

# Navigating new settlement challenges

## Pathways to Prosperity Plenary

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# Canada's immigration system continues to perform well and receive public support

***“The Settlement Program has been effective at meeting a growing demand as service usage has risen over recent years, providing settlement services to more and more newcomers along their integration path.”***

- Evaluation of the Settlement Program, Nov. 2017

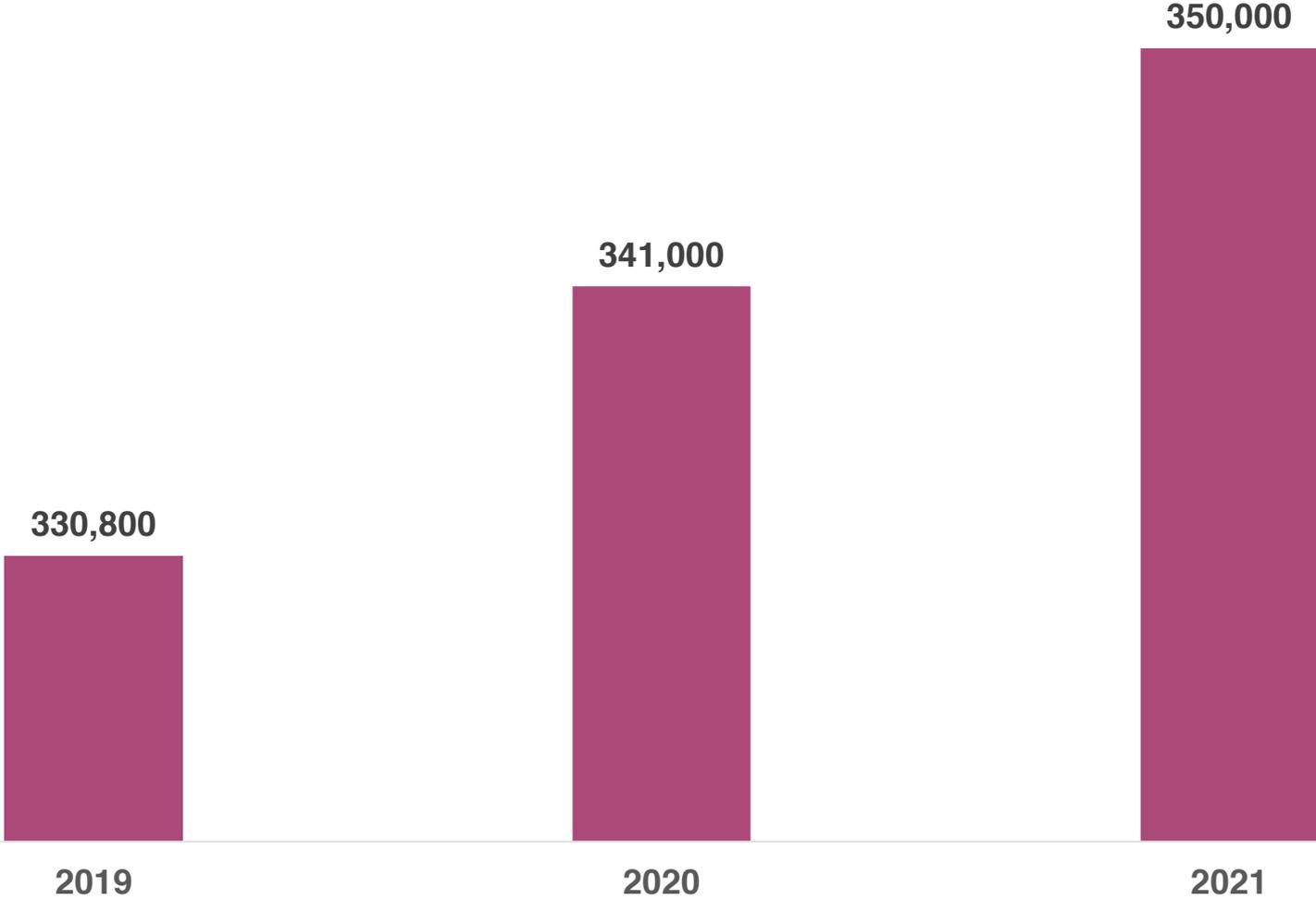
A majority of  
Canadians  
agree  
immigration  
positively  
impacts  
Canada...

**“Worldwide, Canadians are among the most accepting of immigrants in their country.”**

**“Public opinion continues to be more positive than negative in terms of support for current immigration levels.”**

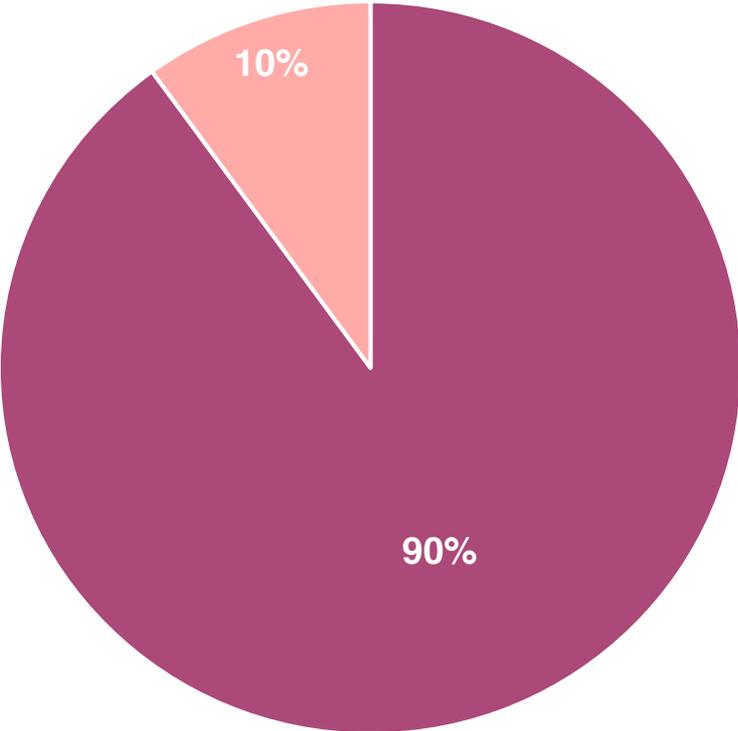
# Immigration levels will continue to increase

## 2019-2021 Immigration Levels Plan - Targets



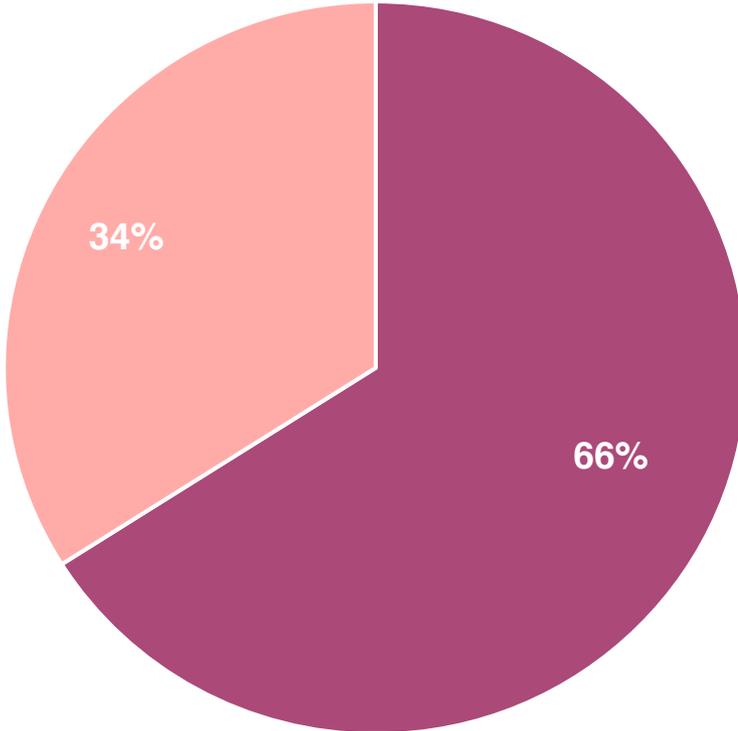
# Newcomers continue to settle primarily in more populous P/Ts and large urban centres, but patterns are shifting

Economic immigrants - 1997



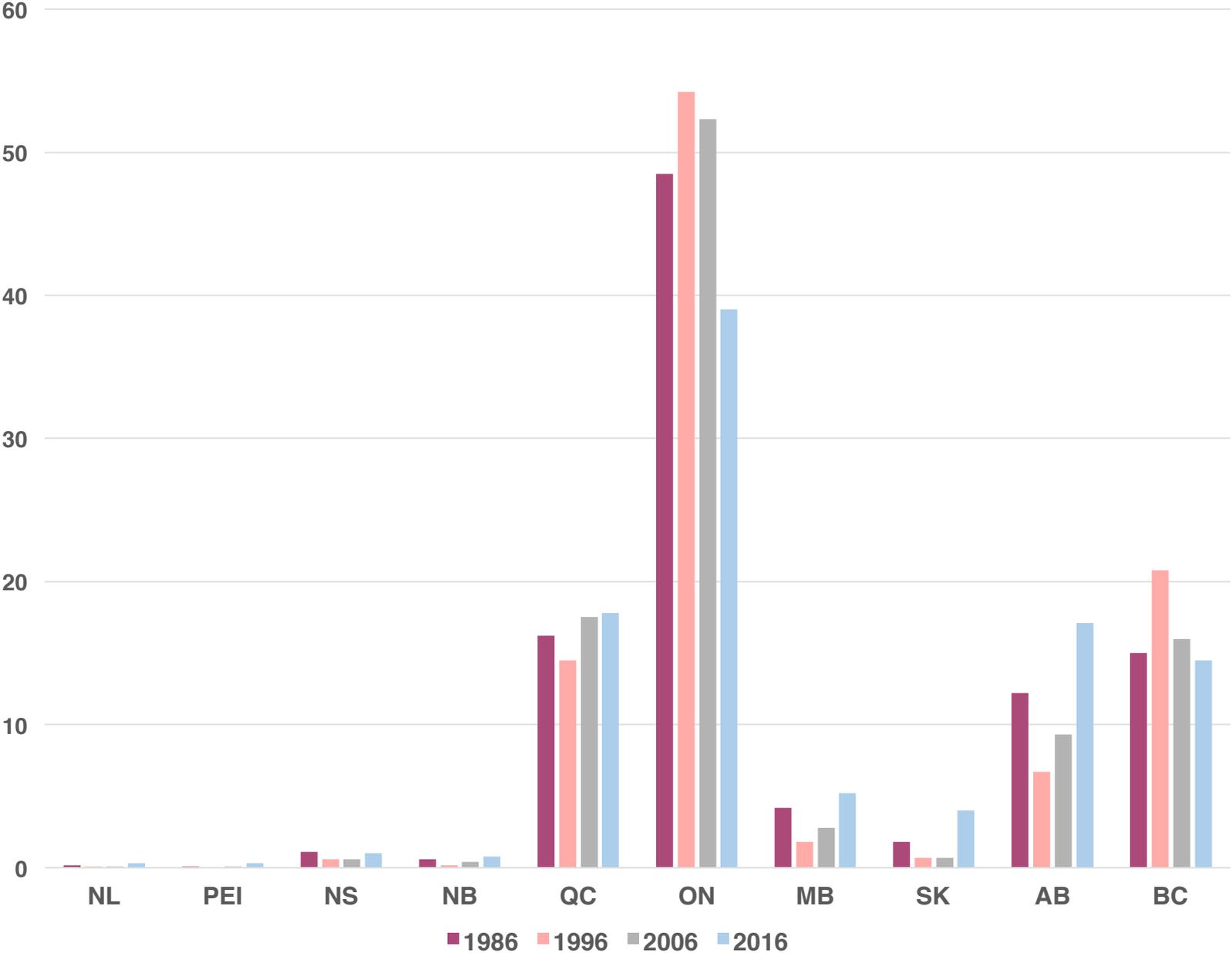
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Economic immigrants - 2017



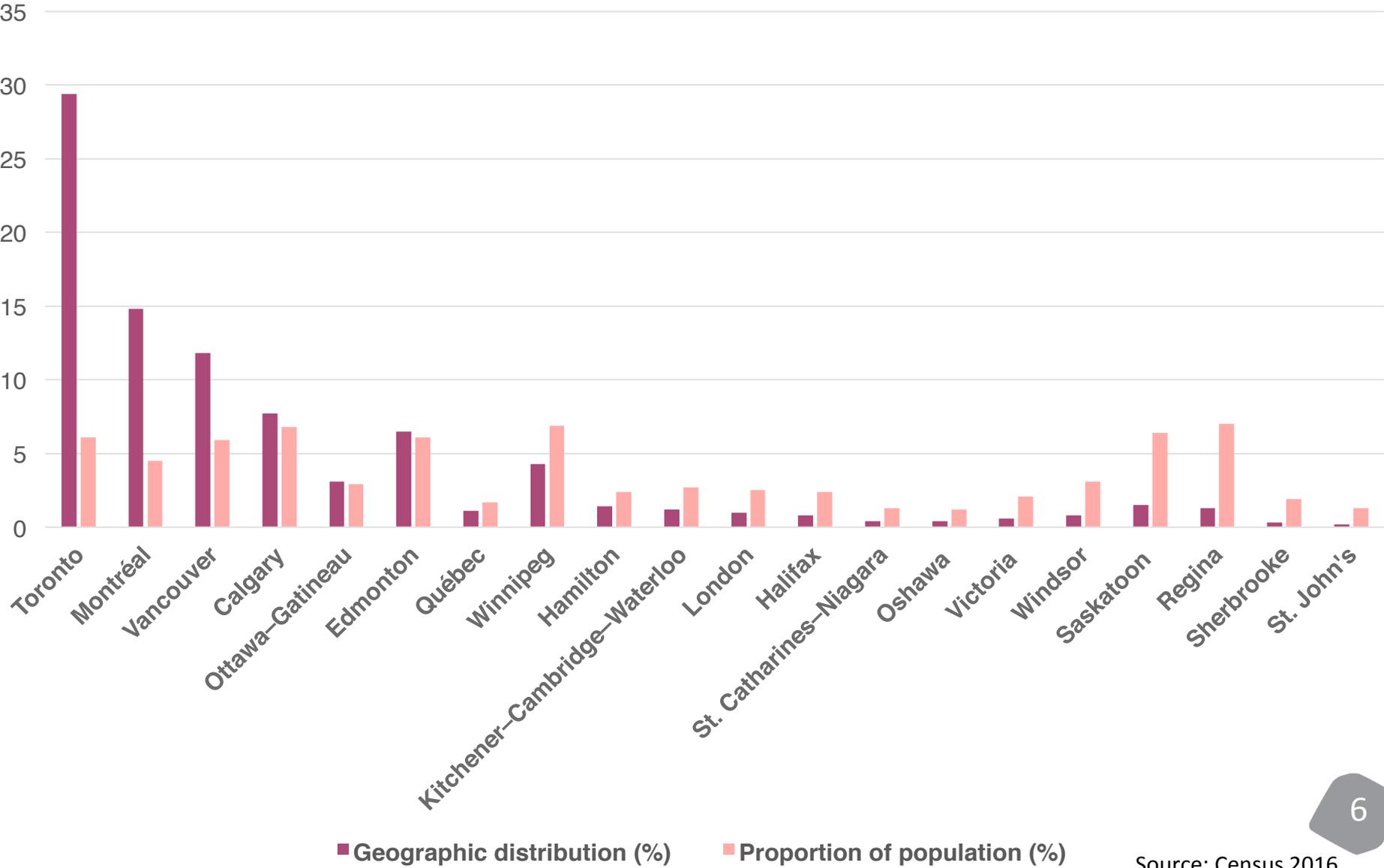
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# Distribution (in percentage) of recent immigrants to Canada by P/T



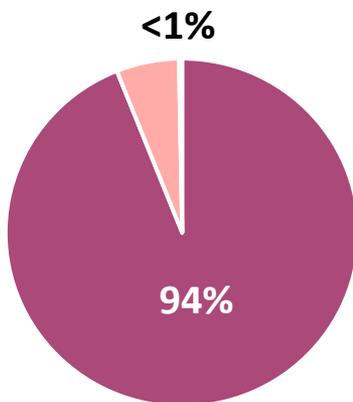
Source: Census 2016

# Geographic distribution of recent newcomers and proportion within population of Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs)



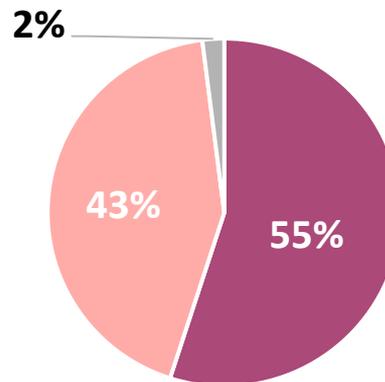
# While settlement in non-traditional communities is increasing, rural and urban communities have vastly different settlement contexts

## Sackville, NB



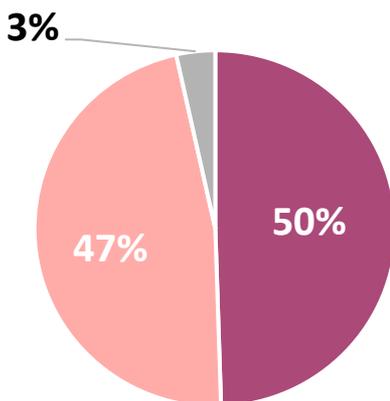
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## Surrey, BC



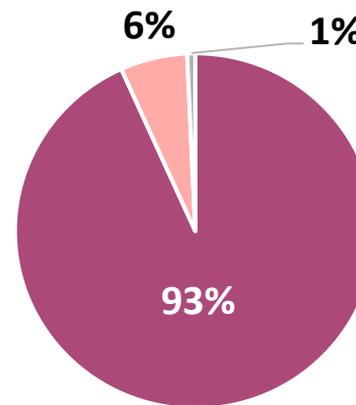
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## Toronto, ON



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## Truro, NS



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Source: Census 2016



# Atlantic Immigration Pilot

- Announced in 2017 to: address ageing population, shrinking labour force, promote retention
- Innovative approach
  - Employer-driven
  - Employers and settlement SPOs work together
- Target: 7,000 additional newcomers by 2020

**2,100+**  
needs  
assessments,  
settlement  
plans

**1,800+**  
job offers

# Rural Immigration Strategy

A photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there is a field of bright yellow flowers. In the middle ground, a green field slopes upwards. In the background, several large silver metal silos are visible against a clear blue sky. A road or path curves through the fields on the right side.

Community-driven and responsive to local economic development needs

- Focus on retention and economic establishment
- Complementary to other federal and provincial initiatives
- Timing to be determined

# Local Immigration Partnerships (LIPs)



- Community-based service delivery enablers
- Knowledge sharing, strategic planning, coordination
- Systematic approach to engaging SPOs, partners

***“IRCC should develop and implement a strategic plan to make best use of the potential contributions of LIPs to the settlement and integration outcomes of immigrants and refugees”.***

- Evaluation of the Settlement Program (Nov. 2017)

# Francophone Immigration Strategy

## Welcoming Francophone Communities pilot project

- Will roll-out in targeted communities
- Testing a **community-based approach**: projects by and for Francophones to address gaps, enhance capacity

## Building capacity across the Francophone sector

- Professional development
- Greater opportunities to **exchange best practices**

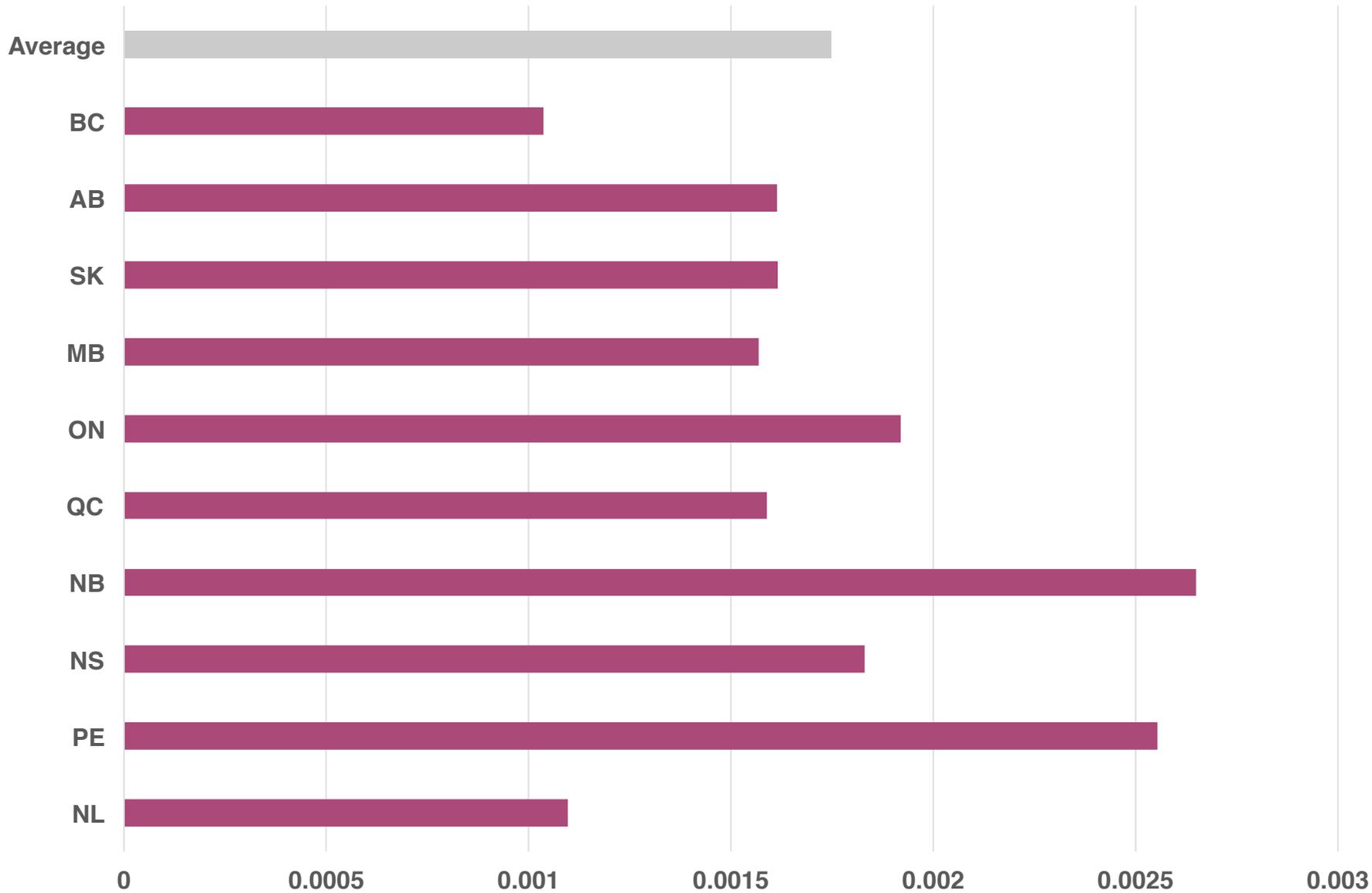


## Operation Syrian Refugees

26,000+  
Syrian  
refugees  
privately  
sponsored

- 58,600 Syrian refugees welcomed between Nov. 2015 and Aug. 2018
- Successful **Private Sponsorship Program** enables support in non-traditional communities (cost sharing, Canadians directly involved)

## Syrian Refugees welcomed (proportional to population)



# Community Partnership Settlement Plan

## Community Partnership Settlement Plan criteria

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### Backgrounder

Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) is launching a process to expand the current network of communities across Canada that can provide the supports and services necessary to resettle Syrian refugees and other newcomers in the future.

To this end, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, in cooperation with provinces and territories, has established criteria for communities wishing to become welcoming communities for GARs. The categories and mandatory criteria are listed below.

## **Work is also underway to better meet the diverse settlement needs of newcomers...**

### **Settlement Design Challenge**

- Talking directly to the most vulnerable newcomers to better understand their needs and challenges

### **Visible Minority Newcomer Women Pilot**

- Focus groups with women who utilized programs
- Employment interventions and case management targeted to higher needs clients

### **IRCC Youth Advisory Group**

- Ensuring youth perspectives, including lived experience, inform policy and programming

### **CFP 2019**

- Emphasis on client-informed, client-centred supports

# **While support for immigration remains high, shifting global contexts and migration trends are placing new pressures on the system...**

- Recent influx of asylum seekers creating pressures and affecting public support
  - Conflicting views on the roles of different orders of government
- Recognition of national benefits, but Canadians are less convinced immigration benefits them locally

# Immigration Matters campaign

## #ImmigrationMatters in Windsor, Ontario

Originally from Eritrea, Mehari Hagos makes his living owning a gym but feels his true calling is helping Glengarry kids succeed.

## Immigration profile: Windsor, ON (Census Metropolitan Area)

### Quick facts:

- Almost a quarter, 23%, of Windsor's population are immigrants.
- Iraq is the biggest source country of immigrants in Windsor, followed by the United States and Italy.
- Slightly more than a third, 36%, of all immigrants who came to Windsor between 1980 and 2016 were refugees. Another 33% were economic immigrants, and 31% were sponsored by family.

