

WHY DATA-SHARE?

The LPRC @ King's created a database to house poverty-related data for London & Middlesex, with the intention that a central repository of local data would be a critical resource in the fight to end poverty in our communities. This is an overview of data-sharing, highlighting the benefits of participating in data-sharing and the value of the insights large-scale data sources play in solving community issues.



research.povertyresearch.ca : data to make a difference

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What are Data for Research Purposes (Research Data)?

Research data are the factual records used as primary sources for research, and that are commonly accepted in the research community as necessary to validate research findings. (Science.gc.ca)

What Types of Data are Collected by the LPRC @ King's?

Quantitative (numbers) and qualitative (narrative) data collected by the LPRC @ King's is wholly related to poverty and its related issues, including mental health, homelessness, precarious employment, and poverty reduction efforts. Data we collect from community partners includes:

- Addictions recovery program participation
- Housing rent rates
- Wait list numbers for access to services
- Profiles of mental health issues/occurrences
- Tracking of referrals to other services
- Food bank and meal program usage
- Counselling rates
- Outreach tracking
- Community kitchen usage
- Child care spaces/subsidy rates
- Program evaluation outcomes
- Income data and wage calculations
- Cost assessments for access to services
- Employment and unemployment rates
- Poverty-related training participation
- Data specific to vulnerable populations in poverty

What is Open Access and Data-Sharing?

“ As with open access to publications, there is a broad international trend towards open access to data. This trend, often referred to as 'data sharing' is reflected in numerous international reports published over the last decade that have called for a greater sharing of research data within and across disciplines. These reports assert that improving access to research data would have significant benefits for research and society such as:

- accelerating scientific progress,
 - avoiding the duplication of research,
 - enabling replication and verification of research results,
 - increasing the visibility and impact of research
- Science.gc.ca (Open Access)

Interested in Data-Sharing?

Connect with the London Poverty Research Centre @ King's to discuss the data you collect as a researcher or within your organization.

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