

Introduction to the Longitudinal Immigration Database (IMDB)

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What is IMDB?

- Immigration data (from IRCC)
 - Permanent residents (1980-present)
 - Non-permanent residents (1980-present)
- Tax data (from CRA)
 - T1 family file (T1FF)
- Coverage: Immigrants who filed taxes at least once since 1982

Strengths

- "Census" of immigrants who landed since 1980
- Longitudinal data (1982-2016)
- Detailed landing characteristics (e.g. admission categories, intended occupation)
- Detailed post-migration economic characteristics (e.g. employment income, child tax benefit, low-income status)

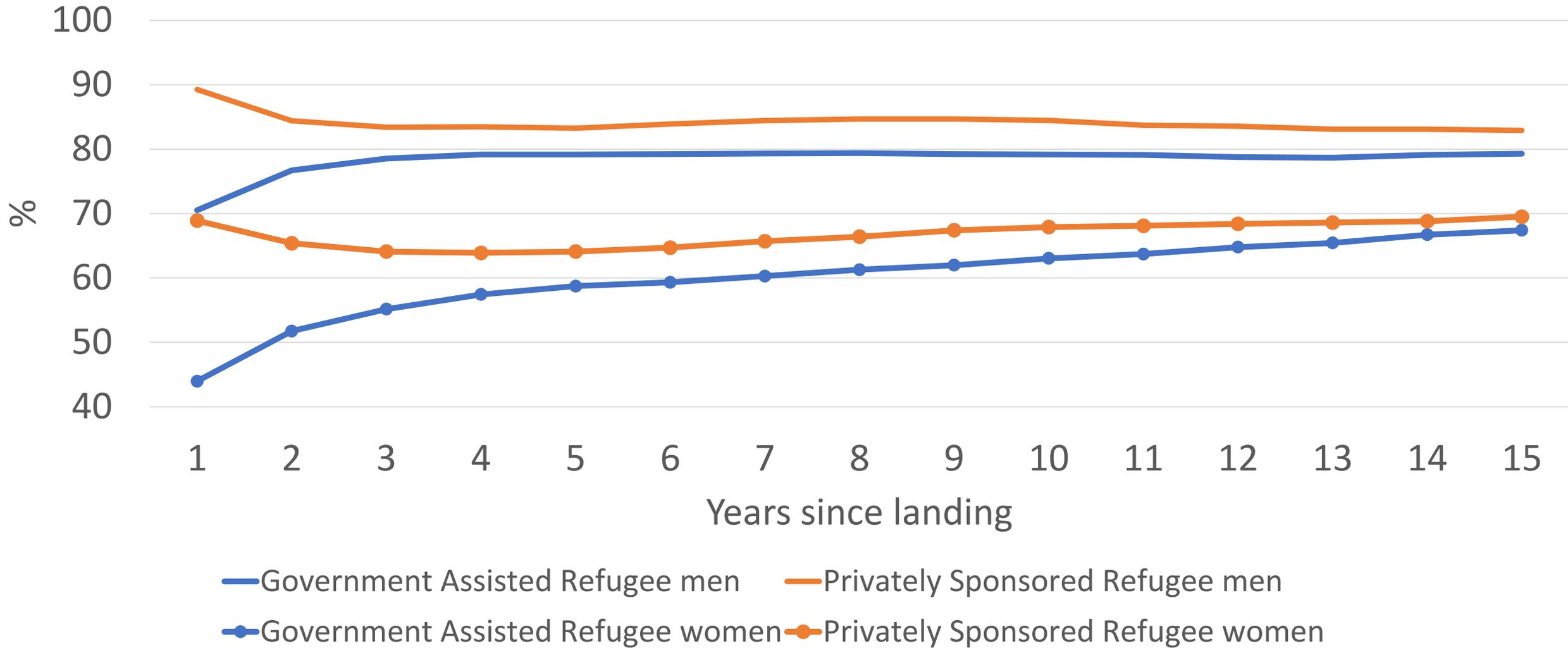
Limitations

- No info on social indicators (e.g. attitude, perception)
- Limited post-migration socioeconomic characteristics (e.g. skill upgrading activity, language training, occupation)
- No info on pre-1980 arrivals

Research possibilities

- Amoyaw and Yoshida (2019) “Trajectories of Adulthood Transition among Immigrant and Refugee Children and Youth in Canada”
- Kaida, Hou and Stick (2019) “The Long-term Economic Integration of Resettled Refugees in Canada: A Comparison of Privately Sponsored Refugees and Government-Assisted Refugees”
- Lightman and Elrick (2019) “Using the IMDB to Unpack the Gendered and Classed Effects of Dependency in Canadian Immigration Policy”
etc...

Observed employment rates of refugee men and women, by admission category and year since landing



Thank you!

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