



The Centre for the Study of Living Standards

THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF LIVING STANDARDS (CSLS) is a national, independent, not-for-profit research organization which began operations in August 1995. Its objectives are twofold. First, to contribute to a better understanding of trends and determinants of productivity, living standards, and economic well-being in Canada through research. Second, to contribute to public debate by developing and advocating specific policies to improve the standard of living of Canadians.

The activities of the CSLS are motivated by the following general principles:

- 1) in the long run, productivity growth is the key to improved living standards;
- 2) in the short to medium term, elimination of any output gap is the most effective way to raise living standards;
- 3) the equitable sharing of productivity gains among all groups in society is an essential element of the economic growth process;
- 4) increased cooperation among the various groups which make up our society can contribute significantly to better living standards; and
- 5) reliable data are crucial to the monitoring and analysis of living standards and to the development of effective policies to increase living standards.

A BOARD OF DIRECTORS composed of well-known economists and persons with experience in economic policy making at a senior level directs the activities of the CSLS. The following individuals currently serve on the Board:

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The Productivity Institute

The Productivity Institute is a UK-wide research organization exploring what productivity means for business, for workers and for communities – how it is measured and how it truly contributes to increased living standards and well-being. We aim to pinpoint the causes of the stagnation in UK productivity and focus energies to laying the foundations for a new era of sustained and inclusive productivity growth.

The Productivity Institute is made possible by an initial five-year grant from the Economic and Social Research Council in the UK. The institute's academic partners include the University of Manchester, where the Institute is also headquartered, and the universities of Cambridge, Glasgow, Sheffield and Warwick, King's College London, Queen's University Belfast as well as the National Institute of Economic and Social Research and the Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence.

Research

The Productivity Institute's research from across the UK and overseas covers eight key research areas including human capital, organizational capital, knowledge capital, institutions and governance, geography and place, macroeconomic trends and policy, measurement and methods, and social, environmental and technological transitions. Expertise is drawn from social sciences, engineering, physics, political science, business management, innovation research and data science.

Business

Eight Regional Productivity Forums of which five across England as well as in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales are underway to inform and shape the development and implementation of the institute's research agenda and practical business interventions and supported by partner universities.

Policy

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