



Appendix: Comparison of Average Characteristics for the Violence Against Women and 1993 Survey of Consumer Finances Samples

Table A1 compares similar samples from the VAWS and the 1993 SCF, a supplement of the Canadian Labor Force Survey similar to the March Current Population Survey in the U.S., to assess the representativeness of the former data set. Both samples are limited to women between the ages of 25 and 55 who are not attending school. The average characteristics of women in the VAWS and SCF data are similar, with three exceptions. First, total spousal income is higher in the SCF. It is likely that the measure of spousal income reported from the VAWS is inaccurate, as spousal income was constructed as the difference between the categorical variables "Total Personal Income" and "Total Household Income". Second, the proportion of women residing in an urban area is higher in the SCF. It should be noted that P.E.I. was not assigned a "Rural/Urban" indicator in the VAWS, and was thus coded as "Rural". Finally, the proportion of women with some post-secondary education is higher in the SCF and the proportions of women with high school and university degrees is lower. This latter difference could stem from coding or non-response pattern differences across the data sets. However, given the many similarities between the VAWS and the SCF especially in terms of employment patterns, it does not appear the high non-response rate for the VAWS resulted in an unrepresentative sample.

TABLE A1
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 and Survey of Consumer Finances (1993) Samples¹

Variable	SCF93 (1992 Income)	VAW (1993)
Total personal income	20448.48 (130.0261)	21933.72 (214.0748)
Total spousal income ²	39439.08 (286.5227)	30404.59 (257.1105)
Age of respondent	38.6668 (0.0582)	38.9941 (0.1038)
Respondent resides in Nfld., N.S., N.B., or P.E.I.	0.0819 (0.0019)	0.0859 (0.0034)
Respondent resides in Quebec	0.2555 (0.0030)	0.2694 (0.0054)
Respondent resides in Ontario	0.3793 (0.0034)	0.3624 (0.0059)
Respondent resides in AB., SK., or MN.	0.1575 (0.0025)	0.1657 (0.0045)
Respondent resides in B.C.	0.1191 (0.0022)	0.1165 (0.0039)
Respondent resides in an urban area ³	0.8260 (0.0026)	0.7456 (0.0053)
Highest level of education is less than high school	0.2311 (0.0029)	0.2071 (0.0050)
Highest level of education is high school	0.2632 (0.0030)	0.3197 (0.0057)
Highest level of education includes some post-secondary education	0.3571 (0.0033)	0.2964 (0.0056)
Highest level of education is a university degree	0.1486 (0.0025)	0.1767 (0.0047)
Respondent worked in the reference year	0.7882 (0.0028)	0.7685 (0.0052)
Respondent worked or looked for work in the reference year	0.8129 (0.0027)	0.8165 (0.0047)
Number of weeks worked for respondents who reported working	0.8767 (0.0020)	0.8906 (0.0033)
Respondent worked full-time ⁴	0.7652 (0.0036)	0.7365 (0.0061)
Respondent worked part-time	0.2212 (0.0035)	0.2635 (0.0061)

¹Standard errors in parentheses.

²Derived variable in SCF. In VAW, constructed from "Total Personal Income" and "Total Household Income" (categorical variables).

³VAW: P.E.I. was not assigned an indicator and was thus coded as "Rural".

⁴VAW: Applies to respondents reporting full-time work in past year. SCF: Applies to respondents reporting "mostly" working full-time in reference year.