

July 2020

UWO RDC Newsletter



The UWO RDC is closed until further notice due to COVID-19.

Hours of Operation

**Monday to Friday: 9am – 5pm
Tuesday: 9am – 7pm *extended**

A note to our RDC community:

We have been working with Statistics Canada and Western University to reopen the RDC in July! An official reopening announcement and information on how our procedures have changed will be sent out when our preparations have been finalized.

Please keep this on your radar, but also note that the COVID-19 experience has shown how things can change overnight. Reopening safely and developing procedures to protect your health while you are in the centre is our top priority. Thank you for your patience with us during this!

In the meantime, the RDC remains closed to the public as we make our preparations. Please send any questions you have to rdc@uwo.ca.

New Datasets in the RDC

National Cannabis Survey (NCS) – 2019 Wave 4

The main objective of the NCS is to better understand the frequency of cannabis usage in Canada and to monitor changes in behaviour as a result of the planned legalization of cannabis for non-medical use. Wave 4 is now available!

The Canadian Perspective Survey Series 1: Impacts of Covid-19 (CPSS-COVID)

From March 29 to April 3, 2020, Statistics Canada conducted this survey on the Impacts of the COVID-19. The pandemic is currently disrupting the lives and habits of all Canadians. It is therefore necessary to quickly gather information to help understand its impacts on the physical and mental health of individuals, as well as on their social and employment circumstances. Information from the CPSS-COVID will be used by government organizations, to evaluate the need for health and social services, as well as economic support during and after the pandemic.

The survey was conducted online only, among those who volunteered to participate in the Canadian Perspectives Survey Series (CPSS). This survey will be the first of the CPSS.

Vital Statistics Death Database (VSDD) – 2018

This is an administrative survey that collects demographic and medical (cause of death) information annually from all provincial and territorial vital statistics registries on all deaths in Canada.

Labour Force Survey (LFS) – Supplementary COVID-19 File

The LFS Supplement on the Labour Market Impacts of COVID-19 was conducted by Statistics Canada in April and May 2020 to help assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Canadian labour market.

LFS data are used to produce the well-known unemployment rate as well as other standard labour market indicators such as the employment rate and participation rate by industry, occupation, public and private sector, hours worked and much more, all cross-classifiable by a variety of demographic characteristics. For employees, data on wage rates, union status, job permanency and establishment size are also produced.

Canadian Income Survey (CIS) – 2018

The CIS is a cross-sectional survey developed to provide information on the income and income sources of Canadians, with their individual and household characteristics. The survey gathers information on labour market activity, school attendance, disability, unmet health care needs, support payments, child-care expenses, inter-household transfers, personal income, food security, and characteristics and costs of housing. This content is supplemented with information on individual and household characteristics, as well as geographic details. Tax data for income and income sources are also combined with the survey data.

Canadian Tobacco and Nicotine Survey (CTNS) – 2019

The main objective of the CTNS is to gather information about the prevalence of cigarette smoking, vaping, and cannabis use.

There are many datasets available through the RDC. Researchers interested in accessing these datasets are encouraged to submit an RDC application. Available datasets can be viewed here: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/rdc/data>.

RDC Tip of the Month: Preparing for the RDC's Reopening

We will be announcing a set of new procedures once we have a finalized reopening date. There are a few things you can do in preparation for our reopening:

1. Become familiar with UWO's health and safety guidelines

We are following the guidelines outlined by the University. Please visit <https://www.uwo.ca/coronavirus/health-safety.html> to learn more.



2. Acquire your PPE

Though we will have hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes in the centre, it is always a good idea to be well-equipped for when you are outside of the RDC. Make sure you have a supply of hand sanitizer and face masks. According to UWO, you will be required to wear disposable face masks in research labs.

3. See that you have access to the "Return to Campus" Questionnaire

It is required for all UWO graduate students and faculty to complete this questionnaire upon every visit to campus. Verify that you have access to this through your Human Resources portal. Please visit <https://www.uwo.ca/coronavirus/questionnaire.html> for more information.



4. Create a work plan

We will open with limited occupancy to meet social distancing requirements, which means that not all workstations will be available. You will be asked to book your visit in advance online, and we will start with some restrictions to how often you can book to best accommodate our large research community. Devising a plan of work and what you need to accommodate in each session can help you make the most of your time in the RDC!

5. Revisit the RDC Orientation

Its been almost 4 months since we have worked in the RDC! To refresh on the RDC regulations and procedures, please revisit the RDC orientation presentation that was included in the Orientation Invitation email. If you cannot find this in your email inbox, feel free to email us for a copy.

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