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Public Opinion Polls on Terrorist Attacks Now Available...

ICPSR has recently released four ABC News/Washington Post polls focusing on the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11th:

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/ORG/announce.html#terror>

- ❑ ABC News/WASHINGTON POST Terrorist Attack Poll #1, September 2001 (ICPSR 3289)
- ❑ ABC News/WASHINGTON POST Terrorist Attack Poll #2, September 2001 (ICPSR 3290)

- ❑ ABC News/WASHINGTON POST Terrorist Attack Poll #3, September 2001 (ICPSR 3294)
- ❑ ABC News/WASHINGTON POST Afghanistan Attack Poll #1, October 2001 (ICPSR 3298)
- ❑ ABC News/WASHINGTON POST Afghanistan Attack Poll #2, October 2001 (ICPSR 3299)
- ❑ ABC News/WASHINGTON POST Anthrax Poll, October 2001 (ICPSR 3300)

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CANSIM II

Statistics Canada's prime source for disseminating a wealth of up-to-date socio-economic data has a dynamic new version - CANSIM II. Since 1969, CANSIM (the Canadian Socio-economic Information Management database) has been a point of access for tracking trends in virtually every aspect of Canadian life, from demographics to manufacturing to international trade.

CANSIM II offers the same authoritative data, but with major improvements over its predecessor. These include: multi-dimensional access to make finding information easier than ever; a new user-friendly format with improved labels, terminology and footnotes; and exhaustive data not previously found in CANSIM on a wide range of topics. You can search for data by theme, keyword, table number or series number.

CANSIM II contains more than 1.3 million individual data time series.

Three Ways to Access CANSIM II

1. **ESTAT**
Search and browse for series. Download data.
<http://estat.statcan.ca/content/english/over.htm>
2. **Statistics Canada Site**
Okay for searching, but you will be **prompted to pay** for the data using this method
3. **University of Toronto, CHASS. Available January 2001.**

Labour Force Survey, 1999 and 2000

The Labour Force Survey (LFS) is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications - employed, unemployed, and not in the labour force - and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

The Labour Force Survey will undergo a major revision at the beginning of 2000. This revision will reflect two important changes. First, all LFS estimates will be adjusted to reflect 1996 Census population counts. Second, composite estimation will be adopted. This new method of estimation will reduce the volatility of month-to-month changes for a number of variables. As a result of these two changes, all LFS estimates will be revised back to January 1976. Users must be aware that historical comparisons of estimates produced by the LFS must be made with revised historical data. Revised historical data will be available on CANSIM as well as on the Labour Force Historical Review. See *Improvements in 2000 to the LFS* on the Statistics Canada Web Site

<http://www.statcan.ca/english/concepts/lfs/lfs.pdf>

Survey of Approaches to Educational Planning, 1999

SAEP is the first Statistics Canada household survey to collect detailed information on how Canadians prepare for their children's post-secondary education. The survey was conducted in October 1999 as a supplement to the Labour Force Survey. Data were collected concerning 20,353 children aged 18 years or under in 1999. A Public Use Microdata File is not being planned for this survey. For more information on this survey see the Statistics Canada Web Site

<http://www.statcan.ca/Daily/English/010410/d010410a.htm>

Finding and Using Statistics

A Key Source of Information on Canada and Canadians

This guide is an electronic resource for finding and using statistics Canada data. Also included is a section on current issues, activities and programs, and future directions at Statistics Canada. The guide includes the following key areas:

- Finding the Data
- Using the Data
- About Statistics Canada and Other Resources

<http://www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/11-533-XIE/free.htm>

Canadian Tobacco Use Monitoring Survey

The Canadian Tobacco Use Monitoring Survey was conducted for Health Canada to provide data on tobacco use and related issues. The primary objective of the survey is to track changes in smoking status, especially for population most at risk, such as the 15-24 years olds. The survey will allow Health Canada to estimate smoking prevalence for age groups 15-24 and 25+ by province and by gender on a semi-annual basis.

Survey of Smoking Habits

The primary use of the data from the 1986 Survey of Smoking Habits will be as input to existent time series data which will enable identification and analysis of changes in Canada's smoking population.

Although the data has a multiplicity of uses, the analysis is focused on 3 major groups:

1. Non Smokers
2. Regular Smokers
3. Occasional Smokers

Data from the Smoking Habits Survey will aid Health & Welfare Canada to assess public education programs which are intended to inform Canadians about the incidence of diseases which may be attributable to smoking. Survey years available are 1981, 1983 and 1986.

First Nations and Inuit Regional Health Survey

The Final Report of the First Nations and Inuit Regional Health Survey (FNIRHS) consists of eight thematic volumes corresponding to the topical areas in the Core Questions: 1) Children Health, 2) An Examination of Residential Schools and Elder Health, 3) Chronic Diseases, 4) Tobacco Report, 5) Activity Limitations and the Need for Continuing Care, 6) The Search for Wellness, 7) Health and Dental Services for Aboriginal People. Each thematic volume includes a literature review as well as an analysis of core data results. Comparison of core data results with other databases such as NPHS, NLSCY, and APS is also included wherever possible.

http://www.afn.ca/Programs/Health_Secretariat/PDF's/title.pdf

Social Capital Community Benchmark Survey, 2000

This survey is the largest-ever on the civic engagement of Americans.

The Survey comprises both a national sample of some 3,000 respondents and community respondents in 41 communities nationwide covering an additional 26,700 respondents. The survey measures everything from levels of giving blood, to hanging out with friends, to participating in various groups and associations, to levels of trust, to participation in group arts and group sports, to the diversity of our friendship patterns. The release of the dataset for the survey will enable researchers around the country to undertake their own research on these topics.

The survey is available from the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research at

http://www.ropercenter.uconn.edu/scc_bench.html

Children and Youth at Risk

Explores research and policy issues concerning the education of children who are at risk of not meeting the normal expectations of the education system.

<http://www.statcan.ca:80/english/freepub/81-589-XIE/81-589-XIE01001.pdf>

Survey of Financial Security, 1999

This survey provides the most comprehensive statistical portrait yet of Canadians' net worth.

<http://www.statcan.ca/Daily/English/010315/d010315a.htm>

It covered about 16,000 responding households, collected information on the assets and debts of families and unattached individuals from May to July 1999. The survey obtained data on the value of all major financial and non-financial assets, and on the money owing on mortgages, vehicles, credit cards, student loans and other debts.

The Assets and Debts of Canadians: An overview of the results of the Survey of Financial Security (13-595-XIE) is available at

<http://www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/13-595-XIE/9900113-595-XIE.pdf>

Summary data tables are also available free of charge on the Statistics Canada Web Site:

- ❑ Composition of assets and debts
<http://www.statcan.ca/english/Pgdb/People/Families/famil93a.htm>
- ❑ Assets and debts held by family units
<http://www.statcan.ca/english/Pgdb/People/Families/famil99a.htm>
- ❑ Net worth and debt/asset ratios of family units by selected characteristics
<http://www.statcan.ca/english/Pgdb/People/Families/famil91a.htm>
- ❑ Family units by net worth group and age
<http://www.statcan.ca/english/Pgdb/People/Families/famil96.htm>
- ❑ Family units by income group and by net worth quintile
<http://www.statcan.ca/english/Pgdb/People/Families/famil92.htm>

The release of the public use microdata file is expected towards the end of 2001 or in the first quarter of 2002

DataCrunch is available on-line:

<http://uregina.ca/datalibrary/datacrunch.html>

RECENTLY RELEASED

CANADIAN TRADE DATA (ASCI)

CANSIM II

GENERAL SOCIAL SCIENCE SURVEY, CYCLE 14: ACCESS TO
& USE OF INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS
TECHNOLOGY

HEALTH PCCF+ (GEOCODES/PCCF VERSION 3G)

HOUSEHOLD INTERNET USE SURVEY 2000

INTER-CORPORATE OWNERSHIP, 2001-1

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SURVEY, 2000

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY, 1999 AND 2000

MATERNITY LEAVE SURVEY 1985

NATIONAL LONGITUDINAL SURVEY OF CHILDREN AND
YOUTH (NLSCY) - CYCLE 3, 1998-99

NATIONAL SURVEY OF GIVING, VOLUNTEERING AND
PARTICIPATING , 2000

RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE SERVICE SURVEY MAY 2001

SOCIAL POLICY SIMULATION DATABASE & MODEL,
VERSION 9.0

SURVEY OF DISPLACED WORKERS, 1986

SURVEY OF HOUSEHOLD SPENDING, 1999

SURVEY OF LABOUR & INCOME DYNAMICS 1996, 1997, 1998

SURVEY OF SMOKING HABITS, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981 &
1983

COMING SOON

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COVERAGE SURVEY (EICS)
1997, 1998 & 1999 (FALL 2001)

HOMEOWNER REPAIR AND RENOVATION SURVEY 1996 -
(FALL 2001)

NATIONAL GRADUATE SURVEY, 1995 - 2000 FOLLOW-UP
(FALL 2001)

SURVEY OF FINANCIAL SECURITY (LATE 2001)

SURVEY OF HOUSEHOLD ENERGY USE, 1998 (DEC. 2001)

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