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# 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](http://www.picktime.com/uwordc)

We are closed on **Monday**  
**September 7** for Labour Day

## A NOTE TO OUR RDC COMMUNITY

It's officially back to school season! Although schools and universities are operating differently this year, we hope you're still able to enjoy the fresh start! Classes begin at Western on September 9 and the campus will become livelier. Please remember to protect yourself and others by keeping your distance, wearing your mask, sanitizing, and staying home if you are sick or have come into contact with people who might be sick.

## LAUNCH OF OUR NEW NEWSLETTER

We completely changed the layout of our newsletter in August, and indicated our goals to increase the data- and research-related content we share. We aim to provide more updates on Statistics Canada's data and related events, research output from your fellow UWO researchers using the RDC, and centre-specific info for our current researchers. We hope our newsletters help you stay connected to our research community.

Thank you,  
The UWO RDC



## CALL FOR:

- Manuscripts in progress or published using StatCan data this year
- Upcoming events featuring StatCan data or research using StatCan data

We'd love to hear about our UWO researchers' accomplishments and events of interest, or any other feedback/suggestions you have for the newsletter. Please send us an email at [rdc@uwo.ca](mailto:rdc@uwo.ca) if you would like to share.



**Click this button to  
access our booking  
page!**

## Changes to our Booking Procedures

Our booking procedures have slightly changed since we reopened. We are an increasingly busy centre and these changes aim to accommodate our demand.

**1. Full day bookings are only available on select workstations.** Workstations 8, 9 and 12 can be reserved all day by a single researcher (these can also be reserved in the morning or afternoon only). Workstations Surface, 2 and 5 can only be reserved in the morning or afternoon by a single researcher.

**2. Make the most of your booking time.** Researchers should arrive within 20 minutes of their booking start time. You must notify us in advance if you intend on arriving later, or if you anticipate using the computer for less than 4 hours. If you finish your work session early, then notify us in person ASAP.

**3. Cancellations must be reported to us ahead of time.** By giving us notice, you allow us to reach out to other researchers who may be in need of a workstation.

## BOOKINGS EMAIL LIST

Would you like to be notified of cancellations?

Let us know at [rdc@uwo.ca](mailto:rdc@uwo.ca) and we will include you in our bookings email list.

**4. Physically distanced 1-on-1 meetings are allowed in the centre.** Workstation Surface and 2 will be booked so researchers can have a quiet discussion face to face while still maintaining the 2m distance. Feel free to let us know ahead of time and we can help you facilitate the bookings.

**5. Notify us by 4pm the previous day.** Please try to notify us by 4 pm the previous day for cancellations or if you anticipate using the computer for approximately less than 4 hours. Emails can be sent to [rdc@uwo.ca](mailto:rdc@uwo.ca).



# CRDCN NATIONAL POLICY CHALLENGE

*Are you a graduate student with an interest in quantitative analysis? Are you passionate about Canadian public policy? Do you love data? If so, this analytical competition is for you!*

In partnership with SAS Canada and Statistics Canada, the CRDCN is pleased to announce the 3rd edition of the National Policy Challenge. It is a unique opportunity for students to receive SAS certification and interact with top policymakers.

**WHO:** Graduate students currently enrolled at a Canadian University

**WHAT:** Policy-relevant research using StatCan confidential microdata

**WHERE:** Research will be conducted in the RDC between October 2020 and April 2021.

Candidates will present their findings at a special event in Ottawa in the Spring

Due to COVID-19, this year's contest will be open only to researchers with a current RDC contract. Researchers may amend a current contract to accommodate their Policy Challenge data needs.

**For more information and to apply, go to**

**<https://crdcn.org/crdcn-national-policy-challenge>**

Students must submit a research proposal by September 25

# NEW DATASETS IN THE RDC

## GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY - GIVING, VOLUNTEERING AND PARTICIPATING 2018 (CYCLE 33)

The purpose of this survey is to collect data regarding unpaid volunteer activities, charitable giving and participation. The results will help build a better understanding of these activities which can in turn be used to help develop programs and services. The two primary objectives of the General Social Survey (GSS) are: to gather data on social trends in order to monitor changes in the living conditions and well-being of Canadians over time; and to provide information on specific social policy issues of current or emerging interest.

Available datasets can be viewed at

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

# Labour Force Survey

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) provides leading monthly economic indicators at Statistics Canada. It is our largest and longest-running monthly household survey, and one of the few surveys where responses are mandatory. The LFS has gone through a lot of changes since it was released in 1945, and it now includes information on: employment and unemployment, earnings, hours of work and work arrangements, industries and occupations, unionization and industrial

relations, demographic characteristics, and much more. Data are provided for Canada, the provinces and territories, and a large number of sub-provincial regions. The target population is the non-institutionalised population 15 years of age and over. Recently, the monthly LFS sample size has been approximately 56,000 households, resulting in the collection of labour market information for approximately 100,000 individuals.

## How to access the LFS in the RDC

The 1976 to 2020 LFS is available in the RDC. The LFS is released monthly and the most recent cycle we have is July 2020.

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

The LFS is offered in 10 year groups (e.g. 1976-1985, 1986-1995,...,2016-2025) so please request for the applicable year group in your proposal.

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

## Recent Research Using, or News Articles Referencing the LFS

**Overtime work among professional nurses during the COVID-19 pandemic** (September 1, 2020; The Daily)

**Transitions into and out of employment by immigrants during the COVID-19 lockdown and recovery** (August 20, 2020; The Daily)

**Companies get creative to help parents juggle work and kids during pandemic** (August 5, 2020; Toronto Star)

**How women are changing the face of Canada's union leadership** (August 28, 2020; CBC News)

**P.E.I. job numbers 'a step backward' in July** (August 7, 2020; CBC News)

**TIP OF  
THE  
MONTH****Best Time to Visit the  
Booking Page**

The time slots appear online exactly one week ahead, down to the hour. For example, morning and afternoon slots for next Thursday will be available this Thursday around 9am and 1pm, respectively. Make note of this when trying to secure a booking in advance!



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