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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.

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