SYMPOSIUM

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Developing Immigrants' literacy and essential skills

Summary of the Background Report on Ontario



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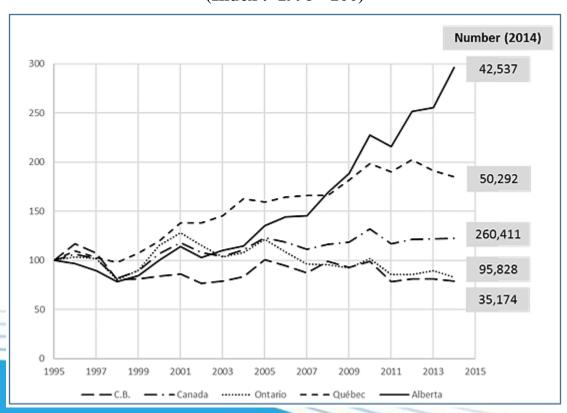
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Topics

- Immigration in Ontario
- Francophone immigrants in Ontario
 - Education
 - Unemployment
 - Wages
- Statistics on the training centers identified in the province
- Portrait of the participants in the action research.

The largest number of immigrants in Canada

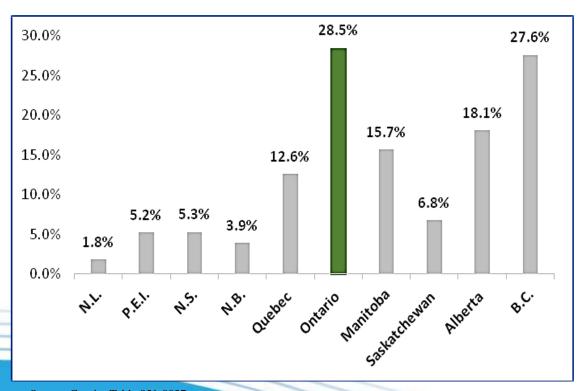
Number of immigrants per year (Index: 1995 = 100)



Source: Cansim Table 051-0037.

The largest proportion of immigrants

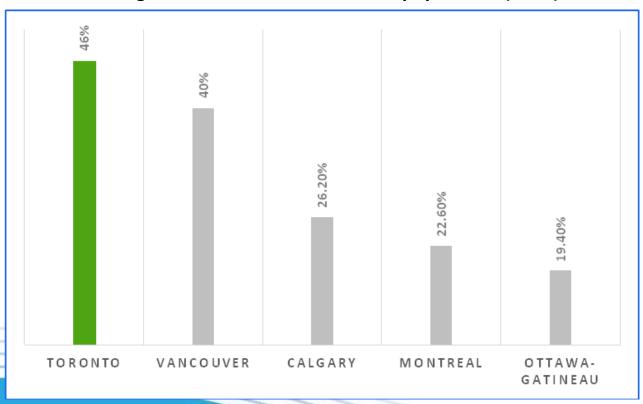
Immigrant share of the total population of the province (2011)



Source: Cansim Table 051-0037.

Close to half of Toronto's population are immigrants

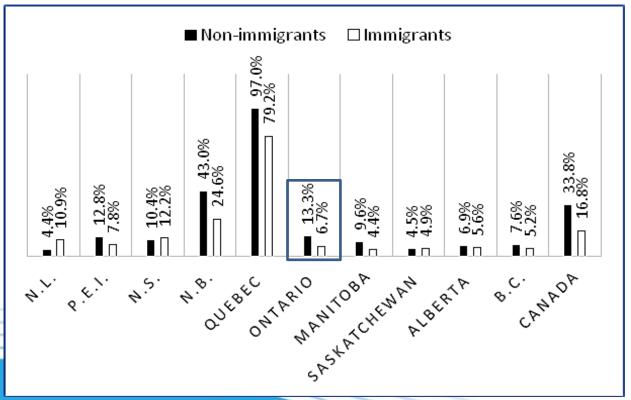
Immigrant share of the total urban population (2011)



Source: Cansim Table 051-0037.

In Ontario, the proportion of immigrants who can speak French is much less than the proportion of non-immigrants who can

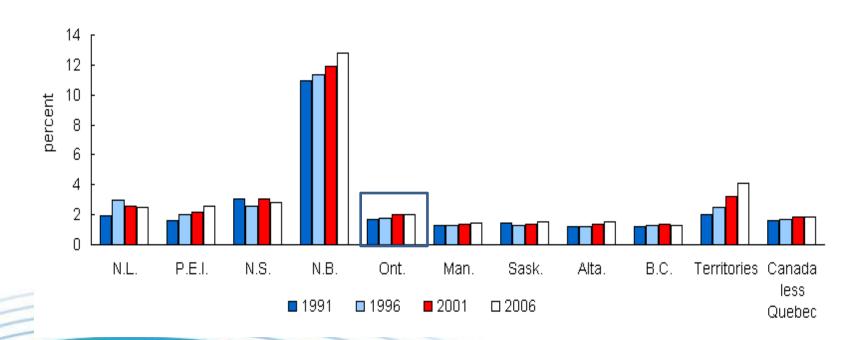
Proportion of people in Canada who can express themselves in French



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census

One of Ontario's objectives is to increase the proportion of Francophone immigrants to 5 percent

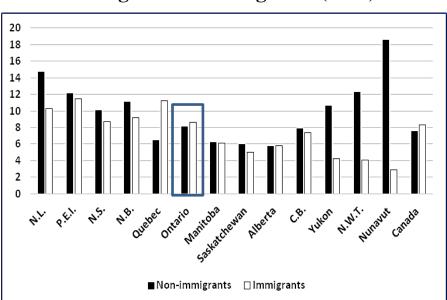
Proportion of immigrants whose first language is French*



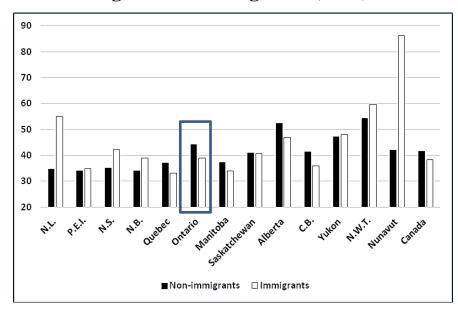
^{*}After redistribution of the French and English category within the total immigrant population. *Source:* Statistics Canada (2010).

Immigrants: Higher unemployment rate and lower income than non-immigrants

Unemployment rate (in %): Nonimmigrants vs Immigrants (2011)



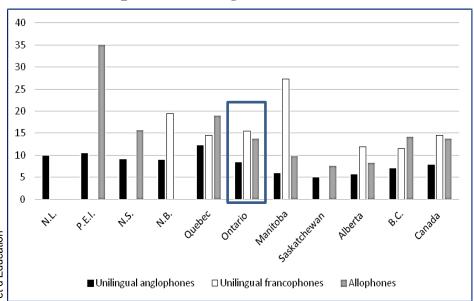
Income (In thousands of \$): Non-immigrants vs Immigrants (2011)



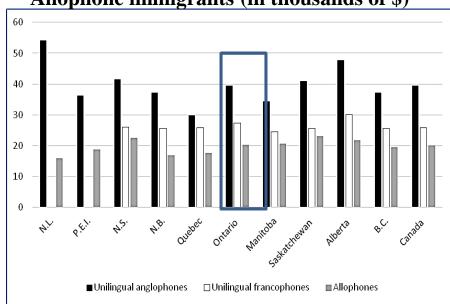
Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census

Unilingual Francophone immigrants experiences difficulty in Ontario's labour market

Unemployment rate of Unilingual and Allophone immigrants (in %)



Average income of Unilingual and Allophone immigrants (in thousands of \$)



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census

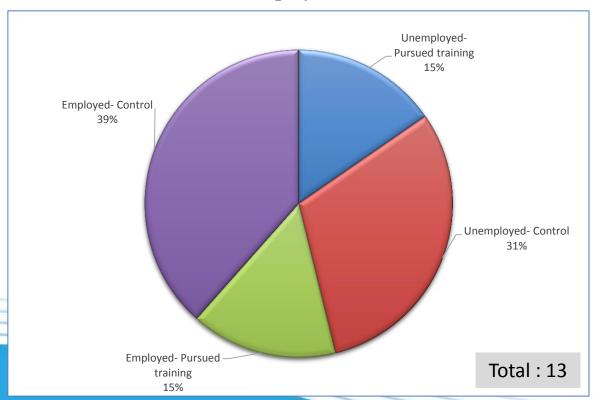
Identified training and employment centers and Partners

- 76 training centers in literacy and essential skills and employment centers were identified in Ontario
- Eight partners participated in the action research:
 - Centre d'emploi Keys, Elgin, Gananoque, Kingston, Westport
 - Centre de formation des adultes de Windsor
 - École des adultes Le Carrefour, Ottawa
 - Father Patrick H. Fogarty Adult Ed, Welland
 - La Cité collégiale, Ottawa
 - Le Centre francophone de Toronto, Toronto
 - Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization, Ottawa
 - Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Center, Welland, Port Colborne, Pelham, Wainfleet, Fort Érié

Employers followed

• In total, 13 employers were followed in Ontario

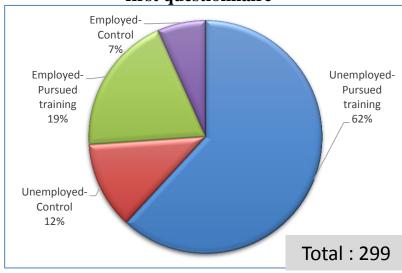
Breakdown of employers followed (Ontario)



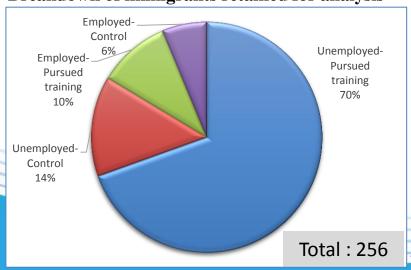
Immigrant participants in the action research

- In total, in Ontario, 299 immigrants answered the first questionnaire
- Of these, 256 were retained for analysis.
- The largest proportion of immigrants who answered the first questionnaire and were retained for analysis is the Unemployed-Pursued training group.

Breakdown of immigrants who responded to the first questionnaire



Breakdown of immigrants retained for analysis



Types of training

Breakdown of the types of training in Ontario

| Types of Training | Unemployed-In training | Employed- In training |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Francization (Beginner) | 52 | 12 |
| Francization (Intermediate) | 6 | 0 |
| Francization (Advanced) | 84 | 10 |
| English as a Second | | |
| Language (Beginner) | 1 | 2 |
| English as a Second | | |
| Language (Intermediate) | 13 | 1 |
| English as a Second | | |
| Language (Advanced) | 22 | 1 |
| Computing (Beginner) | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 178 | 26 |

- More than 80 percent of the training courses pursued in Ontario (and retained for analysis) are in Francization.
 - The rest of the training courses pursued were in English as a Second Language.



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