



Regulated Interactions

Guide on using the
regulated interactions
dataset

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Disclaimer

This dataset includes any regulated interactions that was recorded between January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Please note that the dataset provided contains the most recent information available. Data in the WRPS Records Management System is continually updated. As our data continues to be processed, the data may be amended through additions, subtractions or modifications to reflect the most current and accurate information. Any duplicated or information entered in error have been removed.

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Definitions

These definitions are provided by the Regulated Interactions and Intelligence Notes procedure, effective January 1, 2017.

- **Regulated Interactions (Street Checks)** – means the interactions and documentation of such by an officer regarding an *attempt to collect identifying information about an individual from the individual by asking the individual*;
- **Intelligence Notes** – means the documentation of officer observations or information of person(s) and/or activities for the purpose of intelligence gathering and crime prevention where:
 1. there is no interaction with the person(s) (i.e., a passive observation);
 2. the interaction with the person(s) was first lawful (e.g., provincial or criminal offence/arrest) where an unrelated passive observation is made and warrants recording for intelligence purposes (e.g., the person was wearing gang colours); or
 3. the identifying information is derived from a third party source or already known by the officer;
- **Attempted Collection (or a collection)** – means a regulated interaction was conducted
- **Identifying information** – means a name and/or a birthdate was collected.

Field Definitions

This table below provides detailed descriptions of the data fields available in this dataset and the limitations inherent within this raw data.

Field	Description
RI No.	Unique identifiers for regulated interactions. Each unique regulated interaction indicates the number of times an officer initiated the regulated interactions process. Each row in the spreadsheet corresponds to a person who was the subject of the regulated interactions. Multiple rows may be associated to one unique identifier.
Compliance	Each regulated interaction is subjected to verification to ensure compliance with the “Regulated Interactions and Intelligence Notes procedure”. “Y” indicates that the regulated interaction was conducted in compliance with the procedure. “N” indicates that the regulated interaction was deemed to be not in compliance. As per the “Regulated Interactions and Intelligence Notes procedure”, access to information collected in non-compliant regulated interactions must be restricted and as such, no information will be reported.
Occurrence Date	Date of when the regulated interaction took place.
PersonID	Each subject is assigned a unique person ID. Repeated PersonIDs signifies that the person has been the subjects of multiple regulated interactions.
Perceived gender	This is the perceived gender of the subject. For the purposes of this data extract, whether the subject has the self-identified or the perceived gender has been entered is not differentiated.
Age Group	The age of the subject is either determined via their date of birth or the perceived age (in the case where a subject declined to provide their information). The ages are grouped into the appropriate decade.
Perceived racial group	<p>This is the perceived racial group of the subject. Whether the subject has the self-identified or the perceived racial group has been entered is not differentiated. The racial groups are derived from the Government of Canada’s National Household Survey. The following categories are available for use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arab • Black • Chinese • Filipino • First Nations • Inuit • Japanese • Korean • Latin American • Metis • Multiple Visible Minorities • South Asian • Southeast Asian • Visible Minority, Not Included • West Asian • White • Unknown



Reason for Interaction	<p>An officer conducting a regulated interaction must be able to articulate the reasoning for its collection. The reason must be one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inquiring into offences that have been or might be committed; • inquiring into suspicious activity to detect offences; or • gathering information for intelligence purposes.
Rights Given	<p>An officer must inform the individual that they are not required to provide identifying information to the officer. “Y” indicates that rights were provided to the individual.</p> <p>If an officer does not inform the individual of their rights (indicated by “N”), the reason must be one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the officer has a reason to believe that informing the individual might compromise the safety of an individual (including an officer); • an on-going police investigation might be compromised; • a confidential informant might be identified; or • risk of disclosing the identity of a person contrary to the law (e.g., YCJA)
Reason Given	<p>An officer must inform the individual of the reason why they are attempting to collect the information, which can be due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inquiring into offences that have been or might be committed; • inquiring into suspicious activities to detect offences; and/or • gathering information for intelligence purposes. <p>“Y” indicates that reasons were provided to the individual.</p> <p>If an officer does not inform the individual of their reasoning (indicated by “N”), the reason must be one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the officer has a reason to believe that informing the individual might compromise the safety of an individual (including an officer); • an on-going police investigation might be compromised; • a confidential informant might be identified; or • risk of disclosing the identity of a person contrary to the law (e.g., YCJA)
Receipt Offered	<p>An officer must offer a receipt for the individual to indicate that a regulated interaction took place. “Y” indicates that a receipt was offered to the individual.</p> <p>If an officer does not offer a receipt (indicated by “N”), the reason must be one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the officer has a reason to believe that continuing the interaction might compromise the safety of an individual (including the officer); and/or • the officer has a reason to believe that continuing the interaction might delay the officer from responding to another matter that should be responded to immediately (i.e., pre-empted to a call or pre-empted to an emergent situation at or near the location).



Receipt Given	<p>An officer must give the individual the receipt if the individual accepted the offer. “Y” indicates that a receipt was given to the individual.</p> <p>If an officer does not give out a receipt (indicated by “N”), the reason must be one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no offer was made to give a receipt; • the receipt was declined; • the officer has a reason to believe that continuing the interaction might compromise the safety of an individual (including the officer); and • the officer has a reason to believe that continuing the interaction might delay the officer from responding to another matter that should be responded to immediately (i.e., pre-empted to a call or pre-empted to an emergent situation at or near the location).
Zone	The patrol zone is assigned based on the location of the regulated interaction. Some occurrences may not have patrol zone information as the data was not available at the time.
Point X/Y	Location of where the regulated interaction took place, rounded to the nearest intersection. It is important to note that sometimes the location of the regulated interaction does not reflect the location of the initial observation because the interaction may take place at another location following the stop vehicle, etc. Some occurrences may not have XY coordinates as the data was not available at the time. Due to the unavailability of locational data, the divisional addresses may be used to temporarily assign them a location.

