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## Occupational Labour Demand and Supply in Canada

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#### **Presentation Outline**

- I. Introduction to the Canadian Occupational Projection System
- II. Data and Classification Systems
- III. Projection Methods, Innovations and Challenges

IV. Summary and Direction of Future Work

## **A Brief History of COPS**

- 1982 (Apr.) The Canadian Occupational Projection System (COPS) was created
  - replaced the Canadian Occupational Forecasting System (COFOR)
- 1983-1988 (The developmental years)
  - Model development and enhancement
  - Forging partnerships
  - Projection production
- 1989-1993 (Sector studies era)
- Increased emphasis on sector studies
  - Relevant to program activities (immigration and training)
- 1994-2004 (LMI Emphasis)
  - Greater focus on Labour Market Information
    - Production of Job Futures

## Recent Developments (2005-2011)

- Projection results used in support of policy and program analysis
- Production of labour supply, demand and imbalances at the broad skill and occupational level
- Ongoing model enhancement and development
- Provide outputs for use in Labour Market Information (LMI)
  - Occupational Summaries
  - Projection Data
- Provide outputs for use in fast tracking immigration claims
  - Contribute to the list of high demand occupations
- Disseminate to the public
  - Detailed data
  - Broad analysis

## **Goal of the COPS System**

The Goal of the system is to **estimate ex-ante** *labour market imbalances at the occupational level* in support of policy analysis and labour market information production

## **Classification Systems**

#### National Occupational Classification (NOC)

Classifies occupations into skill levels (education usually required for entry) and skill types

#### North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS)

- Standardized industrial classification
- Aggregated into 33 COPS Industries

## Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP)

- Encompasses the field of study choices of students
- Aggregated into approximately 50 COPS major fields of study (MFS) by level of education

#### **National Occupational Classification Matrix (NOC)**

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#### NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION MATRIX 2006

The National Occupational Classification (NOC) matrix provides an overview of the classification at the minor group level. It also illustrates how the NOC is accessible on the basis of skill level, skill type, or on a combination of these two ortheria. The foor skill level categories are listed on the left adde of the matrix, while nine skill type categories are listed across the top. The term third lity declargory (0 Maragement Occupations) is organized across the top of the matrix, in more cases, each matrix cell consists of a major group.

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#### Main data sources used in the projections

Data Sources (Statistics Canada)	Principal Use
Labour Force Survey (Monthly)	<ul> <li>Primary data to project employment growth by occupation (expansion demand)</li> <li>Occupational distribution of non-PSE graduates (high school and less than high school) and discontinuants (from PSE)</li> </ul>
<b>Census</b> (Every 5 years)	<ul> <li>Provide the labour force participation rate of immigrants</li> <li>Allocation of new immigrants by occupation</li> </ul>
National Graduates Survey (Every 5 years)	<ul> <li>Primary source of data on how graduates by field of study map into employment in specific occupations</li> </ul>
Post-secondary Student Information System (Annual)	<ul> <li>PSIS data used to project new school enrolments and the new supply entering the labour market from the different education levels</li> </ul>
Annual Demographic Statistics	<ul> <li>Demographic projections used for immigration, emigration, deaths as well as inputs for other "supply-side" models</li> </ul>

#### **Summary of COPS Projection Methods**



## Imbalances at the broad skill level

Broad Skill Imbalances 2011-2020: COPS 2011 Reference Scenario



- The analysis of broad skill imbalances compares growth in employment by skill level to growth in the labour force by educational qualification
- The 45° line represents balanced growth between job openings and job seekers at the broad skill level
- The starting points of the analysis are important, particularly during volatile periods
- The analysis is used primarily to make overall assessments before presenting detailed occupational evaluations

## **Expansion Demand**

- Projects the new occupational demand stemming from anticipated economic growth
- Projections of occupational shares (140 occupations) are made within each industry group (33 industries)
- Autonomous equations for occupational clusters
  - Allows related occupations at the detailed level to trend together
- The results are decomposed into occupational and industrial effects using shift-share analysis as an analytical and validation tool



COPS 2011 Reference Scenario, Expansion Demand: Shift Share Analysis N124-Secretaries, Recorders and Transcriptionists and N321-Medical Technologists and Technicians)

#### **Replacement Demand: Retirements**

- Projects new job openings generated by existing workers leaving their current positions because of retirement
  - Retirement is defined as a permanent withdrawal from paid employment for those aged 50+
- Aggregate retirement rates by age and gender are computed using tax filer data (due to lack of reliable alternative data sources)
- Occupational Retirements are computed by ageing the occupational profiles of employment (Age Distribution Model)
- Total Occupational Retirements are constrained to equal aggregate retirements



**Occupational Retirements: Age Distribution Model** 



## **School Leavers**

- The school leavers model accounts for new entrants into the labour market from the education system
- Student flows are estimated by OLS regression
- Estimated student flows are converted to field of study choices by a fixed share vector
- 2 field-of-study to occupation transition matrices are used:
  - The first scenario constrains leavers into "intended occupations" by assuming certain fields and levels of study do not intend to work in specific occupations (i.e. bachelor in anthropology is not compatible with food counter attendant)
  - The second matches graduate outcomes to the occupational classification of recent labour force entrants by age and education.
  - Comparison between these facilitates an analysis of intended versus realized outcomes (contributes to analysis of occupational mismatch)

#### School leavers by education level and skill level, 2011-2020



Source: COPS 2011 Reference Scenario. 15

## **Demographic-Driven Components**

- Many model components rely on simple extrapolations and rely primarily on demographic factors:
  - The *Immigration Model* (labour supply flow) relies on a fixed participation rate and occupational vector combined with a gross population inflow generated by the demographic model
    - Work is currently underway to include dynamics in the occupational transition vector
  - Emigration (Replacement Demand labour demand flow) is simply computed using the demographic accounts combined with occupational and participation rate assumptions
  - In-service mortality (Replacement Demand labour demand flow) uses age-specific death rates combined with occupational age distributions
- In addition, synthetic cohort approaches are used to obtain net labour market re-entrants, net occupational mobility and the unemployment add-factor

#### **Imbalances at the Occupational Level**

Occupational Imbalances 2011-2020: COPS 2011 Reference Scenario



- The analysis of occupational imbalances compares the number of job seekers to the number of new job openings as a share of base year employment
- The 45° line represents balanced growth between job openings and job seekers at the broad skill level
- The starting point of the analysis matter, particularly during volatile periods
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## **Stock-Flow Consistency**

- All Occupational projection models, with the exception of the expansion demand and labour force participation model, are estimated as flows
- There is no single anchor to the aggregate labour market situation
- All results are reconciled to the aggregates via a stock-flow accounting system
  - both historical estimates and projections

## Labour market conditions

- Components are combined to produce a qualitative assessment of conditions in occupation by component
- Qualitative assessments of employment prospects are compiled

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Skill Level B	5,331.3	684.4	1.2	1.3 A	1,275.1	2.4	2.2 A	164.4	0.3 A	120.0	2,244.0	4.2 A	1,550.0	2.9 A	246.3	0.5 A	-27.40	-0.5 A	233.32	205.17	123.01	-61.53	-33.33	0.00	2,002.2	3.9	A 24.2	0.5	13.5%	Fair	4.5	0.2
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Skill Level D	1,525.0	179.1	1.1	1.2 A	302.2	2.0	1.8 A	48.1	0.3 A	34.3	563.8	3.7 A	603.9	4.0 AA	181.4	1.2 AA	-263.09	-15.4 BA	-51.10	57.84	-54.89	-36.32	-17.73	0.00	471.1	3.2	BA 9.3	0.6	11.8%	Limited	10.6	4.7
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Natural and Applied Sc.	1,281.9	240.8	1.7	1.9 AA	244.9	1.9	1.7 A	33.7	0.3 A	29.6	549.0	4.3 A	445.4	3.5 A	135.3	1.1 AA	-12.8	-1.0 A	69.5	48.5	37.0	-11.2	-4.7	0.00	637.5	5.1	AA -8.8	-0.7	-15.2%	Fair	3.4	8.0
Health	1,137.5	247.2	2.0	2.2 AA	296.3	2.6	2.3 A	36.9	0.3 A	26.8	607.2	5.3 AA	331.8	2.9 A	52.4	0.5 A	112.8	9.8 AA	42.4	42.3	19.9	-13.7	-6.1	0.00	539.3	4.8	A 6.8	0.6	17.7%	Fair	1.6	-3.6
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42 Paraprofessional Occ's in	398.8	77.6	1.8	1.9 AA	73.4	1.8	1.6 B	A 10.9	0.3 A	9.3	171.2	4.3 A	137.2	3.4 A	19.1	0.5 A	-18.6	-4.5 A	17.1	15.1	9.0	-4.5	-2.4	0.00	154.9	4.0	A 1.6	0.4	10.4%	Fair	3.1	-0.7
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52 Technical / Skilled Occ's i	r 249.5	45.0	1.7	1.8 AA	41.8	1.7	1.5 B/	A 7.1	0.3 A	5.7	99.6	4.0 A	113.8	4.6 AA	13.0	0.5 A	-35.5	-13.5 BA	10.9	9.6	5.8	-2.9	-1.6	0.00	102.3	4.2	A -0.3	-0.1	-2.1%	Fair	4.9	5.1
62 Skilled Sales & Service O	1.024.7	148.3	1.4	1.4 A	214.5	2.1	1.9 A	31.9	0.3 A	23.4	418.0	4.1 A	326.7	3.2 A	50.2	0.5 A	-44.9	-4.2 A	44.6	39.2	23.5	-11.8	-6.4	0.00	376.5	3.8	A 4.2	0.4	11.0%	Fair	4.1	0.3
64 Intermediate Sales & Serv	i 1.277.7	150.4	1.1	1.2 A	231.6	1.8	1.7 B	A 38.3	0.3 A	28.7	449.0	3.5 A	503.4	3.9 AA	98.8	0.8 A	-145.3	-10.8 BA	-5.3	50.0	-21.6	-22.7	-11.1	0.00	451.5	3.7	A -0.3	0.0	-0.4%	Limited	5.3	4.7
66 Elemental Sales & Service	1,170.3	141.7	1.1	1.2 A	240.9	2.1	1.9 A	39.8	0.3 A	26.4	448.8	3.8 A	440.8	3.8 AA	120.8	1.0 AA	-179.1	-14.0 BA	-38.2	43.3	-41.1	-27.2	-13.3	0.00	344.3	3.1	BA 10.5	0.9	18.6%	Limited	8.3	0.3
72-73 Trades & Skilled Transpor	1 1,464.5	164.2	1.1	1.1 A	328.3	2.2	2.1 A	39.4	0.3 A	32.6	564.5	3.9 A	427.1	2.9 A	66.0	0.5 A	13.5	0.9 A	65.9	58.0	34.7	-17.4	-9.4	0.00	572.6	4.0	A -0.8	-0.1	-1.6%	Fair	6.8	6.7
74 Intermediate Occ's in Tran	819.8	91.5	1.1	1.1 A	186.2	2.3	2.1 A	27.6	0.3 A	18.3	323.6	3.9 A	181.3	2.2 A	52.9	0.6 A	90.5	10.1 AA	-3.5	33.2	-14.3	-15.1	-7.4	0.00	321.2	4.1	A 0.2	0.0	1.0%	Fair	8.0	6.8
76 Trades Helpers, Construct	136.2	16.3	1.1	1.2 A	18.3	1.3	1.2 B	A 2.8	0.2 BA	3.0	40.4	3.0 BA	73.5	5.4 AA	11.4	0.8 A	-33.0	-19.7 BA	-5.0	5.7	-5.4	-3.6	-1.7	0.00	46.9	3.6	A -0.7	-0.5	-7.7%	Limited	18.2	18.4
82 Skilled Occ's in Primary In	325.8	29.8	0.9	0.9 A	83.3	2.6	2.4 A	17.7	0.5 AA	7.2	138.1	4.2 A	43.3	1.3 BA	5.7	0.2 BA	27.2	8.0 A	14.1	12.4	7.4	-3.7	-2.0	0.00	90.2	2.9	BA 4.8	1.5	97.8%	Fair	3.0	-11.4
84 Intermediate Occ's in Prin	95.0	4.2	0.4	0.4 BA	16.0	1.7	1.6 B/	A 2.7	0.3 A	2.0	24.9	2.6 BA	41.3	4.3 AA	9.5	1.0 AA	-12.8	-11.5 BA	-0.4	4.2	-1.8	-1.9	-0.9	0.00	37.5	4.1	A -1.3	-1.3	-24.7%	Limited	15.0	21.9
86 Primary Industry Labourer	: 83.2	10.2	1.2	1.2 A	12.2	1.5	1.4 B/	A 1.9	0.2 BA	1.9	26.2	3.2 BA	48.8	5.9 AA	6.7	0.8 A	-27.5	-25.9 BA	-3.2	3.6	-3.4	-2.3	-1.1	0.00	24.7	3.1	BA 0.1	0.2	2.6%	Limited	21.3	17.5
92 Processing / Manufacturin	( 137.1	12.3	0.9	0.9 A	44.8	3.3	3.1 A	A 4.6	0.3 A	3.0	64.7	4.7 AA	19.1	1.4 BA	4.4	0.3 A	30.8	21.4 AA	6.0	5.3	3.2	-1.6	-0.9	0.00	60.3	4.5	A 0.4	0.3	18.9%	Fair	3.9	0.9
94-95 Processing & Manufacturi	r 496.9	9.7	0.2	0.2 BA	138.2	2.8	2.7 A	13.2	0.3 A	10.5	171.7	3.5 BA	103.2	2.1 BA	83.3	1.7 AA	78.5	14.4 AA	-2.1	20.2	-8.7	-9.2	-4.5	0.00	262.9	5.5	AA -9.1	-1.8	-48.9%	Limited	8.5	20.3
06 Labourers in Processing	135.2	10.8	0.8	08 4	30.9	23	21	3.6	03 4	3.0	48.4	36 4	40.9	30 4	42.5	31 44	22 E	-15.1 RA	-47	53	-5.0	-33	-16	0.00	55.2	43	A _0.7	-0.5	-8.2%	Limited	13.2	149

## **Technical challenges**

- Occupational mobility is fairly rudimentary in the system
- Many flows are only captured as residual series in the stock-flow reconciliation
- Many of the data series used are constructed internally
  - often very limited snapshots of data are used to construct entire time series
  - this is difficult to validate
- Evaluating the accuracy of all system components is problematic given time constraints
  - This is particularly problematic as policy analysts want to know the degree of certainty associated with each projection

## **Conceptual challenges**

- Ex-ante imbalances require a constant wage to generate excess demand or supply – our demand side is determined within equilibrium framework
  - We have no feedback between demand and supply via wages or employment adjustment
  - The current supply side is treated as an assessment of whether educational and immigration trends are capable of meeting the anticipated (market-determined) growth in demand
- Are the model results appropriate for Policy Analysis or LMI?
  - Do point estimates produce too much false certainty?
- In the school leavers model, the evaluations of anticipated outcomes often rely on analyst judgement
  - It is uncertain whether it is reasonable to construct an "ex-ante" educational to occupation transition matrix based on assumptions

## **Future Work**

- Results of the 2011 projection cycle will be posted on the internet
- Continuing model improvement work
- Work on expanding the accounting system for the stock models
  - Major revision of the labour force participation model
- Research and modelling of occupational mobility flows
- Next projection cycle is in 2013

# **Thank You**

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