

# Foreign Students

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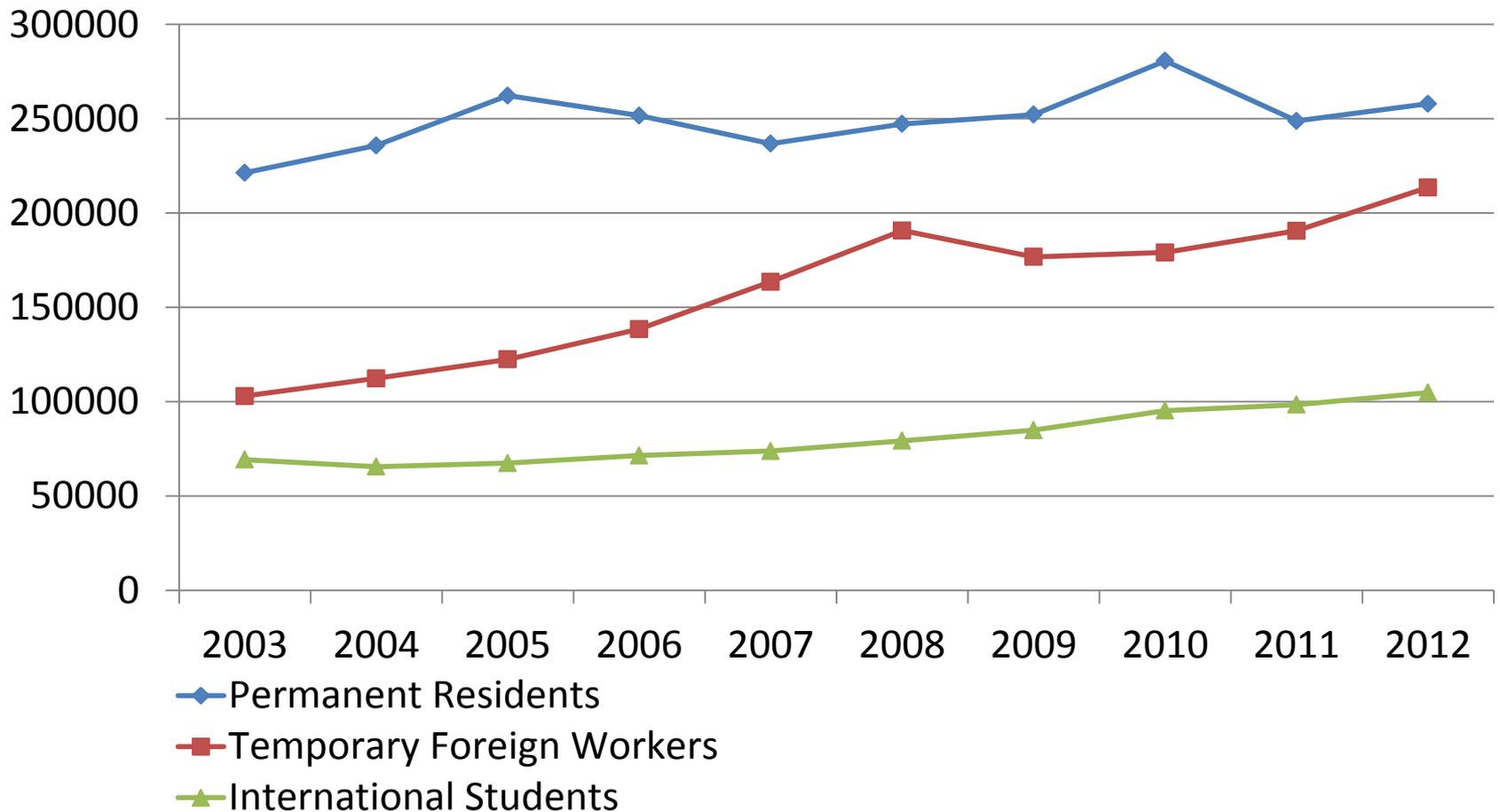
# Context: Research

- Sinziana Chira and Chedly Belkhodja, Pratiques exemplaires pour l'intégration des étudiants internationaux au Canada atlantique, APECA, 2012.
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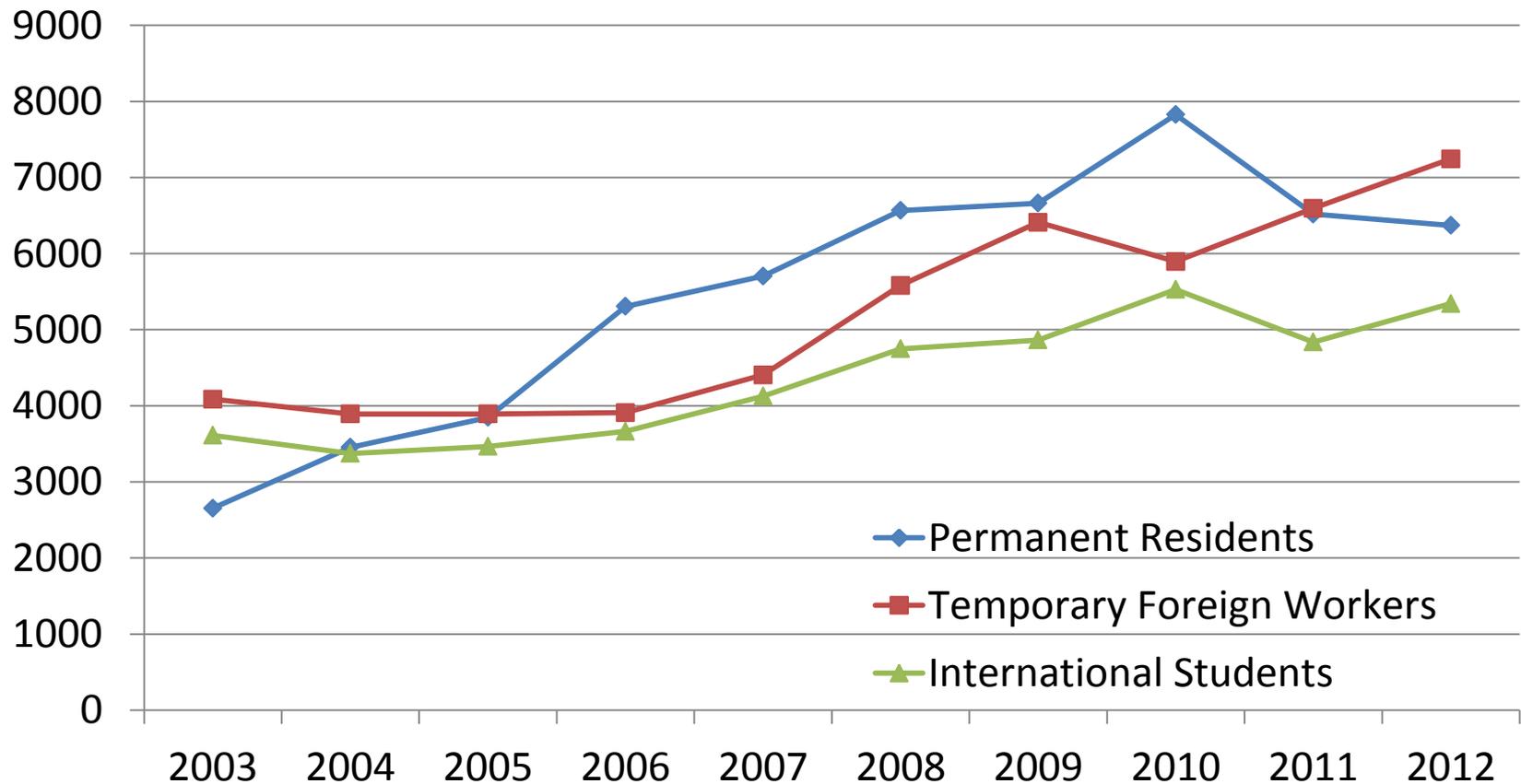
# Context: Greater Student Mobility

- Economic reasons
- Better university recruitment
- Shifts in public policies (two-step migration)
  - International students as ‘ideal immigrants’
- Settlement needs of international students

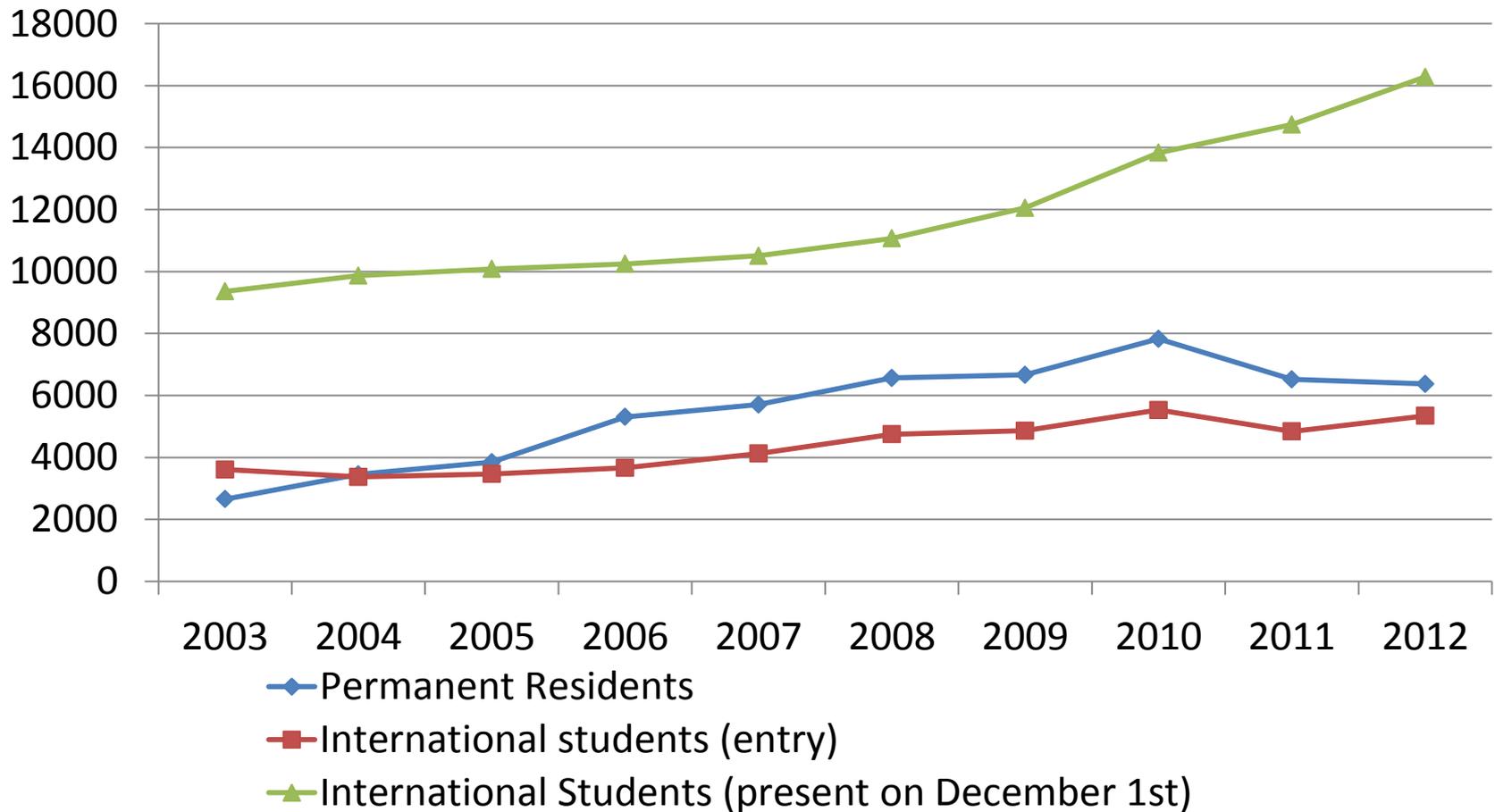
# Canada: Permanent Residents, Temporary Foreign Workers and International Students



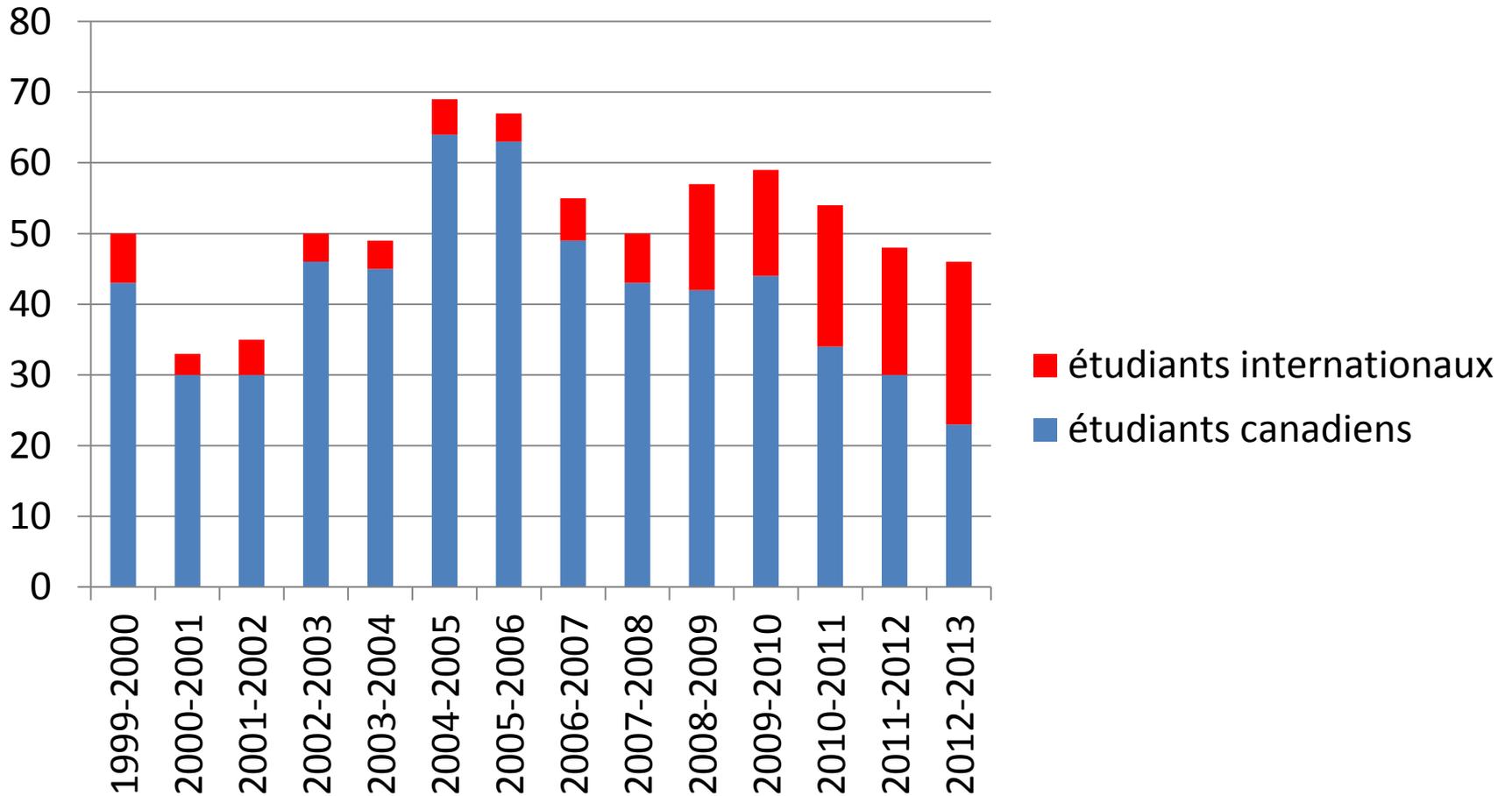
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# Atlantic Canada: Permanent Residents and International Students (entry and present)



# My Department

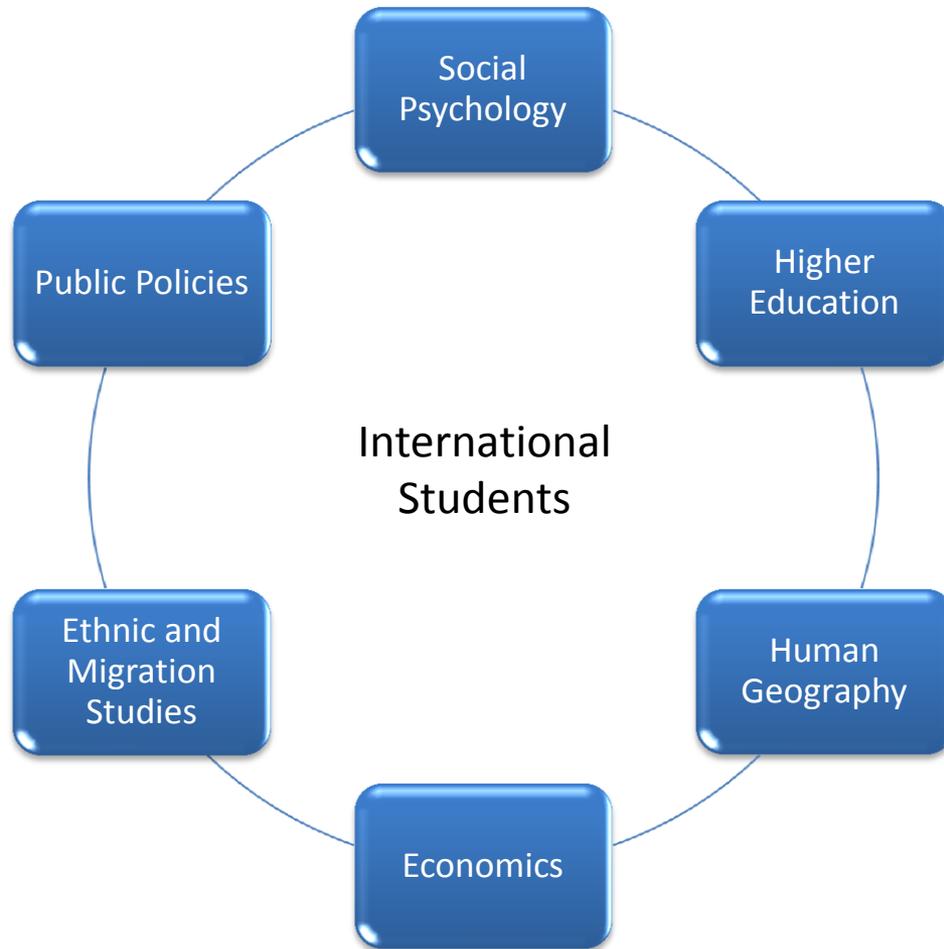


Source: Bureau du registraire, 2013

# SSHRC Lit Review...5 main themes

- Understand international students' transition to permanent residence;
- Their economic and social integration before and when they become permanent residents;
- Their contribution to Canada;
- The challenges they face during their professional integration and the factors that determine their economic performance in the labour market;
- The best for their successful economic and social integration

# Methodology: A diverse body of literature



# Transition: some factors

## Determinants:

- Labour markets (ability to secure employment);
- Family ties;
- Social and emotional adaptation/integration;

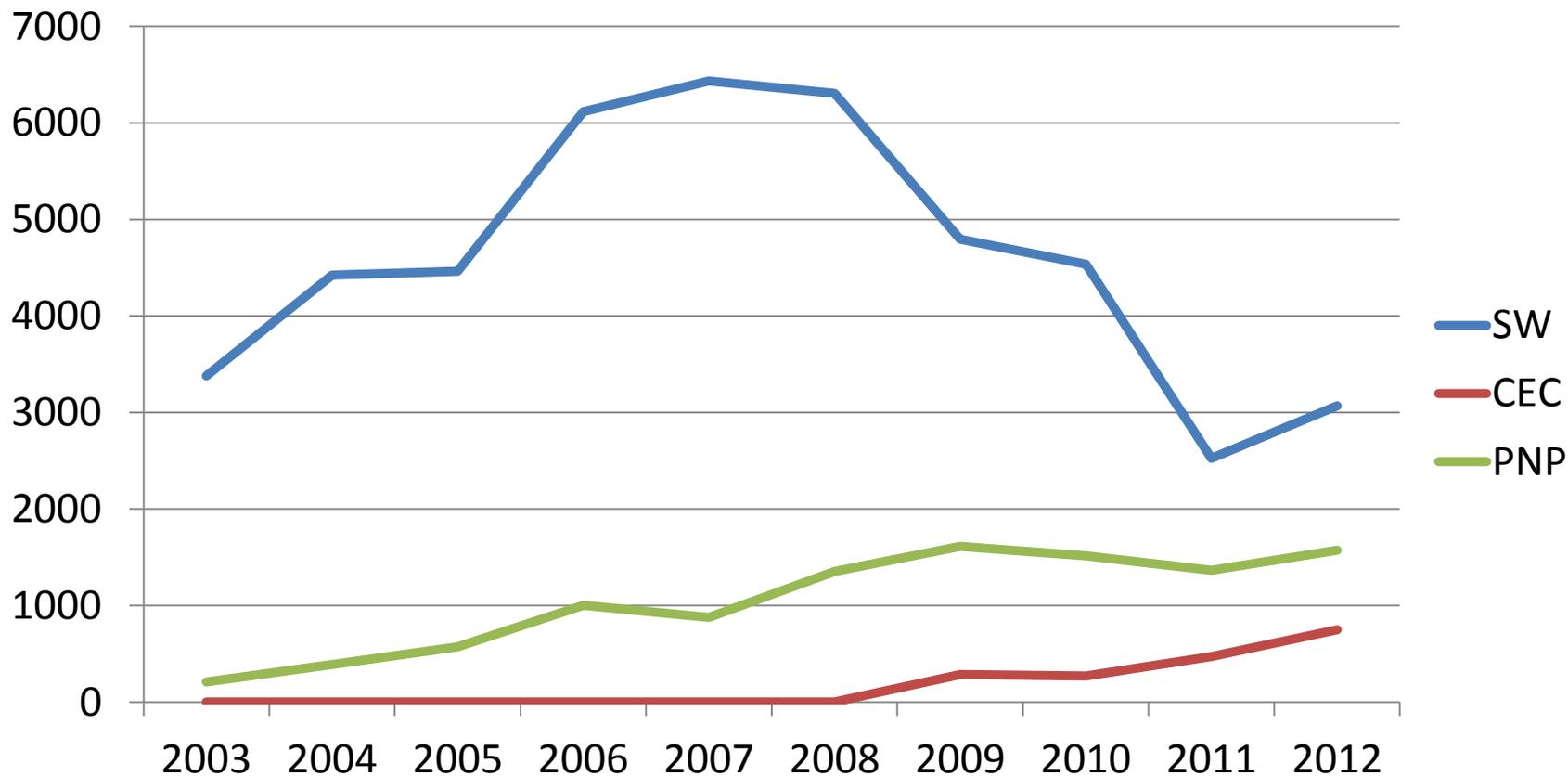
(See, Arthur & Flynn, 2011; Baruch & al. 2007; Lu & al. 2009; Mosneaga & Winther 2013; Soon, 2012)

## Barriers:

- Cultural differences;
- Language proficiency;
- Soft Skills
- Gap between immigration policies, employment policies and employers' attitudes

(See, Arthur & Flynn, 2011; Arthur & Popadiuk, 2013)

# Transition to Permanent Residence: Foreign students



Source: CIC. Facts and Figures 2012

# The Switchers

*The anxiety of international students during their transition to permanent residence should not be underestimated, as the transition period can have an impact on their professional and social integration.*

Robertson, 2012

# Some Initiatives

- Entrepreneurship Training Program for International Graduate Students at Memorial University of Newfoundland
- Volunteering as a way of connecting and gaining Canadian experience
  - Ex: Farmers Market , Saint John's, NFLD
- Mentoring programs linking int. students with members of the business and professional community
  - Halifax Connector Program started by the Greater Halifax Partnership in 2010- now replicated across the Atlantic and beyond (Quebec)
  - « Instauration d'une approche concertée pour l'intégration des étudiantes et étudiants étrangers francophones dans leur nouveau milieu d'accueil »: Community College of Dieppe-Université de Moncton and Chamber of Commerce of Greater Moncton
- International Students's Working Group (Municipality of Fredericton)

# Conclusion

- Roles of post-secondary institutions: attraction and retention of talent
- Funding of post-secondary support services
- Settlement needs of international students are becoming an increasingly important public policy issue...location of services?
- Making Connections