

THE ONTARIO UNITÉ TOBACCO DE RECHERCHE RESEARCH SUR LE TABAC JNIT DE L'ONTARIO



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DATABASE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM THE ONTARIO TOBACCO RESEARCH UNIT

The Ontario Tobacco Research Unit has updated two resources for the design and conduct of studies related to tobacco and tobacco control. These resources can be downloaded from the OTRU website at http://www.otru.org/databases.html.

Directory of Public Use Data on Tobacco Use in Canada

This directory is designed to help researchers and students locate Canadian data sets on smoking and tobacco use by providing a comprehensive list of survey data sets available for public use.

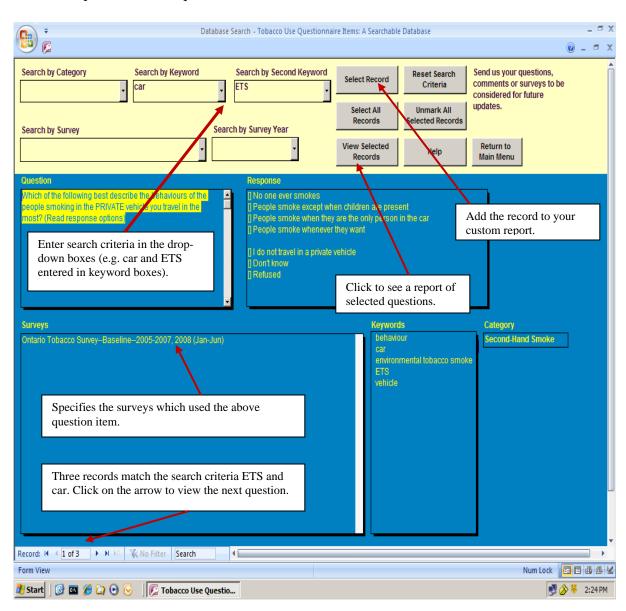
The first section of the directory provides an overview of places where researchers may obtain datasets. The second section contains an alphabetized listing of 56 surveys that contain data on some aspect of tobacco use. Detailed information about each individual data set and how to access it is presented under the following headings:

- the **location** of the data set
- a brief **description** of the survey
- a bibliography of tobacco related **reports/publications** associated with the survey or data
- **technical information** about the survey
- the **costs** of obtaining data and/or reports
- contact information
- any restrictions on the use of the data (such as licensing agreements)

Searchable Database of Questionnaire Items from Population Surveys of Tobacco Use in Canada

The searchable database of questionnaire items from Canadian surveys on tobacco use provides researchers and program evaluators with reliable and valid survey questions. By employing items that have been used in other surveys, researchers can develop questionnaires that allow comparisons with other jurisdictions, or across time. The database contains over 2700 tobacco related questions gathered from over 90 national, provincial and local surveys conducted between 1951 and 2009. The database is in Microsoft Access 2003 and Microsoft Access 2007. The entire database can be downloaded from the OTRU website.

Users of the database are able to search for questionnaire items by entering multiple search criteria into the drop-down boxes (i.e. **category, keywords, survey title, and survey year**). A customized report is easily generated by marking selected questionnaire items. This report can be viewed, printed or saved as a word document.



In the example below, three questionnaire items were found to match the search criteria "ETS and "car".

Questions, comments and suggestions for improvements to these resources are welcome. Please contact:

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