

The publications program includes statistical information from each subject area most commonly used. Special tabulations are issued in response to requests for more detail.

In addition to the publications program, there is considerable distribution of statistical information through newspapers, magazines, trade journals, trade associations, radio and television broadcasts. Much of Statistics Canada material is used in a wide range of reference publications such as year books and encyclopedias and is incorporated into research studies, books, learned journals and in a great variety of other public and private documents.

Geocoding, known formally as the Geographically Referenced Data Storage and Retrieval System (GRDSR), is one example of the sophisticated tools the bureau uses for processing data and providing statistical information. Through GRDSR, certain statistical information from the census can now be quickly and inexpensively obtained about small areas in major cities.

Another example of Statistics Canada's capability for the storage and speedy processing of information is the Canadian Socio-economic Information Management System (CANSIM). CANSIM stores and updates hundreds of series of information on such topics as prices, industrial production, trade, and national accounts. Most series cover statistics for several years. Information tailored to user requirements is provided on computer tapes or in table form.

The principal vehicle for informing the public about the bureau's output is the free catalogue of publications, issued annually. It can be obtained by writing to Publications Distribution, Statistics Canada, Ottawa K1A 0T6. The catalogue lists and describes all publications, grouped by subject areas. An index lists several thousand entries arranged in alphabetical order and cross-referenced where necessary to show several publications in which information on a given subject may be found.

Statistics Canada publications may be obtained from the bureau headquarters, by using the order form supplied with the catalogue, and through regional offices at St. John's, Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton and Vancouver. Frequently-used publications are stocked in Information Canada bookstores in principal cities. Major public and university libraries, provincial libraries and the National Library at Ottawa have Statistics Canada publications available for reference and the Statistics Canada library in Ottawa has all publications issued since the bureau was established.