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Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

Challenges in Estimating Canada's Population

Laurent Martel

3:30-5:00 PM

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Karsh Room, Rideau Club

99 Bank Street, 15th floor

Ottawa, Ontario

(please note that the Rideau Club dress code requires men to wear a jacket)

To attend, please RSVP by September 13, 2024 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca

Canada's population has spiked recently, up 3 per cent in 2023. Population growth is projected to be strong this year. This rapid population growth, much stronger than the rate of around 1 per cent per year experienced until recently, has had major implications for the country, especially in the area of housing. But how accurate are these population estimates?

In this seminar, Laurent Martel, who is responsible for demography at Statistics Canada, will make the case that Canada's population estimates are of very high quality. He will review the methodologies the agency uses to estimate the population of different groups, including non-permanent residents (NPRs) (e.g. international students, temporary foreign workers, refugees). He will highlight the challenges that Statistics Canada faces in estimating and projecting Canada's population. He will also address recent criticisms that the agency is not capturing well the NPR population.

Laurent Martel is the director of the Centre for Demography at Statistics Canada. He leads many key statistical programs of the agency: demographic estimates and projections, demographic and linguistic characteristics included in the census of population, as well as linguistic statistics. He has a master's degree in demography from the Université de Montréal, as well as an advanced 3rd cycle university degree in economic demography from the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris.