

CPS NEWS

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The Latest News

Message from the President

December has finally arrived! For many of us, the year 2020 cannot end soon enough. Of course, the strangeness of these times will persist well into 2021, but with a vaccine on the horizon, we can all hope that a new year signals better days ahead.



The work of the CPS has nevertheless continued over the fall. Here are a few updates on our activities. First, thanks to those of you who participated in our poll to provide feedback on the format of our annual meetings and to vote on a decision to pull out of Congress for 2021. Based

on your feedback and votes, we made several decisions about the format of a virtual conference and notified the Federation in November of our decision to withdraw from Congress for 2021.

Accordingly, the 2021 CPS annual meetings will be held virtually from Tuesday, May 18th to Friday, May 21st so as not to conflict with Congress 2021. A [call for papers](#) has been issued and long-time members will note that we are

experimenting with a new centralized submission process this year. Instead of sending your submissions to a specific session organizer, all submissions should be sent to the

Program Committee Chair, Amélie Quesnel-Vallée (CPS.CFA2021@gmail.com). For those of you interested in chairing a session at our annual meeting, please contact Amélie (amelie.quesnelvallee@mcgill.ca.) We hope to introduce a few new features to the conference, keeping in mind that a virtual conference entails both opportunity and constraint. Stay tuned for further details.

Another initiative for this year was to lay the groundwork for creating an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee. An EDI working group has been tasked to develop a draft document outlining the purpose, composition and activities of an EDI Committee. The working group has five members: James Iveniuk (Wellesley Institute), Sarah Brauner-Otto (McGill University), Eugena Kwon (St. Mary's University), Yoko Yoshida (Western University), and Vicky Lin (University of Alberta). The group has already met and will soon be presenting its work to Council. The goal is to bring the formation of an EDI Committee for a vote at our General Assembly next spring.

The CPS works with the PAA every year to host events at its annual conference. Because the PAA conference is also moving to a virtual format for its meeting next May, the CPS will not be able to host the ever popular Happy Hour. We plan to offer it again the following year when the meeting is expected to be held in person. We are moving forward with a joint CPS/PAA invited session. The topic of the session this year is health inequalities in Canada and the United States. We have assembled a top notch line up

of speakers (three participants in this session are Canada Research Chairs). Thanks to Sarah Brauner-Otto and Anna Zajacova for their contributions in organizing this session.

Finally, here is an early reminder that we will hold elections in March 2021 to fill vacant positions. Every year, we seek three new council members. Council members, who are elected for a two-year term, sit on one or more committees to carry out the functions of the CPS. These include the National Committee, International Committee, Student Paper Competition Committee, and the Awards Committee. More information on the committees is available here: [Who We Are - Canadian Population Society \(canpopsoc.ca\)](http://canpopsoc.ca). Council generally meets virtually two times a year (December and February) and in-person at the annual conference. Both Amélie (Vice President) and I will remain in our respective roles, however, the position of Secretary/Treasurer, capably managed by Sean Waite for the past three years, must be filled next year. The Secretary-Treasurer is an officer of the Society, elected for a two-year term (renewable for a subsequent two-year term). This position entails maintaining the accounts of the society, managing membership lists, and recording official meeting minutes. If you wish to run for a Council position or as Secretary/Treasurer, please get in touch with me (las5@ualberta.ca). The CPS greatly depends on the work of our Councillors and Officers for its existence, and we hope that you will consider being part of our team in 2021.

With that, I wish you all a restful holiday and the very best for 2021.

– Lisa Strohschein, CPS President

Canadian Studies in Population

The September issue (Volume 47, Issue 3) of *Canadian Studies in Population* (CSP) is now available. This issue includes research on:

- Speeding Up for a Son: Sex Ratio Imbalances by Birth Interval Among South Asian Migrants to Canada – Alicia Adsera and Ana Ferrer.
- The Impact of Adult Child Migration on the Health of Elderly Parents Left Behind in China – Hai Zhong and Jianmei Zhao.

- Projecting Population Change by Age and Birth Parity: The Third Generation of Population Projections – Nan Li.
- Results of the Rapid Assessment of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Iraq, 2012 – Asaad Mahdi Asaad, Faris Lami, Hanan Abdulghafoor Khaleel, Wejdan Saeed Assi, and Wafaa Ahmed.
- How to Capture Neighborhood Change in Small Cities – Lisa Kaida, Howard Ramos, Diana Singh, and Rachel McLay.

Please visit the [Springer website](#) to view these articles, online first articles, and other content of our journal.

Current Events

In May 2020, the IUSSP launched a Webinar Series to reach out to members across the globe during the COVID-19 lockdowns. [Past webinars](#) have been recorded and can be viewed online:

- [Mitigating the Impacts of COVID-19 on CRVS Systems in Africa](#) (December 19, 2020).
- Demography and the Data Revolution: Lessons Learned and the Way Forward.
- Priorities in Research on International Migration and Mobilities: Implications of the COVID Pandemic and its Legacies.
- Live Q&A for UN World Data Forum Session on Innovative Use of Social Media for Remote Sensing and SDG Monitoring.
- The COVID-19 Pandemic and Sexual and Reproductive Health in Africa.
- COVID-19: The Pandemic's Consequences for Adolescents.
- Quantifying COVID-19-related Excess Mortality in Latin America.
- Digital and Computational Approaches to Study Determinants and Consequences of the Spread of COVID-19.
- Positioning Population Studies to Understand the Short- and Long-Term Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

QuantMig Webinar on [“Translating Migration Theory into Empirical Propositions,”](#) December 11, 2020.

Association & Member News

Webinar: [The Future of Living Together](#) – Einstein Center for Population Diversity. December 15, 2020. Dr. Melinda Mills (Oxford) will give a keynote address entitled “If the Pandemic is Over, What are the Lessons (Demographers) Learnt?”

[Fifth Professor John Caldwell Memorial Lecture](#), December 18, 2020. Professor Tim Dyson will present a lecture entitled “India’s Population Health Through the Ages.”

Population Data BC (PopData) is hosting several free webinars:

- Developing a Data Integrated COVID-19 Tracking System for Decision-Making and Public Use. December 9, 2020.
- Air Pollution, Housing, and Respiratory Tract Infections in Children: National Birth Cohort Study (PICNIC). January 21, 2021.
- Enabling Insight: Tools for Exploration and Data Quality Assessment of Administrative Data Files. March 3, 2021.

Visit the [PopData website](#) for further information about these webinars, including registration details. All webinars are recorded on the [PopData YouTube channel](#).

[2021 Virtual Applied Demography Conference](#). February 2-4, 2021.

RDC Data Releases

Data releases of Statistics Canada data to the Research Data Centres (RDCs) in September and October:

- 2019 Canadian Health Survey on Seniors (CHSS).
- 2017 Canadian Cancer Registry.
- Canadian Vital Statistics Database - Death - Rapid Response January-September 2020.
- Canadian Perspectives Survey Series 2: Monitoring COVID-19.
- 2019 Canadian Health Survey on Children and Youth (CHSCY).

The Prentice Institute

Prentice Institute Operating Within a New Framework

Over the past year under the leadership of interim Directors Dr. Trevor Harrison and Dr. Alexander Darku, and through newly established committees, the Prentice Institute has revised its governance structure and implemented recommendations that flowed from the Academic Quality Assurance (AQA) review process of the preceding year. In 2020, the Institute’s new Research Advisory Committee adjudicated \$93,000 in research grants and scholarships under the new Policies and Procedures and Prentice Research Funding frameworks. The funds will benefit research initiatives of three Prentice Affiliates and support the research goals of four graduate students.



Dr. Adebisi Germain Boco, who has long served the Prentice Institute as a Research Associate, recently accepted a Prentice supported faculty position in the Department of Sociology. He looks forward to continuing research at the Prentice Institute and to developing student interest and capabilities in population research.

The Institute followed a thorough process leading to the appointment of its new Director. It also added twelve new Affiliates in 2020.

New Director of Prentice Institute

The University of Lethbridge is pleased to announce that Dr. Lars Hallström has been appointed as the new Director of the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy, effective January 1, 2021.

“We are excited to welcome Dr. Hallström to the University of Lethbridge and the Prentice Institute,” says Dr. Erasmus Okine, vice-president (academic) and provost. “I got to know Lars when I was still at the University of Alberta and he’s a dedicated scholar and researcher whose expertise is well-suited to the Prentice Institute.”



Hallström is currently the inaugural Director of the Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities, a joint program of the Augustana Faculty and the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences at the

University of Alberta. His background is in political science and he will be joining the U of L's political science department as a faculty member. However, his primary duties will be with the Prentice Institute, which was established in 2009 as a multi-disciplinary, cross-faculty institute, and is dedicated to researching the long-term effects of demographic, economic and social issues related to changes in world population patterns.

Hallström follows in the footsteps of Dr. Susan McDaniel, a sociologist and the Prentice Institute's first director, who served in the position until August 2019.

Dr. Trevor Harrison, interim director of the Prentice Institute, says Hallström brings with him many interdisciplinary strengths, including the fields of political science, demography, geography, and sociology. His skills in these areas will allow him to build upon what has already been established at the Prentice Institute.

"He has an established record of both getting research grants and assisting others in getting grants," says Harrison. "His research, especially in rural areas and economic development in rural areas, is going to be a real plus for the institute."

Hallström sees a natural fit between his previous work and the mission of the Prentice Institute. "The position at the Prentice Institute aligns with some of the different areas where my work has fallen in terms of intersectoral actions, how environment and social and health policy, for example, can all affect each other and maybe leverage positive change in ways that are not directly assumed," says Hallström. "I am a political scientist by training, but my work is more broadly oriented towards public policy at different levels, including environmental health and social policy, questions of equity, social determinants of health, urban and rural economic development, youth and youth engagement, and access to public health infrastructure."

"Dr. Hallström brings extensive experience in leading a highly impactful research institute within a comprehensive university environment," says Dr. Robert Wood, interim vice-president (research). "We look forward to the collaborative research and community engagement opportunities he will cultivate in his role as director of the Prentice Institute."

Visit the [Institute's webpage](#) for further information about its activities and member.

New Books

Hubert Charbonneau has edited a new volume entitled *Naissance d'une population: Les Français établis au Canada au XVII^e siècle*.



Naissance d'une population

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Nouvelle édition revue et corrigée

Sous la direction de
HUBERT CHARBONNEAU



Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal

Please visit the [publisher's website](#) for further details about this book.

CPS Members

David SWANSON. David Swanson has written more than 20 pieces on the Covid-19 pandemic for the [Northwest Citizen](#), an online news source based in Bellingham, Washington. These pieces also can be accessed via a portal at the [Southern Demographic Association](#) set up for demographic contributions to understanding the Covid-19 Pandemic. His most recent work is “Drilling Deeper into Whatcom County: Covid-19 and Political Orientation.”

Ravi VERMA. Ravi Verma presented an invited paper on “Fertility Transitions in Bihar, An Update” for the panel discussion at the Indian National Seminar Population and Sustainable Development Goals: Performance and Prioritizing Policies, organized by International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai and Population Research Center, Department of Statistics, Patna University, Patna, Bihar, India, February 13-15, 2020. He also delivered an invited talk on “Applied Demography and its Future Prospects in India” at the Department of Statistics, Banaras Hindu University, India, March 5, 2020.

Version 3.0 of the [Social Policy Simulation Model](#) (SPSM) COVID-19 glass box is now available. On top of the *Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan*, this version incorporates provincial policy responses to COVID-19 and includes the increase to the federal basic personal amount. It also refines the labour adjustment model to reflect employment patterns for the first half of 2020.

Data from the Personal Protective Equipment Survey are now available for August. This survey provides estimates of personal protective equipment (PPE) demand and supply, by type of PPE. Data are available at the Canada and regional levels and are grouped by industry.

- [PPE Demand and Supply Characteristics.](#)
- [Business Characteristics.](#)

[Population estimates](#) (as of July 1, 2020) by marital status, legal marital status, age, and sex are now available for Canada and the provinces and territories. Estimates of the number of [census families](#) (couple and lone-parent) are also available.

Statistics Canada

Data Products

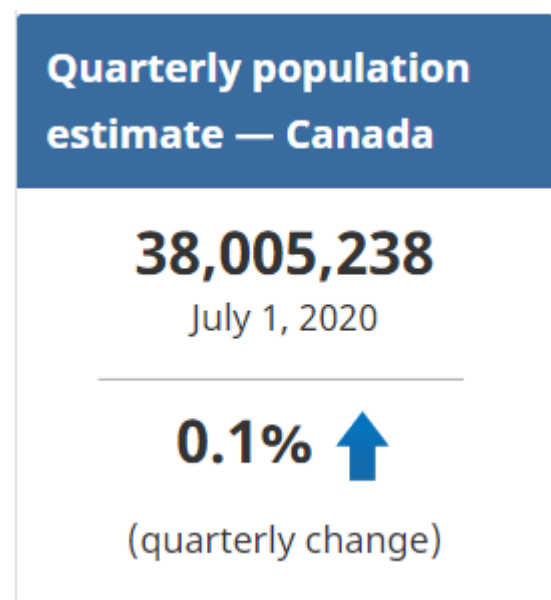
Preliminary data on confirmed cases of COVID-19, January 15 to November 22, 2020.

- [Hospitalization Status.](#)
- [Exposures and Hospitalization Status](#), geographic distributions.

Two new tables from the 2019 Canadian Health Survey on Seniors are now available:

- [Chronic Conditions Among Seniors.](#)
- [Health Characteristics of Seniors.](#)

Data from the National Graduates Survey on the [work-integrated learning participation](#) and [labour market outcomes](#) of postsecondary graduates of 2015 are now available. Data are available by province, level of study, field of study, and sex.



Notice of Release – Redesign of the National Occupational Classification (NOC) 2021. The [NOC 2021 revision](#) involved a redesign of the “Skill Level” structure of the classification, and introduces a five-digit classification with a new six-grouping categorization. This new grouping is called TEER, which refers to the Training, Education,

Experience, and Responsibilities of occupations in the Canadian labour market.

Data Briefs

According to data from the Canadian Housing Survey, over 1.6 million Canadian households (one-in-ten) lived in “core housing need” in 2018, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Core housing need refers to “living in an unsuitable, inadequate, or unaffordable dwelling, and not able to afford alternative housing” in the local community. Renter households were three times more likely to live in core housing need than homeowners.

- [The Canadian Housing Survey, 2018: Core Housing Need of Renter Households Living in Social and Affordable Housing.](#)

[International students have driven the growth in post-secondary enrolment rates.](#) In the 2018/2019 academic year, over 2.1 million students were enrolled in Canadian public universities and colleges, up 1.8% from the previous year. This was attributable to a 16.2% increase (+47,952) in international student enrolments during the same time period, while enrolments by Canadian students edged down by 0.5% (-8,301).

[Data from the National Graduates Survey](#) shows that 90% of 2015 graduates from colleges and universities were employed in 2018, three years after graduation. Of those employed, 91% were working full time and the majority (four-fifths) had a job or business that was related to their education. Among people with a Bachelor’s degree, the total median income of 2015 Graduates was \$50,000 for males and \$45,000 for females.

Almost [one-quarter of Canadian seniors are caregivers](#) to spouses, family members, and/or friends with a long-term health condition, based on data from the 2018 General Social Survey. One-third of these senior caregivers provided support to a spouse or partner. Among those caring for a spouse, one-third spent 30+ hours a week providing support.

StatCan COVID-19: Data to Insights for a Better Canada

Statistics Canada continues to publish a series of articles on various subjects which explore the impact of COVID-19 on the socioeconomic landscape. Highlights from the October to November 2020 releases:

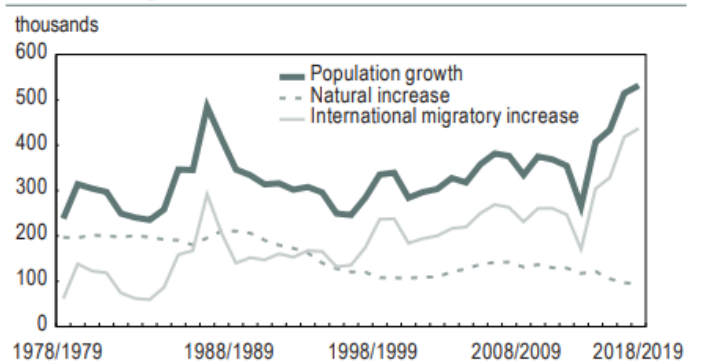
- The Changes in Health and Well-being of Canadians with Long-Term Conditions or Disabilities since the Start of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- COVID-19 Mortality Rates in Canada’s Ethno-cultural Neighbourhoods.
- Labour Market Impacts of COVID-19 on Indigenous People.
- COVID-19 Death Comorbidities in Canada.

These and all other articles in the [COVID-19 series](#) are available online.

Canada at a Glance

The 2020 Edition of [Canada at a Glance](#) is now available. This booklet presents current statistics on Canadian demography (see excerpt below), households, education, health, aging, and other topics.

Population growth



Note: Until 2015/2016 inclusively, population growth is not equal to the sum of natural increase and international migratory increase because residual deviation must also be considered in the calculation.

Source: Statistics Canada, table 17-10-0008-01.

Health Reports

Articles in [Health Reports](#) published from October to November 2020:

- Smoking Patterns Based on Birth-cohort-specific Histories from 1965 to 2013, with Projections to 2014.
- Consumption of Ultra-Processed Foods in Canada.
- Added, Free, and Total Sugar Contents and Consumption of Foods and Beverages in Canada.
- Associations Between the Receipt of Inpatient Palliative Care and Acute Care Outcomes: A Retrospective Study.

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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Do you have an idea for content for the CPS News? The Editor welcomes ideas for features, stories, interviews, or news coverage as well submissions of updates from CPS members and activities at their home institutions. Please submit your ideas to the Editor.

The CPS News is published 6 times per year in January, March, May, July, September, and November. The CPS also has a Twitter Feed for broadcasting time-sensitive news and a [job bank](#) on our website.

CPS Membership

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Regular Membership:

- 1 year (\$95.00)
- 2 year (\$140.00)
- 3 year (\$210.00)

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- 1 year (\$40.00)
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