

**Request for Proposals
Research Data Centre Program
Statistics Canada
Canadian Housing Statistics Program
Fall 2019**

The Canadian Housing Statistics Program (CHSP) is conducting a pilot project to provide access to the program's microdata consisting of residential property and owner characteristics. The data is a comprehensive source of linked administrative data on housing.

The Program

The CHSP, launched in 2017, has produced databases that describe many aspects of the housing sector, with the ultimate goal of including all residential properties and residential property owners in Canada. CHSP has achieved this by linking administrative data sources (e.g. property assessment rolls, land titles, tax files, immigration data, etc.). The data created by CHSP and supplied to the Research Data Centre (RDC) represents a census of all owners and residential properties, for the provinces of British Columbia, Ontario and Nova Scotia. Data for this pilot represent a snapshot for the 2018 reference year. The CHSP is planning on adding additional provinces and territories, and subsequent vintages as the development of the program continues.

By using these data, researchers can investigate questions that relate to:

- Non-resident ownership of residential properties
- Income of residential property owners
- Owners of multiple residential properties
- Properties owned by firms and governments
- Sociodemographic characteristics of residential property owners
- Characteristics of residential properties

Submission objectives

This call for proposals is an opportunity for researchers to present submissions that test the analytical possibilities of the CHSP dataset. The objective of this pilot is to address the feasibility of supporting a broader usage of the CHSP in the RDCs. The pilot will also allow the program to test the vetting rules and address potential issues faced by researchers.

During this pilot, specific objectives will be addressed:

- Increase the exposure, relevancy and impact of CHSP data for Canadians
- Determining robustness and appropriateness of the vetting rules
- Assessing the usefulness and suitability of the data documentation and support
- Testing the SAS and Stata versions of the dataset

Researchers with approved projects are expected to:

- Attend data user group meetings
- Provide feedback on the data and documentation
- Be prepared for vetting rules to be tested and amended as a result
 - The vetting is being done by a committee and, therefore, release of results will take longer than non-pilot projects

Limitations

At this point, the CHSP will not be considering additional record linkages based on the database. While feedback on additional linkages will be welcomed, they cannot be undertaken at this time. Merges, as opposed to record linkages, will be permitted as long as they are respecting the Microdata Access Division rules on external data.

The CHSP restricts the dissemination of the data outside the RDCs at the Census Subdivision (CSD) level. This is motivated by acquisition rules and potential disclosure risks for lower levels of geography. This consideration should be factored into the type and scope of the proposals that are submitted.

What to include in the proposal

The details of what information to include in an RDC research proposal can be found on the [RDC website](#).

- Please refer to “Step 1: Draft a project proposal.”
- Do not complete “Step 2: Complete the online application form on the SSHRC website,” as proposals for the pilot should not be submitted through the SSHRC website

Please contact Mustafa Ornek (mustafa.ornek@canada.ca) for any questions regarding the composition of a proposal or regarding the CHSP data itself.

Submission guidelines

All interested researchers are asked to submit their proposals for the usage of CHSP data under this pilot program by **Monday, September 30th**.

Submitted proposals will be assessed on the types of analysis done as well as the relevancy of the topic to the field of Housing Statistics.

Both accepted and rejected proposals will be notified by mid-October 2019.

Proposals should be submitted by September 30, 2019 to:

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Proposals received after this date will be considered as long as space permits.