

#### **Opportunities for Success**

The role of municipalities, immigration strategies, and intersectoral collaboration to improve newcomer employment

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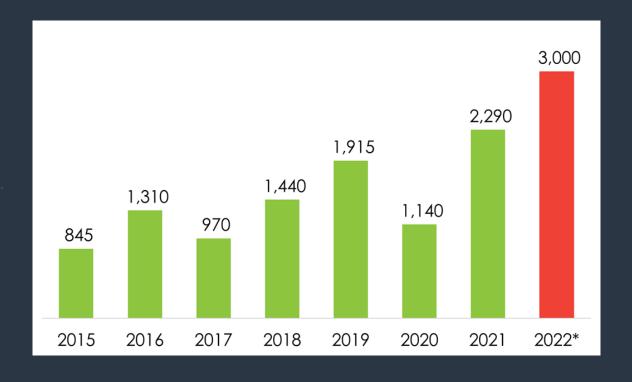
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## By the Numbers

In the first 8 months of 2022, the Moncton CMA has already surpassed the previous permanent residency admission record set in 2021.

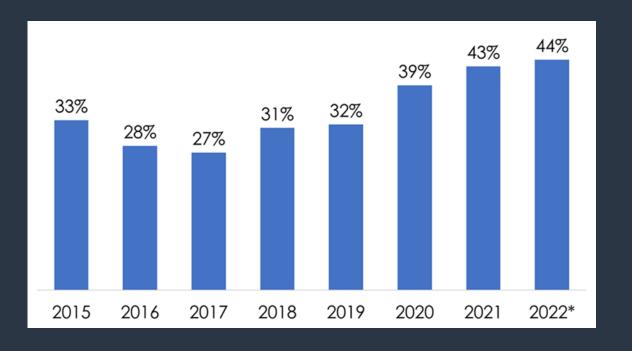
More than 3,600 PRs will be admitted in 2022.





# By the Numbers

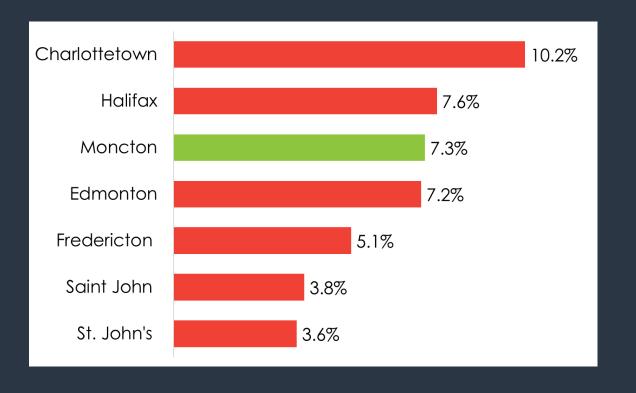
Permanent resident admissions to the Moncton CMA as a % of the New Brunswick total so far in 2022.





# By the Numbers

The Moncton CMA ranks 15 out of 160 urban centres for recent immigrants and NPRs as a share of total population.





#### The Data Continued



#### **Moncton is an Attraction Centre!**

- There were 6,460 new immigrants and 4,775 non-permanent residents living in the Moncton CMA in 2021.
- This represented 7.3% of the total population and ranked the CMA 15 out of 150 urban centres in Canada for recent immigrant/NPR attraction.
- 48% of all immigrants living in the Moncton CMA arrived between 2016-2021.
- Nearly 50% of all immigrants living in the Moncton CMA were under 25 when arriving in Canada.



#### **Immigration Strategy 2014-2018**

#### **Key achievements:**

- Launch of the Greater Moncton Local Immigration Partnership
- City of Moncton agreement holder
  - 23 various partner organization working towards collective goals
- Launch of Immigration Greater Moncton website, regional immigration brand and newcomer guide
- Launch of Newcomer Job fairs
- Welcome events
- Attraction mission











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In November 2019, the three municipalities along with Local Immigration Partnership (over twenty organizations) officially launched the Greater Moncton immigration Strategy 2020-2024





# **Greater Moncton Immigration Strategy 2020-2024**

Vision: To make Greater Moncton among the most attractive and inclusive places for newcomers in Canada.

Three Pillars: attracting talent to our community, ensuring newcomers put down roots; and broadening community collaboration and mobilization.





#### Seven Key Objectives



- 1. Broaden public awareness and engagement.
- 2. Expand and enhance settlement services to meet the needs of immigrants and foster better workforce outcomes.
- 3. Invest in and strengthen the immigration support ecosystem.
- 4. Strengthen Greater Moncton's leadership and advocacy role.
- 5. Promote Greater Moncton internationally as a destination to study, advance careers, do business, and live.
- 6. Strengthen alignment of immigrant attraction efforts to labour market demand and economic opportunities.
- 7. Expand and improve the pathways for immigrants.



#### 50+ Actions



Mis en œuvre par le Partenariat local d'immigration du Grand Moncton :

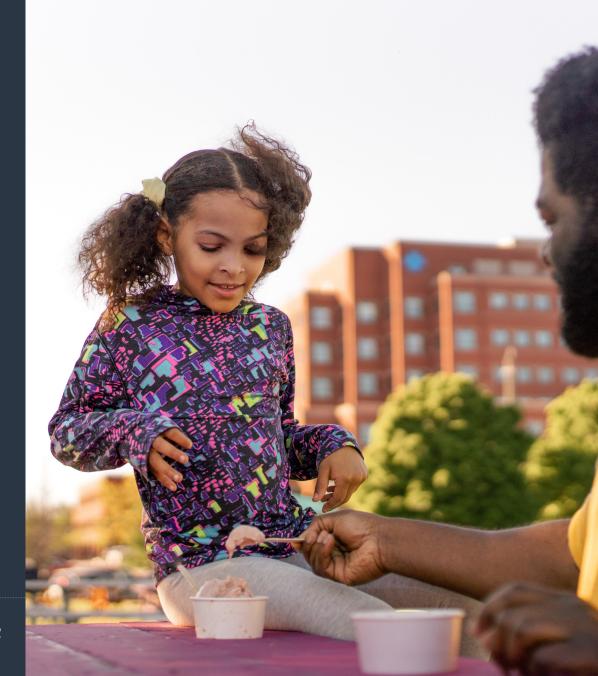
Four working groups and a committee implementing strategy:

- Labour Market and Attraction,
- International Student Attraction and Integration, Entrepreneurship,
- Settlement and Inclusion,
- Commité de Ville-Immigration Francophone



Advocacy led by Chamber of Commerce and municipalities.





#### The Role of the City

Neutral, closest to the residents. Convener in approach with direct actions. Agreement holder for the Local Immigration Partnership.

Moved to a virtual model for events in partnership with Province of NB and settlement stakeholders:

- Newcomer and International Student Job Fairs
- Orientation sessions upon arrival
- Settlement fairs









Covid 19- vulnerable newcomers in Greater Moncton.

Addressed issues such as social isolation, food access, housing, immunizations, employment barriers, IRCC processing concerns and Medicare issues.





# Newcomer and International Student Employment Fairs

- Moved to a virtual format
- Filled over 510 positions contributing to over 19 million in pay roll
- Working now with over 100 employers
- Providing translation services for low language learners
- Partnership with Working NB (Province of NB)







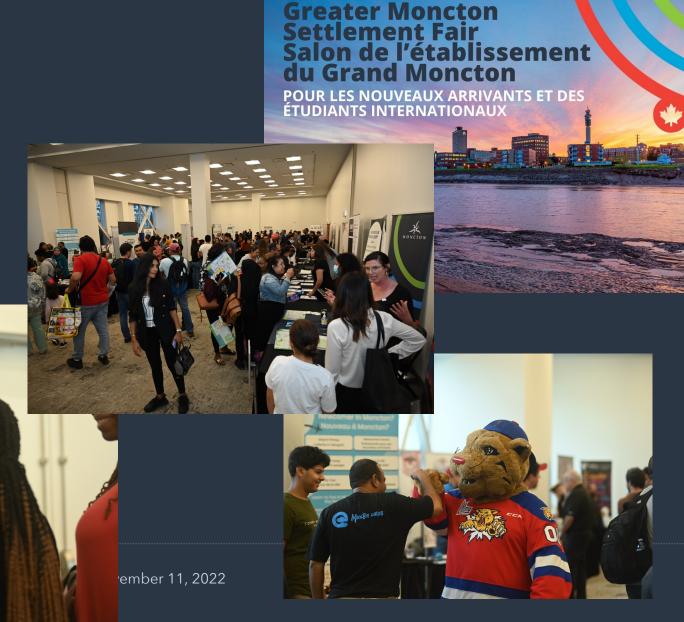




#### **Settlement Fair**

-Now in person with over 45 kiosks at each event

-Partnerships: ONB Immigration,
Working NB, settlement agencies,
sports organizations, language classes,
ethnocultural associations
Over 700 newcomers and international
students



**NEWCOMER AND INTERNATIONAL** 

































#ImmigrantsWork In Greater Moncton

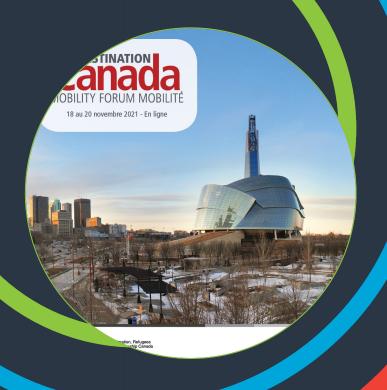
#ImmigrantsAuTravail dans le Grand Moncton





Launched Employer Playbook in September 2022 Over 90 employers participated in employer launched Available at www.immigrationgreatermoncton.ca





# Pre-Arrival Employment

- **ACCES Employment**
- ICTC Virtual Career Fairs
- Destination Canada





#### What's next: looking internal

#### Municipalities leading by example:

City of Moncton recently passes Diversity, Equity and Inclusion internal policy and action plan

## Internal steering committee: over 20 departments

- Awareness
- Communications
- Training

#### **Employment and Recruitment**

- On-boarding
- Survey employees on diversity (our benchmark)
- Newcomer job fairs
- Diverse hiring panels and training





### What's next: Internal

#### **Systemic and Structural:**

- Review of City documents for inclusive language
- 50/30 Challenge
- Pilot initiative with the NB Commissioner on Systemic Racism- recommendations for municipal services





#### What's needed?

Housing: need for housing and focus on skilled trades (housing strategy aligned with immigration strategy)

Access to Medicare in a speedy manner- major challenge

IRCC processing time still a significant issue

Focus on francophone immigration with rising levels of newcomers we need to ensure that linguistic balance is maintained

 Settlement support for those not PR- international students and those of open work permits

Municipalities engaged through localized planning- cities are the final destination after immigration process.
 Engage cities/ towns = better planning/ retention



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