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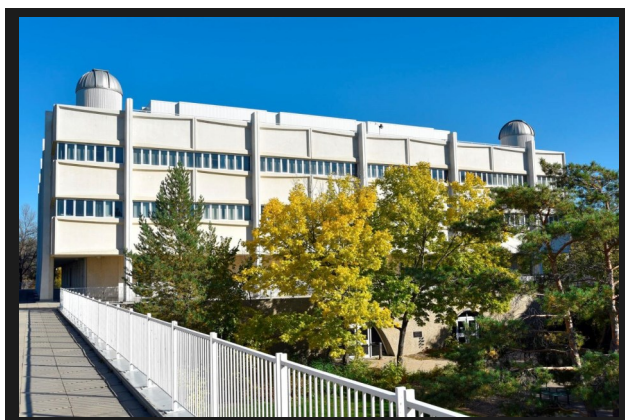


The Regina Research Data Centre Newsletter

April 2026

HELLO ALL!

Welcome to the newsletter for the Regina RDC! You will find data insights, funding opportunities, RDC news, data updates and more. Please share this with your network!



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emerging Scholars Webinar – Spring 2026

Online: April 21 at 1:00PM

Every year, the Canadian Research Data Centre Network supports the next generation of highly qualified personnel through the CRDCN Emerging Scholars Award. Award recipients are doctoral students at Canadian universities using Research Data Centre data to conduct their research.

CRDCN-CPP Webinar

Online: April 23 at 1:00PM - in English

CRDCN and Canadian Public Policy (CPP) present our tenth collaborative session to highlight policy-related research work in CPP that makes use of de-identified or restricted microdata.

This webinar will focus on two research papers:

- “The Role of Complementary Capabilities in AI Adoption and Productivity: Firm-Level Evidence from Canada” by Jiang Beryl Li (ISED) and Hujun Liu (STC)
- “The Great Mobility Puzzle Resolved” by Catherine Haec (UQAM) and Marie Connolly (UQAM)

CRDCN 2026: Evolving the Data Landscape

Lethbridge, Alberta on May 21–22, 2026

The CRDCN 2026: Evolving the Data Landscape conference will take place in Lethbridge, Alberta, on May 21–22, 2026. Join researchers, faculty, students, and data leaders from across Canada for two days of insights, collaboration, and discussion on the latest research and policy applications.

The discounted early-bird registration rate is available until 11:59 PM on March 20, 2026. Registration details and pricing are available through the online registration portal.

We Have Moved!

After our closure of the RDC at Innovation Place last July, we have moved and rebuilt our facility in the classroom building. We are now located on the third floor of the classroom building in room **cl 330.2**. The RDC has been fully operational and taking on new projects since late October.



Buffering the Health Costs of Work Stress: A 10-year Longitudinal Test of Preventative Health Behaviors as Resource Caravans

Congratulations to our Academic Director Erica Carleton on the publication of a new study which she co-led with collaborators from universities across Canada. The article used ten years of data from the Canadian National Population Health Survey (NPHS) accessed through Statistics Canada’s Research Data Centers to look at how health habits, like sleep, exercise, and nutrition, protect workers from the negative effects of workplace stress.

The full article is available in *Occupational Health Science*, Volume 10, Article 11 (2026).



Introducing Our New Academic Director

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Erica Carleton as the new Interim Academic Director of the Regina Research Data Center. Erica has joined us at an exciting time at the RDC, helping to increase the number of active projects and ramping up our activity after our location move and temporary service pause last year. Erica has a PhD in Management with a concentration in organizational behavior from Smith School of Business, Queen's University, Kingston Ontario. She is familiar with research in the RDC, having published a paper facilitated by the center.



Featured Project

W. Madusha De Silva, a PhD candidate and teaching fellow in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Regina, is conducting research to provide insight to policy makers and the public on housing affordability and ownership inequality in Canada using Bayesian hierarchical spatial models. Her current research aims to identify 'hot spots', where investor activity drives up housing costs, and 'cold spots', where affordability remains relatively stable. The research draws from the Canadian Housing Statistics Program (CHSP), a comprehensive repository of data that covers numerous aspects of the housing sector, and looks at microdata from

2018 to 2022. Central to this work is the secure microdata access provided by Statistics Canada and the Canadian Research Data Center Network. It allows De Silva to conduct fine-grained, region-level analysis that would not be possible with publicly available data. "Nearly every aspect of my research depends on the RDC. The CHSP microdata, detailed at the property and household level, is unavailable through any public source. My entire modeling framework especially identifying spatial clusters of affordability stress would not have been possible without the secure RDC environment and its support for microdata-based research." - W. Madusha De Silva



Quick Guide for RDC Access

Ensure your project requires detailed microdata available in the RDC.

Complete a project proposal.

Obtain peer review, or a letter of support.

Upload documents and apply on the Microdata Access Platform.

1. Ensure your project requires the detailed microdata available in the RDC. Statistics Canada provides many data sources that could be suitable for your research.
2. Complete a project proposal. This is comprised of a detailed outline of the data file(s) you are requesting and an analysis plan. A Statistics Canada Analyst is available to provide an informal review and comments of a proposal prior to submission to the MAP. This can help to save time and work during the formal review.
3. Student: Required to obtain a letter of support from their academic supervisor.
Non-student: Obtain a peer review.
Tenured professor: No peer review required.
4. Upload your documents to the Microdata Access Platform. Once your proposal is approved, you have to pass a security clearance check.

Pending successful completion, access is granted!

If you would like access or have any questions, reach out to us at statcan.reg_rdc-reg_cdr.statcan@statcan.gc.ca

How to apply for access

Our data holdings



NEW DATASETS IN THE RDC

Survey on Early Learning and Child Care Arrangements (SELCCA) 2025

[The Survey on Early Learning and Child Care Arrangements \(SELCCA\)](#) gathers information from parents and guardians on child care arrangements.

Parental Experiences Survey (PES) 2024

[The Parental Experiences Survey](#) aims to paint a more comprehensive picture of new parents and their infants.

Survey on Social Connections – Well-being in Canada, 2025

[The Survey on Social Connections – Well-being in Canada \(SSC-WC\)](#) is a new survey in 2025 focused on producing detailed statistical information highlighting the lived experiences of specific population groups.

Living with a Life-limiting Illness: Access to Care and Related Experiences (LLLI-ACRE)

The purpose of [the study Living with a Life-limiting Illness: Access to Care and Related Experiences \(LLLI-ACRE\)](#) is to better understand the experiences and access to care for individuals with life-limiting illnesses and their unpaid caregivers

Canadian Health Measures Survey (CHMS) Cycle 7

[The Canadian Health Measures Survey \(CHMS\)](#), launched in 2007, is collecting key information relevant to the health of Canadians by means of direct physical measurements such as blood pressure, height, weight and physical fitness.

Canadian Food Environment Database (Can-FED) 2024

[The Canadian Food Environment Dataset \(Can-FED\)](#) is a geographic-based set of measures that represents the food environment of Canadian communities.

Employment Insurance Status Vector (EISV) 2025

[The Employment Insurance Status Vector \(EISV\)](#) is an administrative dataset provided to Statistics Canada by Employment and Social Development Canada.

Longitudinal Immigration Database (IMDB) - 2024

[The Longitudinal Immigration Database \(IMDB\)](#) includes administrative immigration data for all immigrants since 1952 and non-permanent residents since 1980.



HOURS, CLOSURES & CHANGES

Please note the following changes and closures.
Updates are also available on our online booking system.

The current operation schedule is effective until the end of April. Please check our calendar for future operation hours.

9:00 - 17:00, Tuesdays and Thursdays

10:00 - 17:00, Fridays

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The calendar can be accessed from the URegina website.

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