Searching for Canadian Health Statistics

Geography and Health Statistics

Hierarchy of Standard Geographic Units

- An explanation of Stat Can’s standard geographic units (such as census subdivisions, dissemination areas, etc).

Reference Maps

- Maps at different levels of Stat Can geography.

Boundary Files

- Files compatible with geospatial software at different levels of Stat Can geography.

Health Regions and Peer Groups

- Maps of the different health regions of the provinces and territories.

*For Nova Scotia: use the 2014 Nova Scotia reference map for the four current zones of the Nova Scotia Health Authority. Use the 2013 Nova Scotia reference map for the nine former district health authorities. Please note that the page with Health region boundary files (compatible with geospatial software) is linked on the left side bar on this page.

Find a Hospital

- Contact information, addresses, and Google Map locations of Nova Scotia hospitals from the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

Tools for Finding and/or Retrieving Health Data and Statistics

Odesi

- Use Odesi to create a list of Stat Can health surveys with microdata that might be relevant to your research.
- Search for your desired health variable, then look at the list of studies to the right of the page. Click on “Matching Variables” under surveys to see variable labels and frequencies.

SDA

- Use SDA to download Stat Can health survey microdata or to manipulate data online.
- For more information on SDA see Dalhousie Libraries’ online video tutorials. Part 1; Part 2.

CANSIM

- Stat Can’s CANSIM tables contain current and retrospective data. Search by variable or click on “health” to get a list of all health related CANSIM tables.
- When examining a CANSIM table, click on “Add/Remove Data” for more options.
Selected Resources for Health Data and Statistics – Statistics Canada

Health Surveys

- List of Stat Can Health Surveys. Many surveys allow access to related summary tables, CANSIM tables, and publications.

Health Subject Page

- Access summary tables, CANSIM tables, publications, and lists of relevant surveys (“Definitions, data sources and methods”) on the topic of health for many levels of geography.

Health Profiles

- Browse a province to retrieve health profiles for health regions.
- Click on the “Census” or “NHS” tabs of a profile table to access census data for the selected region. Download all the data to compare different regions.

Health In Canada

- Portal to Stat Can health statistics. Visit Health Indicators, Health Trends, and other useful links on this page.

Selected Resources for Health Data and Statistics – Other Resources

Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness Publications

- Various reports containing local data and statistics.
- See also the “Annual Statistics Reports” and other entries under “Programs and Services Index” on this page.

Canadian Institute for Health Information

- Quick Stats provides access to many health statistics, including data about hospitals or data at the health region geographical levels. Explore other sections of this website for more datasets.

Census Profiles – Socio-Demographics

Census Profile and NHS Profile

Browse to navigate census geography, or search for a specific area or even a specific postal code.

- “2011 Census data topics include: Population and dwelling counts; Age and sex; Families, households and marital status; Structural type of dwelling and collectives; and Language.”

- The 2011 NHS profiles includes “Immigration and Ethnocultural Diversity; Aboriginal Peoples; Education and Labour; Mobility and Migration; Language of work; Income and Housing.”