

Request for Research Proposals

Statistics Canada's Health Statistics Division is interested in making the Canadian Vital Statistics Data (CVS) accessible to academic researchers in order to broaden the production and dissemination of quality public health statistics derived from vital events data. The first step to accomplishing this goal is the commencement of a pilot project in which academic researchers will be able to access these data in one of the Research Data Centres (RDC) located across the Canada.

Canadian Vital Statistic Data containing information on births and deaths in Canada from 1974 to 2008 will be available for this pilot project. For more information on the Canadian Vital Statistics data please visit the Statistics Canada websites:

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/cgi-bin/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=3231&lang=en&db=imdb&adm=8&dis=2>

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Additional information is available in the Data Dictionary. To obtain an electronic version please contact Valérie Gaston at: Valerie.Gaston@statcan.gc.ca

One of the primary goals of this project is to develop and test confidentiality vetting rules for these data. To adequately test these rules we are looking for proposals that focus on at least one of the following criteria:

- Provincial-level or sub-provincial level analysis
- Using specific causes of death
- Using specific sub-populations

General topics for analysis could include, but are not limited to, analysis of multiple births by mean age of mother, marital status; fertility rates by age, marital status, immigrant status, seasonality of death, analysis of suicides by age, sex, place of residence, or cause of death by place of birth.

Proposals will be assessed as they are received and we will choose at least two projects to address each of the criteria. We plan to accept 4 to 5 proposals in total.

Proposals should be submitted to:
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