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

The RDC will be closed on Monday November 11 for Remembrance Day.

A note to our RDC community:
Tina will be away for the Annual Meeting on November 18 – 22. Please direct all inquiries to Victoria during this week.

2020 National Essay Challenge
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

The IRCC department is launching the 2020 National Essay Challenge (NEC) to support emerging scholars across Canadian universities in policy-relevant research. The NEC is designed to generate evidence-based insights on IRCC policies. It encourages graduate students to learn more about immigration research and policy, and it raises awareness about the availability of data and supporting resources.
The NEC is open to all disciplines and welcomes empirical research papers related to IRCC’s mandate using qualitative or quantitative methodologies. Graduate students with selected essays will be invited to present their research to policy makers in Ottawa (with travel paid) and will receive $500 towards attendance at an academic conference of their choice.

Deadline to submit your expression of interest: **January 6, 2020**.
If you plan to use Statistics Canada data in the RDC for this essay then you will need to submit your RDC proposal/application by **November 6, 2019**.

For more information about the NEC, please see the attached poster or email us ([IRCC.NEC-CNE.IRCC@cic.gc.ca](mailto:IRCC.NEC-CNE.IRCC@cic.gc.ca)) to join the 2020 NEC GCcollab group.
New Datasets at the RDC

2019 Survey on Health Research Priorities (SHRP)
The CIHR commissioned Statistics Canada to collect information on the health research priorities of Canadians. Health research plays an important role in improving the health of Canadians, delivering more effective health services and strengthening the Canadian health care system. The survey asks questions about: the importance of different types of health research, issues for health researchers to address, obtaining information about health research results, satisfaction with how health research results are shared, and knowledge of health research and its role.

2018 Birth Database (VSBD) and 2018 Stillbirth Database (VSSBD)
The VSBD is an administrative survey that collects demographic information annually from all provincial and territorial vital statistics registries on all live births in Canada. The data are used to calculate basic indicators (such as counts and rates) on births of residents of Canada. Information from this database is also used in the calculation of statistics, such as age-specific fertility rates. The VSSBD is an administrative survey that collects demographic information annually from all provincial and territorial vital statistics registries on all stillbirths (fetal deaths) in Canada. The data are used to calculate basic indicators (such as counts and rates) on stillbirths of residents of Canada. Information from this database is also used in the calculation of statistics, such as the late fetal death rate and the perinatal death rate.

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: Taking Notes in the Centre

Please remember that all hand-written notes must only be done on yellow paper (provided at the front). At the end of your work session, you may discard it by shredding it with the paper shredder. Please see an analyst if you’d like to store your notes in the RDC for future use or if you’d like to take it out. We may let you leave with your notes as long as there are no direct references to values gained through the confidential data file.

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