Standard Statistics Canada Poverty/Inequality Indicators

- Low income (rates, gap, persistence)
  - LICO (EF)
  - LIM(HH)
  - MBM(EF)
- Quintile shares (equivalized and ‘individualized’)
- Gini coefficient (equivalized and ‘individualized’)
- Missing: polarization and broad mobility indicators
Data sources change over time

- **Survey vehicle**
  - Ongoing historical revisions

- **Income Data**
  - Paper questionnaire 1976-1995
  - Link to administrative tax data 1996-Present

- **Response rates and bias (cell phones)**

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Income Data Production Timeliness

- SLID releases data 1.5 years after the end of the calendar year for which the data applies
  - Linkage of tax data lags collection by 10 months

- In June 2013 standard results to be released for 2011

- August 2013: Updated OECD tables covering the period from 1976 to 2011
OECD Inequality Questionnaire

- Completed by different divisions and income analysts
  - ISD - Kevin Bishop pre-1990
  - SEMD - Brian Murphy 1990
  - ISD - Paul Roberts 2005-2010

- Not a simple straightforward table
  - 20 files with 5,000 lines of SAS code
- Expertise required in income concepts/analysis
- Complexity increases risk of errors
- Historical survey revisions require updates to full OECD data series
- Interaction with OECD on detailed validation has been important
Issues

- Burden vs continuity
- Research vs. indicators
- Reduced number of annual indicators and table cells desirable – especially for regions
- Black-boxes contain risks