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NRE² Data

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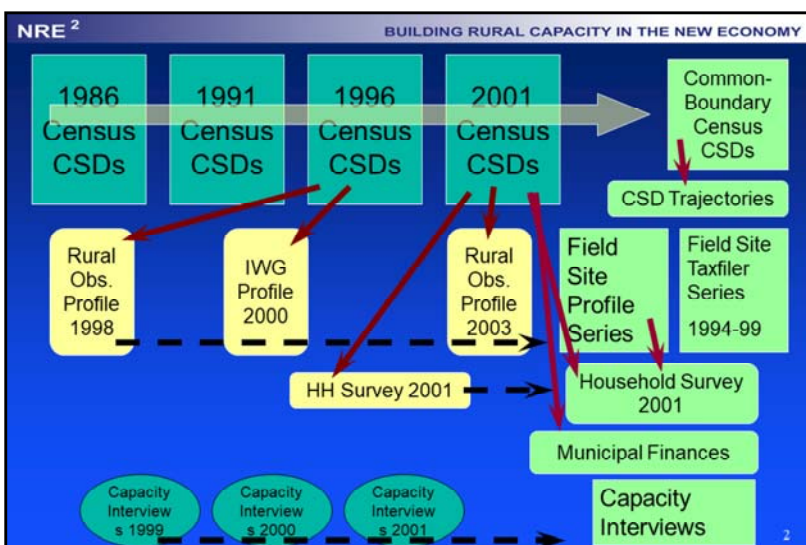
- INTRODUCTION – Overview of presentation

- Purpose of the presentation is to inform NRE researchers, research assistants and community members about the range of data that has been collected over the **~8 years** that this research on rural Canada has been underway. The purpose is to make all this data accessible to researchers and site people

- The data that will be outlined here would not be available to researchers if not for the support and collaboration of:

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
- The Rural Secretariat of Agriculture and Agri-food Canada
- Statistics Canada
- CRRF
- Co-Op Secretariat
- Colleagues in C-J Project
- Rural Citizens in our field sites

- All of the datasets that will be discussed in the upcoming slides are available on either the main NRE website or the secure site. Datasets also have related procedure documents with instructions for how to use them



- Several sources and levels
- All CSDs for 1986, 1991, 1996, and 2001
 - Also produced file from all of these years for ~3,000 CSDs with constant boundaries
 - avoid problems related to changing boundaries and redefining CSDs
- CSD Trajectories
 - Merged file for 4 census years, enabling analysis of CSD trajectories
- Rural Observatory
 - 1998: history, events, inventory, census data for each of the sites in the Rural Observatory
 - 2000: Interdepartmental Working Group on Rural & Remote Canada (IWG) Profile - 7 instruments developed by NRE researchers to update much of the previous information and add survey data from enterprises, co-ops, voluntary groups, community leaders, major events
 - 2001: 1,995 rural households interviewed in 20 of our field sites
 - Systematically selected to ensure generalizations to the sites
 - 2003: Update of the rural profile series with additional information regarding communications
 - Result:
 - Field site profile series – longitudinal at the level of the site
 - Led to development of the HH survey
- Datasets link site profiles and HH survey data to relevant census data
- Can also work with data linking site profile and HH survey data
- Capacity series
 - Exploring issues of local capacity related to services, the economy, natural capital, leadership, social cohesion, and human capital as viewed by key informants from within rural communities
 - Interviews with ~5 respondents in 8 sites
- Tax Filer Data for our Rural Observatory for a series of years
 - Primarily income and taxation-related information
 - Produced a special report entitled “The NRE Field Sites: Analysis Using Tax Filer Data” (to be made available with NRE documents on main website) – focus on SF characteristics & policy recommendations
- Municipal finance data will be available on the secure website in mid-May.

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Census Data

- CSD-level
- 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001
- Rural and urban

- Demographic data (population, age, gender)
- Family and household
- Ethnicity, immigration, language
- Labour force, occupation, employment
- Education, migration
- Income
- Housing

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- The StatCan census data has been enhanced to include:
 - Indexes to measure social capital, use of social capital, social cohesion, and social support.
 - Links across 4 years (resolved problems of changing codes)
 - Files for CSDs with consistent boundaries
 - New variables specific to rural issues

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Site Profile Data

- CSD-level
- 1998, 2000, 2003
- 22-23 NRE Field Sites

- Site History
- Services & Communications
- Social Services
- Businesses
- Resource-base & amenities
- Demographic & social change

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- Site history includes descriptive information about:
 - Background/context of the community
 - Geographic, demographic and economic characteristics
 - Major changes
- Services information includes provision of basic and emergency services, range of social services, and certain media
 - 2000 Update included Communication Inventory, including traditional & new media, and Community Identity Inventory
- Data about Businesses deals with
 - access to goods & services
 - types of businesses, numbers of employees
- Resource-base & amenities
 - Natural resource features & how they are used by community
- Demographic and social change

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Household Data

- 1,995 Rural households
- 22-23 NRE Field Sites

- Household composition: demographic
- Home and business ownership
- Employment of HH members
- Previous employment in primary industries
- Major changes
- Responses to major changes (+tradeoffs)
- Social support

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- Data is available about ... (name list as they appear)

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Municipal Finances

- CSD-level
- 2001
- Rural and urban

- Revenues per capita
- Expenditures per capita

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- There are 3,245 communities included in the municipal finance database
 - 80% of these communities are rural
 - Represents 67% of 2001 census CSD's
- Revenues include:
 - Income from tax revenues, insurance premiums, sales of goods and services, investment incomes & government transfers (11 categories total)
- Expenditures include:
 - Spending on administrative and legal government services, social services, health, education, environment, infrastructure, housing, debt charges (16 categories total)

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Forthcoming Data

- Health regions
- Crime and justice

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Data collection underway & upcoming:

- In process of collecting data about health characteristics for various health regions
 - From the Health Division of Statistics Canada
- After health data is completed will be moving to statistics about crime and justice relating to rural Canada.

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- Reminder data is available through secure site; to be updated in the next few weeks – contact Mike Burns or Roger Des Ormeaux if you would like access to data not currently available on-line
- Open floor to questions or discussion (adjust to format, whether or not session is chaired)