

Preface

This report was prepared by Compustat Consultants Inc. for Toronto Public Health. This report describes the results of the Toronto Perinatal and Child Health Survey.

Note: the original version of this report (as prepared by Compustat Consultants Inc. in September 2003) has been updated by Toronto Public Health to incorporate, where appropriate, the findings of the representativeness assessment conducted by TPH in March 2004 (see Appendix A). The findings reveal that the survey data is representative on a number of important demographic characteristics of the population under study, including the age of Toronto parents with children from birth to age six, as well as the age of their children. The assessment also shows that the survey is not representative with respect to some demographic characteristics. The findings suggest the need for users of the data to assess whether the unrepresentative demographic characteristics might have affected the specific survey results that they are interested in. Nonetheless, the Perinatal and Child Health Survey provides very useful local information for public health policy development and program planning, monitoring and evaluation. Please refer to Appendix A for further details regarding the representativeness assessment results.