Communication). Come in and see Jane for details! (Remember to bring in your resumé.)

Come in & Say HELLO!

Come in and visit us at the Data Centre.

Monday to Thursday	9:00-5:00
Friday	9:00-3:30

We can also be reached by phone or email.

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Welcome back to all!