### SYMPOSIUM

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## Developing Immigrants' Literacy and Essential Skills

### Summary of the Background Report on Quebec



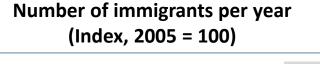
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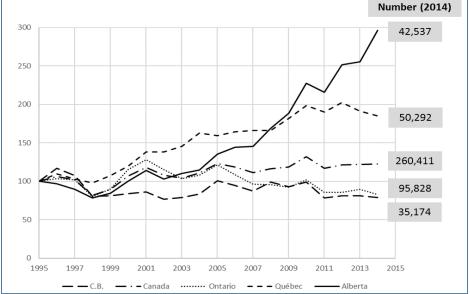
## Topics

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

### **Fast growing immigration**

- Demographic decline and a shortage of skilled labour has pushed Quebec to make immigration a key element of its economic development policies.
  - One of the fastest immigrant growth among the Canadian provinces.

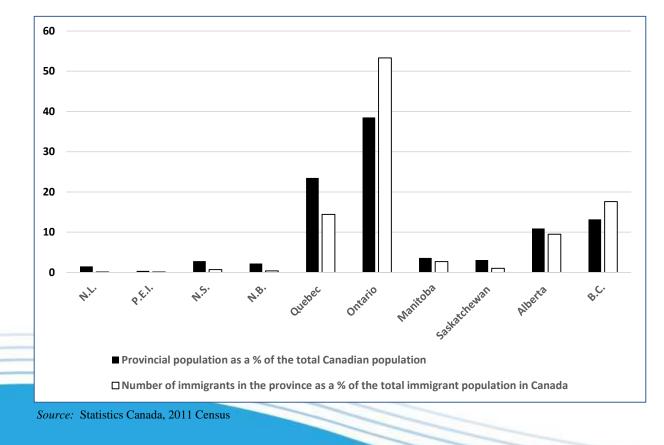




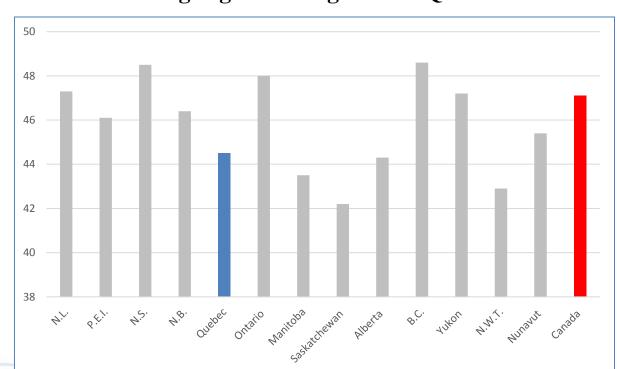
Source: Cansim Table 051-0037.

### Its share of its immigration population in Canada is smaller than its share of the total population

Share of immigrants vs share of population (in %)



### One of the youngest immigrant population

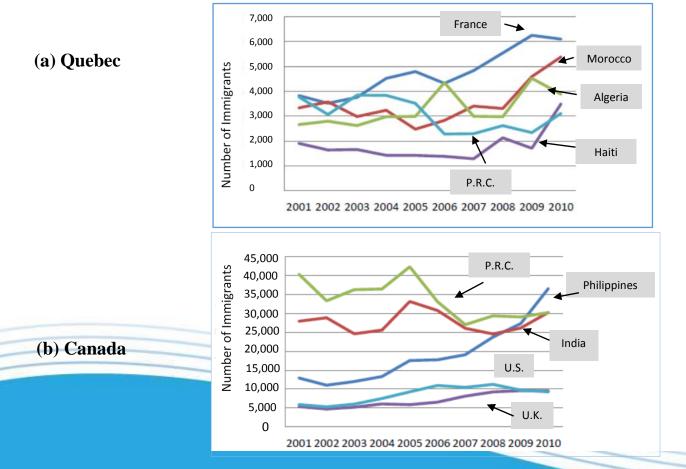


Average age of immigrants in Quebec

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census

### Origin of immigrants is very different from tha tof the rest of Canada

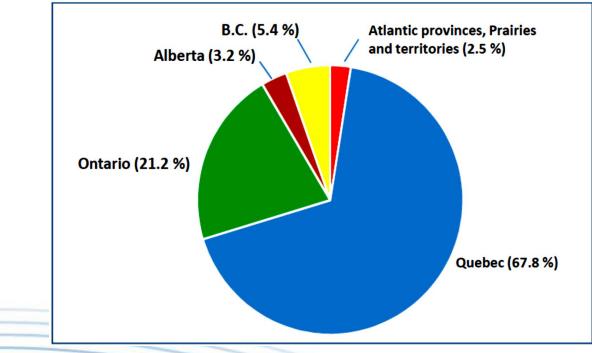
Main countries of origin of new immigrants since 2001



Source: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011, reproduced from Boudarbat and Grenier (2014)

### Quebec attracts the largest proportion of Francophone immigrants in Canada

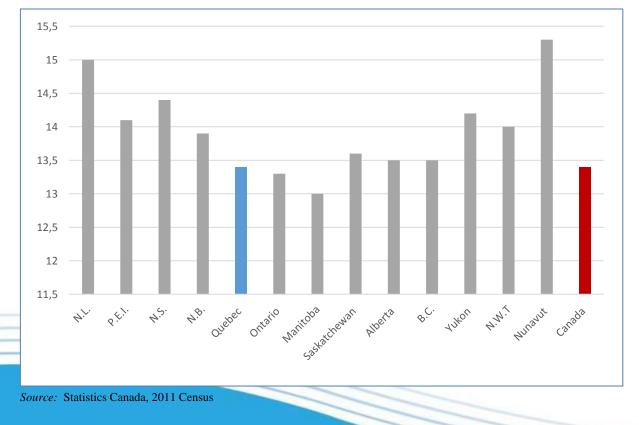
Distribution of immigrants in Canada who can speak French



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census

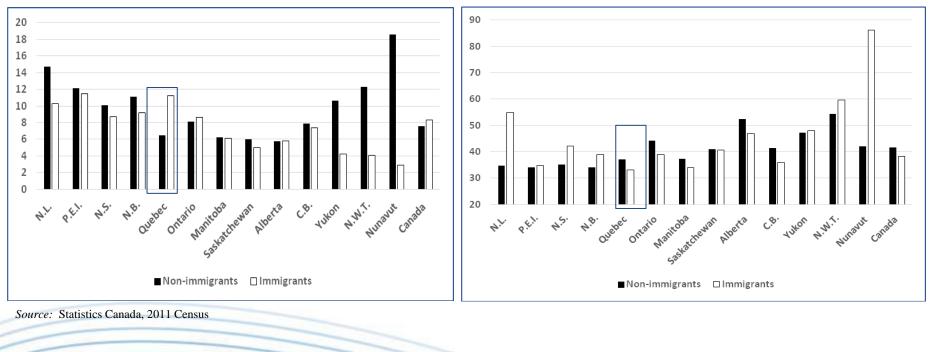
# Immigrants are less educated than in the rest of Canada

## Average number of years of education of immigrants



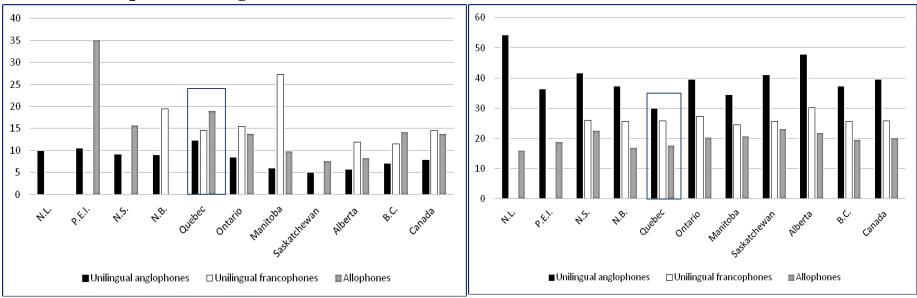
# Immigrants : Higher unemployment rate and lower income than non-immigrants

Unemployment rate (in %) : Nonimmigrants vs Immigrants (2011) Income (In thousands of \$) : Nonimmigrants vs Immigrants (2011)



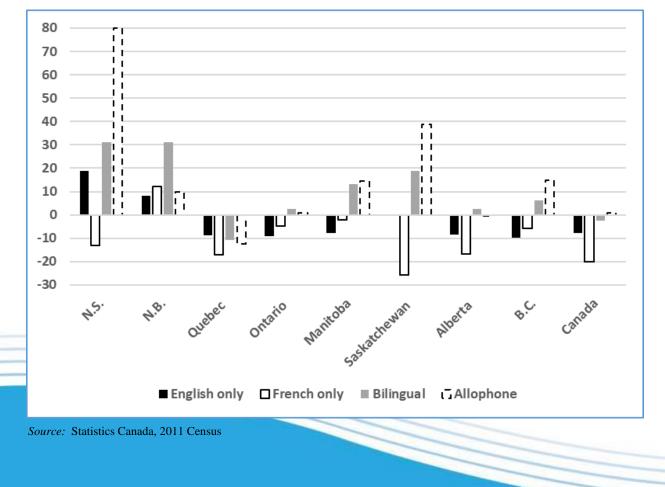
# Unilingual Anglophone immigrants are the most prosperous

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



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census

### Quebec is the only province where immigrants are less prosperous than non-immigrants in every category (according to language)



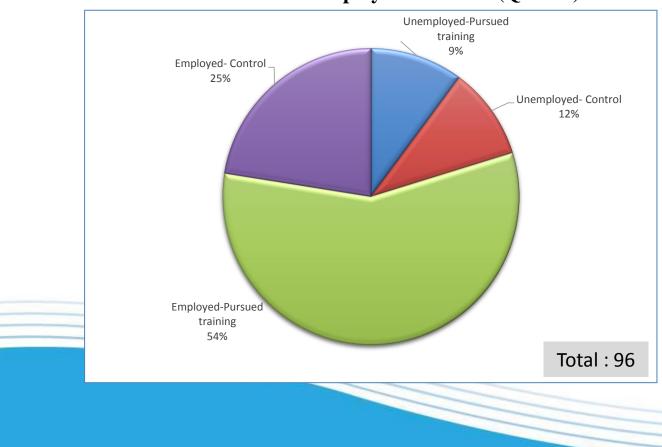
**Difference between immigrant and non-immigrant incomes (in %)** 

## **Training centers and their partners**

- 108 literacy and essential skills training centers were identified in Quebec
- 10 partners participated in the action research:
  - Actions interculturelles de développement et d'éducation (AIDE), Sherbrooke
  - CEGEP de Drummondville, Drummondville
  - Centre d'appui aux communautés immigrantes de Bordeaux-Cartierville, Montréal
  - Centre d'éducation populaire de l'Estrie, Sherbrooke
  - Centre St-Michel, Sherbrooke
  - Centre William Hingston, Montréal
  - Collège Maisonneuve, Montréal
  - École Ste-Thérèse, Drummondville
  - Famille Espoir, Sherbrooke
  - Promotion Intégration Société Nouvelle (PROMIS), Montréal

## **Employers followed**

• In total, 96 employers were followed



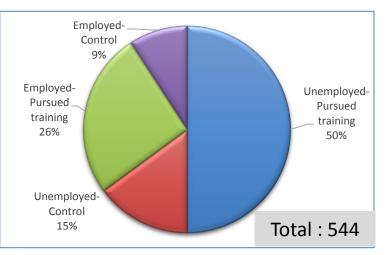
#### **Breakdown of employers followed (Quebec)**

### Immigrants participating in the action research

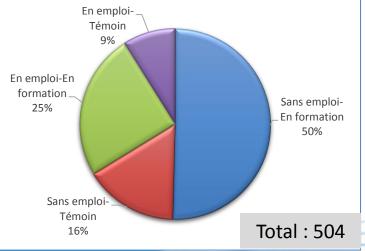
- In total, in Quebec, 544 immigrants answered the first questionnaire.
- Of these, 504 were retained for analysis.
- The largest proportion of immigrants who answered the first questionnaire and were retained for analysis is the Unemployed-Pursued training group.



### Breakdown of immigrants who answered the first questionnaire



#### Breakdown of immigrants retained for analysis



### **Types of training**

#### Breakdown of the types of training in Quebec

Types of Training	Unemployed- In training	Employed- In training
Francization (Beginner)	80	25
Francization (Intermediate)	79	68
Francization (advanced)	75	31
English as a Second Language		
(Beginner)	0	0
English as a Second Language		
(Intermediate)	0	0
English as a Second Language		
(Advanced)	0	0
Computing (Beginner)	20	1
Total	254	125

- Almost 95 percent of the training courses pursued in Quebec (and retained for analysis) were in Francization.
  - None of the training courses pursued were in English as a Second Language.



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