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Western
UNIVERSITY CANADA

UWO RDC

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Friday:

9 am - 5 pm

Extended hours:

Tuesdays 5 pm - 7 pm

Book your workstation at

www.picktime.com/uwordc

We are closed on **Monday August 3** for Civic Holiday

A NOTE TO OUR RDC COMMUNITY

It has been quite refreshing to be back in our offices and to see some of our researchers again! Thank you so much for your cooperation in meeting our reopening protocols. These protocols allow us to remain open so we appreciate your diligence in keeping the centre sanitized and safe.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns on our reopening strategies.

LAUNCH OF OUR NEW NEWSLETTER

In the past, our newsletters served to keep you updated on RDC-related news, from the new data available to new procedures and tips. Though informative, we want our newsletters to also be a tool for keeping our research community connected. We hope to include the following information in our future newsletters:

- Centre-specific updates (e.g. closures, new procedures, etc.)
- New data available in the RDC

- Blurs on StatCan datasets used in today's news
- Our researchers' research accomplishments
- University-wide events featuring StatCan data
- RDC- and research-related health and wellness tips

In a time where most of us feel the need to conduct our research in isolation, we hope our monthly newsletter inspires your continued hard work, and hopefully invites you to our RDC program.

Thank you,
The UWO RDC



**Is there something you want to see in our newsletter?
Have you presented or published your work using UWO RDC data recently? Do you want to showcase your UWO RDC project?**

Please email us at rdc@uwo.ca

BOOKING A WORKSTATION

UWO researchers must book a workstation prior to their visit. To book:

1. Go to www.picktime.com/uwordc
2. Read and close the pop-up message
3. Select a workstation with the program you need
4. Select a date. You can book up to a week in advance
5. Select a time slot (morning or afternoon)
6. Fill in your info and submit

We have temporarily removed our restrictions on how many times a week a researcher can book. If you are continuously having trouble finding an available time slot then please let us know ASAP!

Protecting our Researchers during COVID

We have implemented several changes to the centre and our procedures to help mitigate the COVID risks to our researchers. The major changes include:

- 1  Mandatory face masks
- 2  Limited occupancy to comply with 2 meter social distancing measures
- 3  Online booking system for workstations
- 4  Researchers must sanitize their hands with the provided hand sanitizer upon entry and re-entry of the RDC
- 5  Researchers must disinfect their workstation before and after each work session with the provided disinfectant wipes
- 6  Analysts disinfect shared surfaces 3x a day
- 7  Limited and mainly online communication

Access to the Social Science Centre

The Social Science Centre (SSC) where the UWO RDC is located, is currently open through card access only. Researchers must swipe their Western ID card to get into the main or back entrance of the building. If you are not affiliated with UWO Social Sciences then please email us ASAP and we will place a request to add your ID card to the building. If you are having troubles getting in the building when you are here then please give us a call.



NEW DATASETS IN THE RDC

BRITISH COLUMBIA KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12 LINKED TO T1 FAMILY FILE

The BC K-12 linked to the T1FF has produced additional parental tax component. The additional component produced contains parental tax outcome information for the children in the BC K-12 file. Additionally, a codebook for this file has also been provided as the variables it contains are different from the other T1FF files that are part of other data linkages.

CANADIAN HOUSING SURVEY 2018

The Canadian Housing Survey (CHS) provides information on how Canadians feel about their housing and how housing affects them. Information is collected on core housing need, dwelling characteristics and housing tenure, perceptions on economic hardship from housing costs, dwelling and neighbourhood satisfaction, perceptions on neighbourhood issues and safety, housing moves and intentions to move, volunteering, community engagement, life satisfaction, community satisfaction, dwelling adaptations to improve accessibility, self-assessed health, experience with homelessness, and socio-demographic characteristics.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SURVEY LINKED TO THE APPRENTICESHIP GRANTS AND CANADA APPRENTICESHIP LOAN

New concordance keys for the National Apprenticeship Survey (NAS) have been provided. The data files for the Apprenticeship Grants (AG) and Canada Apprenticeship Loan (CAL) have been updated.

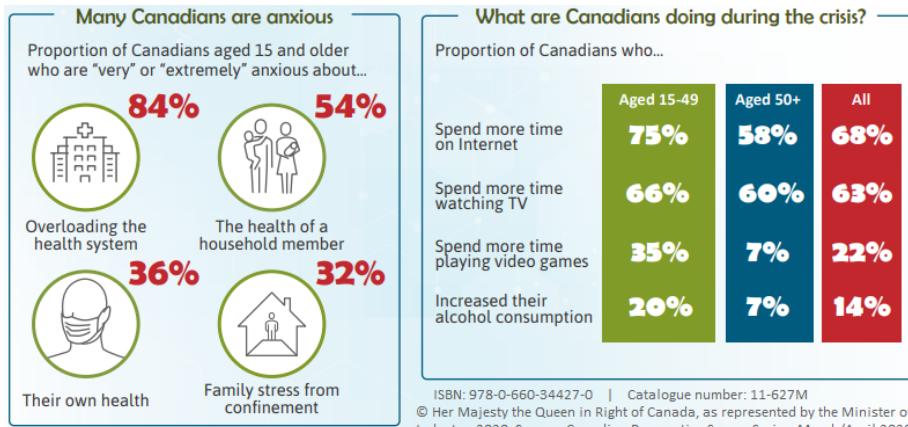
The AG and CAL data can be directly linked to each other, and to the Registered Apprenticeship Information System (RAIS) as well as linked to National Apprenticeship Survey (NAS) concordance file keys.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COVERAGE SURVEY 2018

The Employment Insurance Coverage Survey provides a meaningful picture of who does or does not have access to EI benefits among the jobless and those in a situation of underemployment. The survey also covers access to maternity and parental benefits.

Available datasets can be viewed at

<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/microdata/data-centres/data>



Canadian Perspective Survey Series (2020)

The Canadian Perspectives Survey Series (CPSS) is Statistics Canada's new data collection project. It is a voluntary cross-sectional survey administered online to Canadians living in the ten provinces. Respondents will participate in several short online surveys over the next year. In its initial stages, the CPSS will focus on topics related to COVID.

The first series focused on the initial impacts of COVID with responses from March 29 to April 3. The data highlighted health, social and economic concerns, precautions taken to reduce the risk of exposure, and changes in weekly habits.

The second series focused on monitoring the effect of COVID with responses from May 4 to 10. Respondents answered questions about their mental health, behaviour, labour market activities and food insecurity.

The third series focused on the gradual reopening of economic and social activities with responses from June 15 to 21. This release examines whether Canadians will continue to adhere to health and safety practices as the economy reopens, and whether Canadians are feeling safe returning to work.

Data collection for the fourth series has just finished on July 2020 and focused on the source of information respondents consulted during the pandemic.

Statistics Canada published reports on Series 1 to 3 in The Daily. Please click the following titles to read:

[CPSS 1: Impacts of COVID-19](#)

[CPSS 2: Monitoring the Effects of COVID-19](#)

[CPSS 3: Resuming Economic and Social Activities during COVID-19](#)

More information on the CPSS can be found [here](#).

How to access the CPSS in the RDC

Series 1 of the CPSS is currently available in the RDC. Series 1 variables measure: labour force participation, EI or other financial relief, source of COVID info, precautions taken to reduce risk, physical and mental health, COVID concerns, daily activities, and sociodemographic info.

Subsequent series will be released to the RDC gradually.

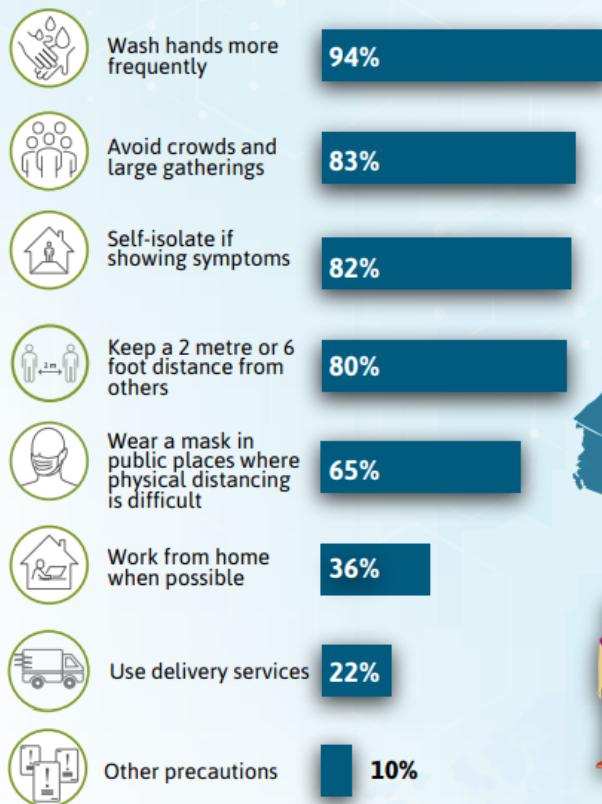
To access the CPSS, please send a proposal to our Microdata Access Portal application. Instructions are provided [here](#).

You will be requesting for the "CPSS_SEPC_COVID19" dataset.

PRECAUTIONS THAT CANADIANS WILL TAKE OR CONTINUE TO TAKE AS COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES ARE RELAXED

From June 15 to 21, Statistics Canada conducted a new web panel survey to examine the attitudes and concerns of Canadians as restrictions are gradually lifted.

Precautions taken as safety measures are relaxed



Some precautions vary across groups

Proportion of people who intend to wear a mask in public places where physical distancing is difficult:



59%



72%

Canadian-born individuals

61%

Immigrants

80%



Ages 15 to 24



53%

Ages 65 and older



78%

Rural areas



53%

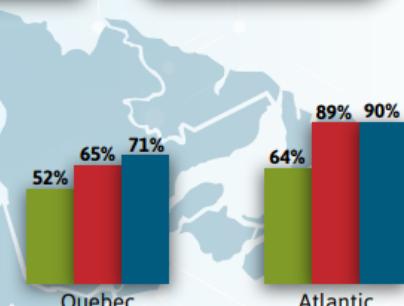
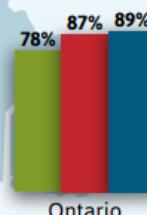
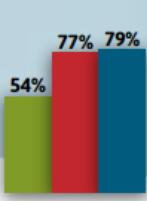
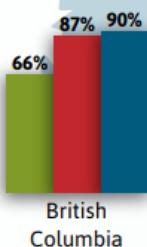
Urban areas



68%

Precautions also vary across regions

- Wear a mask in public places where physical distancing is difficult
- Keep a 2 metre or 6 foot distance from others
- Avoid crowds and large gatherings



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TIP OF THE MONTH

Bring a sweater to the RDC

The heat waves in London makes sitting in a cool room quite nice. However, it can get a bit chilly if you are in here for a prolonged period of time. Bring a sweater to keep you warm!



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