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This guide points to some key resources available for research in this course, with special focus on Census-related information. Topics covered: Finding articles, books, Census & NHS data, and related reference sources.

Finding Articles:

Recommended databases:

For academic journal articles: Environment Complete & SocINDEX (EBSCO), ProQuest, Science Direct, Taylor & Francis: Each have a significant number of journals on geography, urban studies, planning, and related topics.

For Canadian content and variety of sources: ProQuest(All): Has major Canadian newspapers, including the Montreal Gazette, Canadian journals and magazines, e.g. Canadian Geographer, Maclean’s, etc. and provides access to many relevant academic journals, e.g. Urban Studies, Urban Studies Research, Canadian J. of Urban Research, Progress in Human Geography, etc.

For French-language news sources: Eureka.cc: Has Le Devoir, La Presse, etc.

Search Tips: use ‘AND’ to combine keywords; (‘OR’ to broaden searches using synonyms); use field searching (e.g. Subject, Abstract, Assigned Keywords) to increase relevance; use double quotes for phrase searching; use * to truncate words to get all possible endings (e.g. neighbo* to get American and Canadian spellings); change article sort to most recent, where appropriate; copy and paste citation information for each article saved or used; use Journal Finder to access full text where needed.

Finding Books:

Use the Library Catalogue (First QuickLink on library homepage)

tips: Combine keywords using AND

search keyword(s) in LC Subject for more relevancy (especially placenames)

check the full record of books found to see subject headings for further searches
Use Advanced Search to limit by format, location, language, etc.

Consider using Reference Sources to clarify terms, get more details on research methods, etc.: e.g. *Dictionary of Human Geography* GF 4 D52 REF., *Key Methods in Geography* G 74 .K429

**Stacks**

**Census of Canada:**

Select “Census of Canada” from Statistics Canada homepage: [http://statcan.gc.ca](http://statcan.gc.ca)

Links to the 2006 and 2001 Census are on the left side.

**2011 Census**: Select “More 2011 Census profiles” to get to the Placename and Geographic code search screen.

**2006 Census**: Census Tract Search screen: Select “Data Products”, “Census Tract Profiles”

**2001 Census**: CT Profiles Search Screen: Select “Data (far left), then “Profiles”, “Area Profiles”, #3: Profile for Census Metropolitan Areas, Tracted Census Agglomerations and Census Tracts

At the CT Profiles Search screen: Use Geographic Index: Montreal, then CT code

See “Reference materials” for Census Dictionary, Census Overview, etc. (Appendix A of the *Census Dictionary* contains a complete list of census questions asked since Confederation.)

See “Geography” for Reference Maps, Illustrated Glossary of Geographic units, GeoSearch, etc.

Select Dissemination Area Reference Maps: by Census Tracts, for Census Metropolitan Areas and Census Agglomerations to see a clear map with street names of each CT.

GeoSearch: For 2011 Census only: Allows comparing four areas in one table, and selected thematic mapping.

**National Household Survey:**

Select “Census of Canada” from Statistics Canada homepage: [http://statcan.gc.ca](http://statcan.gc.ca) (NHS icon top right) NHS Profile has variables formerly in long-form census. See also analytical products, and reference products: e.g. NHS Dictionary, Areas not released, Data quality standards, etc.

**Other Census-related information:**

Search for related information by using the Statistics Canada search engine or following links. Example: Analytical papers provide analysis of Census data by topic (e.g., education, income and earnings). These articles generally provide comparisons with previous census years.
Statistics: Power from Data!
http://www.statcan.gc.ca/edu/power-pouvoir/toc-tdm/5214718-eng.htm
(a guide for students; includes information and exercises on analytical graphing)


Topic-based tabulations: Selected tabulations combine variables; very few at CT level. HTML tables can be downloaded in .CSV format (opens in Excel) or. IVT (for Beyond 20/20).

Beyond 20/20 Browser QuickStart Guide
has pivoting and nesting capabilities to switch dimensions and show more than one dimension along rows and columns. Has graphing and mapping features.

Beyond 20/20 is installed on all campus computers. You can also download it from Statistics Canada for free at: http://www.statcan.gc.ca/public-publique/beyond20-20-eng.htm

Data files: Census Public Use Microdata Files (PUMFs) and raw data from other Statistics Canada surveys require knowledge of SAS, SPSS or STATA to use.

Citing Sources:

How to Cite Statistics Canada Products
Note that examples given should be adjusted to be consistent with whatever citation style you are using for the other citations in your report.

See also the Geography & Environmental Studies Subject guide for links to APA tip sheets.

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