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Telling Canada's
story in numbers

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Overview - IRCC

- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
 - Develops and implements policies, programs and services
 - Collects administrative data, such as:
 - Landing file (permanent resident)
 - Work permits
 - Study permits
 - Refugee status claims
 - IRCC collects information at the individual level: date of birth, country of birth, country of citizenship, year of arrival, etc.



Overview – Statistics Canada

- Population Census:
 - Every five years
 - Collects information on country of birth, country of citizenship, age at immigration, admission category, applicant type, immigrant status, year(s) of immigration
- Household Surveys such as:
 - Labour Force Survey
 - Social General Survey
 - Collect information on landing date, country of citizenship, age at immigration, admission category, applicant type, immigrant status, year(s) of immigration
- Other administrative sources such as :
 - Tax data
 - Vital Stats



Non-traditional sources – IMDB (1)

- Longitudinal Immigration Database (IMDB)
 - Record linkage between :
 1. Immigrant Landing File (ILF) prepared by IRCC
 - Covers all immigrants who landed in Canada from 1980 to present
 - Does not account for deaths or out-migration – provides administrative census of all immigrants who landed in Canada since 1980
 - Includes characteristics of immigrants as collected at the time of immigration, such as admission category
 2. Annual tax files coming from Canada Revenue Agency
 - Covers tax years from 1982 to present



Non-traditional sources – IMDB (2)

- Permits detailed and longitudinal analysis of economic outcomes of immigrants in Canada by admission characteristics
 - Income sources and values
 - Annual mobility
- There is a new variable, immigrant admission category, that has been added through a record linkage of an administrative immigration database and the 2016 Census of Population.
 - Combining administrative data with the Census of Population would permit analysis on socio-economic outcomes of immigrants to Canada by admission category



Other non-traditional sources

- DemoSim

- Social Data Linkage Environment (SDLE)
 - <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/sdle/overview>
 - The purpose of the SDLE program is to facilitate pan-Canadian social and economic statistical research.
 - Benefits and public goods:
 - Fill data gaps
 - Reduce response burden
 - Reduce record linkage costs



What's next...

- Statistics Canada is working closely with other departments to obtain new data sources
- A migration group within Statistics Canada has been created following the need to coordinate projects such as the SDG indicators.
 - Counterparts in other departments should also be involved.



Thanks !

If you have questions

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