Managing Confidentiality and Provenance across Mixed Private and Publicly-Accessed Data and Metadata

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Introduction

NCRN

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- For more information, see www.ncrn.cornell.edu.

Introduction

Overview of work

- Basic program outlined in Abowd, Vilhuber, and Block (PSD 2012) [3] and Lagoze, Block, Williams, Abowd, and Vilhuber, (IDCC 2013) [8]
- PROV extension described in more detail in Lagoze, Williams, Vilhuber (Metadata and Semantics Research Conference, November 2013) and Lagoze et al (European DDI User Confernce, December 2013) [9]

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Replication of research results

Critical element of science

- Replication of methods, data inputs, computational environment is a critical element of the scientific approach
- Journals, funding agencies (in the U.S.) have been moving to making archiving of inputs to scientific results more robust, even mandatory

Not a new problem

Econometrica

“In its first issue, the editor of Econometrica (1933), Ragnar Frisch, noted the importance of publishing data such that readers could fully explore empirical results. Publication of data, however, was discontinued early in the journal’s history. [...] The journal arrived full-circle in late 2004 when Econometrica adopted one of the more stringent policies on availability of data and programs.

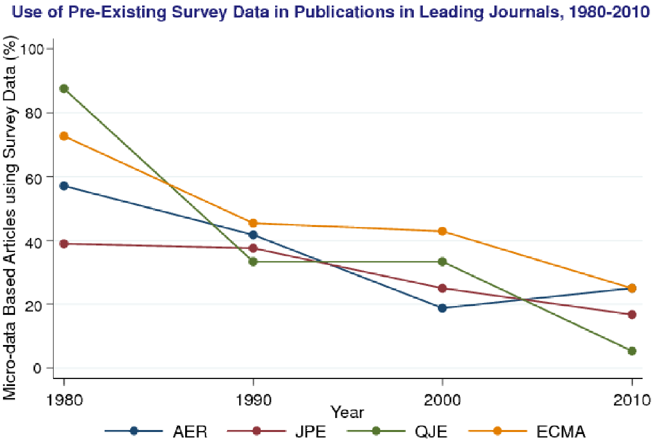
http://www.econometricsociety.org/submissions.asp#4 as cited in Anderson et al (2005)

Problem will become worse

Increased use of restricted-access data

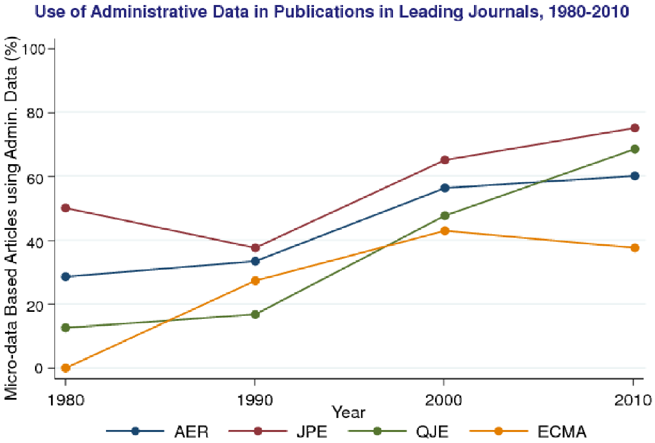
- Today's young scholars pursue research programs that mandate inherently identifiable data
    - Geospatial relations,
    - Exact genome data,
    - Networks of all sorts,
    - Linked administrative records
- These researchers acquire authorized, generally unfettered, restricted access to the confidential, identifiable data and perform their analyses in secure environments.
- Archiving (curation) of input data is complicated
- Knowledge discovery is complicated

Decline in the use of classic public-use data



Note: "Pre-Existing survey" datasets refer to micro surveys such as the CPS or SIPP and do not include surveys designed by researchers for their study. Sample excludes studies whose primary data source is from developing countries.

Increase in the use of administrative data in economics



Note: "Administrative" datasets refer to any dataset that was collected without directly surveying individuals (e.g., scanner data, stock prices, school district records, social security records). Sample excludes studies whose primary data source is from developing countries.

Not limited to economics

Nature, 2012

“Many of the emerging ‘big data’ applications come from private sources that are inaccessible to other researchers. The data source may be hidden, compounding problems of verification, as well as concerns about the generality of the results.”

(Huberman, Nature 482, 308 (16 February 2012) doi:10.1038/482308d)

Other domains

- Biology (genetics data, chemical compounds)
- Computer science (search records, single-firm examples)

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Why we think there is a problem

Core issues

a. Insufficient curation (starting with archiving)
b. No way to reference data (unique identifiers)
c. No consistent way to learn about the data (metadata dissemination)
d. Weak or non-existent provenance tracing

Generalized problem

Multiple data sources in the US

- U.S. Census Bureau (RDC) ‣ more
- Internal Revenue Service (confidential, public-use) ‣ more
- Bureau of Labor Statistics (confidential, public-use data) ‣ more

Present elsewhere?

- Canada:
  - Centre for Data Development and Economic Research (CDER: RDC-like for business data) ‣ more
  - better: Canadian RDC network ‣ more
- France: Réseau Quetelet ‣ more , Centre d'accés sécurisé distant aux données (CASD)
- Germany: IAB

Comprehensive Extensible Data Documentation and Access (CED^{2}AR)

Core

We develop the core of a method for solving the data archive and curation problem that confronts the custodians of restricted-access research data and the scientific users of such data. Our solution recognizes the dual protections afforded by physical security and access limitation protocols, and allows for much improved provenance tracing.

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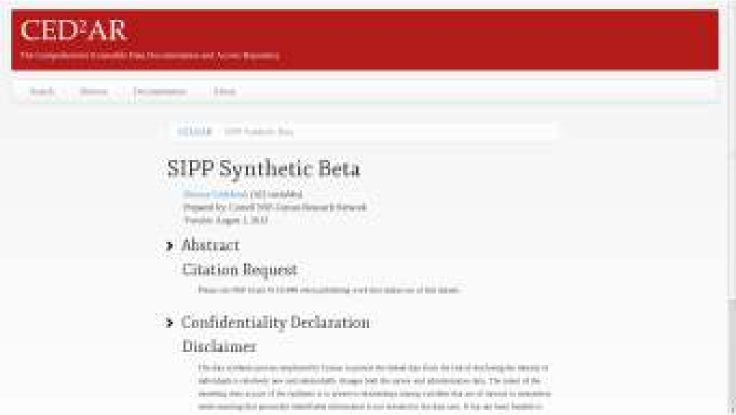
What is DDI?

Example of DDI

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<codeBook xmlns="ddi:codebook:2_5" ...>
   <docDscr>
      <citation>
         <titlStmt>
           <titl>SIPP_Synthetic_Beta</titl>
           <altTitl>SSB</altTitl>
           <IDNo agency="DOI">TBD</IDNo>
         </titlStmt>
         <rspStmt>
            <AuthEnty affiliation="Cornell University">
               Virtual RDC
            </AuthEnty>
          </rspStmt>
```

..better seen as



CED²AR

The Comprehensive Extensible Data Documentation and Access Repository

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SIPP Synthetic Beta

Browse Codebook (162 variables)
Prepared by: Cornell NSF-Census Research Network
Posted on: August 1, 2013

› Abstract

Citation Request

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› Confidentiality Declaration

Disclaimer

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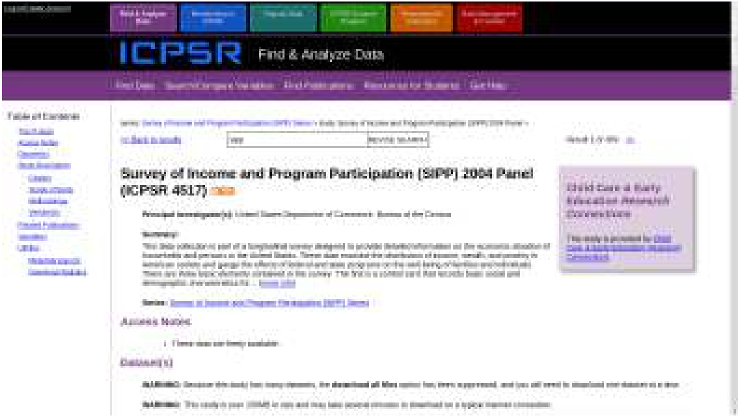
Example DDI: ICPSR



Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) 2004 Panel (ICPSR 4517)

Principal Investigator(s): United States Department of Commerce. Bureau of the Census

Summary:

This data collection is part of a longitudinal survey designed to provide detailed information on the economic situation of households and persons in the United States. These data examine the distribution of income, wealth, and poverty in American society and gauge the effects of federal and state programs on the well-being of families and individuals. There are three basic elements contained in the survey. The first is a control card that records basic social and demographic characteristics for ... (more info)

Series: Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) Series

Access Notes

- These data are freely available.

Dataset(s)

WARNING: Because this study has many datasets, the **download all files** option has been suppressed, and you will need to download one dataset at a time.

WARNING: This study is over 150MB in size and may take several minutes to download on a typical internet connection.

Child Care & Early Education Research Connections

This study is provided by Child Care & Early Education Research Connections

Example DDI: UK data archive

UK Data Service

Discover

Variables and question bank

Series

Family Expenditure Survey

SERIES ABSTRACT

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DATA ACCESS

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RELATED RESOURCES

Related studies

[illegible]

Expanded DDI attributes

Standard DDI

Fragment of variable description*

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<var ID="V1" dcml="0" files="F1" intrvl="discrete"
 name="cur_end mar_flag">
    <location width="12"/>
      <labl>Flag: Linked marriage ended</labl>
        <valrng>
          <range UNITS="REAL" max="2" min="0"/>
        </valrng>
        <sumStat type="vald"> 123 </sumStat>
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Enhanced DDI

Re-using existing attribute, but expanding scope.*

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        <sumStat access="restricted" type="vald"> 123 </sum
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Enhanced DDI

Allows for verifiable filtering*

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        <valrng access="release">
          <range UNITS="REAL" max="2" min="0"/>
        </valrng>
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        <!-- sumStat suppressed -->
        <catgry access="release">
          <catValu access="release"> 1 </catValu>
          <catStat type="freq" access="restricted">
               [suppressed]
          </catStat>
        </catgry>
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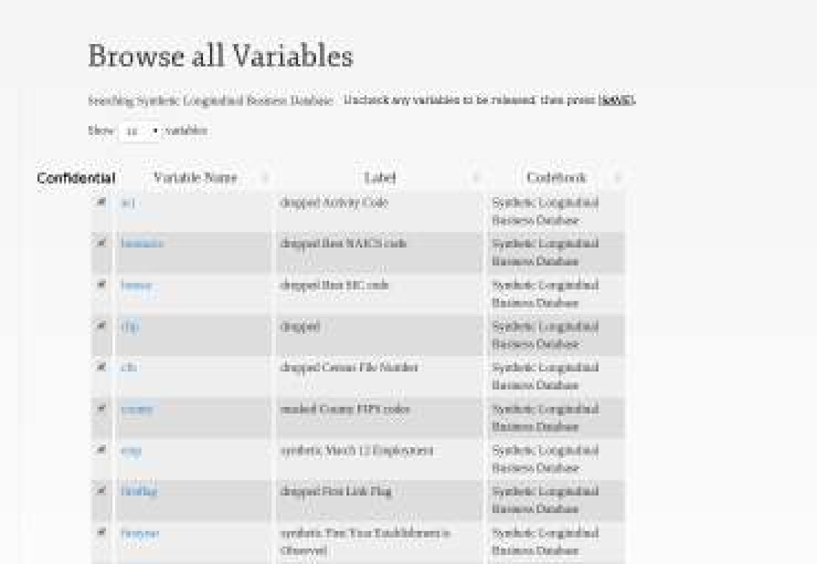
Application to confidentiality protection



Browse all Variables

Searching Synthetic Longitudinal Business Database. Uncheck any variables to be released, then press [save].

Show 10 variables

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☑	act	dropped Activity Code	Synthetic Longitudinal Business Database
☑	bestnaics	dropped Best NAICS code	Synthetic Longitudinal Business Database
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☑	cfn	dropped Census File Number	Synthetic Longitudinal Business Database
☑	county	masked County FIPS codes	Synthetic Longitudinal Business Database
☑	emp	synthetic March 12 Employment	Synthetic Longitudinal Business Database
☑	firstflag	dropped First Link Flag	Synthetic Longitudinal Business Database
☑	firstyear	synthetic First Year Establishment is Observed	Synthetic Longitudinal Business Database

Options

- Variable is suppressed, including all subordinate elements
- Variable description is released, but all subordinate statistical elements are suppressed (attribute of $< var >$ set to ”released”) [default]
- Expand all existing attributes, individually select subordinate elements to suppress (attribute of sub-element is set to ”suppressed”, content suppressed)

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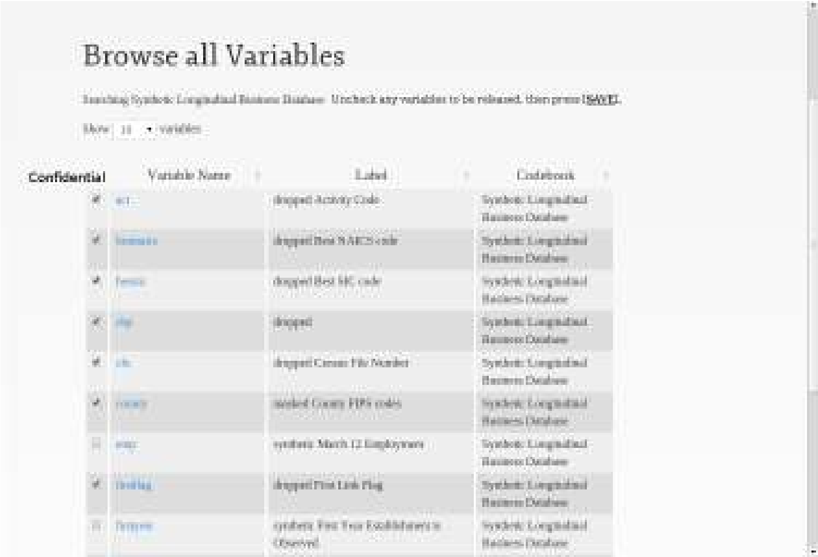

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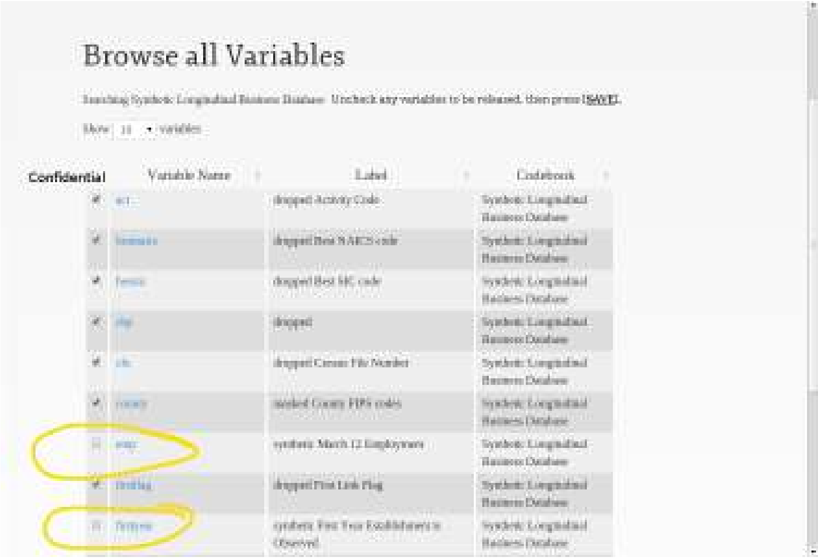

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Provenance

The provenance problem

“data provenance, one kind of metadata, pertains to the derivation history of a data product starting from its original sources” [...] “from it, one can ascertain the quality of the data base and its ancestral data and derivations, track back sources of errors, allow automated reenactment of derivations to update the data, and provide attribution of data sources”

Simmhan, Plale, and Gannon, “A survey of data provenance in e-science,” ACM Sigmod Record, 2005

Support in DDI

Provenance and Metadata

Not (currently) a “native” component of DDI, closest thing is:

```
<xs:complexType name="othrStdyMatType">
   <xs:complexContent>
      <xs:extension base="baseElementType">
         <xs:sequence>
            <xs:element ref="relMat" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
            <xs:element ref="relStdy" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
            <xs:element ref="relPubl" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
            <xs:element ref="othRefs" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>
         </xs:sequence>
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   </xs:complexContent>
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```
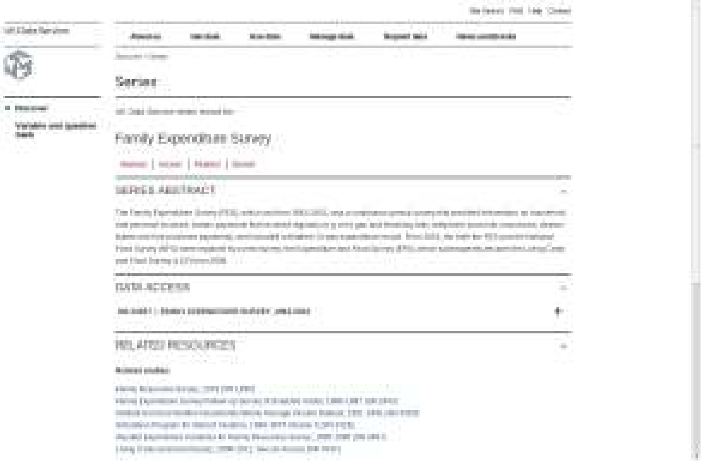

Downside

No structure. Mostly verbose entries.

Only a verbose description



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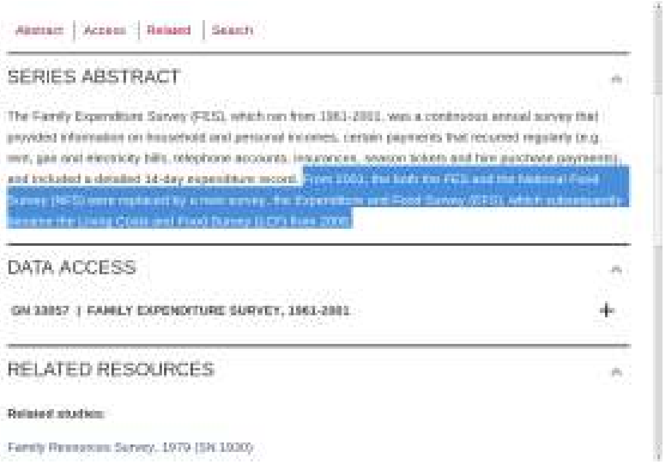
UK Data Archive example



SERIES ABSTRACT

The Family Expenditure Survey (FES), which ran from 1961-2001, was a continuous annual survey that provided information on household and personal incomes, certain payments that recurred regularly (e.g. rent, gas and electricity bills, telephone accounts, insurances, season tickets and hire purchase payments) and included a detailed 14-day expenditure record. From 2001, the both the FES and the National Food Survey (NFS) were replaced by a new survey, the Expenditure and Food Survey (EFS), which subsequently became the Living Costs and Food Survey (LCF) from 2008.

DATA ACCESS

GN 33057 | FAMILY EXPENDITURE SURVEY, 1961-2001

RELATED RESOURCES

Related studies:

Family Resources Survey, 1979 (SN 1930)

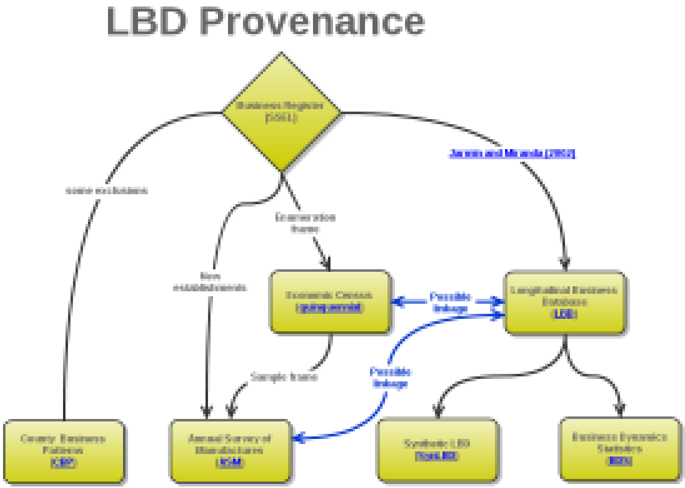
Provenance (cont)

PROV model

W3C PROV Model based in the notions of

1. **entities** that are physical, digital, and conceptual things in the world;
2. **activities** that are dynamic aspects of the world that change and create entities; and
3. **agents** that are responsible for activities.
4. a set of **relationships** that can exist be- tween them that express attribution,. delegation, derivation, etc.

Incorporating PROV (LBD)


LBD Provenance
Business Register (SSEL)
Jarmin and Miranda (2002)
some exclusions
Enumeration frame
New establishments
Economic Census (quinquennial)
Possible linkage
Longitudinal Business Database (LBD)
Sample frame
Possible linkage
County Business Patterns (CBP)
Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM)
Synthetic LBD (SynLBD)
Business Dynamics Statistics (BDS)

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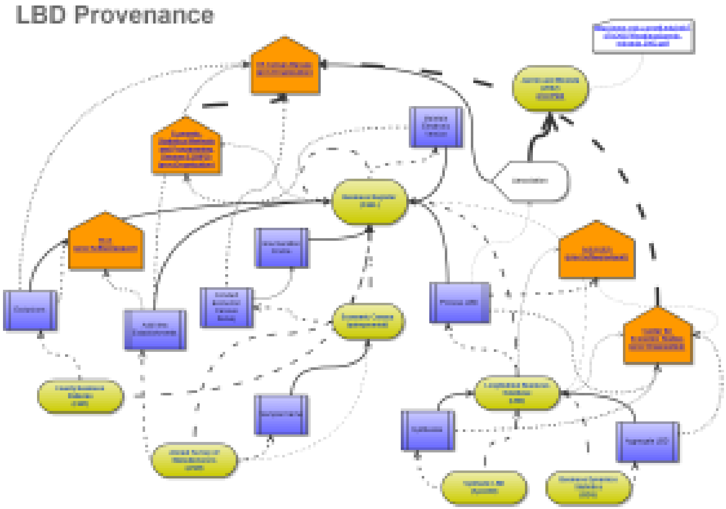

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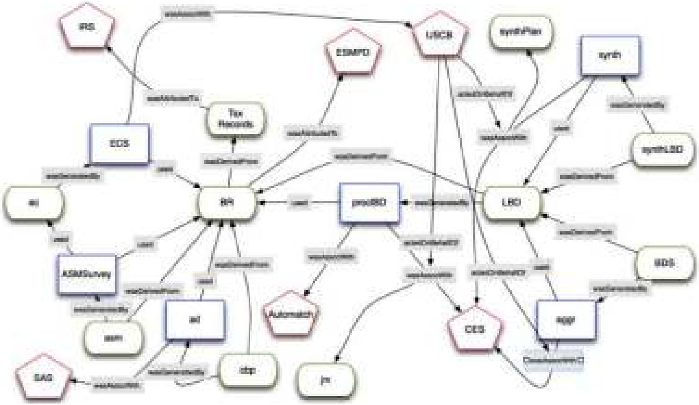
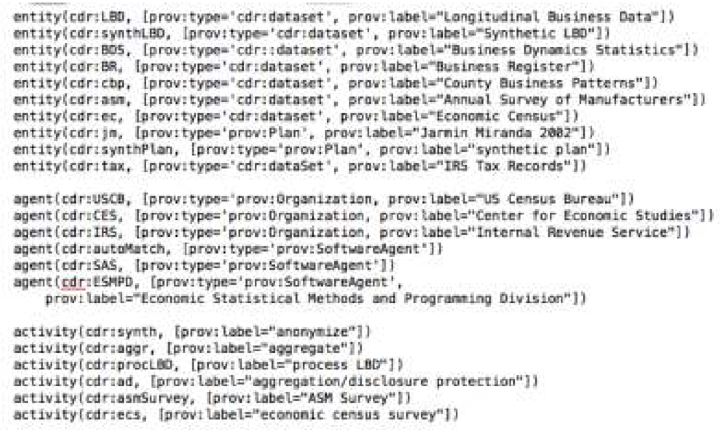


PROV as RDF



```
entity(cdr:LBD, [prov:type='cdr:dataset', prov:label="Longitudinal Business Data"])
entity(cdr:synthLBD, [prov:type='cdr:dataset', prov:label="Synthetic LBD"])
entity(cdr:BDS, [prov:type='cdr::dataset', prov:label="Business Dynamics Statistics"])
entity(cdr:BR, [prov:type='cdr:dataset', prov:label="Business Register"])
entity(cdr:cbp, [prov:type='cdr:dataset', prov:label="County Business Patterns"])
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entity(cdr:ec, [prov:type='cdr:dataset', prov:label="Economic Census"])
entity(cdr:jm, [prov:type='prov:Plan', prov:label="Jarmin Miranda 2002"])
entity(cdr:synthPlan, [prov:type='prov:Plan', prov:label="synthetic plan"])
entity(cdr:tax, [prov:type='cdr:dataSet', prov:label="IRS Tax Records"])

agent(cdr:USCB, [prov:type='prov:Organization, prov:label="US Census Bureau"])
agent(cdr:CES, [prov:type='prov:Organization, prov:label="Center for Economic Studies"])
agent(cdr:IRS, [prov:type='prov:Organization, prov:label="Internal Revenue Service"])
agent(cdr:autoMatch, [prov:type='prov:SoftwareAgent"])
agent(cdr:SAS, [prov:type='prov:SoftwareAgent'])
agent(cdr:ESMPD, [prov:type='prov:SoftwareAgent',
    prov:label="Economic Statistical Methods and Programming Division"])

activity(cdr:synth, [prov:label="anonymize"])
activity(cdr:aggr, [prov:label="aggregate"])
activity(cdr:procLBD, [prov:label="process LBD"])
activity(cdr:ad, [prov:label="aggregation/disclosure protection"])
activity(cdr:asmSurvey, [prov:label="ASM Survey"])
activity(cdr:ecs, [prov:label="economic census survey"])
```

The key PROV element embedded as DDI/XML

```
<stdyDscr> <!-- Standard DDI 2.5 -->
 <othrStdyMat> <!-- Standard DDI 2.5 -->
  <relStdy>  <!-- Standard DDI 2.5 -->
     <!-- From here, PROV additions -->
    <prov:wasDerivedFrom>
        <prov:generatedEntity prov:ref="cdr:LBD"/>
        <prov:usedEntity prov:ref="cdr:BR"/>
    </prov:wasDerivedFrom>
     <prov:wasAssociatedWith>
          <prov:activity prov:ref="cdr:procLBD"/>
          <prov:agent prov:ref="cdr:CES"/>
          <prov:plan prov:ref="cdr:procLBDPlan"/>
        </prov:wasAssociatedWith>
  </relStdy> <!-- Standard DDI 2.5 -->
 </othrStdyMat> <!-- Standard DDI 2.5 -->
</stdyDscr><!-- Standard DDI 2.5 -->
```

Additional PROV elements

These could be derived from existing DDI elements (still being developed)

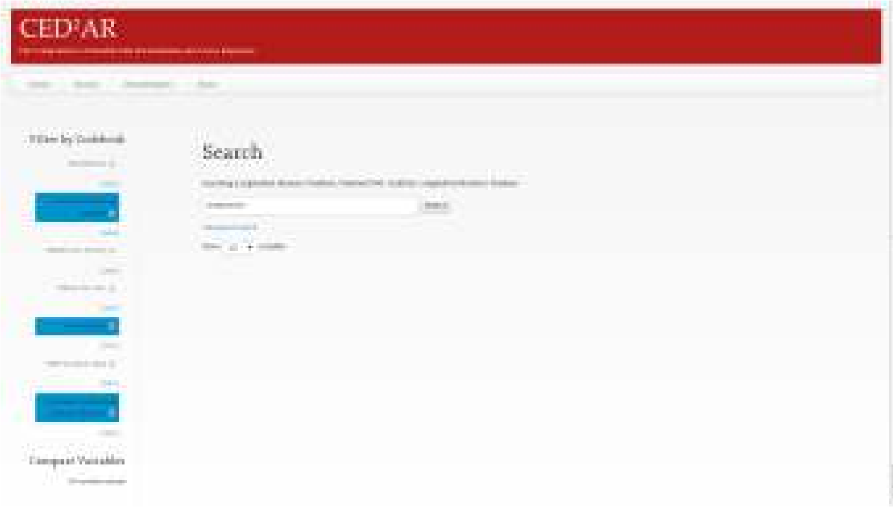
```
 <!-- Entities -->
<prov:entity prov:id="cdr:BR">
    <dct:title>Business Register</dct:title>
</prov:entity>
<!-- Plans = Methodology -->
 <prov:plan prov:id="cdr:procLBDPlan">
    <prov:location
    xsi:type="xsd:anyURI">
    http://ideas.repec.org/p/cen/wpaper/02-17.html
    </prov:location>
    <prov:type>prov:Plan</prov:type>
</prov:plan>
```

Work on PROV

More details forthcoming

- Lagoze, Williams, Vilhuber “Encoding Provenance Metadata for Social Science Datasets”, submitted to Metadata and Semantics Research Conference (November 2013)
- Lagoze, Williams, Vilhuber, Block “Encoding Provenance of Social Science Data: Integrating PROV with DDI”, accepted for 5th Annual European DDI User Conference (December 2013)

Usage scenario



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Filter by Codebook

Search

Compare Variables

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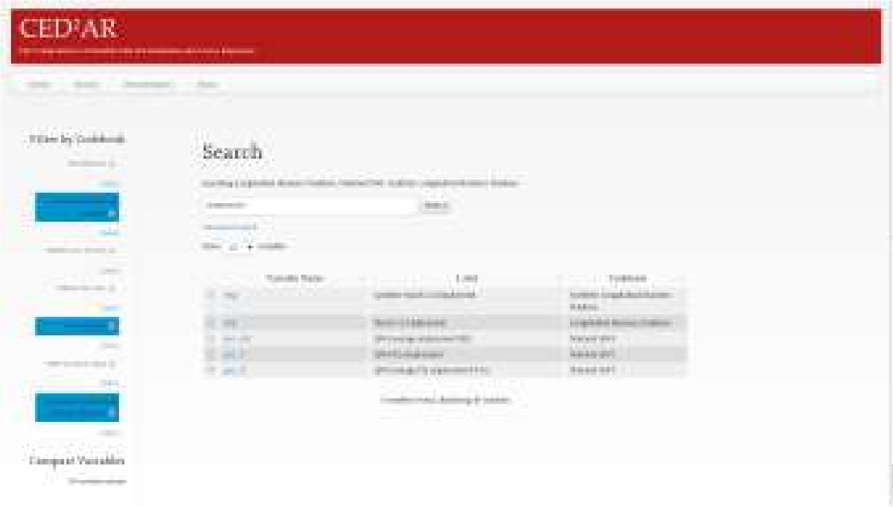

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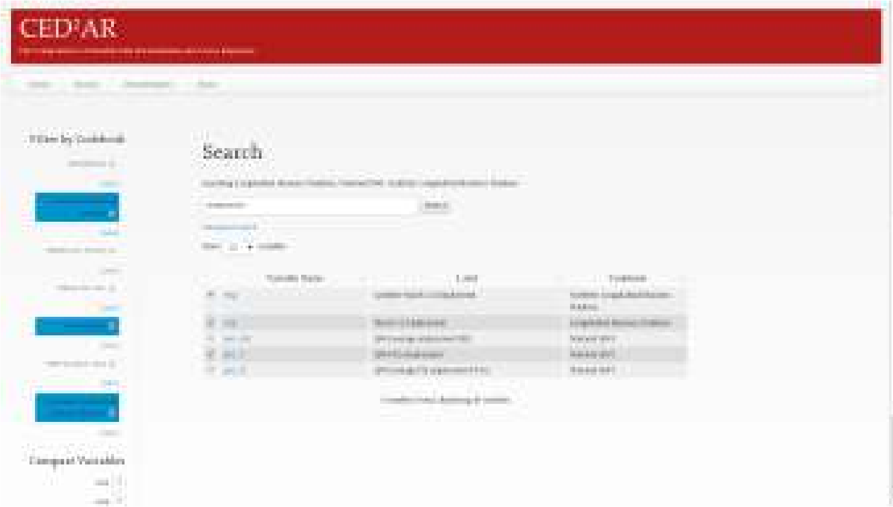

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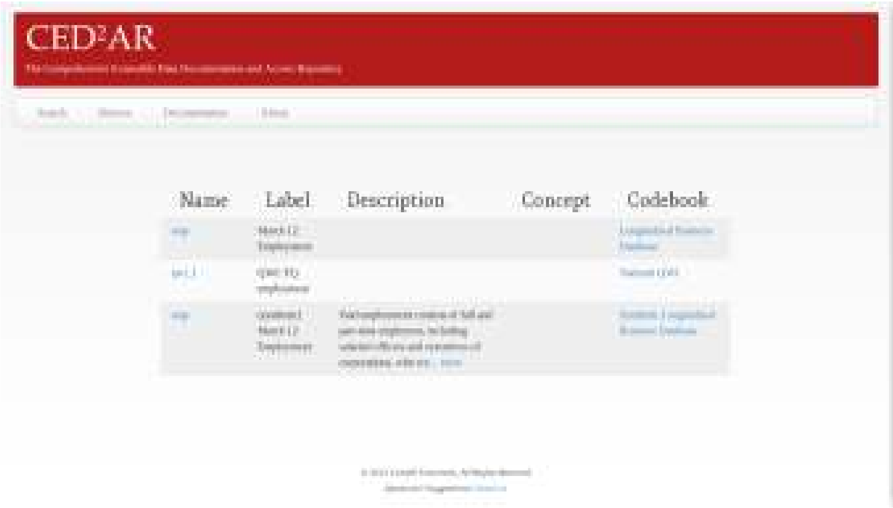

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Name	Label	Description	Concept	Codebook
emp	March 12 Employment			Longitudinal Business Database
[illegible]	QWI: [illegible] employment			[illegible]
emp	Synthetic March 12 Employment	The employment consists of full and part-time employees, including salaried officers and executives of corporations, who are ... more		Synthetic Longitudinal Business Database

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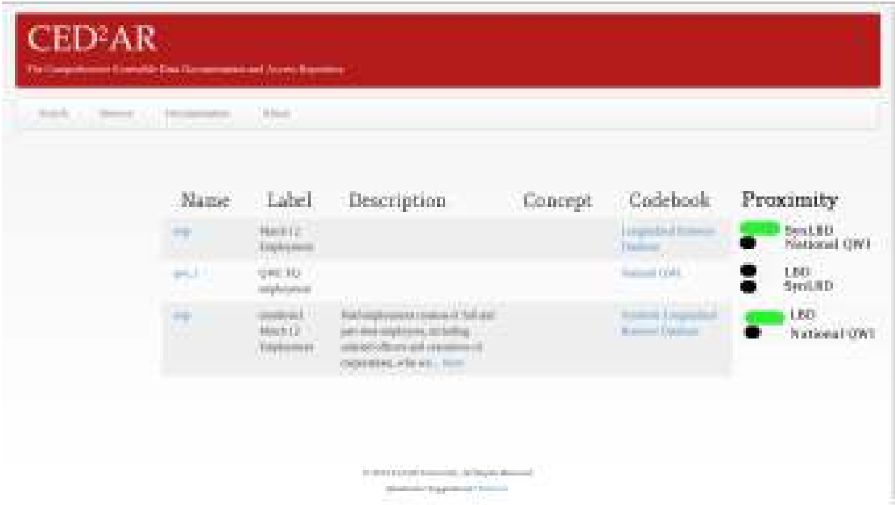

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emp	Month 12 Employment			Longitudinal Business Database	🟩 SynLBD ● National QWI
emp_1	QWI: EQ employment			National QWI	● LBD ● SynLBD
emp	(modeled) Month 12 Employment	Total employment consists of full and part-time employees, including salaried officers and executives of corporations, who are ... More		Synthetic Longitudinal Business Database	🟩 LBD ● National QWI

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- Formalize the DDI extension
- Provide implementation outside of Census Bureau
- Test implementation within the Census RDC

The end

Thank you

- [3] for more details
- Labor Dynamics Institute
- VirtualRDC @ Cornell
- NCRN Cornell website

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Extra slides

Census Bureau

IRS

BLS

CDER

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Dataset usage in Census RDC

1,505 project-dataset pairs

Many projects use multiple datasets.

Economic (business) datasets

- 71% of datasets are business (economic) datasets
- Primarily establishment-based records from the Economic Censuses and Surveys, the Business Register, and the Longitudinal Business Database (LBD)
- They form the core of the modern industrial organization studies [5, 11] as well as modern gross job creation and destruction in macroeconomics [4, 6].
- But there are no public-use micro-data for these establishment-based products
- Exception: recently-released Synthetic LBD [2, 7]
- Currently no active curation (of derived datasets) [a], no way to reference [b], convoluted way to learn about the data structure [c*]

LEHD data

Linked employer-employee data

- Longitudinal and cross-sectional detail
- New confidentiality protection methodologies [1, 10] have unlocked large amounts of data for public-use: highly detailed local area tabulations exist based on the LEHD data
- But: no public-use micro-data exist for this longitudinal job frame or any of its derivative files.
- Confidential data are dynamic (quarterly changes)
- Currently some active curation (archiving, 10-yr!) [a*], no way to reference (publicly) [b*], convoluted way to learn about the data structure [c*]

Not unique to Census Bureau

Internal Revenue Service/ Social Security Administration

- New projects (Chetty et al, 2012; von Wachter and co-authors) have created and/or used linked longitudinal data at the IRS or the Social Security Administration.
- Neither agency has long-run experience at the statistical data curation function [a], (meta)data dissemination [b,c].
- Although both IRS and SSA have produced statistical tables for a long time.

Not unique to Census Bureau

Bureau of Labor Statistics

- Long history of making time-series available
- Limited access to microdata at the BLS
- Unknown curation [a]
- Even for public-use data, no way to reference specific releases [b]
- No well-established way to learn about microdata [c]

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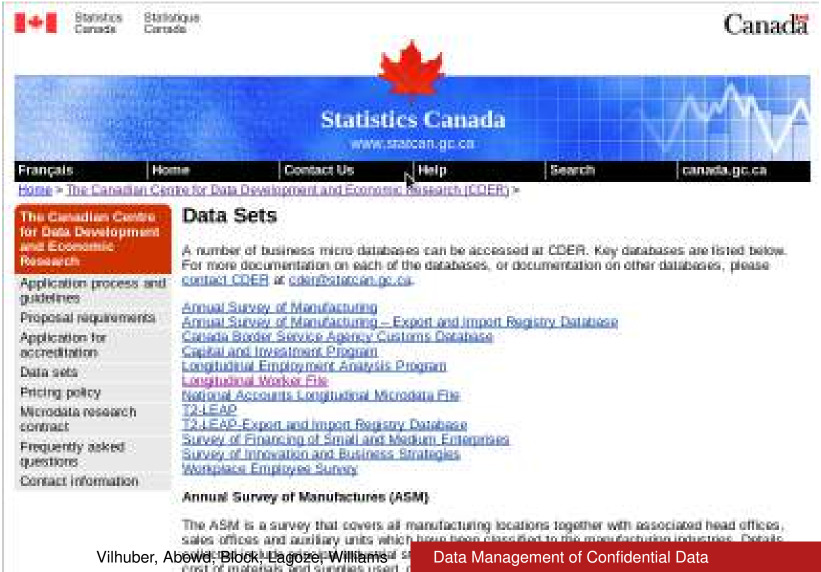

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Data Sets

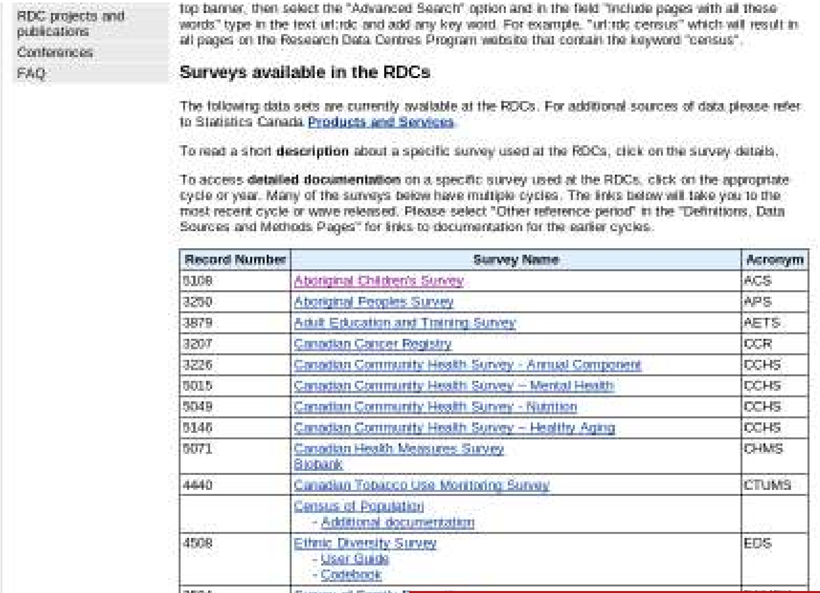
A number of business micro databases can be accessed at CDER. Key databases are listed below. For more documentation on each of the databases, or documentation on other databases, please contact CDER at cder@statcan.gc.ca.

Annual Survey of Manufacturing
Annual Survey of Manufacturing – Export and Import Registry Database
Canada Border Service Agency Customs Database
Capital and Investment Program
Longitudinal Employment Analysis Program
Longitudinal Worker File
National Accounts Longitudinal Microdata File
T2-LEAP
T2-LEAP-Export and Import Registry Database
Survey of Financing of Small and Medium Enterprises
Survey of Innovation and Business Strategies
Workplace Employee Survey

Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM)

The ASM is a survey that covers all manufacturing locations together with associated head offices, sales offices and auxiliary units which have been classified to the manufacturing industries. Details

Canadian Research Data Centres



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Surveys available in the RDCs

The following data sets are currently available at the RDCs. For additional sources of data please refer to Statistics Canada Products and Services.

To read a short **description** about a specific survey used at the RDCs, click on the survey details.

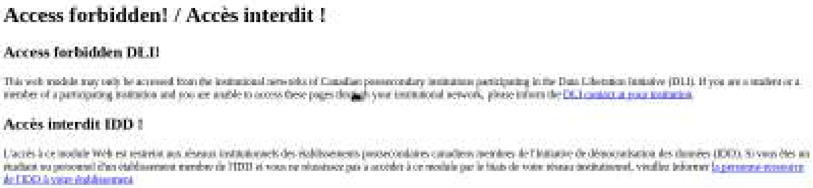
To access **detailed documentation** on a specific survey used at the RDCs, click on the appropriate cycle or year. Many of the surveys below have multiple cycles. The links below will take you to the most recent cycle or wave released. Please select "Other reference period" in the "Definitions, Data Sources and Methods Pages" for links to documentation for the earlier cycles.

Record Number	Survey Name	Acronym
5108	Aboriginal Children's Survey	ACS
3250	Aboriginal Peoples Survey	APS
3879	Adult Education and Training Survey	AETS
3207	Canadian Cancer Registry	CCR
3226	Canadian Community Health Survey - Annual Component	CCHS
5015	Canadian Community Health Survey – Mental Health	CCHS
5049	Canadian Community Health Survey - Nutrition	CCHS
5146	Canadian Community Health Survey – Healthy Aging	CCHS
5071	Canadian Health Measures Survey Biobank	CHMS
4440	Canadian Tobacco Use Monitoring Survey	CTUMS
	Census of Population - Additional documentation	
4508	Ethnic Diversity Survey - User Guide - Codebook	EDS
3504	Survey of Family E	

Canadian Research Data Centres

... but also not perfect

Attempt to access data information on General Social Survey



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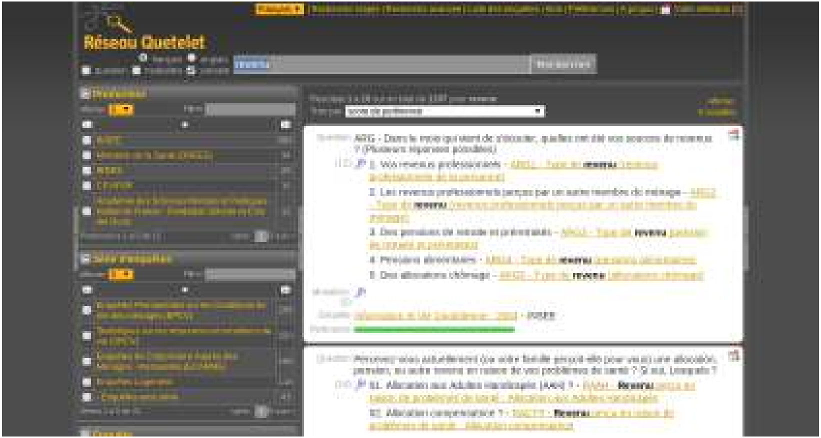

ARG - Dans le mois qui vient de s'écouler, quelles ont été vos sources de revenus ? (Plusieurs réponses possibles)

1. Vos revenus professionnels - ARG1 - Type de revenu [illegible]
2. Les revenus professionnels perçus par un autre membre du ménage - ARG2 - Type de revenu [illegible]
3. Des pensions de retraite et préretraite - ARG3 - Type de revenu [illegible]
4. Pensions alimentaires - ARG4 - Type de revenu [illegible]
5. Des allocations chômage - ARG5 - Type de revenu [illegible]

Percevez-vous actuellement (ou votre famille perçoit-elle pour vous) une allocation, pension, ou autre revenu en raison de vos problèmes de santé ? Si oui, lesquels ?

S1. Allocation aux Adultes Handicapés (AAH) ? - [illegible] Revenu [illegible]

S2. Allocation compensatrice ? - [illegible] Revenu [illegible]

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