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SLID LIST SERVE: OBJECTIVES

List serves are automated mailing lists accessible on the Internet. They are easy-to-use communications tools which function as electronic discussion groups. Users subscribe to lists of interest via e-mail and, once subscribed, can post to and receive all mail which passes through the list.

A "list serve" dedicated to users of data from the Survey of Labour and Income Dynamics (SLID) has been started.

Editor's Note

Are you among the growing numbers of people using the SLID public-use microdata file? Are you wanting to but are unsure how to get started? Your feedback is important to us, both in terms of helping you work now with the currently-available data as well as improving our next microdata file. Tell us about your progress and your frustrations.

There are now several ways to communicate with us: electronically at dynamics@statcan.ca; by telephone to the survey dissemination unit at (613) 951-5266; by fax at (613) 951-3253, and

now through the newly-instituted SLID list serve (see article in this issue of *Dynamics*). As with the last issue, you will find more articles on current research using SLID data. Feel free to submit a short note for inclusion in a future issue of *Dynamics*.

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Nathalie Noreau

Among the major utilities of this list serve are:

- a) Data users may ask questions about the use of the data. Depending on the type of question, it could be answered by a SLID staff member or another data user.
- b) Survey staff will provide information of general interest to users as reference documents. Included in this documentation are: status reports on current survey activities, FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions and responses to them), bibliography of research using SLID data, microdata user's guides.
- c) To stimulate collaboration and prevent duplicated efforts, data users may share information on their research. This sharing of information may occur at any phase of the project cycle, from conception through to the documentation of results.
- d) Data users may document derived variables that they have created. In certain instances, survey staff will evaluate and certify the algorithm. In situations where the derived variable is of "wide-spread" interest, survey staff will consider the addition of the variable to its master database.
- e) Data users may make suggestions to survey staff regarding data variables or the survey's products and services.

Survey staff will actively participate as required. However, the success of the SLID list serve depends on the active participation by data users. Discussion of all aspects of the survey is encouraged, and all suggestions to survey staff will be considered.

You may subscribe to the SLID list serve by sending an e-mail message to:

`listproc@statcan.ca`

Leave the subject line blank and in the body of the message type:
`subscribe slidedtr firstname lastname`

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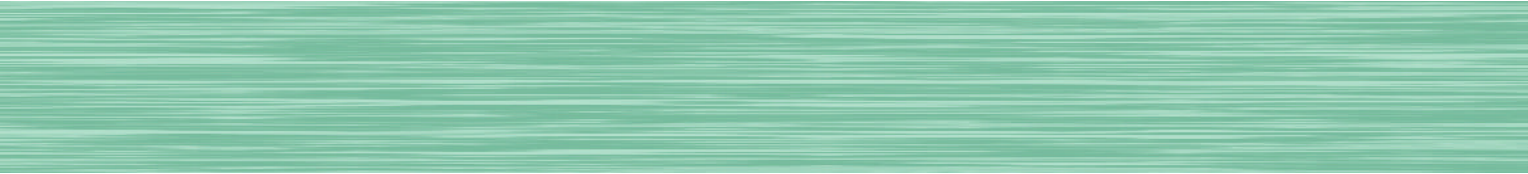
**DATA USES: THE
DETERMINANTS OF
MULTIPLE JOB HOLDING**

Moonlighting workers represent a significant portion of the Canadian labour force, and the rates for both men and women have been increasing steadily over the last few decades. Moonlighting, or multiple-job holding, may reflect the need for more flexibility by workers, in particular for females trying to combine both work and family obligations. For others, the motive may be to acquire additional skills or the enjoyment of a different job. Holding down a second job for many, however, is the result of economic hardship that threatens the financial stability of families.

The purpose of this research is to gain insight into the determinants of moonlighting. Descriptive empirical analyses will include an examination of the incidence of moonlighting across gender, age, education, marital status, and occupation. Additionally, we will examine the extent of multiple-job holding by parents of preschool children, and the types of jobs being packaged. Moonlighting behaviour will also be related to income levels to gauge the link between the two factors. In addition, the SLID data will allow us to estimate an econometric model which examines hypotheses for moonlighting such as primary job constraints (insufficient hours or earnings) or heterogeneous jobs (different jobs provide non-pecuniary benefits to the worker).

The SLID data set provides, for the first time, detailed information on more than one job combined with income and demographic data. Moonlighters can be identified in the data set through a vector which specifies the number of jobs held in each week over the year. This information can then be linked with corresponding jobs held in the moonlighting period. In addition, the release of subsequent waves of SLID will allow this research to be extended to examine issues related to the duration of moonlighting spells.

The research is being conducted by Dr. Lisa Powell at the School of Policy Studies, Queen's University, and Dr. Jean Kimmel at the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. For more information on this project, contact Lisa Powell at (613) 545-6692 or Imp1@qsliver.queensu.ca

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- ▶ differences in weighting approaches;
 - ▶ differences in collection;
 - ▶ differences in survey concepts.

Some of these differences are controllable and steps will be taken by both surveys to reduce differences between them.

96-08 *The Growth Of Earnings Inequality In Canada*
René Morissette

This study uses multiple data sources including 1993 SLID wage data to study the causes of increasing dispersion of weekly and annual earnings. Several theories are postulated and examined in detail.

96-10 *Comparison of data on absences between SLID and Absence from Work Survey (AWS)*
Nathalie Noreau

As with the comparison of income data discussed above, comparisons of SLID data with other data sources are possible. This study evaluated SLID data on job absences. In general, SLID estimates are somewhat higher than those derived from AWS, likely reflecting differences in data collection.

96-12 *Some data quality impacts when merging survey data on income with tax data*
Sylvie Michaud and Michel Latouche

In some ways, this paper is complementary to the SLID-SCF income comparisons discussed above. Instead of comparing estimates, this paper looks at differences in errors according to whether income data is collected from survey or tax files.