Data for Immigration Research

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1. Administrative Data
2. Open Data
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4. Strengths and Limitations
Administrative Data

- PRLF, IMDB, others. Data linkages emerging as new normal.

- **Positives**: excellent data.
- **Negatives**: application process; only see data once access granted; challenging work environment; rules about releasing results.
Percent Female, Primary Applicants - Economic Migration to Canada 2003-2013:

Data from PRLF
Female Primary Economic Migrants to Canada by World Region, with 95% CIs

Data from PRLF
What province do different immigrants move to?

Data from PRLF
Open Data

- Many types of recent and historic aggregate statistics.

- **Positives:** easy to access, regular updates.
- **Negatives:** difficult to know what is available, how to interpret what some statistics mean. More specific data unavailable.
Requests for other IRCC statistics

To submit a request for data, please email the Statistics-Statistiques@cic.gc.ca mailbox with a detailed description of your requested report. Please note that ad hoc requests for data may require a cost recovery fee to be paid as per the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations.

- **Positives**: Helpful replies. More detailed data.
- **Negatives**: Waiting period. Possible cost?
New Permanent Residents from Mexico, 2003-2018

Source: Provided by IRCC.
Broader Considerations

- Focus on economic outcomes.
- Undocumented/non-status migrants invisible.
- Over-reliance to immigrant categories and other aspects available in administrative data.
Thank-You!

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