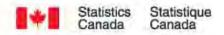


Statistics Canada Missing Link to True Multimode

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Overview

- Current State
- Attempt at Multimode
- Drivers for Change
- Survey Master Control System
- Question(s)



Current State

Statistics Canada Surveys

Characteristics

- 386 surveys per year
- Widely varying sample sizes
- Business, social, institutional, agricultural
- Interviewers and editors
- Varied survey characteristics
- Interaction with other systems

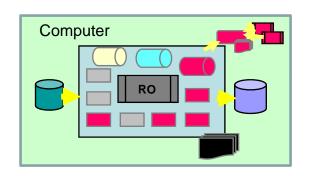
- Multiple systems to process collected data
- Various communities with different collection strategy/ approach

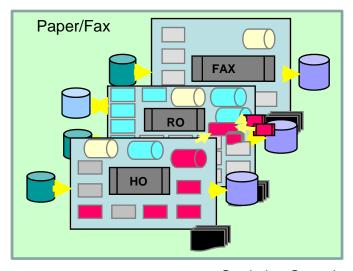
Current State of Collection

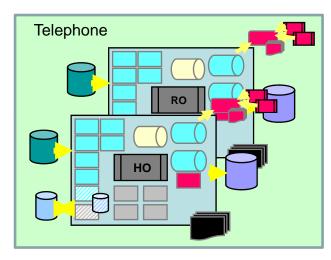
- Multiple modes of survey data collection:
 - Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI)
 - Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI)
 - Mail out / Mail back (Paper)
 - E-Questionnaire (Internet) **
 - E-File Transfer (Internet) **
- Multiple collection sites

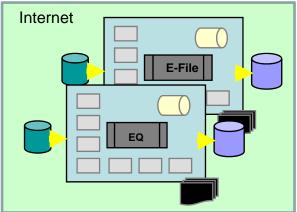
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Collection Systems









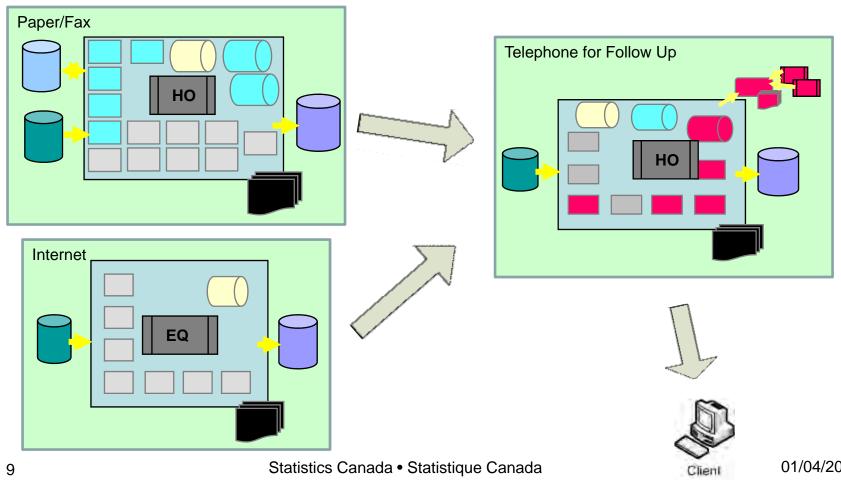


Attempt at Multimode

Current Solution to Multimode

- Business surveys
- Concurrent data collection via paper, fax and Internet
- All data integrated via CATI systems
- Most Non Response and Field Edits Follow up performed using CATI systems
- Collection data transferred to client divisions

Current Multimode Solution





Drivers for Change

Current Multimode Limitation

- Current systems and modes are stove-piped and cannot exchange information easily
- Standardization has been along business line or collection modes
- Little support to manage of the overall "collection" effort
 - No single view of all modes of collection
 - Difficult to move cases between modes and/or collection sites
- No concept of a common repository for the data
- New modes have to adapt to legacy systems

Other Drivers for Change

- Collection Modernization Vision
 - Conduct collection in an integrated and flexible way
 - Be more responsive to clients and respondents requirements
 - Operate more efficiently
- Collection partners want:
 - better tools to actively manage collection
 - better management of non-responses
 - better business resumption capabilities
 - more flexible response options for respondents

Survey Master Control System (SMCS)

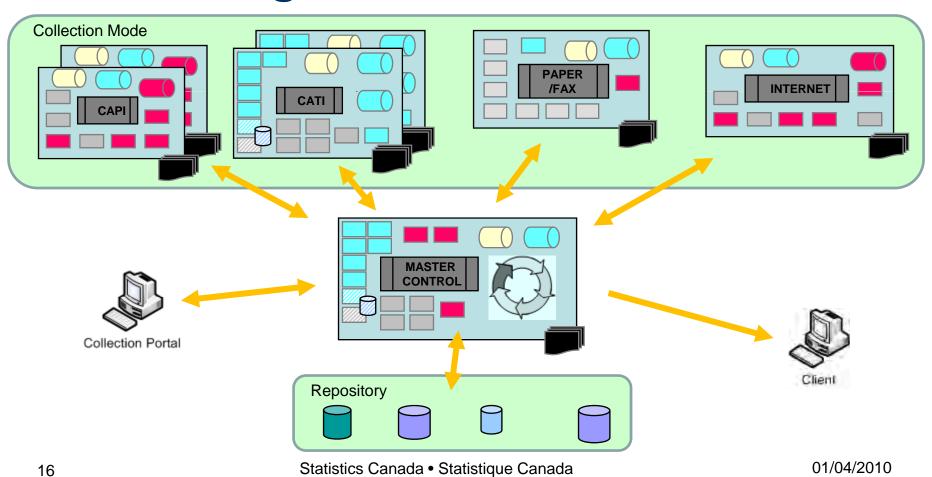
SMCS Stakeholder Requests

- Move cases between modes and sites
- Common view of paradata
- Define rules for their surveys
- Security and permissions to control level of access by type of user
- Accept sample files in a standard format
- Single output file
- Track cases and keep audit records

SMCS Concepts

- Overarching survey master controller that:
 - Supports active management of the overall collection effort
 - Facilitates routing of cases among collection sites and modes
- Consolidated data repositories that:
 - Allows for up-to-date information for better decision making
 - Preserves historical paradata to facilitate research, collection planning
- Interfaces/Bridges that:
 - Preserve current investments in survey instruments
 - Result in minimal impact on clients
 - Provide a framework that enables new modes to be introduced easily

SMCS Diagram



SMCS Features

- Survey and Cycle Management
- Sample File Management
- Collection (Case) Management
- Dashboard and Reports across modes and sites
- Collection System Administration
- Communication to Collection Applications in Modes and Sites
- Data Output to Client

SMCS Technology

- Service Oriented Architecture (SOA)
- Internet Information Services (IIS) 6.0
- Windows Communication Foundation (WCF)
- Microsoft .Net Framework 3.5
- SQL Server for database and business intelligence
- BizTalk Server for messaging and orchestration
- XML based (support ASCII for sample file)
- Architecture easily scalable and adaptable

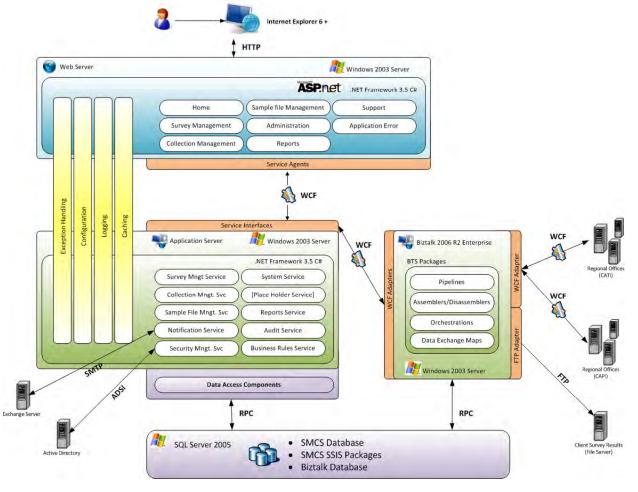
SMCS Project

- Phase 1 (April, 2007 to July, 2010)
 - Highlights
 - Survey, Cycle, Sample File and Collection (Case) Management
 - Reports across modes and sites
 - CATI and CAPI modes Integration
 - Social and Agricultural surveys
 - Identified early adopters (CCHS & Ag)
- Phase 1b (January, 2010 to January, 2011)
 - Highlights
 - E-Questionnaire Integration
 - XML Data Structure and Exchange
 - Migration of other Social and Agriculture surveys

SMCS Project

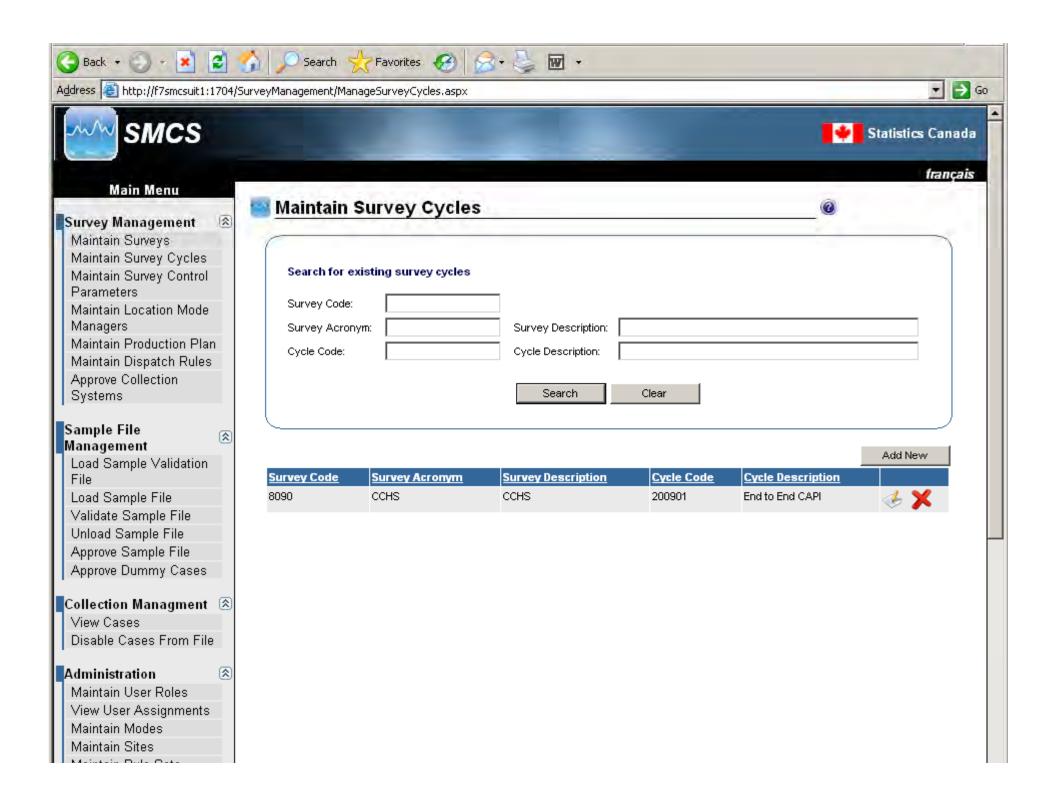
- Phase 2 (August, 2010 to ???)
 - Highlights
 - Business surveys integration
 - Paper and fax modes integration
 - Generic workload assignment across modes and sites
 - Support for other collection support services such as Tracing, First Level Editing, Questionnaire Generation System, Data Transformation, etc.
 - Enhance reports and dashboard
 - Sample File from Corporate Frame Systems (i.e. Business Register)

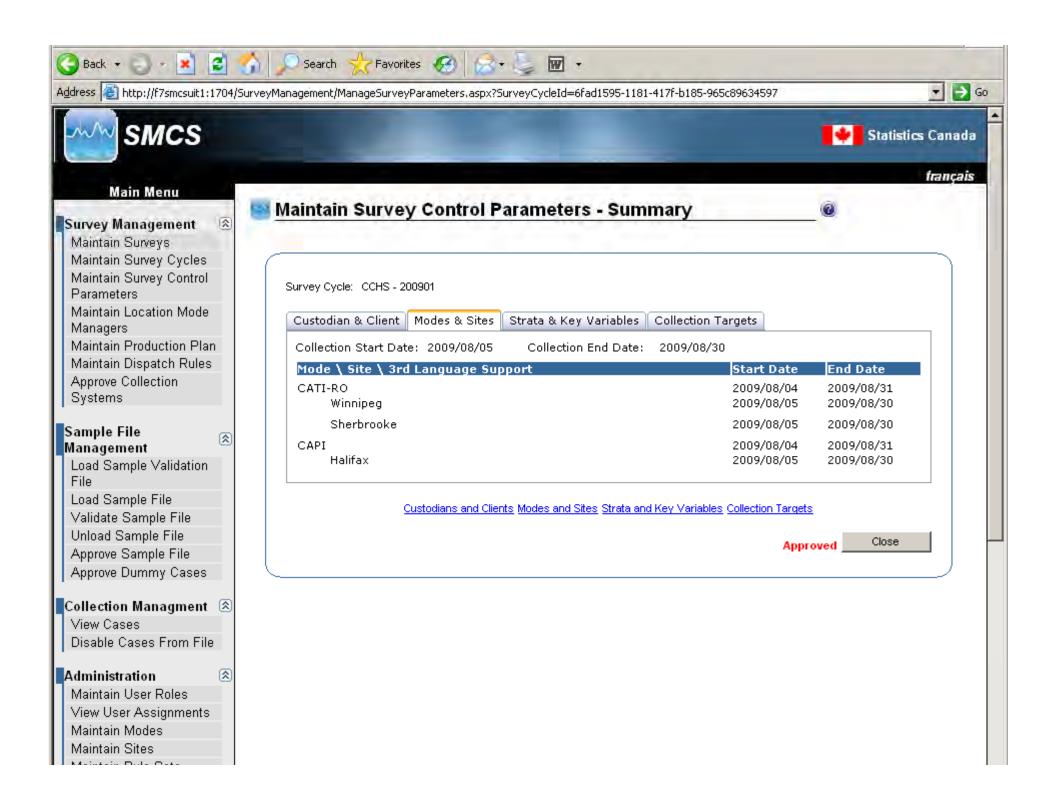
SMCS Logical Architecture

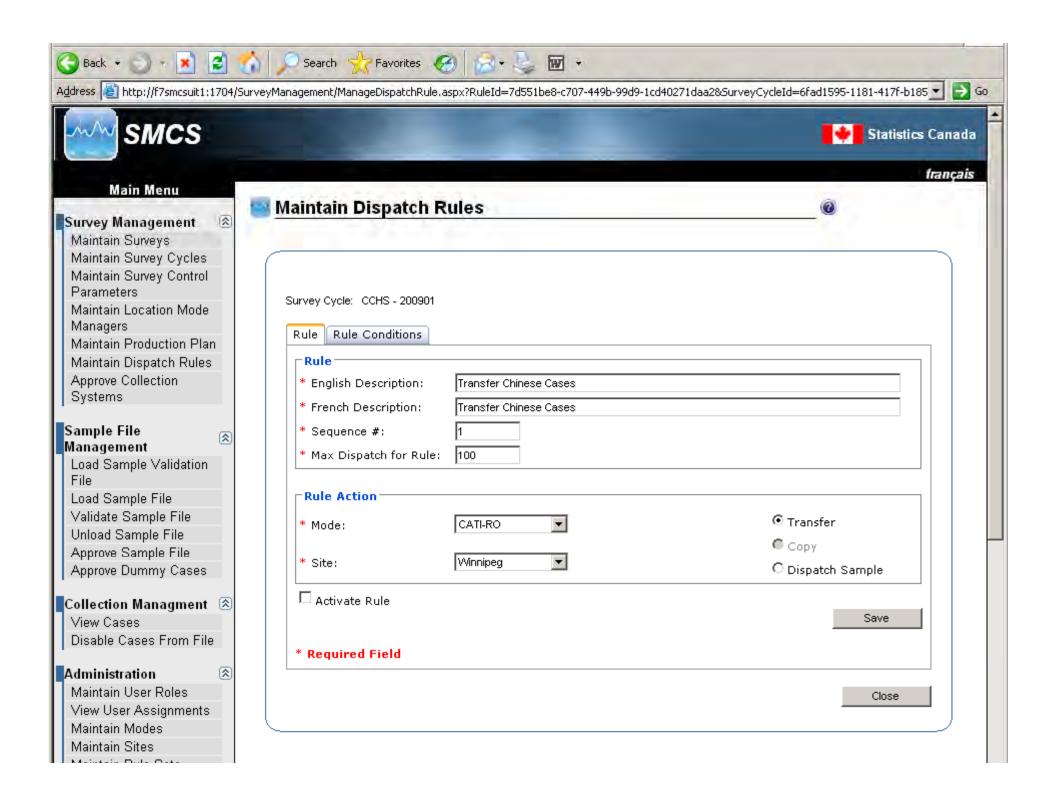


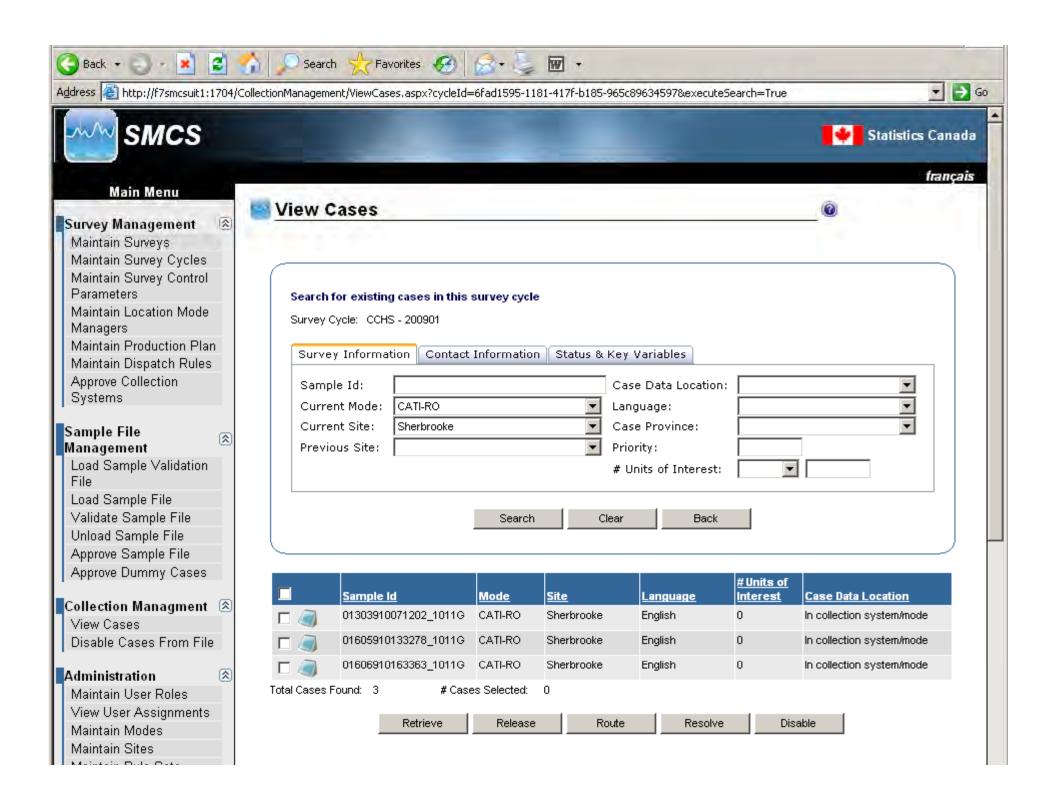
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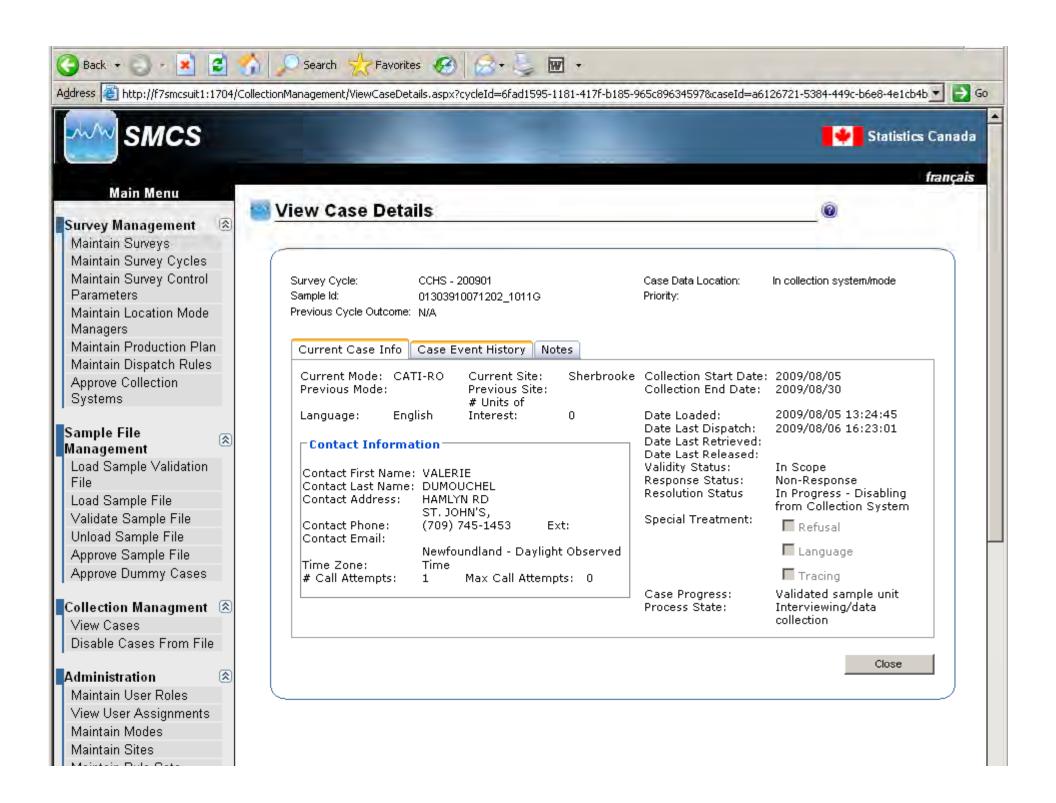
SMCS Screen Shots

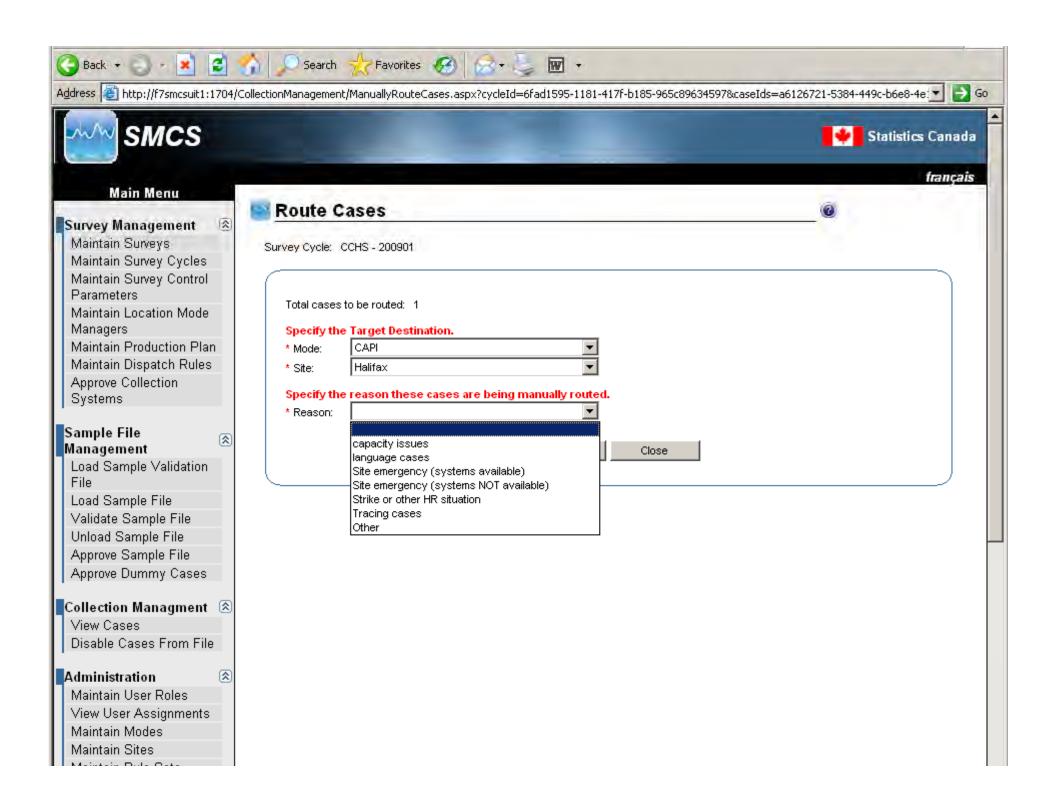


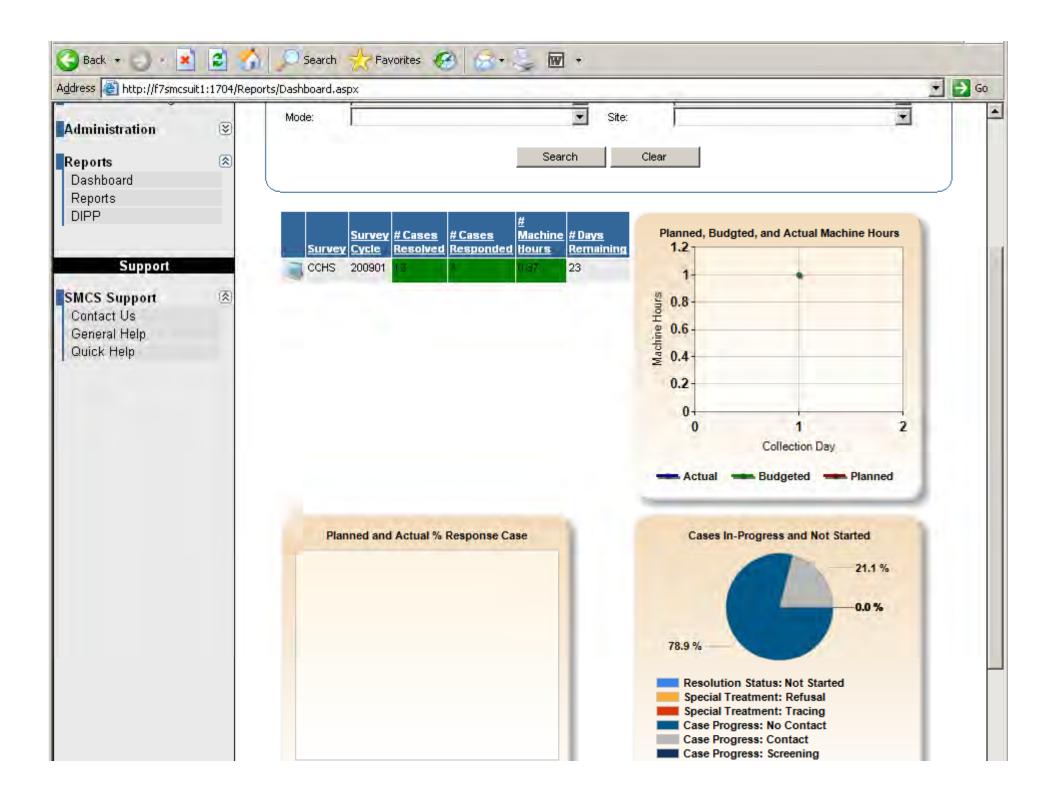


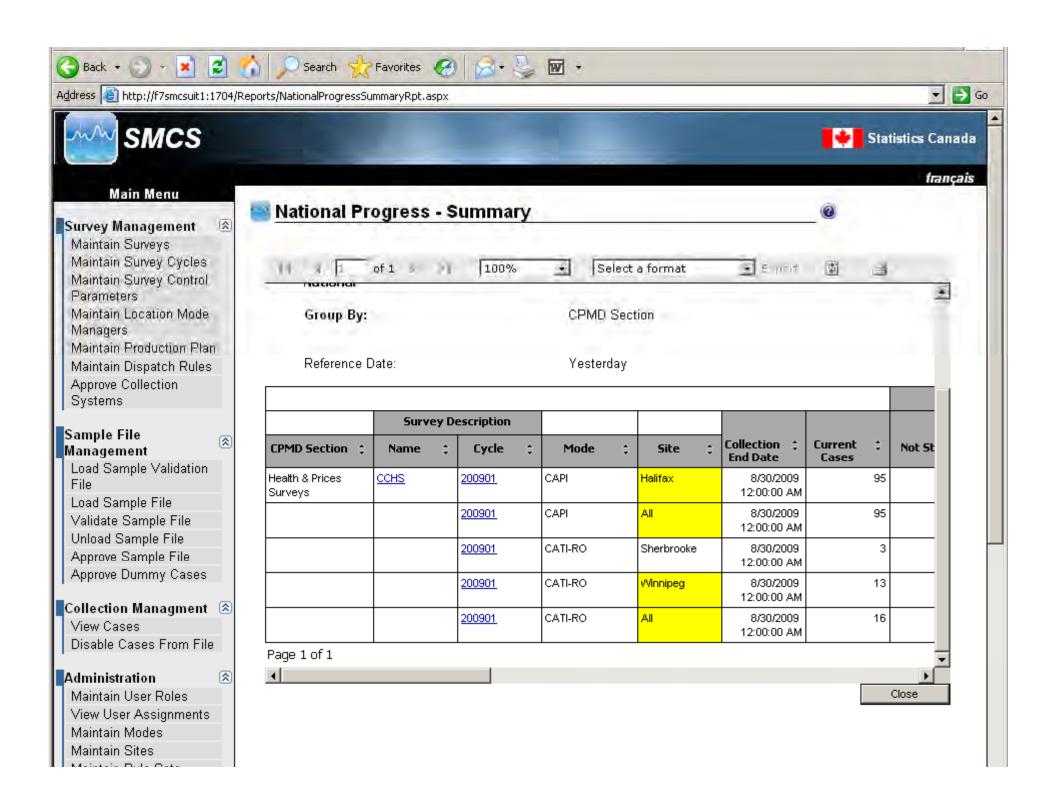












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