The Ottawa and Region Community Data Consortium
FAQ

What is The Ottawa and Region Community Data Consortium?

The Ottawa Region Community Data Consortium is the local Ottawa consortium within a national "Community Data Program" (CDP) run by the Canadian Community Economic Development Network. Through the CDP, members (normally municipalities and community sector organizations) access customized tables from Statistics Canada and other sources to get the evidence that supports sound decisions and social development programs. In most communities, the municipality is the lead. In Ottawa, the Social Planning Council of Ottawa has been the lead since 2011. The intent of the Ottawa and Region Community Data Consortium, under the leadership of the Social Planning Council of Ottawa, is to develop an eco-system of data users who are supporting each other, in order that Ottawa stakeholders addressing social issues have sustainable access to the information they need to make good decisions.

What do members receive?

Data: Members enjoy direct access to over $1 million worth of relevant and credible community data products capturing trends and conditions related to hundreds of topics at the smallest geographies available for the entire country. The entire CDP data repository is available from a members-only online repository. Each member organization has unlimited users among their staff/volunteers and unlimited downloads. Please contact us for the most up-to-date catalogue.

Training: Technical support services are designed to reach members with a range of skills and knowledge, from power data users to data novices. These services are provided partially by the Social Planning Council of Ottawa and partially by the national consortium. Supports include customized training, email and phone support, access to web-based data and analysis tools, and webinars connecting members to a Canada-wide network of like-minded community data users.

Networking: Ottawa members become part of a growing and dynamic network of over 2,300 individuals, working in over 500 municipal and community sector organizations across the country. An annual meeting, newsletters, community data stories, and live and recorded webinar events all contribute to raising awareness about evidence-based social development.

Data search and presentation resources: The national CDP secretariat has developed a growing number of fillable infographics on their website, to enable easy data presentation on popular themes. Both the national CDP secretariat and the Social Planning Council of Ottawa have developed a range of thematic web-based data and mapping atlases to enable easy data access for local organizations. Visit 2021 Census Highlights for Ottawa and Region, and Eastern Ontario Atlas and Neighbourhood Equity Index to explore just some of the data visualizations.

Input into the data content and geographic boundaries: The content of the national purchase is negotiated across all the local consortia. Local members have the opportunity to request additional products and custom geographies that they would like included. The data package is updated throughout the life of the consortium based on this input. Data is purchased for a broad range of

geographies (census division, census sub-division, census tract, dissemination area, forward sortation area, electoral districts, and the new geographies in the 2016 census). Local consortia can request custom geographies which matter to their members, and the most popular tables are prepared at these custom and semi-custom geographies.

The custom geographies which have been available in the Ottawa Region Community Data Consortium are:
- Early-On Neighbourhoods (formerly "Best Start")
- Champlain Planning Regions
- Coalition of Community Health and Resource Centre Boundaries
- Ottawa Neighbourhood Study Neighbourhoods
- City of Ottawa Wards, and
- Community Development Framework and Ottawa Neighbourhood Social Capital Forum Neighbourhoods

How much does it cost?

The Ottawa consortium operates on a collaborative model of cost-recovery, in which all members contribute to the cost of the local consortium based on a sliding fee scale of suggested contribution.

Total cost for the Ottawa and Region Community Data Consortium (all members combined):

$19,990 per year for 5 years ($99,950)[i] plus HST
+ $125 administration fee for each individual member organization of the local consortium.

Cost to individual members of the Ottawa Region Community Data Consortium

The table below sets out the suggested fee contribution (individual administration fee included).

Organization characteristics	Suggested Member Fee
For Organizations Whose Core Mandate is Not Research or Data	$250 - $500 per year
For Organizations Whose Core Mandate is Research or Data	$3,000 per year
Government or Quasi-Governmental Organization	$5,000 per year

If the suggested fee is a barrier to your organization's participation, please contact Dianne at dianneu@spcottawa.on.ca to negotiate an alternate arrangement.

Who are the current members of the Ottawa Region Community Data Consortium?

- Social Planning Council of Ottawa (www.spcottawa.on.ca)
- Ottawa Community Foundation of Ottawa (www.cfo-fco.ca)
- Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization (http://ociso.org)
- Ontario Early Years Centre - Prescott-Russell
- Local Immigration Partnership – Lanark/Renfrew

- CHEO Research Institute
- The 13 community health and resource centres within the Ottawa Coalition of Community Health and Resource Centres.

Members must agree to abide by the licensing agreement and to acknowledge the data consortium in published materials that use the data. Members are encouraged, but not obliged, to support each other and contribute to the community of data users.

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[i] Cost of the data is shared across all local consortium, based on the population of the local region