Downloading Datasets from Nesstar and SDA

Nesstar

1. On the UNB Libraries' Data page <http://lib.unb.ca/gddm/data>, you'll see the first category under "**Data & Statistical Sources**" is "Canadian." Click on "DLI Nesstar," the third option down on the list. *Please note, this link has the proxy information built in, so if you are off-campus you will have to login with your UNB or STU credentials.*


2. Expand the list of Public Use Microdata Files (PUMFs) and scroll down to the survey of interest to you.

3. Click on the cycle that you want. You will notice that a number of sub-items appear on the left-hand navigation screen, but on the right-hand of the screen, you will see that a number of icons are now active.

4. Click on the "Download" icon, which is a little diskette.

5. Choose your preferred format (SPSS, Stata, SAS, etc.) and then click on the word "DOWNLOAD." By default you will receive the entire data set along with the documentation. If you want to a sub-set of the data, click on this option and select the variables of interest to you.
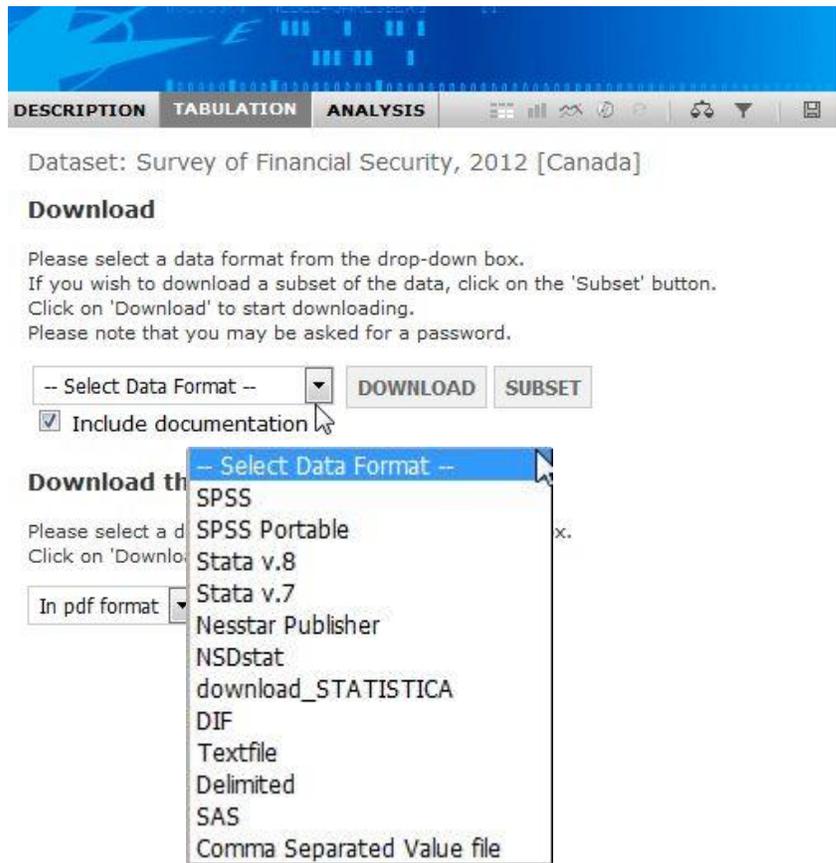
6. Expand "Metadata," one of the sub-items on the left-hand side of the screen. You will most likely see further documentation that does not come as part of the main data set download. This will usually include a User Guide and Data Dictionary, and often include other very important files. Download any and all documentation listed.

SDA

1. On the UNB Libraries' Data page
   <http://lib.unb.ca/gddm/data>, you'll see the first category
   under "**Data & Statistical Sources**" is "Canadian." Click on
   "more…" the last option on the list.

2. Use the jumps at the top of the page or scroll down the page to
   find the name of the survey of interest.

3. Click on the survey "xxx (via SDA)." *Please note, this link has
   the proxy information built in, so if you are off-campus you will
   have to login with your UNB or STU credentials.*

4. Click on "Documentation," and download all of the documentation available.

5. Go back to the SDA download page and click on "Data," to download the data set.

6. Hover over "Download" at the top of the screen and select "Customized Subset."

7. At the top of the page, select the program you will be using to analyze the data (SAS, SPSS, Stata).

8. Select the variables of interest. For the entire data set, click on the radio button for "**All**" at the top of the selection list, and then click on "Continue."

9. Read the information page presented, and if everything looks right click on "Create the Files."
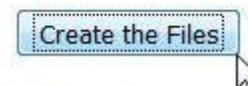
10. Your download will include documentation, the raw data file (ascii/text) and a syntax or program file. **Right-click** on the links and choose "**Save Link As**." If you just click on the link you will be presented the files in a web browser window (they are often just ascii/text files).

11. Open your statistical software and edit the syntax or program file as per the instructions in the file. This usually involves pointing to the spot where you saved your raw data file and will sometimes also include a final command to create and save a file native to the program (e.g., *.sav or *.dta).