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## Inventory of National Rural Health Research Related Databases

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Database name: **National Alcohol and Drug Survey**

Thematic Coverage: This survey collected information on negative consequences associated with drug and alcohol use.

Maintained by: Special Surveys Division

Availability: A public release version of the data files is available through the Data Liberation Initiative (DLI). Some variables are suppressed and other are aggregated to protect the anonymity of individual survey respondents. Custom tabulations are also available on a cost recovery basis.

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Start Date: 1989  
Release Date: N/A – Discontinued  
Frequency of collection: One time

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Data Collection: Sample survey of all persons 15 years of age or older living in Canada excluding residents of the Territories and full-time residents of institutions. Data was obtained from 100% Telephone interview.

Sample size: 11,634 individuals; Young people aged 15-24 years old are slightly under represented in unweighted figures. Weights are adjusted to account for this difference.

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Geographic coverage: All provinces, excluding all territories and full time residents of institutions

Lowest geographic level collected: Postal Code  
Lowest geographic level of release: Province  
Existing rural variable: No

Rural definitions that can be constructed from this database include (building block)<sup>†</sup>:

- ✓ Rural and Small Town definition (Census Sub-Division)
- ✓ Metropolitan area and census agglomeration Influenced Zones (Census Sub-Division)
- ✓ OECD “rural communities” definition (Census Consolidated Subdivision)
- ✓ OECD “predominantly rural regions” definition (Census Division)
- ✓ Ehrensaft’s “Beale codes” (Census Division)

<sup>†</sup> Results for these areas of geography could conceivably be derived from postal codes if respondent confidentiality is ensured.

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### Data Elements:

- Demography
- Attitudes and beliefs concerning the consequences of drug and alcohol use
- Individual’s experiences and behaviour in relation to their own use of alcohol, medications and illegal drugs
- Other’s use of the above substances and the effect on the respondent

Notes:

This survey is the forerunner of the Canada's Alcohol and Other Drugs Survey (CADS), which is also found in this inventory.

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