Social Policy Simulation Database and Model, COVID-19 glass box, version 2.0

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Version 2.0 of the Social Policy Simulation Model (SPSM) COVID-19 glass box is now available. This version incorporates the Canada Emergency Student Benefit, the one-time tax-free payment for seniors, and the one-time tax-free payment for individuals with a valid certificate for the disability tax credit.

The SPSM COVID-19 glass box allows users to modify the Social Policy Simulation Database (SPSD) in order to model various scenarios in 2020 to better reflect the labour market during the COVID-19 pandemic and to model related legislative changes. Glass-box models are built by Statistics Canada or by SPSD/M users when they wish to create models that are significantly different from the standard SPSD/M. They can be created by using the source code provided in the SPSD/M package. Glass-box models include alternate algorithms which allow users to model changes that cannot be modelled easily using the standard SPSD/M. This version is designed to model the calendar year 2020 and must be used jointly with the SPSD/M version 28.0.

The Social Policy Simulation Database and Model (SPSD/M), COVID-19 glass box version 2.0, is available by Electronic File Transfer (**89F0002X**).

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