CPS NEWS

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CPS Reports

President's message

Dear colleagues,

Thank you very much for making the 2026 joint CPS-ADQ conference at StatCan such a success. The quality of the presentations, posters, and special sessions was exceptional. The Chief Statistician enjoyed his participation and was impressed by the innovative and impactful ways StatCan data is used for research, scholarship, and training throughout our community of population scientists in Canada. I am grateful to the participants who contacted members of StatCan senior leadership to express your positive feedback and appreciation for hosting the conference.

The CPS council shared information with our membership during our Annual General Meeting on May 28 about the Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences' (FHSS) plans for the 2027 Congress. The FHSS will submit a proposal to CPS this summer outlining the terms for participation in the 2027 Congress. As we discussed during the AGM, participation in Congress comes with significant trade-offs that could have an impact on our organization and the way we conduct our annual meetings. When the CPS council receives the Congress 2027 proposal from the FHSS later this summer, we will evaluate our options for our 2027 CPS annual meeting and will communicate transparently with the CPS membership.

John Samuel, Mary Jane Norris, Ravi Verma, M. V. George, Bali Ram, and Raghubar Sharma at the 2026 CPS meeting in Ottawa

The CPS welcomed three new council members this spring. Thank you to Winnie Yang for joining the National Committee; to Zeke Chen for joining the Awards Committee; and to Ethan Raker for joining the International Committee.

The CPS website is undergoing a transition to a new web platform, which is necessary to enable updates to our payment processing system and ensure our website remains compatible into the future. The outgoing webmaster, Yoko Yoshida, is overseeing the transition and will coordinate review and testing of the new website this summer and fall with the incoming webmaster, Era Rana. Camila Iciaszczyk will oversee the CPS's social media presence on LinkedIn, and Christoph Shimmele publishes the CPS Newsletter. Thanks Yoko, Era, Camila, and Christoph for managing CPS's public communications!

It's a pleasure working alongside such dedicated colleagues. Thanks for making the CPS such a vibrant organization. I welcome your ideas and feedback and invite you to get in touch any time.

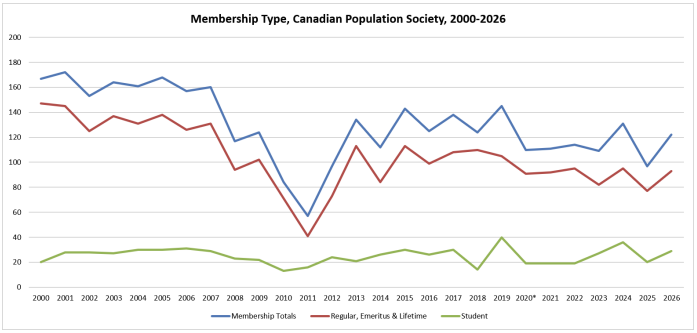
Warm regards,

James Falconer
President, CPS
Chief, Census Futures, Statistics Canada

Delegates attend the Canadian happy hour at the 2026 PAA annual meeting in Washington, D. C.

CPS Membership Drive

As of mid-May 2026, there are 122 CPS members, including 66 regular, 29 student, 6 emeritus, and 21 lifetime.



In response to a council member's suggestion during the 2025 Summer Council Meeting, past-President Lisa Kaida initiated a membership drive in Fall 2025–Winter 2026 in collaboration with Camila Iciaszczyk (Student Representative). The membership drive specifically targeted graduate students in Canadian universities, emphasizing the benefits of joining the CPS for their professional development as early career demographers and population researchers. Following the memberships drive, about 15 graduate students became first-time CPS members in the first five months of 2026.

Please help us continue this success and enrol your students as CPS members.

CPS Member News

David A. Swanson has been inducted into Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Honor Society.

Ravi Verma has published a new article entitled Fertility Differentials by Religious Groups in Canada: Indirect Evidence from the 2021 Census. The article appears in *Demography India* 55(1).

CSiP Abstracts

CSiP published a total of 17 articles in 2025, which is more than twice as many published in 2024. The higher than average number of articles reflects that many of these were related to the Special Issue on Demographic Change and Challenges in the Americas, with guest editors Nicole Denier (Colby College), Claudia Masferrer (El Colegio de Mexico), and Victor M. Garcia-Guerrero (El Colegio de Mexico).

Springer tracks interest in CSiP articles. Articles in CSiP were downloaded more that 23,000 times in 2025, which is approximately the same as in 2024. The impact factor for the journal is 1.0 in 2024. The impact data for 2025 will be available later in 2026.

New articles published in *Canadian Studies in Population* since May 2026.

Suryakant Yadav, Chandan Kumar, Solveig Argeseanu Cunningham, et al. Understanding Lifespan Disparity in India: The Role of Premature Mortality and Old-age Mortality

Lifespan disparity varies for similar values of life expectancy owing to changes in the shares of premature and old-age mortality about threshold age on one hand, and in the composition of causes of death on the other. Decomposition analyses of lifespan disparity for 24 causes of death using mortality rates from the 2021 Global Burden of Disease (GBD) study were used to assess its age-cause-specific contributions in the progression of lifespan disparity during 1990–2019. The results reveal that lifespan disparity values for men and women declined from 17.7 to 17.4 years in 1990–1994 to 13.2 and 12.9 years, respectively, in 2015-2019. This decline in lifespan disparity was mainly due to four diseases: respiratory infections, enteric infections, neonatal disorders, and other infectious diseases in infants, children, and childbearing age groups. On other hand, the unfavourable roles of cardiovascular and chronic respiratory diseases in the passive decline in lifespan disparity have been attributed to the low threshold age. Hence, the share of premature mortality has not been sufficient for the progressive decline in in India, when compared with HICs/UMICs and LMICs with life expectancy in range of ± 2. Thus, the changes in lifespan disparity shaped by a few age groups and selected causes of death would progress differently compared to when contributed by many age groups and causes of death. Our results suggest India should focus on programs and policies averting deaths among older adults caused by CVDs and CRDs, which may shift the threshold age upward for a leap in mortality advancement.

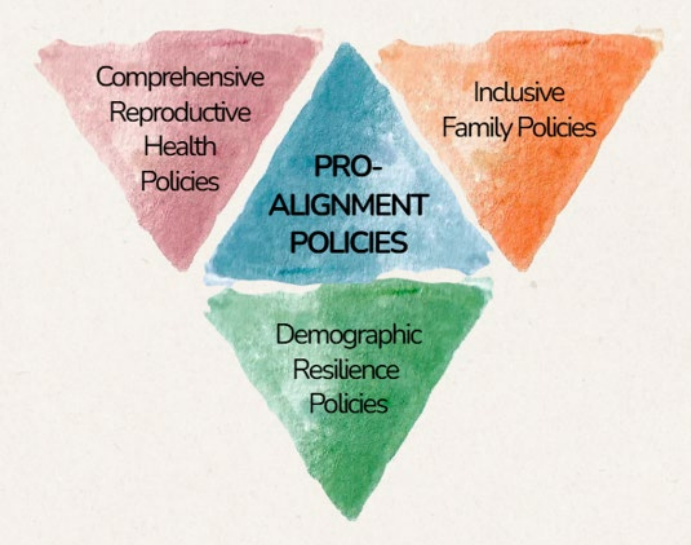
Kabakaba J. Amani and **Kamala C. Kaghoma**. Unravelling the Relationship Between Domestic Violence, Fertility Aspirations, and Union Dissolution: Evidence from the Democratic Republic of the Congo

This paper investigates how domestic violence, fertility aspirations, and women's bargaining power shape marital stability in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Using pooled DHS data (2007, 2013/2014, and 2023/2024) and a recursive bivariate probit model, the analysis addresses the endogeneity between domestic violence and union dissolution. Results reveal an equilibrium of endurance under constraint: domestic violence sharply increases separation, whereas fertility aspirations and bargaining power exert stabilizing, yet distinct, effects. Women with high fertility ideals are less likely to exit unions, suggesting that reproductive goals act as normative anchors that discourage dissolution even in violent settings. Bargaining power, unexpectedly, protects unions in non-violent contexts but loses its stabilizing force when conflict escalates, a "conditional fragility" in which empowerment cannot counter coercive control. Interactions show that autonomy weakens the binding role of fertility ideals: for women with higher decision-making authority, these aspirations no longer dictate marital continuity. Subsample analyses reveal

spatial contrasts. In rural areas, bargaining power and pronatalist norms reinforce "negotiated endurance", sustaining unions despite adversity, while in urban contexts, empowerment supports "autonomous resilience": it is associated with lower exposure to violence and greater union instability under violent conditions, reflecting a lower tolerance for harmful relationships but also the possibility of male-initiated dissolution. Findings underscore that public interventions must address both violence and the reproductive and structural constraints that bind women within harmful unions.

Announcements

McGill's Centre on Population Dynamics and the **Vanier Institute of the Family** are pleased to invite you to a hybrid conference, Beyond Birth Rates: Advancing a Pro-Alignment Approach to Low Fertility in North America.



Learn from experts from across North America how we can face our demographic future with facts, not fear, and develop policies that respect reproductive autonomy, promote gender equality, and support all types of families.

This hybrid event will bring together leading demographers, family scientists, economists, reproductive health researchers, and policy analysts to examine the implications of low fertility, dispel common myths and misperceptions, and propose pro-alignment policies to help people avoid both unintended and unrealized fertility and foster demographic resilience.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

WHEN: August 20, 2026
WHERE: Hybrid Conference.
In-person: Arts Building, Room W-129, McGill University
Online: Zoom

Register Here

Statistics Canada

Data Releases

The Public Use Microdata File for the **Canadian Survey on Working Conditions** (CSWC), 2024–2025 has been released. The CSWC is a subset of the **Labour Force Survey** and focuses on quality of employment, including topics on the physical and social environment at work, discrimination at work, work and life satisfaction, job prospects and pensions, and work-related physical and psychosocial well-being, among other topics.

Advances in Methods

The July 2026 issue of *Survey Methodology* is available online. The issue includes the following articles: Improving measurement error and representativeness in nonprobability surveys; Small area estimation of general indicators in off-census years; Bayesian differential privacy for small counties and individual commodities; Variance of the generalized regression estimator under measurement error; The inverse-variance trap: A simple ratio fix for combining skewed data; Graphical finite population sampling; Spreading response burden in

business surveys at Statistics Netherlands: Evaluating sample coordination methods for targeting highly burdened businesses; Master samples with optimized panels; Improving the coverage of confidence intervals with respect to degrees of freedom: Application to the Canadian Census; Comparing two common approaches to within-household sampling: A field experiment in Costa Rica; Exact and approximation formulas for second-order inclusion probabilities in randomized systematic sampling with unequal probabilities and without replacement; Multiple imputation for nonresponse in surveys using design weights and auxiliary margins; and a Conversation with Wayne A. Fuller.

Articles published in *Economic and Social Reports* from April to May 2026:

Volume 6, Number 6

Socioeconomic and dwelling characteristics of Canadian households using alternative energy sources

Workforce aging in Canada: Insights from firm-level data

From research labs to departure gates: Retention and labour market outcomes of foreign postdoctoral fellows in Canada

The early learning and child care industry in Canada: An update to the 2021 report

Volume 6, Number 7

Differences in employment rates between immigrants with disabilities and Canadian-born persons with disabilities, 2022 to 2024

Disparities between immigrant and Canadian-born families across the wealth distribution

The likelihood and timing of mothers' return to work and child care arrangements after parental leave, revisited

Editor's Pick. Workforce aging and labour productivity. As population aging continues to reshape Canada's labour force, this new *Economic and Social Reports* article examines how workforce age is associated with productivity across the economy using data covering virtually the entire population of Canadian firms from 2001 to 2022. The study finds that labour productivity generally rises as the average age of workers increases, peaking when the workforce is in its mid-to-late 40s, before declining modestly at older ages. Importantly, the relationship varies across sectors: productivity peaks earlier and falls more sharply in physically demanding industries such as construction and manufacturing, while age-related declines are far less evident in finance and insurance. Set against the backdrop of a workforce in which the share of employees aged 55 and older has doubled over the past two decades, the findings highlight how shifts in age structure can have uneven effects across industries and may increasingly shape Canada's future economic performance.

Canadian-resident travel to the United States: A year in review

Articles published in *Health Reports* from April to May 2026:

Volume 37, Number 6

Patient experiences with virtual health care in Canada: Modes of delivery and satisfaction with care

Canadian Active Living Environments 2.0: Development of an open-source pipeline for the replication and extension of the Canadian Active Living Environments measure

Volume 37, Number 7

Difficulties accessing specialist care and the association with unmet health care needs among middle-aged and older Canadians

Inequalities in access to primary care services and health insurance in Black adults in Canada

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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Support the CPS by becoming a member or renewing your membership today. Memberships can be renewed on the CPS members' webpage. We also encourage our members to enrol their students.

Regular Membership:

- 1 year ($115.00)
- 2 year ($205.00)
- 3 year ($300.00)

Student Membership:

- 1 year ($45.00)
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Emeritus Membership (65+ years)

- 1 year ($45.00)