The University of Western Ontario Research Data Centre’s monthly newsletter is a great resource for researchers who would like to be informed of new data sets, change in the RDC hours of operation, holiday/closures, and new RDC protocols.

New data sets at the RDC

In the upcoming weeks we will be receiving new data sets and surveys at the Research Data Centre at Western. Please see the information below. Researchers interested in accessing these data sets are encouraged to submit proposals!
General Social Survey – Victimization (GSS)
Cycle 28 (updated)

The main objective of the GSS on Canadians’ Safety (Victimization) is to better understand how Canadians perceive crime and the justice system and to capture information on their experiences of victimization.

This survey is the only national survey of self-reported victimization and is collected in all provinces and territories. The survey allows for estimates of the numbers and characteristics of victims and criminal incidents. As not all crimes are reported to the police, the survey provides an important complement to officially recorded crime rates. It measures both crime incidents that come to the attention of the police and those that are unreported. It also helps to understand the reasons behind whether or not people report a crime to the police.

For further details please click here to access the information page on the General Social Survey at the Statistics Canada website.
The SHS primarily collects detailed information on household expenditures. It also collects information about the annual income of household members (from personal income tax data), demographic characteristics of the household, certain dwelling characteristics (e.g., type, age and tenure) and certain information on household equipment (e.g., electronics and communications equipment). The survey is conducted annually in the 10 provinces and usually every other year in the territories.

The SHS combines a questionnaire with recall periods based on the type of expenditure (1, 3 or 12 months, last payment, four weeks) and an expenditure diary that selected households complete for two weeks following the interview. As well, data collection is continuous throughout the year.

For further details please click here to access the information page on the Survey of Household Spending at the Statistics Canada website.
Childhood National Immunization Coverage Survey (CNICS)

The purpose of the Childhood National Immunization Coverage Survey (CNICS) is to collect information on national immunization coverage for childhood vaccines. The survey is intended to:

- Determine if children are immunized in accordance with recommended immunization schedules for publicly-funded vaccines
- Provide the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization with estimates of national immunization coverage for diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus (DPT) and for measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) and other vaccines for children
- Assess knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs about vaccines.

For further details please click here to access the information page on Childhood National Immunization Coverage Survey at the Statistics Canada website.
Call for Proposals (CHMS)

Call for proposals for the Canadian Health Measures Survey (CHMS) Biobank: May 1 to June 30, 2016
For more information contact the CHMS biobank coordinator at statcan.chms-biobank-ecms-biobanque.statcan@canada.ca.

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