



# Finding Canadian Government Pubs.

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# Objectives

- 1 Finding print Canadian government publications
- 2 Electronic Canadian government publications
- 3 Census Information/ Survey Data

# Finding Print Canadian Government Publications

- Use **MORRIS**
- Search by title/journal title
- Search by author
- Search by author/title keyword
- Search by subject keyword (**1995 to the present**)
- Search by keyword(s) anywhere

# Tips and Tricks

- Use **and** to combine main concepts
  - ✓ child **and** labour **and** treatment
- Use **or** to expand search (use synonyms)
  - ✓ child **or** youth
- Use truncation
  - ✓ Canad\*
  - ✓ Canada
  - ✓ Canadian
  - ✓ Canadians
- Phrase searching
  - ✓ “employment equity”

# CODOC

- Co-operative Documents (Project)
- 11 Academic libraries
- Classification system was developed specifically for government documents and allows them to be shelved alphabetically by country or organization, then by level of government (federal, provincial, municipal, etc.) and then by department, division and branch (Human Resources and Skills Development, Ministry of labour)

# CODOC

## Aspirations of Canadian youth for higher education

### Country Code

CA = Canada

UK = United Kingdom

UN = United Nations

US = United States

### Year of Publication

**CA 1**

#### Level of Gov.

1 = Federal

2 = Provincial

3 = Region

4 = Municipal

**HR 315**

#### Identifies Department

Human Resources

and skills development

**2004**

**A71**

#### Title identifier

# Save Time!

- Be sure to check
  - location
    - which library?
    - which collection?
    - use Book Location Guide to find the right floor
  - status
    - checked out
    - reserve
    - non-circulating
- Gov Pubs are sometimes non-circulating (check for barcode!)



# Electronic Resources at Mac

- <http://library.mcmaster.ca>
- Follow **How to find...** link from library homepage  
**Mills left navigation bar**
- Select Government Publications



# Government Publications on the Web

<b>CANADA</b>		
FEDERAL		
PROVINCIAL & TERRITORIAL		
MUNICIPAL		
STATISTICS		

# Government Publications on the Web

- Government Site
  - **Government of Canada Website**
  - **Ontario Government Website**
- Department and Agencies
  - **Canada. Human Resources and Skills Development**
  - **Health Canada**
  - **Ontario. Ministry of Labour**
- Parliamentary
  - **Debates**
- Legislative
  - **Consolidated Statutes and Regulations**
- Statistical
  - **Statistics Canada, Ontario Statistics**
  - **Census**

# STATISTICAL SOURCES

- *STATISTICS CANADA CATALOGUE*
- *STATISTICS CANADA DOWNLOADABLE*
- *STATISTICS CANADA WEBPAGE*
- *STRATEGIS (Industry Canada)*
- *E-STAT*

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# STATISTICAL SOURCES

- ***STATISTICS CANADA WEBPAGE***
  - REPORTS DAILY ON THE STATE OF OUR ECONOMY AND OUR SOCIAL FABRIC
  - AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, MANUFACTURING, PRICES, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES, SOCIAL CONDITION AND TRAVEL AND TOURISM

# STATISTICAL SOURCES

- *STRATEGIS (Industry Canada)*
  - CANADIAN INFORMATION RESOURCES FOR CANADIAN BUSINESSES AND CONSUMERS
  - INCLUDES COMPANY DIRECTORIES AND BUSINESS INFORMATION BY INDUSTRY SECTOR

# STATISTICAL SOURCES

- *E-STAT*

- OFFERS AN ENORMOUS WAREHOUSE OF RELIABLE AND TIMELY STATISTICS ABOUT CANADA
- PROVIDES DATA IN GRAPHS AND MAPS

# CENSUS DATA

- PROVIDES US WITH AN UPDATED NATIONAL PORTRAIT OF OUR WORK LIFE, FAMILY STRUCTURE, ETHNICITY, EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING



# CENSUS DATA

- every 10 years since 1871
- every 5 years since 1956
- all data collected in a single day
- a “snapshot” of the Canadian population at one moment in time
- based on census tracts
- most recent survey was 2006

# CENSUS DATA

- Types of data variables

- Demography (age, sex)
- Household and family
- Health
- Social characteristics  
(language, ethnic group,  
religion)
- Income and employment
- Education
- Environmental variables
- Economic conditions

# CENSUS DATA

- **Characteristics**

- **100% sample** = questions every household about age, sex, family characteristics
- **20% sample** = questions 1 household in 5 about language, ethnic groups, religion, income, employment

# SURVEY DATA

- **Characteristics**

- more frequent data collection
  - = annual, monthly, daily
- “cross-sectional” data, rather than a “snapshot”
- always sample of population

# SURVEY DATA

## ● Examples

- Canadian Tobacco use Monitoring Survey
- Household Internet Use Survey
- National Population Health Survey
- Survey of Household Spending
- Labour Force Survey
- Travel Survey
- Participation and Activity Limitation Survey (PALS)

# The Importance of Geography

- Census data is available for 15-20 different levels, including very small units of geography (census tracts ,enumeration areas)
- Survey data is only available for large aggregated units of geography (Canada, provinces, health regions)

# SEARCHING ONLINE DATABASES

- *CANADIAN RESEARCH INDEX*
- *CBCA (CANADIAN BUSINESS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS)*
- *CPI.Q. (CANADIAN PERIODICAL INDEX)*
- *LEXIS NEXIS (NEWSPAPERS)*

# SEARCHING ONLINE DATABASES

Access on campus and from home using MacID

➤ Search by

- Keywords
- Subjects
- Title
- Author

➤ Limit by

- Format
- Year
- Full Text



# Bibliographic Citations for Gov. Pubs.

- GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS HOMEPAGE

HOW TO CITE....

# Your Turn!

➤ Try to find documents on

**Employment Equity**

**Higher education**

# Recap

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# Conclusion

- Questions?
- Remember
  - ask for help if you need it
- Visit the second floor  
email or IM

