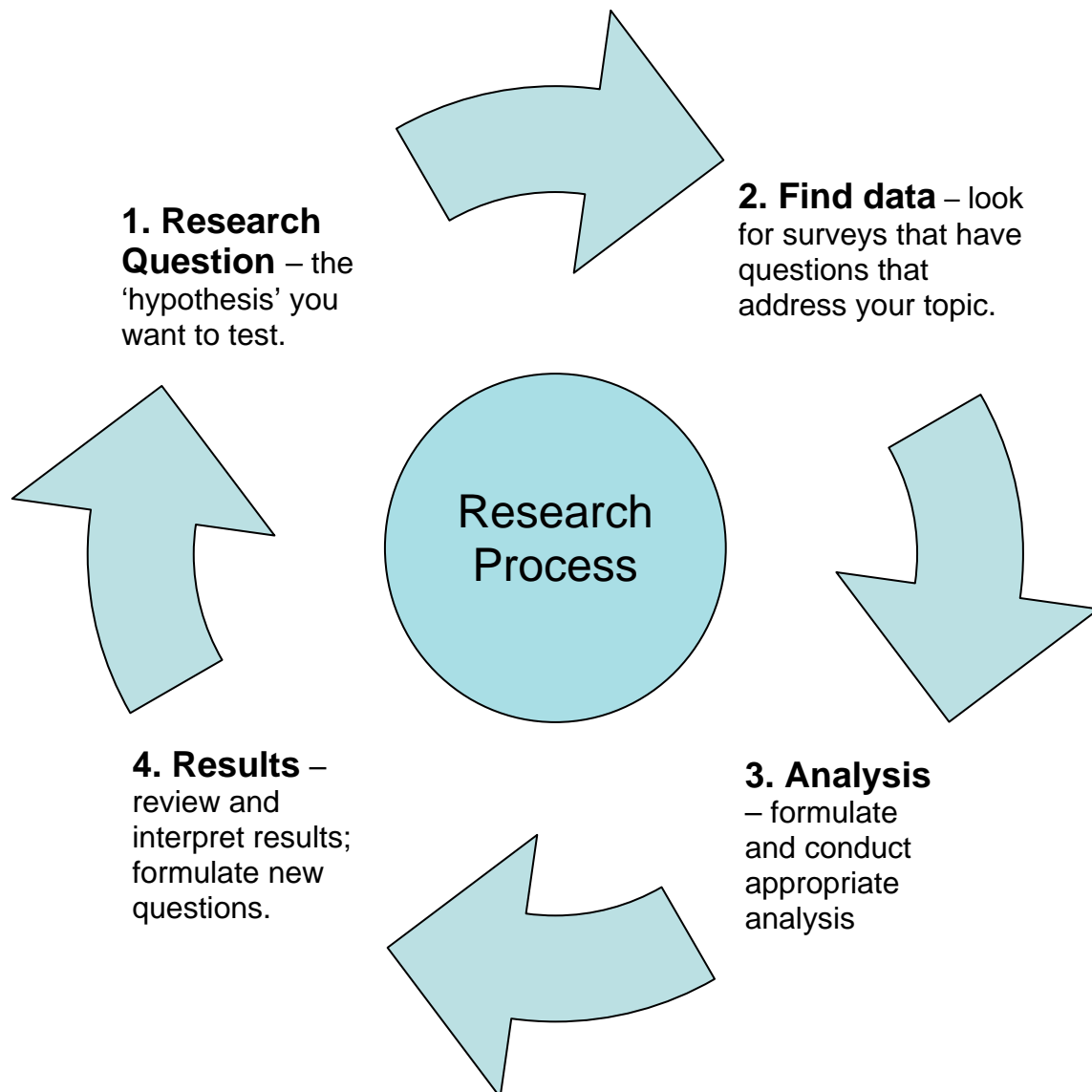


Introduction to Survey Data Sources at Queen's

September 2008

SURVEY DATA

If you can find 'the answer' to your research question using 'aggregate data', do so. If not, **survey data** provides a powerful research tool. Survey data consists of the actual 'responses' of individuals to survey questions in *un-aggregated* form; as such, it can be manipulated in a variety of ways. In effect, you have the 'building blocks' necessary to create tables of your own choosing, or to conduct statistical analyses not done elsewhere.



Getting to Survey Data on the Web at Queen's

<http://library.queensu.ca>

→ Campus Libraries & Collections

→ Social Science Data Centre (direct URL: <http://library.queensu.ca/webdoc/ssdc/>)

Surveys and Opinion Polls

survey data **SSDC Data**

(Register to use this resource)

more survey data <odesi> **NEW**

polling data **CORA**

Connect from off-campus

More...

The NEW Analysis System, **Nesstar**, can be used to **analyze** (frequencies, cross-tabulations, and more) or **download** data in a variety of formats (SPSS, STATA, SAS, spreadsheet, and more).

Sample table generated from the

General Social Survey, Cycle 17, 2003 [Canada]: Social Engagement:

Sex of respondent	Male	Female	Total
Satisfied with balance between job / home			
Very satisfied	17.3	14.2	15.8
Satisfied	44.9	37.0	40.9
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	5.4	5.0	5.2
Dissatisfied	8.2	7.0	7.6
Very dissatisfied	1.4	1.4	1.4
Not asked	21.7	34.8	28.3
Not stated	0.3	0.2	0.3
Don't know	0.6	0.4	0.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
N=	12,560,476.9	12,983,946.4	25,544,423.3

Weight is on

Concepts: 'Canada', 'gender (sex)', 'home/job balance'

Use the following **worksheet** to map out your 'building blocks' for analysis:

Concept	Variable	Label/Value

Introduction to Nesstar (PowerPoint):

<http://library.queensu.ca/webdoc/instruction/NesstarIntro-JobBalance.ppt>

Downloading datasets using Nesstar:

<http://library.queensu.ca/webdoc/instruction/Nesstar-Downloading at Queens.pdf>

Searching Nesstar for datasets:

<http://library.queensu.ca/webdoc/instruction/Nesstar-Searching at Queens.pdf>