

CPS NEWS

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CPS Reports

President's Message



Many thanks to those of you who voted on the CPS Council's recommendation to support the Board of Directors of the Canadian Federation of Demography's (FCD) proposition to dissolve the FCD. In this post, I am summarizing the background of this vote and giving you some updates on the vote.

Background:

As **Amélie Quesnel- Vallée** (2022-2024 CPS President) announced during the Annual General Meeting on June 20, the FCD Board of Directors recommended the dissolution of the FCD with three proposals on June 14, 2024 as follows:

1) The Board of Directors of the Canadian Federation of Demography (FCD) proposes that the members of its two

constituent associations endorse a motion formalizing the dissolution of the FCD. The FCD Board notes that its activities have essentially ceased for several years, and that the executive offices of the two constituent associations are of the opinion that part of the FCD's objectives, namely those related to the promotion of demography as a scientific discipline, can be pursued by a joint committee between the ADQ and the CPS.

2) It is therefore proposed that a joint ADQ-CPS committee be created for the promotion of demography in Canada and cooperation between the two associations. The joint committee, which may be called a "promotion-cooperation committee", is to be constituted, at a minimum of the VP of the ADQ and a member of the CPS Council. Any other member of the ADQ or the CPS may also participate on the committee.



3) It is proposed that the financial assets of the FCD, in the amount of approximately \$13,000, be distributed between the two constituent associations so as to

reimburse, on the one hand, the contributions transmitted by them between 2011-12 and 2016-17 (i.e., \$2,280 for the ADQ and \$1,398 for the CPS), and separating the remainder (approximately \$9,000) into two equal parts. It is proposed that the use of these funds be reserved for the organization of activities (jointly or not) related to the mandate of the promotion-cooperation committee.

During the AGM in June, the ADQ (members voted in support of the FCD's proposals. Also on August 20, the CPS Council voted unanimously to support the FCD's proposals.

Updates:

Between August 26 and September 7, 2024, CPS members were asked to vote on the CPS Council's recommendation to support the FCD Board of Directors' proposals. The results are as follows (N=71):

- Yes (supporting FCD Board of Directors' proposals for dissolving the FCD): 94%
- No (not supporting FCD Board of Directors' proposals for dissolving the FCD): 1%
- Abstain: 4%

Taking ADQ's and CPS's voting results into consideration, the FCD Board of Directors are moving forward to finalize the dissolution of the FCD. I will provide you further updates in an upcoming Newsletter.

– Lisa Kaida, CPS President

[Please renew your CPS membership](#)

CPS Special Session

In the next few issues of the CPS Newsletter, we will provide snapshots of the 2024 annual meeting. So stay tuned!

Summary of Applied Demography Special Session (10:30 am - 11:45 am ET, @ Centre Urbanisation Culture Société (UCS) building, INRS, June 18, 2024)

Session Panelists: **Gustave Goldmann** (2006-2008 CPS President, University of Ottawa); **Eric Guimond** (Indigenous Services Canada); and **Doug Norris** (1998-2000 CPS Vice President, Environics Analytics)

Over the past 50 years, the CPS has nurtured generations of applied demographers who utilize their demographic analytical skills in decision making in public, private, and non-profit sectors. The CPS also has created an inclusive space where applied demographers and academic researchers in interdisciplinary fields (e.g., sociology, geography, economics) inspire each other's work. In this special 50th anniversary session, we invited three renowned applied demographers who have made significant impacts on Canadian demographer communities over decades. Each panellist reflected on their career paths to becoming applied demographers and their contributions to policy making pertaining to the Canadian population.



Lisa Kaida addresses CPS delegates at the annual banquet

Each panelist shared their intriguing journey to becoming an applied demographer. Their journeys are intriguing because their initial university majors were not in demography. Some unexpected events (sports injury,

personal encounter) led them to study demography in graduate school. Their paths crossed over time: Dr. Norris was a member of Dr. Goldmann's PhD committee, while Dr. Goldmann served on Dr. Guimond's PhD committee. Also, Dr. Guimond was hired at Statistics Canada by Drs. Goldmann and Norris after working for Hydro Quebec for a few years. The panellists emphasized the value of connections in one's professional progress.

Each panelist made significant contributions to advancing applied demography as a government researcher and an educator through various ways including but not limited to: the development of Research Data Centres and the teaching of quantitative data analysis for public policy (Dr. Goldmann); contribution of his studies to the change in Indian Register and the better understanding of the living conditions of First Nations communities through the human development index, and the development of a remoteness index (Dr. Guimond); and the application of demographic data to business and government decisions (Dr. Norris). The panelists acknowledged the importance of teaching young people the benefits of using demographic data in understanding population dynamics. They emphasized the values of mentorship (e.g., CANd3), internship, and summer jobs for providing students opportunities to learn about demography, private sector employment, and public service.

2024 CPS Awards

Life Time Achievement

In recognition of their exceptional careers and lasting impact, we are proud to present **Dr. Feng Hou** (Statistics Canada) and **Dr. Don Kerr** (King's University College) with the CPS Lifetime Achievement Award. Their dedication, innovation, and leadership are truly commendable, and we celebrate their outstanding contributions to the field of demography. This award honors a Canadian scholar every two years who has shown outstanding commitment to the profession of demography and whose cumulative work has contributed in important ways to the advancement of the discipline in Canada, through publications, teaching, and/or service.

Dr. Feng Hou

Dr. Hou is a major contributor to the evolution of understanding and scholarship about immigration in Canada. Dr. Feng Hou has also made remarkable contributions to immigrant policy-making and demographic data harmonization in Canada. One nominator argued that Dr. Hou is one of the top three immigration scholars in Canada, with his work supporting upcoming scholars, advancing academic knowledge, and shaping social policy. Another mentioned his vast record of publishing highly cited studies, spanning the myriad disciplines which approach and answer questions about immigration in Canada and the modern world. Several mentioned how he is generous and graceful with his skills and encourages collaboration with junior colleagues and across what others may have perceived as disciplinary divides. Dr. Hou's contributions to demography have been foundational for several generations of immigration scholars and have shaped the direction of the field over the past three decades.



Feng Hou receives the Life Time Achievement Award

Dr. Don Kerr

Dr. Kerr has been at the forefront of demographic research throughout his career, exploring critical issues such as population estimates and projections, environmental demography, and the socioeconomic and political consequences of demographic change in Canada.

Dr. Kerr has also demonstrated a remarkable commitment to teaching and mentoring the next generation of demographers. His nominators attested to his passion for sharing knowledge and fostering intellectual growth. In addition to these exceptional accomplishments in research and education, Dr. Don Kerr has made continuous contributions to the CPS over the past decades and has been instrumental in the development of the CPS. In fact, his nomination package was supported by 5 current and past members of the CPS executive committee. These include nominations from two former students and three former CPS presidents. The nominators explicitly recognized Dr. Kerr's exemplary voluntary contributions to the CPS.

2023 Best Paper Award

Pesando, L. M., Dorélien, A., St-Denis, X., and Santos, A. (2023). [Demography as a Field: Where We Came From and Where We Are Headed](#). *Canadian Studies in Population* 50(4).

The article offers reflections from four early-career researchers involved in research, teaching, mentorship, data collection, policymaking, and policy advising. Their diverse perspectives provide a holistic view of the current state and future potential of demography as a field. They propose promising pathways and novel directions, demonstrating how the field can continue to thrive and evolve. The article critically assesses innovations in data collection and advocates for a revolutionary approach to teaching demographic methods. The authors advocate for demography to engage with local communities, proposing promising ways to enhance demography's visibility and knowledge translation. Overall, the article is a really nice, forward-looking piece that sets an agenda for demography. While these types of articles are often done by senior scholars and are backward looking, this article does so in reference to the priorities of early career researchers and addresses many aspects of demography – research, data, teaching, community building, policy making, and public engagement. As such, the members of the Awards Committee are delighted to

have selected this paper for the 2023 CPS Best Paper Award.



Xavier St-Denis receives the Best Paper Award

CiSP Abstracts

New articles published in *Canadian Studies in Population* since August 2024.

Yue Teng and Rachel Margolis, [Fertility Decline in Canada Since the Great Recession](#)

Fertility in Canada has declined since the Great Recession of 2007–09, from 1.69 in 2008 to 1.33 in 2022. This paper examines the factors behind this recent fertility decline. First, we analyze a range of fertility indicators to identify potential distortions in different measures. Second, we examine to what extent the recent fertility decline in Canada is due to fertility postponement (tempo) or fewer children per woman (quantum), using data from the Human Fertility Database and Statistics Canada. Our findings show that decreasing fertility quantum accounts for 61% of the fertility decline since the Great Recession, while the tempo effect plays a smaller role, contributing 39%. Last, we investigate which age and parity groups contribute most to the decline. The results indicate that

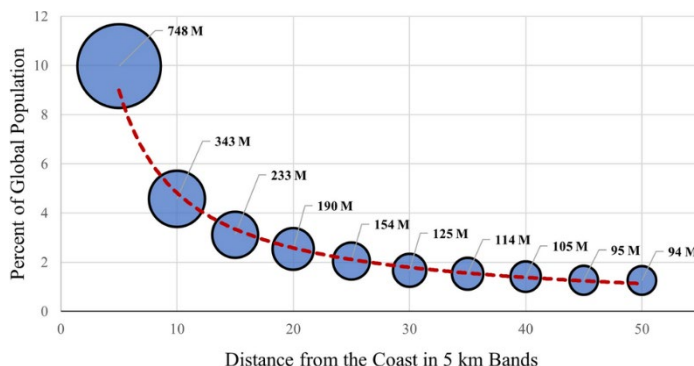
the first birth decline, concentrated among women 18–28, makes the largest contribution to the drop in fertility. There are some signs of future fertility recuperation at older ages, yet the magnitude is small and contingent on the recovery of first births. The results are consistent with trends in the United States, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Iceland, where the first birth decline is the primary driver of the TFR decline and the recuperation of fertility rates at older ages is low.

CPS Members

David A. Swanson (Portland State University) has co-authored an article published in *Nature* (Scientific Reports, 2024) on [Accelerating Growth of Human Coastal Populations at the Global and Continent Levels: 2000-2018](#) (see abstract below). This November, David will be presenting a paper on Population Aging in the Western Hemisphere: 2020 to 2050 at the [47th annual conference of the Fulbright Association](#).

Current human population growth along Earth's coasts is on a collision path with anticipated consequences of increasing natural and anthropogenic induced coastal hazards. Using recently available ambient, dasymetric data, we developed methods to estimate annual continental and global coastal populations from (2000–2018) measured horizontally from the shoreline inward. We found: (1) large concentrations of population in relatively small bands and regions along the coast (~2 billion within 50 km and ~1 billion within 10 km); (2) higher growth rates of coastal population than inland population (an addition of 463 million within 50 km and 233 million within 10 km); (3) strong influence of distance from the coast to predict population distribution; and (4) that macro population patterns and growth could be expressed and modeled as a power function at continental and global levels. Findings point to emerging macro population patterns along the coast as contributing to increasing anthropogenic effects on Earth systems and increasing human risks associated with sea-level rise, land subsidence, extreme weather, and public health. Reliable data tracking of the magnitude, spatial distribution and change of human populations in the

coastal regions is essential for comprehensive coastal monitoring.



Announcements

Calls for Papers

16th [Conference of Young Demographers](#), February 5-7, 2025, Prague, Czech Republic. Deadline for submissions of abstracts: October 28, 2024.

Special collection at *Demographic Research* on [Families' Resilience and the Well-being of Children and Youth in Contexts of Global Socioeconomic Crises](#). Submissions open on July 1, 2024 on the [Demographic Research](#) website and close on October 31, 2024.

PopFest 2025: 29th Annual Postgraduate Population Studies Conference, University of Southampton (United Kingdom), July 6-8, 2025. The call for papers and bursary applications opens on January 13, 2025. Deadline for submissions: April 4, 2025.

Statistics Canada

Data Releases

The latest version (v 30.2) of the [Social Policy Simulation Database and Model](#) (SPSD/M) is now available.

[Overview of the Education and Labour Market Longitudinal Platform and Associated Datasets, 2024.](#)

The longitudinal component of the [2023 Canadian Health Survey on Children and Youth \(CHSCY\)](#) was released this September. The survey followed up on respondents from the 2019 cycle to examine how their physical and mental health changed over the past four years.

[Interpreting Population Totals from the Labour Force Survey.](#)

[Small Area Estimation Methodology Using Labour Force Survey Data.](#)

[Non-permanent Residents Data at Statistics Canada.](#)

Headlines

[What Will Happen Once Baby Boomers Retire?](#)

Simulations based on several demographic scenarios project how Canada's labour force could evolve over the next several decades and the impact when the last of the baby boomers reach retirement age. In the reference scenario, which assumes the admission of 500,000 permanent immigrants each year, the number of people in the labour force will increase from 22 million in 2023 to 27 million in 2041.

[How Time-Series Data Provides Insights on Canadian Well-being](#)

In early 2024, one-third (33%) of Canadians reported that it was difficult for their household to meet its financial needs over the previous 12 months, up from under one-fifth (19%) of Canadians in mid-2021. Fewer Canadians reported high levels of life satisfaction in early 2024 (49%) than in mid-2021 (54%).

[Closing the Gap? Assessing the Labour Market Outcomes of Mothers in One-parent Families with Young Children](#)

The employment rate of mothers of children aged 5 or younger increased from 62% in 1997 to 73% in 2023, but

the wage gap between partnered and unpartnered mothers changed little over this time.

Articles published in *Economic and Social Reports* from August 2024 to September 2024:

Volume 4, Number 8

[Most Prevalent Jobs of Young Master's Degree Graduates by Detailed Field of Study](#)

[Differences in Confidence in Public Institutions Across Generations of Canadians](#)

[Technology Adoption by Women-owned Businesses in Canada](#)

[Changes in Workplace Accommodations Among Employed Canadians With Disabilities, 2017 to 2022](#)

Volume 4, Number 9

[Workforce Utilization of Canadian Men with a Nursing Education](#)

[Most Prevalent Jobs of Doctoral Degree Graduates by Detailed Field of Study](#)

[Performance of Women-owned Businesses that Patent](#)

[Exposure to Artificial Intelligence in Canadian Jobs: Experimental Estimates](#)

[The Provision of Higher- and Lower-Skilled Immigrant Labour to the Canadian Economy](#)

Articles published in *Health Reports* from August 2024 to September 2024:

Volume 35, Number 8

[Household Food Insecurity Among Persons With Disabilities in Canada: Findings from the 2021 Canadian Income Survey](#)

[Extent and Socioeconomic Correlates of Small Area Variations in Life Expectancy in Canada and the United States](#)

Volume 35, Number 9

[Understanding Experiences of Non-physical Maltreatment in Childhood in Canada: What is the Relationship With Suicidal Ideation and Mental Health Disorders?](#)

[Occupational and Sex Differences in Active Commuting Among Canadian Workers from 2006 to 2016](#)

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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- 3 year (\$250.00)

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