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# Recent Immigration Trends During Post-Pandemic Recovery

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# Background



- The federal government is targeting **401,000** admissions for this year.
- Canada welcomed around **184,400 permanent residents** in the first seven months of 2021.
- This is around the **same number** of new immigrants admitted in the whole year of 2020.

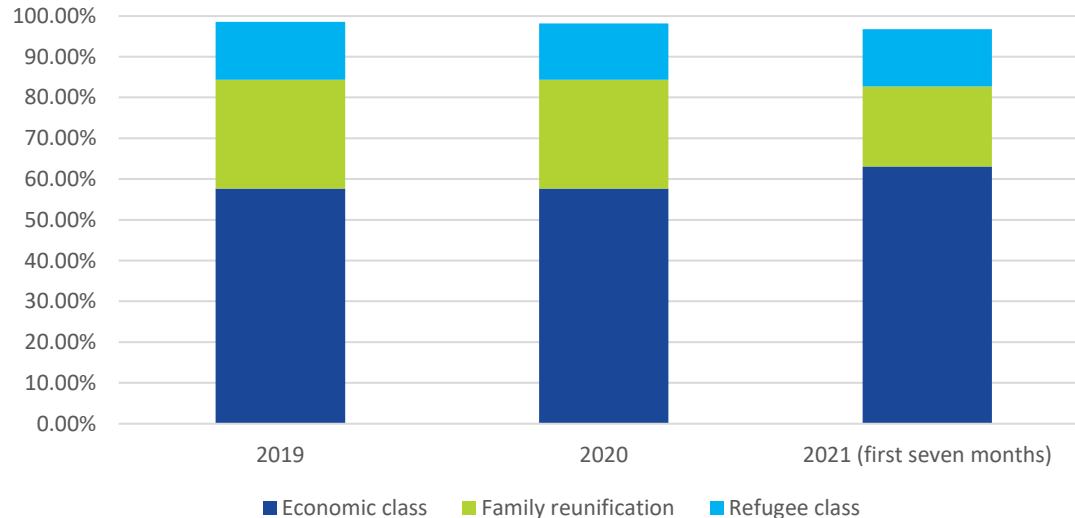


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- In 2021, new immigrants are more likely to be **economic immigrants**, less likely to belong to **family class**, compared to immigrants arriving pre-pandemic

Admission categories as a share of total permanent resident admissions

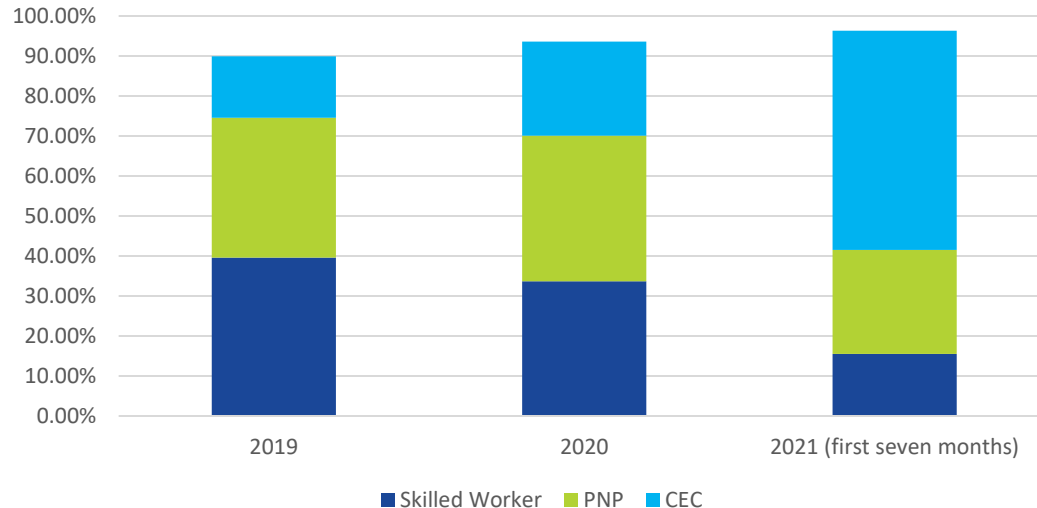


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- More likely to have **previous work experience** in Canada: 34.5% of all new permanent residents in the first 7 months of 2021 arrived through CEC

Economic immigration categories as a share of total economic admissions



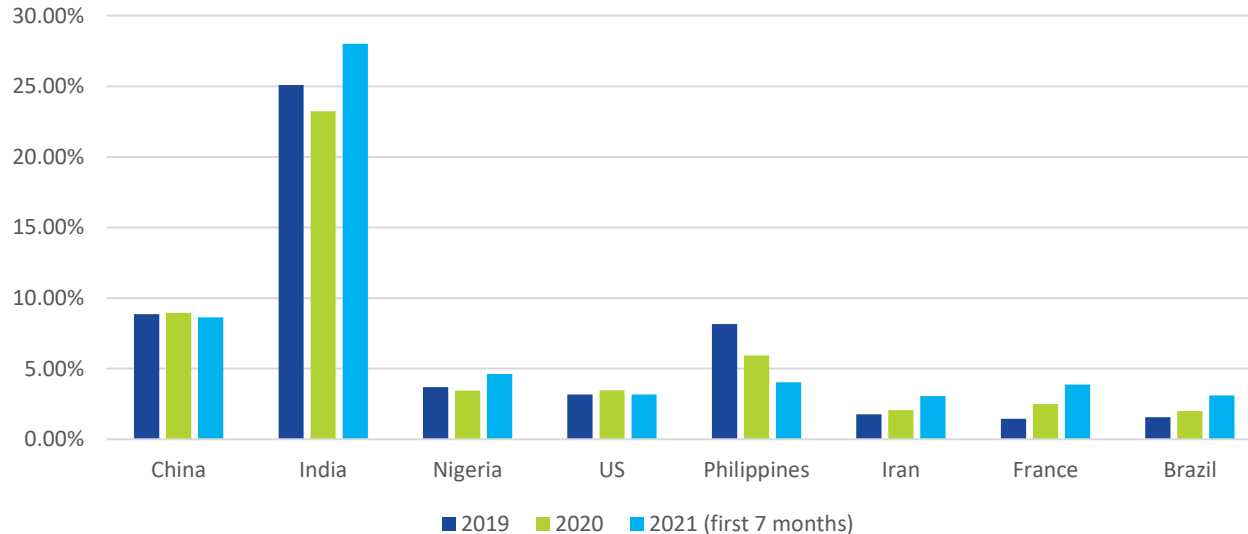
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- Slight shifts in top **source countries**: The share of permanent residents from **Philippines** has been on a steep decline since 2019, while **India, Iran, France and Brazil** are on the rise

Admissions of permanent residents by country of citizenship

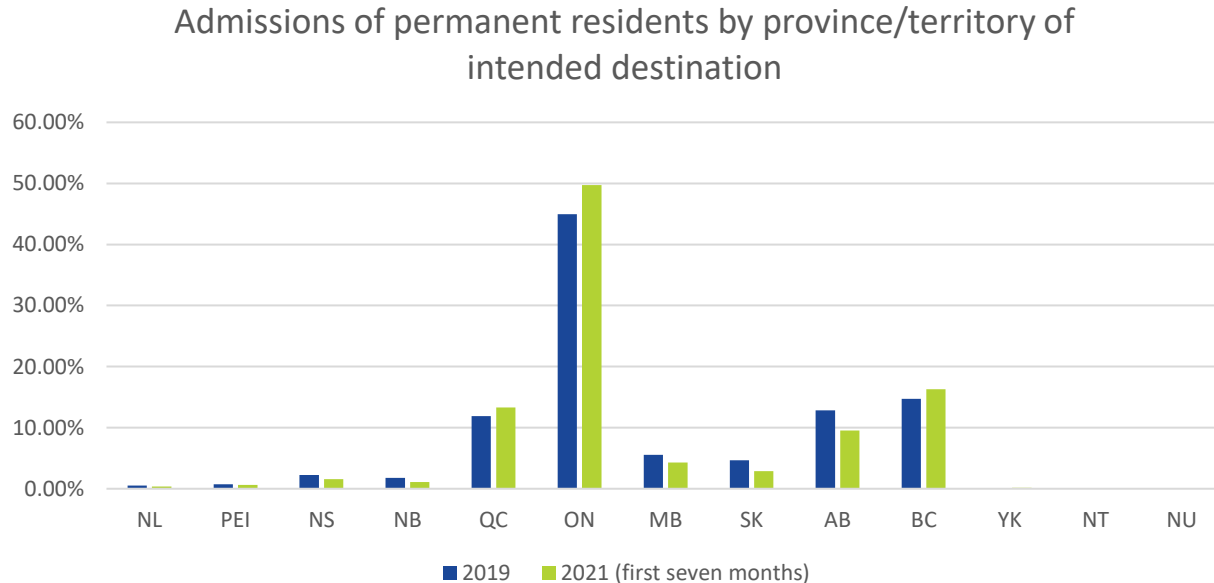


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- More likely to **settle in ON, BC and QC**: The pandemic context continues to adversely affect regionalization



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## Complex employment context

- The employment rate for newcomers is on an **upward** trend. It reached **71%** in September 2021 – 6.0 percentage points higher compared to 2019 (StatCan, 2021)
- Different trajectories for established immigrants and people born in Canada
- More data is needed on the quality of jobs & the impact of gender, race and other factors



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