



Task Title: Using Statistics Data in Research

OALCF Cover Sheet – Learner Copy

Learner Name: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Completed: _____

Successful Completion: Yes ☐ No ☐

Goal Path: Employment ☐ Apprenticeship ☐

Secondary School ☐ Post Secondary ☐ Independence ☐

Task Description: The learner will watch a short video about how to access and use data on the Statistics Canada website. Using the video instructions, they will then search for a dataset on a specific topic.

Main Competency/Task Group/Level Indicator:

- Find and Use Information/Extract info from films, broadcasts and presentations/A3
- Use Digital Technology/D.3

Materials Required:

- Pen/pencil and paper and/or digital device
- Computer

Learner Information

Many college and university students need to find relevant statistics as part of their research projects. Statistics Canada has many publicly available datasets that can help.

Watch “Finding Statistics Using StatCan’s Data Portal” on the Wilfred Laurier University Library website:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=so9g-h5_ZtQ (5:16)

Work Sheet

Task 1: Where does Statistics Canada put the results of most surveys?

Answer:

Task 2: List three (3) ways search results can be filtered.

Answer:

Task 3: List two (2) possible differences between tables that may appear to have the same title.

Answer:

Go to the Statistics Canada website:

<https://www.statcan.gc.ca/en/start>

Task 4: Conduct a search for data related to housing affordability in Canada. Write the title of a dataset you could use if you were researching this topic.

Answer:

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Task 5: Sort the dataset you chose to find data about Ontario.

Answer: No written response required here.

Task completed: Yes: ☐

Task 6: Download the table and save it to your computer. Use the name of the dataset as the title for your saved file. Show your practitioner.

Answer: No written response required here.

Task completed: Yes: ☐
