

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.*

Data & Statistical Sources

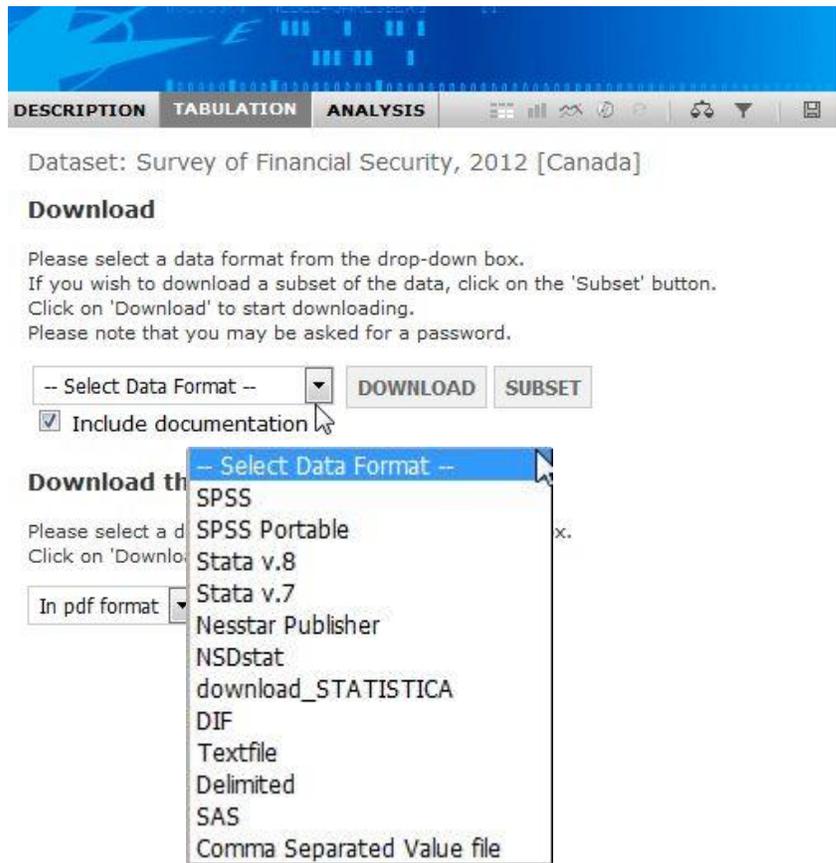
Canadian

- [Open Data Portal](#), Government of Canada
- [CANSIM](#), Statistics Canada times series
- [DLI Nesstar](#), Statistics Canada microdata
- [DLI Beyond 2020 Web Data Server \(WDS\)](#), aggregate data
- [more...](#)

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.

The screenshot shows the Nesstar web application interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the 'nesstar' logo. Below the header, there is a navigation menu on the left side listing various surveys, including 'Survey of Financial Security (SFS) 2012'. The main content area has three tabs: 'DESCRIPTION', 'TABULATION', and 'ANALYSIS'. The 'DESCRIPTION' tab is active, showing the title 'Dataset: Survey of Financial Security, 2012 [Canada]' and an 'Abstract' section. The abstract text reads: 'This survey provides information of the net worth (wealth) of Canadian families, that is, the value of their assets less their debts.' At the top right of the main content area, there is a toolbar with several icons, including a download icon (a diskette) which is highlighted by a mouse cursor.

- 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.



- 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.*

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Open Data

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[see also Survey of Household Spending]

- [Survey of Financial Security](#) (via SDA)
- [Survey of Household Spending \(SHS\)](#) (via SDA)
- [see also Survey of Family Expenditures]
- [Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics](#) (via SDA)
- [Survey of Literacy Skills Used in Daily Activities, 1999](#)

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

- Do acknowledge the source of your data.

Survey of financial security, 2012 <small>-new-</small>	Data	Documentation
Survey of financial security, 2005	Data	Documentation
Survey of financial security, 1999 <small>[Reloaded 2008/05/20]</small>	Data	Documentation

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."

SDA [\[Use classic interface\]](#) Selected Study: **Survey of financial security, 2012**

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Tip: mouse-over [Download](#) to access additional options

- [Customized Subset](#)

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

Text file with a blank between variables
 CSV file (Comma Separated Values with header record)
 Codebook for subset data (ASCII)
 Data definitions for:
 SAS SPSS STATA DDI (XML) SDA (DDL)

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.”

Select CASES to include:

Selection Filter(s): *Example: age(18-50)*

Select VARIABLES to include (individually and/or by group):
(Note: CASEID is always included)

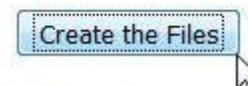
Enter names of **individual variables** (original or created) to include:

You may select **All** or **Some** variables from the following groups:

All Some None **Toggle the buttons at once**
 All Some None **Geographic variables**
 All Some None **Demographic variables - major income earner**
 All Some None **Family size and composition**
 All Some None **Dwelling**
 All Some None **Behaviours and attitudes**
 All Some None **Credit Cards**
 All Some None **RRSPs**
 All Some None **Income & Investments & Assets**
 All Some None **Business ownership**
 All Some None **Debts**
 All Some None **Weights**

9. Read the information page presented, and if everything looks right click on “Create the Files.”

If the specifications are correct, just print the files.
 Please be patient if the original data files are large.



Files to create:

- Data file(Text file)
- Codebook
- STATA file

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).