

Registrar's Decisions: Notification (RDN) 07/2025: Statistics Canada (StatCan)

Access to Motor Vehicle Information Regulation (AMVIR)

Statistics Canada (StatCan) has authority to request information from a government department under the *Statistics Act* (sections 3, 7, 8, 13, 22). This RDN notifies the public about the release of personal driving and motor vehicle information from the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services (the "Information") to StatCan for the purpose of conducting StatCan's Census of Population.

To comply with the requirements of the *Access to Motor Vehicle Information Regulation* (AMVIR), and to further clarify and manage the disclosure of personal information from Alberta's Motor Vehicle System (MOVES), the Registrar of Motor Vehicle Services ("Registrar") decides:

1. Statistics Canada

StatCan provides statistics for the whole of Canada. StatCan conducts a Census of Population every five years and specific surveys on virtually all aspects of Canadian life.

StatCan's role and the collection, use, maintenance, and protection of data are governed by the *Statistics Act*. Section 13 of the *Statistics Act* states:

"A person having the custody or charge of any documents or records that are maintained in any department or in any municipal office, corporation, business or organization, from which information sought in respect of the objects of this Act can be obtained or that would aid in the completion or correction of that information, shall grant access thereto for those purposes to a person authorized by the Chief Statistician to obtain that information or aid in the completion or correction of that information."

The reference to "department" includes departments of the provincial governments.

StatCan is requesting access to the Information (as defined above). Specifically, StatCan indicated that it requires access to Type I Information (as described in RDN 01/2004) for the purpose of "its mandate, which includes to collect and publish statistical information relating to the general activities and condition of the people, to take the census of population of Canada, and generally, to develop integrated social and economic statistics for Canada and the provinces and territories as well as to coordinate plans for the integration of those statistics," in accordance with StatCan's duties and powers under the *Statistics Act* and the objects of that Act.

2. Census Program

The Census Program is the StatCan's program that manages the [Census of Population](#). The Census of Population provides a statistical portrait of Canada and Canadians on one specific day, every five years.

3. Information Content

In its request to the Registrar, StatCan indicated that it requires provincial and territorial driver licensing records “for the purposes of improving Census addresses in its statistical registers, and for other statistical linkage functions. StatCan is requesting the Information to update the address databases with addresses from Alberta.” StatCan is requesting access to the following Type I Information for the Census of Population:

- Operator Number
- Last Name
- First Name
- Middle Names
- Sex
- Date of birth
- Physical Address
- Mailing Address
- Home Phone Number
- Business Phone Number
- Licence Issue Date
- Licence Expiry Date
- Date Last Updated
- Close Out Indicator

By law StatCan cannot release any information collected under the *Statistics Act* that would uniquely identify an individual, business, or organization. This includes requests for information under court order or access to information requests. StatCan must redirect any requests for release of AMVIR data to the Registrar.

The Information released by the Registrar for the Census of Population becomes protected information, which is defined in the AMVIR Agreement and controlled by the Registrar through the AMVIR Agreement (“Protected Information”).

Protected Information will go through a process of de-identification, in which personal identities are replaced with a StatCan internal number, to provide an immediate level of data security. The de-identified Protected Information is then stored in a secure StatCan IT environment, with controlled access within StatCan, managed by the Data Integration Infrastructure Division (DIID). DIID will manage two sets of Protected Information in its secured IT environments: the

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original, identifying Protected Information and the de-identified Protected Information.

Only a small number of select staff, on a demonstrated need to know basis could access the statistical keys to link StatCan internal numbers with the identity of Albertans. Their access would be heavily scrutinized, needing authorization from both their own Director and the Director of DIID.

The Protected Information (both the original, identifying and de-identified) will be maintained separately from the census data (such as data collected by StatCan directly from respondents for the Census of Population), which is not governed by the AMVIR agreement.

The Protected Information (both the original, identifying and de-identified) will be securely deleted on a periodic basis, as specified in the AMVIR Agreement.

4. Purposes

The Registrar's decision is to release Type I Information to StatCan, on an ongoing basis as specified in the AMVIR Agreement, for use by StatCan's Census Program for the purpose of conducting the Census of Population. This release will be under the authority of section 2(1)(c) of AMVIR, which states as follows:

2(1)(c) The Registrar may, on request, release information only for any purpose in accordance with an enactment of Alberta or Canada that authorizes or requires the release.

5. Categories of Persons and/or Organizations

A. The categories of persons and/or organizations that have requested access to personal motor vehicle information and were granted or were denied access by the Registrar are presented below:

2(1)(c) The Registrar's decision is to release personal driving and motor vehicle information on the Registrar's motor vehicle information system, collected and compiled for the purpose of identifying licensed operators and registered owners of motor vehicles to ensure responsibility and accountability for their actions with respect to motor vehicles for a purpose in accordance with an enactment of Alberta or Canada that authorizes or requires the release. For this purpose, the Registrar's decision is to grant access to StatCan for the following programs:

(i) The Census Program.

At this time, StatCan can use the Information released by the Registrar for the Census of Population only.

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6. Release Channel

The Registrar agrees to release Information to StatCan's Census Program through batch access, using a dedicated query and a standardized IT interface.

7. Other StatCan Surveys and Statistical Programs

StatCan may require Information from the Registrar in the future for select StatCan surveys and statistical programs. These would be done subsequently through specific incremental Registrar's Decisions: Notifications.

If the Information released for the Census of Population or additional Information is required for other specific StatCan Surveys and Statistical Programs in accordance with StatCan's duties and powers under the *Statistics Act* and the objects of that Act, including different transportation-related Surveys and Statistical Programs in which Alberta has agreed to participate, StatCan may serve the Registrar with specific request letters for access under s. 13 of the *Statistics Act*. Each StatCan request must detail the authorities for the program, the Information required, and the rules for using, maintaining, and destroying the Information.

If the Registrar approves requests for the release of Information for other StatCan programs, an incremental RDN will be published on the Registrar's website outlining the Information or data fields that may be used and the specific conditions for the release. The Registrar will develop and put in place a specific AMVIR Agreement for each additional relevant StatCan program.

8. Notification and Review Process

In accordance with section 4 of AMVIR, on request by a Recipient, identified above, the Registrar's decision is to **release**, on an ongoing basis, the Information specified in this notification.

This notification was published on September 23, 2025. Any person may, within sixty days after the date of this publication, ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC) to review the decision of the Registrar in accordance with Part 3, Division 2 of the *Access to Information Act*.

On the publication of this notification, in accordance with section 4(1) of AMVIR, notice is deemed to have been given for the current and any future releases of the category of information and of the person or category of persons to whom the information is released or not released, as described in the notification, for the purposes of notice under Part 3, Division 2 of the *Access to Information Act*.