Gathering Aggregate Census Data for City Divisions

Go to the Statistics Canada webpage.

In order to access Census data for subdivisions and city blocks, click the GEOGRAPHY tab. This will bring you to the page below.
In the Search box at the top of the page, typing in “Ottawa” will bring up a mini choice box. If you click “Ottawa, City [Census subdivision], Ontario”, the map will zoom into only Ottawa.

Next, click on the settings button. A new box will open up. Click on “Related geography” and make sure that “Aggregate dissemination areas (ADA)” is selected. Then hit “OK”.

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There are many ways to aggregate the data further: by city area (Centretown, Vanier, etc) or by block. City areas are referred to as “Aggregate Dissemination Areas” and City blocks are “Dissemination Areas”. To access data on specific City areas, click on the “(3 of 95)” shown within the “Related Geography” section to the left of the map. This will open up all possible city areas within Ottawa.

This will expand the tab to show all 95 aggregate dissemination areas.

In the bottom right corner, under the “Additional geographic areas:” tab, select “Aggregate dissemination area”. This will put a border around the Aggregate Dissemination Areas (ADAs).
Next, in the top right, click on “Display” and select “Hover”. This will make it so that additional information shows up when your mouse hovers over one of the ADAs.

Click any of the ADAs on the left side (it doesn’t matter which one you choose yet). This will change the map to look at ADAs instead of the Ottawa city level. You will notice that the results are now for an Aggregate Dissemination Area and not for Ottawa, City. Now you can hover any of the ADAs you wish to find data for.
On the map, click on one of the ADAs which you want to analyze. Once it is selected, you should notice that the title below has changed stating “Results for [Aggregate Dissemination Area] – Ottawa, City, Ontario”. If this title matches the area you have selected, you can now click on the data which you want to view.

Below the title, click on “Data” and select the “Census Profile, 2016” table. This will open up all the possible census data for that specific ADA (there is a lot of information).
You can narrow down the data by subgroup using the “Select a view:” tab and changing it to a specific topic (ex: Income, Labour, Mobility, etc).

The data shown compares the ADA you chose to the rest of Ontario. If you want to compare one ADA to another, you can click on “Change Geography” under the “Ontario [Province]” side.
Under the Geographic code bar, enter the 8-digit geographic code associated with the new ADA you wish to compare (you will need to know this number). Then click “Search”.

On the next page select the 8-digit ADA code under the “Aggregated dissemination areas” option.
If all has gone well, you should now have data for two Aggregate Dissemination Areas which you can compare.

When you’re happy with the data you have, you can click the “Download” button and download the displayed table (under Option 1).

If you have any additional questions or need any more assistance, please feel free to send me an email at Christopher.shoniker@carleton.ca or Jane Fry an email at jane.fry@carleton.ca. We are located in the first floor of the library, room 122 as well.

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