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Slide notes: In this 4 minute tutorial you will learn about the database CANSIM@CHASS, how to navigate the database, and how to retrieve data by subject browsing.

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Slide notes: CANSIM is Statistics Canada's socio-economic database. Updated daily, CANSIM provides fast and easy access to a large range of the most current statistics available in Canada.

CHASS is the University of Toronto’s Computing in the Humanities and Social Sciences facility. This facility provides free access to CANSIM data for SFU faculty, staff, and students.

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Slide notes: At the CANSIM@CHASS introductory page, select your preferred language.

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Slide notes: This is the main page of the CANSIM@CHASS database. Navigating through the database is just like moving through a regular website. You can use your browser’s forward and back buttons and the menu links.

To search the database select the link, CANSIM Multidimensional @ CHASS Main Menu.

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Slide notes: Here’s the main search menu.

You can search the database using words, or you can browse by keywords, titles and numbers, and more.

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Slide notes: We’re going to search by browsing the tables by subject.
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Slide notes: These are CANSIM categories based on the themes and sub-themes defined by Statistics Canada. These categories hold many different sub-categories. In the sub-categories are lists of relevant tables.

Let’s say you’re looking for the amount of honey produced in B.C. in a year. Looking at these categories, Agriculture is the best place to look. So, open the Agriculture category by clicking on the plus sign or the blue arrow.

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Slide notes: Still thinking about our topic – honey production, select Crops and Horticulture.

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Slide notes: Scroll down to Production and value of honey, which is #43.

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Slide notes: You can also use the ‘find’ command in your browser to look for the word ‘honey’ on the screen.

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Slide notes: There are different ways to view this data and information about it. Looking at a table by dimensions is a good way of narrowing down the series of a CANSIM table.
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Slide notes: To find the annual production of honey in B.C.,

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Slide notes: first select British Columbia...

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Slide notes: and then select Production of honey (total pounds).

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Slide notes: When you are done making your selections, click Submit.

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Slide notes: Now, you can work with the data collected for the annual production of honey in B.C. Just click on the series code number.
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Slide notes: Here, you can select data for a specific time period.

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Slide notes: ...choose how you want the data to look, and in what format you would like the data to appear.

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Slide notes: When you are done making your choices, click Retrieve all the series from the cart.

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Slide notes: And here is your data for you to view and use.

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Slide notes: If you have any questions about using CANSIM@CHASS, each page in the database has a Help section, here at the top right, that provides further explanation.

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Slide notes: You can also ask liaison librarian Heather de Forest for assistance with CANSIM@CHASS: hdefores@sfu.ca or 778.782.7322.
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Slide notes: You can also ask any SFU librarian for help. For more information on how to contact a librarian, go to the SFU Library home page and click Ask a Librarian.

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Slide notes: You can contact a librarian via chat, email, phone or in person.

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