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Topic 3

**REPORT - IMPLEMENTATION OF UN RECOMMENDATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL MI-
GRATION STATISTICS**

Supporting paper submitted by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC)

1. All data on foreign-born persons resident on a temporary or permanent basis in Canada come from two sources. The first is administrative data captured by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. These data distinguish between temporary and permanent status and between reasons for coming to Canada as expressed in the Immigration Act. They allow us to estimate flows (entries) of both temporary and permanent residents and stocks of temporary residents only. The second source is census data which allows us to estimate stocks of non-permanent residents (a variant of temporary residents as defined by the Immigration Act) and of permanent residents which can be distinguished by Citizenship status. Census data cannot distinguish between reasons for coming to Canada.
2. The definitions used in the Immigration Act do not correspond to those proposed by the UN taxonomy. Nor can they be stretched or modified to do so. The best that can be done with the administrative data is equate the administrative concepts of 'temporary' and 'permanent' to the UN concepts of 'short-term' and 'long-term', and categorize both in a manner consistent with

* The documentation for this work session will be processed as for seminars.

the Act and the programs it provides for. The time restraints specified in the recommendations cannot be respected.

3. To that end we are able to report nine (9) data elements based on CIC administrative data as follows:

[1] For education and training (temporary) - foreign students - persons in Canada primarily to study (does not include dependants)

[2] For employment (temporary) - foreign workers - persons in Canada primarily to work (does not include dependants)

[3] For settlement (permanent) - landed economic immigrants - skilled workers (including assisted relatives), entrepreneurs, investors and self-employed persons

[4] For family reunification or family formation (permanent) - landed family class immigrants - persons sponsored by close family members already living in Canada

[5] For asylum (temporary) - refugee claimants - persons who arrive in Canada and seek Convention refugee status

[6] Other (temporary) - visitors - persons in Canada on a temporary basis not intending to work or study (does not include dependants)

[7] Other (permanent) - landed refugees and other landed immigrants

[8] Total temporary residents (temporary)

[9] Total landed immigrants (permanent)

4. The above apply to flow and stock data on temporary residents and to flow data on permanent residents. Stock data on permanent residents must be obtained from the census. No CIC administrative data are available for outflows – departures.

The following table will help to the implementation of the recently revised recommendations on statistics of international migration

FLOW OR MIGRATION DATA

For each of the following cells please give the potential data source in your country (e.g. population register, census, foreign register, survey...)

and the body responsible for the data collection

(Ministry of Interior, Justice, Education...).

Note if the time constraint is respected as described in box 1 on page 10 (3 months or 1 year)

Check if the whole population is concerned and specify all sub-population that are not included

Give an indication on the reliability of the data collection (e.g. good = more than 90%, medium from 50 to 90% or low below 50%)

INFLOWS - ARRIVALS

SHORT-TERM MIGRATION			LONG-TERM MIGRATION			TOTAL MIGRATION		
Citizens	Non-citizens	TOTAL	Citizens	Non-citizens	TOTAL	Citizens	Non-citizens	TOTAL

Categories of inflows in the country (numbers are related to box 2, p. 14)

(9,10) Entry linked to education and training [1]

(11) Entry linked to employment [2]

(12) Entry of international civil servants [X]

(13) Entry with free establishment [X]

(14) Entry for settlement [3]

(15) Entry linked to family reunification or family formation [4]

(17) Entry to seek asylum [5]

(16,18) Other entries (please specify) [6] and [7]

A.1	A.2 [1]	A.3	A.4	A.5	A.6	A.7	A.8	A.9
B.1	B.2 [2]							
C.1	C.2							
D.1	D.2							
E.1	E.2			[3]				
F.1	F.2			[4]				
	G.2 [5]							
H.1	H.2 [6]			[7]				

Total entries [8] + [9]

I.1	I.2 [8]			[9]				
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Categories of Inflows into Canada [Source: Administrative data/ Citizenship and Immigration Canada]

All categories of inflows are non-citizens by definition. The citizen category does not apply.

[1] foreign students - persons in Canada primarily to study (does not include dependants)

[2] foreign workers - persons in Canada primarily to work (does not include dependants)

[3] landings of economic immigrants

[4] landings of family class immigrants

[5] refugee claimants

[6] visitors - persons in Canada on a temporary basis not intending to work or study (does not include dependants)

[7] landings of refugees and other immigrants

[8] total temporary residents

[9] total immigrant landings

[X] category not applicable to Canadian data

Time restraints cannot be respected. All temporary residents are categorized as short-term migrants. All landed immigrants are categorized as long-term migrants.

No CIC administrative data are available.
O U T F L O W S - D E P A R T U R E S

Categories of outflows in the country (numbers are related to box 2 , p. 14)

- (9,10) Departure linked to education and training
- (11) Departure linked employment
- (12) Departure of international civil servants
- (13) Departure with free establishment
- (14) Departure for settlement
- (15) Departure linked to family reunion or family formation
- (16,18) Other departures (please specify)
- (17) Departure of a former asylum seeker
- Total departures

	SHORT-TERM MIGRATION			LONG-TERM MIGRATION			TOTAL MIGRATION		
	Citizens	Non-citizens	TOTAL	Citizens	Non-citizens	TOTAL	Citizens	Non-citizens	TOTAL
J.1									
K.1									
L.1									
M.1									
N.1									
O.1									
P.1									
		Q.2							

MIGRANT STOCK

For each of the following categories, please specify the potential data source in order to identify the number of persons or to estimate the volume of that stock

Check if the whole population is concerned and detect all sub-population that is not concerned (e.g. dependants and employees)

Please indicate the time of the year for each migrants stocks (e.g. 30th June, 1st December, 31 December).

Give an indication on the reliability of the data collection (good = more than 90%, medium from 50 to 90% or low below 50%)

Is there a systematic link between the data collection on migrants stocks and the related flow statistics ?

Categories of migrants stock

**CITIZENS
LIVING
ABROAD**

**FOREIGN-
BORN LIVING
IN THE
COUNTRY**

For education and training [1]
 For employment on a permanent base (long term) [X]
 For employment on a temporary or seasonal base [2]
 International civil servants [X]
 With free establishment [X]
 For settlement [3] [*]
 For family reunification or family formation [4] [*]
 Admitted refugees and other [7] [*]
 For seeking asylum [5]
 Diplomatic or consular status [X]
 Military personnel [X]
 Other migrant stock (please specify) [6]
 TOTAL MIGRANT STOCKS [8] + [9] [*]

R.1
S.1
T.1
U.1
V.1
W.1
X.1
Y.1
Z.1
AA.1
AB.1
AC.1
AD.1

R.2 [1]
S.2
[2]
[5]
[6]

COMMENTS :

Categories of Migrant Stock in Canada [Source: Administrative data/ Citizenship and Immigration Canada]

All categories of migrant stock include foreign-born persons with and without Canadian citizenship.
 No administrative data are available for citizens living abroad.

- [1] foreign students - persons in Canada primarily to study (does not include dependants)
- [2] foreign workers - persons in Canada primarily to work (does not include dependants)
- [3] landed economic immigrants [*]
- [4] landed family class immigrants [*]
- [5] refugee claimants
- [6] visitors - persons in Canada on a temporary basis not intending to work or study (does not include dependants)
- [7] landed refugees and other immigrants [*]
- [8] total temporary residents
- [9] total landed immigrants [*]
- [X] category not applicable to Canadian data
- [*] not available from CIC administrative data

COUNTRY : Canada

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