

**PRAIRIE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR RESEARCH ON  
IMMIGRATION AND INTEGRATION**

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# **Housing Research Initiatives**

# EXPLORING THE HOUSING SITUATION AND NEEDS OF NEW IMMIGRANTS

## The Focus of Analysis

- Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants to Canada (LSIC)
- 1996, 2001 Metropolis Core Census Data

# Phase I – Literature Review

- Review of previous research on the relationship between immigration, housing demand and need, the housing market and homelessness

# Phase II – Data Analysis

- Using LSIC explore relationship between housing and other modules of the survey; employment, income, social networks
- Comparison of LSIC data with census core data set
- Focus on changes in household formation, preferred tenure choices, household structure, paying more than 30% and 50% of income on shelter, etc.

# Phase III – Publications

- Series of conference papers
- Composite reports on main cities

Geographic Focus: Montreal,  
Toronto and Vancouver

Sponsor: CMHC

Status: Work not yet started

Cost: up to \$50,000

Work with the Monash Institute  
for the Study of Global  
Movements

# **Title: Canadian Housing Prices: The Road to Wealth?**

Will the residential real estate market be the next “bubble to burst”?

Discussion on:

- Characteristics of the Canadian housing system
- National trends in housing prices
- Implications for national economy, wealth and asset accumulation
- Regional differences
- Implications for various sectors of society
- What the future may hold

# **Title: The Influence of Immigration on Global City Housing Markets: The Canadian Perspective**

Over the past couple of decades the Canadian population has been aging and household growth is declining. These trends generally result in falling housing demand and stable or declining house prices. Despite these trends Canadian housing markets, particularly those in Canada's major cities, have been characterized by increases in demand and prices in recent years

# **Title: The Influence of Immigration on Global City Housing Markets: The Canadian Perspective (cont'd)**

Discussion on:

- Trends in immigration and influence on population change
- Immigration policy and the changing nature of the immigrant population
- The influence of economic immigrants
- The housing characteristics of immigrants
- Recent market trends and the influence on price
- Destination patterns and market place effects
- The influence on landscape/neighbourhood
- The housing characteristics of poor neighbourhoods

**Next Theme:**

Immigration, Immigrants and the Planning  
System

# Title: Immigration and Small Prairie Centres

- 1) What is the level of immigration to these small centres?
- 2) What are the characteristics of the immigrants?
- 3) What are the housing needs – for families, single individuals? What unit types are required? What price ranges are affordable, given the incomes of new arrivals?
- 4) Are local markets able to meet the demand?
- 5) Are there solutions available to address the needs of immigrants? Are the necessary partnerships in place?
- 6) Are there broader problems (beyond housing) that have to be addressed?

Status: In the preliminary development phase

# Title: Housing is Good Social Policy

- Housing has become a “policy orphan” despite its important contribution to Canada’s social and economic policy goals
- Housing has become an area of “shared neglect” by the various levels of government
- The paper calls for re-integration of housing policy with other policy sectors
- The interaction of housing with health, education, income security, immigration, employment and community economic development has to be improved
- Both policy and program recommendations are provided

Sponsor: Canadian Policy Research Networks