

CPS NEWS

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President’s Message



I would like to express my gratitude to those of you who participated in the 2025 CPS annual meeting on June 4-6. Although the turnout was smaller than last year’s 50th anniversary conference, I was happy to see familiar faces of CPS attendees (both in-person and online) at regular sessions and special joint sessions with the Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) and Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), the wine reception, and the banquet. I really appreciate their continuous support for the CPS.

I was also impressed by graduate students’ engaging participation in the conference. A number of CPS student members presented their research in-person or online, asked insightful questions to other presenters, and served as student volunteers to take photos and monitor the smooth running of the hybrid conference. Their engagement reminded me that the CPS annual meeting is

an invaluable space to nurture the new generation of Canadian demographers.

I also thank James Falconer (CPS VP/Program Chair), James Iveniuk (CPS Local Area Coordinator), and Kathleen Kinsella (George Brown College Local Area Coordinator) for their tireless work to make the 2025 CPS annual meeting happen. As a former Program Chair, I am keenly aware of numerous tasks involved in the planning of an annual meeting. I appreciate their dedicated teamwork to iron the details of the annual meeting. Every morning, they showed up to the conference room 90 minutes before the start of the first session!

Now that the 2025 annual meeting is over, we are (already) planning the 2026 meeting. We are welcoming Ana Canedo, Kyran Cupido, and James Iveniuk as new council members. They will be working with returning council members (Maude Pugliese, Max Stick, and Alison Yacyshyn) and the executive to review nominations for CPS awards and to plan the CPS-ADQ joint annual meeting at Statistics Canada. We are also welcoming Camila Iciaszczyk as the incoming student representative, who is tasked to plan a student-focused event during the conference.

In the next few CPS newsletters, we will provide further updates on the 2026 joint ADQ (Association des démographes du Québec)-CPS annual meeting at Statistics Canada in Ottawa. As mentioned in the General Assembly meeting on June 6, there will be no Congress 2026. As a result, we will hold the 2026 CPS annual meeting independent of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. We see this as a great opportunity to strengthen partnership with the ADQ and Statistics Canada, not as a new, daunting challenge in

organizing a different conference from the past annual meetings.

CPS Student Awards

Congratulations to the following CPS student members who received an award for their papers presented at the 2025 annual meeting.

The **2025 CPS Student Paper Award** winner:

Komin Qiyomiddin (McGill University), for his paper titled “The Labour Market Returns to Sub-baccalaureate Credentials: A Growth Curve Analysis of Earnings Trajectories in Canada.”



Komin Qiyomiddin (left) receives the CPS Student Paper Award from CPS President, Lisa Kaida

Congress Graduate Merit Awards (CGMA) winners:

- **Vincent Bio Bediako** (University of Pennsylvania)
- **Hongshu Wang** (Western University)
- **Yifei Yu** (University of British Columbia)

Please remember to [renew your CPS membership](#) or [enrol your students for membership](#)

New Student Representative



Camila Iciaszczyk (Western University) has been elected as the new CPS student representative. Camila is a PhD student in Sociology at the University of Western Ontario. She previously completed a Master’s degree in Sociology at Western University and a Master’s from the European Doctoral School of Demography. Her research interests include living arrangements, the health of older adults, and population aging. Camila uses quantitative methods and works with survey data such as the Health and Retirement Study and the Survey of Health, Aging, and Retirement in Europe. Looking ahead, her future research will focus on aging-related issues—such as end-of-life planning and care—and will involve cross-national analysis using quantitative methods.

CiSP Abstracts

Congratulations to **Lisa Strohschein** (University of Alberta) for receiving an Editor of Distinction of Award from Springer Nature, the publisher of *Canadian Studies in Population*. The award recognizes “exceptional service

in improving the author experience and ensuring the peer review process is efficient, constructive, and fair.”

New articles published in [Canadian Studies in Population](#) since May 2025.

João Victor Antunes Lopes, Luciana Correia Alves, and Rafael Rodrigues de Moares, [COVID-19, Excess Deaths, and Mortality: Evidence from a Municipality in Brazil](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected mortality through multiple mechanisms, including direct, indirect, and combined direct-indirect effects, as well as competing risks. This study aimed to examine these effects on mortality in the municipality of Campinas, Brazil. The first hypothesis is that mortality from the main causes of death among older adults increased due to difficulties in accessing health care during the pandemic. The second hypothesis is that excess deaths in Campinas can be attributed to the direct-indirect and indirect effects of COVID-19. The analysis was conducted in two stages: the first, an ecological study covering the period from 2010 to 2022; the second, a time-series analysis from 2010 to 2023. Mortality data were obtained from the Ministry of Health of Brazil, and population estimates from Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (2010, 2022). The results indicate an excess in mortality among adults and older adults for selected ICD-10 chapters, as well as evidence of excess deaths not directly attributed to COVID-19. These findings underscore the importance of considering broader dimensions of the pandemic’s impact on mortality, beyond officially recorded COVID-19 deaths.

Marta Mier-y-Terán and Nathaly Llanes-Díaz, [Births to Mexican Women in the First Two Years of the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

In this article, we examine the impact of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic on women’s reproductive patterns and discuss the influence of different demographic characteristics, including age, parity, marital status, and education on the fertility transition process in Mexico. This allows us to consider the heterogeneity of the impact of the pandemic on Mexican women’s reproductive decisions. We use a

descriptive approach and utilize data from the Birth Information Subsystem. The analysis includes births from October 2020 to October 2022, which includes conceptions from January 2020 to January 2022. Using a counterfactual analysis, we show that the global spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus has exacerbated the previous downward trend in births. This downward trend was particularly evident during the initial months of the pandemic and seems to have stabilized after the start of the vaccination campaign, suggesting the possibility of a modest recovery in postponed births. The impact of the pandemic on births in Mexico was largely short-term. Significant disparities by characteristics of women are observed, with responses to the pandemic differing by age, parity, marital status and schooling. We discuss the implications of these patterns for accentuating inequalities.

Johana Navarrete-Suárez, [Migration and Ethno-Racial Identity: Interpartnering of Latin American Immigrants in Mexico](#)

Intermarriage between immigrants and the native-born has been considered crucial in the process of migrant social integration. These unions may enhance ethnic and cultural diversity in host countries while influencing social integration. Whereas intermarriage has been widely studied in other contexts, it has been scarcely studied in Mexico. This paper analyses different-sex unions of Latin American immigrants in Mexico. Drawing on 2015 Mexican Intercensal Survey and 2020 Mexican Census data, I estimate multinomial logistic regression models to determine the probability of being in a union with an immigrant from the same nationality, a Mexican (native), or a spouse from another Latin-American country. Results show that recent immigrants from the Caribbean and South America have a higher probability of being in unions with people from the same nationality compared with Central Americans. However, birthplace interacts with ethno-racial identity and time since arrival in Mexico. This paper is the first to explore this for the Mexican case and aims to spur research in non-traditional immigration countries.

Cecilia Correa-Meneghello, Damian Clarke, Viviana Salinas, and Alejandra Ramm, [Understanding the National Implementation of a Legalized Abortion Policy: Evidence from Decriminalization in Chile](#)

Abortion laws are subject to frequent change with wide-ranging impacts on fertility and health. Understanding how such legal changes translate into practice is crucial in determining how de jure abortion laws map to de facto access and use. This study examines the rollout of Chile's 2017 decriminalization of abortion under three specific grounds—life-threatening risk to the woman, fetal unviability, and rape—and its effects on legal access and key usage patterns. We analyze data from administrative records on legal abortion occurring in Chile from January 2018 (shortly following decriminalization) until December 2024, to conduct descriptive analyses examining correlates of usage at the individual and territorial (regional) levels. Our findings show strong correlations between age and the grounds for abortion: the average age is highest for life-threatening risk to the woman, and lowest for rape—with a considerable proportion of adolescents. Geographical disparities are evident: regions with higher rates of sexual crimes also show high requests for abortion due to rape. However, access to abortion is uneven, partly due to geographic variation in conscientious objectors among medical professionals. Despite the increasing access to abortion on the decriminalized grounds over time, various challenges persist that could potentially limit the impact of abortion decriminalization, such as a significant proportion of conscientious objectors, both at the individual and institutional level, and binding gestational age limits in the case of rape.

CPS Members

Annalijn I. Conklin (University of British Columbia) has several announcements. New studies:

A. I. Conklin, A. Safari, N. A. Khan, and G. Veenstra. 2025. [Cardiovascular Outcomes in Aging Adults with Double Deficits in Social Support in Canada: A Gender-Sensitive, Cross-Sectional Analysis of the CLSA Study](#). *Plos One*.

A. I. Conklin, D. Tian, V. Janzen, A. Spears, N. Johnson, C. Kaufman, and S. Feanney. 2025. [Improving Hospital Nutrition Care Through the Indigenous Cultural Safety of Menu Options: Results of a Survey of Indigenous People in Western Canada](#). *Nutrition in Clinical Practice*.

H. Mozaffari, I. Imamura, R. Murphy, et al. 2025. [Protein Diversity, Type 2 Diabetes, and Effect Modifiers: A Multi-Country Prospective Study of the EPIC-InterAct Case-Cohort Study](#). *International Journal of Epidemiology*.

Dr. Gil Ceolin, a post-doctoral fellow in Conklin's lab, was awarded a Healthy Aging Post-Doctoral Fellowship for one year (renewable) to conduct a study that will use the CLSA to examine healthy eating as a mediator of the association between changes in social connections and risk of mental health in aging women and men.

Bali Ram (Carleton University and Western University) and **Shefali S. Ram** (University of Toronto), [India's Demographic Challenges](#). Cambridge Scholarly Publishing. 418 pp. This book is a semi-technical introduction to emerging population issues faced by India today. It identifies the most critical variables that policymakers can manipulate to improve people's social and economic well-being.

Xavier St-Denis has co-authored a new open access guide book (with Claudia Nono Djomgang and Natacha Prats) on administrative data analysis. The volume is entitled [La science des données administratives canadiennes: guide pratique pour la recherche en sciences sociales](#). *Canadian administrative data offer rich research potential. However, working with them poses major challenges. Researchers aiming to analyze administrative data face complex procedures, limited documentation, inconsistent data structure, and restricted interactions with data-holding agencies. In Canada, these issues can slow research significantly, with the need to overcome a steep learning curve in order to understand and analyze the data. This new open-access book focuses on these analytical challenges, discusses the content and quality of Canadian administrative datasets, and provides practical insights into working effectively with that data once*

access is secured. The book is available in French and the English translation is forthcoming.

David Swanson was recently named as a top author ranked by citations and articles in Southern Demographic Association's official journal, *Population Research and Policy Review*. Dr. Swanson ranked first in [top authors by articles](#) with 14 articles and ranked fourth in [top authors by citations](#) with 354 citations. He is the [most prolific](#) and [3rd most cited](#) author in regard to articles published in the *Journal of Economic and Social Measurement*, is tied for first as the [most prolific](#) and is tied for [14th as the most cited author](#) in regard to *Canadian Studies in Population*, and is [tied for 14th](#) as the most prolific and ranks as the [11th most cited](#) author in the *Journal of Population Research*. In addition, ScholarGPS identified Swanson as 56th among the world's 69 most [Highly Ranked Scholars](#) in the field of demography and found that his "prolific publication record, the high impact of his work, and the outstanding quality of his scholarly contributions put him in the top 0.05% of all scholars worldwide." Google Scholar shows more than [8,000 citations to Swanson's work](#), with an H-Index of 32 and an I10-Index of 80.

Frank Trovato has co-authored a study on [Income Inequality and Deaths of Despair: A Population-Based Study of 19 Million Canadian Adults](#), *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology*, May 2025.

Announcements

Call for Associate Editors, Canadian Studies in Population, 2026-2028

Due date: September 30, 2025

Canadian Studies in Population (CSiP) seeks two Associate Editors for a three-year term that begins in January 2026. Associate Editors work closely with the Editor and fellow board members to ensure the journal maintains its high academic standards and editorial efficiency. This role offers an opportunity to contribute to the advancement

of scholarly work in learning and teaching, while gaining valuable editorial and peer review experience.

About the Journal

CSiP is an established international forum for research on population processes in Canada and around the world. Emphasis is placed on cutting-edge research relevant to demography and other population-related fields (including economics, geography, sociology, health sciences, public policy, and environmental sciences). The journal publishes original research articles and brief research notes that make an empirical, theoretical, or methodological contribution.

CSiP is the official journal of the Canadian Population Society. Since 2020, CSiP has been published through SpringerNature, with submissions managed through an online journal management and publishing system.

Responsibilities

The main tasks of an Associate Editor are to obtain two referee reports for each manuscript they are assigned, and use these to formulate a recommendation to the Editor, who issues the decision letter. Associate Editors are expected to handle 4-6 manuscripts annually and to conduct their work in a timely manner (time to first decision for a manuscript sent out for review averages 69 days for CSiP). Associate Editors are academics who are committed to ensuring the high quality of the journal and are interested in shaping its direction.

Expressions of interest, including from scholars outside of Canada, should be sent via email to Dr. Lisa Strohschein, Editor in Chief of CSiP at lisa.strohschein@ualberta.ca.

The [Edmonton Transitions Study](#) (ETS) team is excited to announce that 8 waves for the ETS data, spanning 1985-2017, are now publicly available for use via ICPSR. The team is currently completing data collection for the 9th survey wave, which will be eventually added to the public use data. **Matthew D. Johnson, Michelle Maroto, Harvey**

J. Krahn, and Nancy L. Galambos. [Edmonton Transitions Study \(ETS\), Canada, 1985-2017](#). ICPSR39177-v1. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2025-06-04.

Statistics Canada

Data Releases

Statistics Canada has released the third update of the [mother-centric data linkages](#) to the Research Data Centres. This data linkage allows researchers to examine the association between the maternal socioeconomic context and mother and child outcomes. Data from several Canadian Vital Statistics databases were used to create a Mothers File from 2010 to 2023. This cohort of mothers was linked to the Longitudinal Immigration Database, the 2016 and 2021 Censuses of Population (long-form questionnaires), the T1 Family File, the Discharge Abstract Database, and the National Ambulatory Care Reporting System.

The [Canadian Census Health and Environment Cohort: User Guide, 2021, Version 1b](#) is now available. The 2021 Canadian Census Health and Environment Cohort (CanCHEC) consists of a cohort of 8,600,000 persons from the 2021 Census of Population (long-form) that is linked to administrative data from the Canadian Vital Statistics – Death database, the Discharge Abstract Database, the National Ambulatory Care Reporting System, the Ontario Mental Health Reporting System, and annual postal codes for mailing addresses from as early as 1981.

The next **Census of Population** will occur in May 2026. The [2026 Census of Population questionnaire](#) (long-form) is now available on the Statistics Canada website. The 2026 Census of Population will include new questions on health status, the sexual orientation of persons aged 15 years and older, and homelessness experiences over the past 12 months. Please see the 2026 Census [Fact Sheets](#) and [Technical Reports](#) for further information on content changes.

Monthly files of the [Labour Force Survey: Public Use Microdata File](#) from January 2006 to June 2025 can be downloaded directly from the Statistics Canada website. LFS data from 1976 to 2005 are available upon request via Statistic Canada's Electronic File Transfer service.

The [Technical Reference Guide](#) for the **T1 Family File, Final Estimates, 2023** can be viewed online or downloaded from the Statistics Canada website.

Articles published in *Economic and Social Reports* from June to July 2025:

Volume 5, Number 6

[Estimating Citizenship Rates in Canada and the United States: Data Sources and Comparability Issues](#)

[Children with Long-Term Conditions or Disabilities: Why Some Are Not in Non-Parental Care](#)

[Citizenship and the Economic Outcomes of Immigrants in Canada](#)

[Estimates of Gross Domestic Product in Wildfire-Affected Areas During the 2023 and 2024 Wildfire Seasons](#)

[Intellectual Property in the Context of Firms' Exit Strategies: The Role of Patents](#)

[Recent Changes in Canadian-Resident Travel to the United States](#)

Volume 5, Number 7

[Fields of Study and Occupations of Immigrants Who Were International Studies in Canada Before Immigration](#)

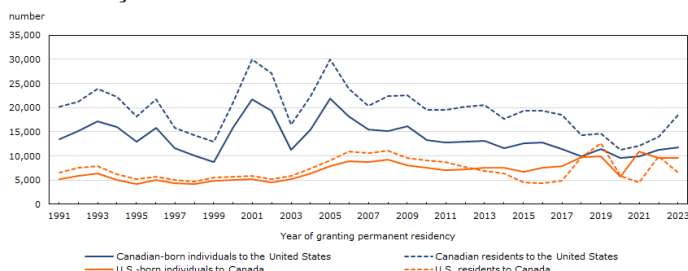
[Characteristics of Home-Based Child Care Serving Children Aged 0 to 5 years in Canada, 2021 to 2022](#)

Technology Adoption and Diversity Among Canadian Business Decision Makers: Evidence from the Survey of Advanced Technology

Retention of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Computer Science Graduates in Canada

Recent Trends in Immigration from Canada to the United States

Chart 1
Permanent immigration flows between the United States and Canada



Sources: U.S. Office of Homeland Security Statistics, Yearbook of Immigration Statistics; and Statistics Canada, Longitudinal Immigration Database.

Articles published in *Health Reports* from June to July 2025:

Volume 36, Number 6

Oral Contraceptive Use in Canada

Comparing Canada's OncoSim-Breast Model with the United States' Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network (CISNET) Breast Cancer Models

Volume 36, Number 7

Aging in the Community: Factors Associated with Home Adaptations and Receipt of Informal Care, Home Care, and Community Support Services Among Older Canadians

Staffing Levels and Expenses in Canadian Long-Term Care Facilities by Ownership Status Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic

CPS People

The Canadian Population Society is a scientific association that seeks to improve knowledge and understanding about the quantitative and qualitative characteristics of human population. It seeks to promote the study and development of the science of demography in both its empirical and theoretical aspects.

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- 2 year (\$205.00)
- 3 year (\$300.00)

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- 1 year (\$45.00)
- 2 year (\$85.00)

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- 1 year (\$45.00)