

Meeting Settlement Needs in the Context of Increasing Immigration Levels

Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada
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This presentation...

- Provides an **overview of the immigration landscape**, including:
 - Recent historic growth in immigration levels
 - Impacts on (re)settlement and social services
- Outlines **program changes** to the Settlement and Resettlement Assistance Programs as part of the 2024 Call for Proposals, including:
 - Principles and vision
 - Priority areas
 - New funding streams

Canada's immigration landscape is changing

Recent years have seen **historic** population **growth** driven by immigration



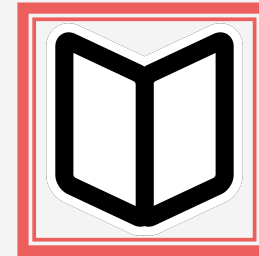
- Canadian population grew by over **1 million people in 2022**
- Immigration accounted for **95.5%** of the growth

The **2024-26 Immigration Levels Plan** was tabled in Parliament on November 1st



- **Stabilizes projected admissions** to allow for **coordinated** and **sustainable** population growth

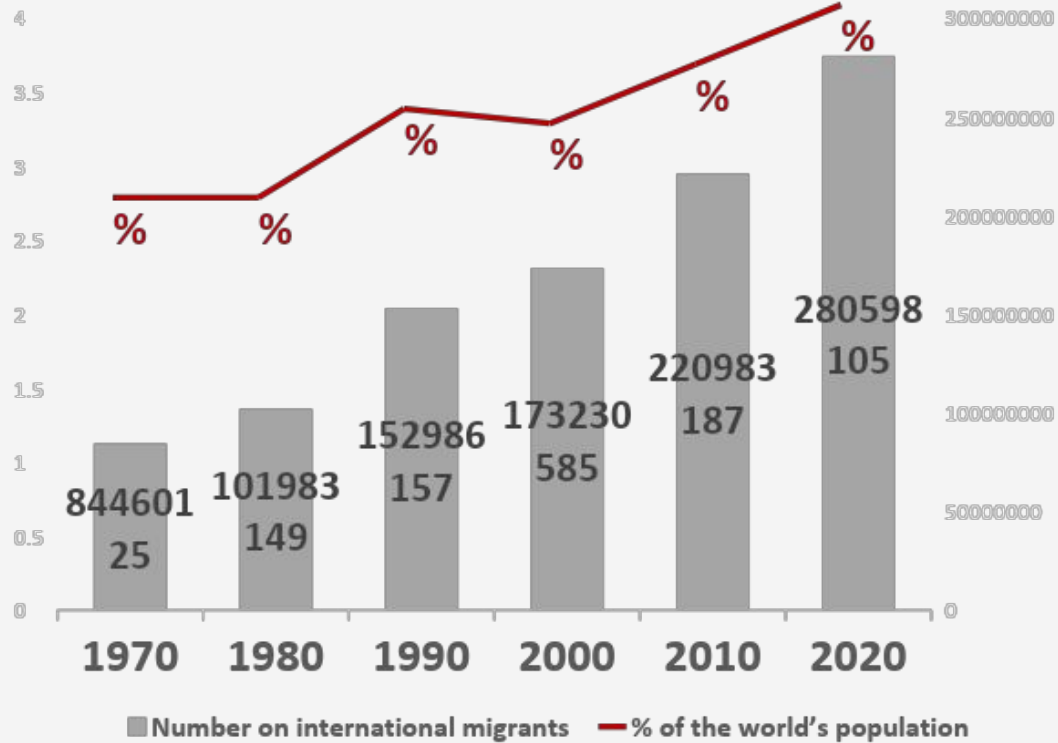
IRCC released the findings of our **Strategic Immigration Review** - "*An Immigration System for Canada's Future*"



- Focus on creating a more **welcoming experience** for newcomers; aligning immigration with **labour market needs**; and developing a comprehensive and coordinated **growth plan**

Global instability is leading to growing humanitarian needs

Number of international migrants has increased over the past five decades

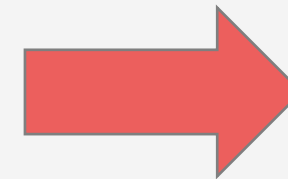


Data Source: World Migration Report 2022, International Organization for Migration

Canada welcomed many Protected Persons and Refugees, including from **areas of global crisis such as Afghanistan**, many of whom had complex needs

Number of refugees receiving Resettlement Assistance Program services

24.5K
2019-20



42.2K
2022-23

72%
increase

Canada also responded rapidly and created a **new emergency program to support Ukrainians** fleeing the war

Data Source: IRCC, RD, Settlement Services, June 30, 2023 Data.
Note that these numbers are for refugees only, and do not include Ukrainians.

Recent volumes of newcomers add pressure on services; changing immigration patterns impact newcomers' needs

Sustained high volumes of newcomers adds pressures on services...

Estimated 350K new households in 2022 due to immigration, above the 208K net housing units built

...but also helps **grow the economy and address labour shortages** in key sectors.

Added an estimated 560K new workers in 2022

Increasing **TR-to-PR transitions** are changing what services newcomers need and when

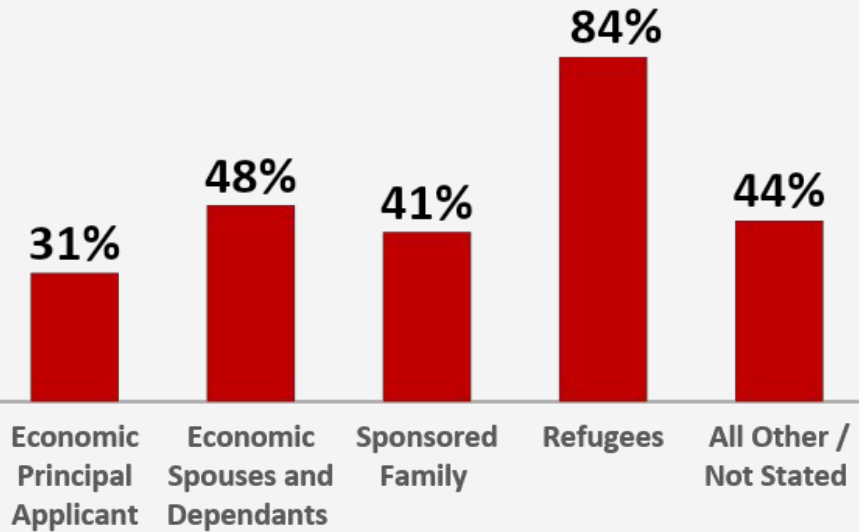
From 2016- 2021, 36.6% of immigrants admitted had pre-admission experience living in Canada, compared with 17.9% among longer-term immigrants

PRs more concentrated in metropolitan areas, suggesting more work to attract and retain newcomers in small/rural communities

92.2% of immigrants in 2021 lived in a CMA, compared to 67.7% of those born in Canada.

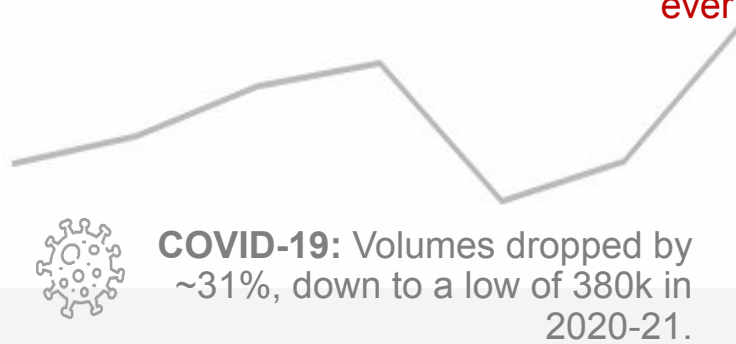
The Settlement Program has adapted well to recent changes, even as client volumes increase and services were disrupted by the pandemic

46% of PRs* accessed domestic settlement services between April 2012 and March 2023.



Number of clients accessing services has increased, reaching a high of 608K in 2022-23

Post-COVID Peak: 608K clients in 2022-23 – our highest client volume ever!

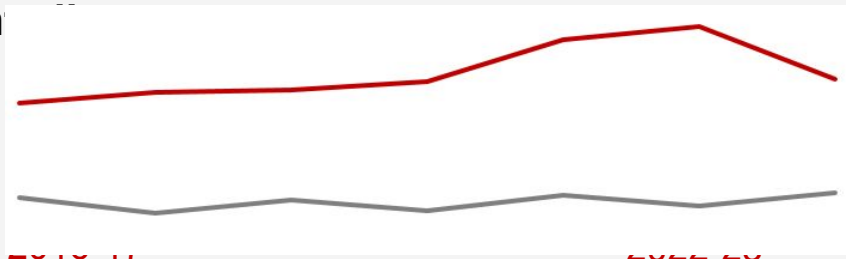


The Program has innovated

- Supported sector in rapid move to digital/hybrid delivery during pandemic, and equipped agency staff to deliver
- Tested new approaches to service delivery
- Piloted new needs assessment and referral approaches
- Funded equity-focused projects, including the Racialized Newcomer Women Pilot

Over time, REFUGEES are becoming a larger share of settlement

Share of clients
Share of arrivals



While the share of settlement clients that are ECONOMIC immigrants is decreasing.

Share of arrivals
Share of clients



*Excludes those with an intended destination of Quebec
Data Source: IRCC, RD, Settlement Services, June 30, 2023 Data and IRCC, RD, Permanent Residents, June 30, 2023 Data. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

We are also making progress on Francophone immigration and settlement

- Achieved target to welcome 4.4% in 2022 of **French speaking immigrants** outside of Québec, with new targets of 6% of total immigration in 2024, 7% in 2025 and 8% in 2026.
- Favorable context for Francophone immigration: **modernized Official Languages Act and additional investments in the Action Plan for Official Languages 2023-2028.**
- Investing approximately \$60M annually in the **Francophone Integration Pathway**, a suite of services offered in French by Francophone service providers.
- Increased number of **Francophone SPOs** (from 50 in 2018 to nearly 80 in 2022), resulting in better coverage of all service streams.
- Increased use of Francophone services by French-speaking clients.

By the numbers

4.4%

Met the target of French speaking immigrants outside of Québec

60%

French speaking newcomers served by Francophone SPOs in 2022-2023

~80

Number of Francophone SPOs

13

Réseaux en immigration francophone (RIFs)

\$50M

Additional Investments via the Action Plan for Official Languages 2023-28

We are continuing to work with partners to strengthen how we measure and communicate the outcomes and impact stories

WHY?



Understanding success equips IRCC to **make client-driven decisions**, respond better to mass arrivals, and continue to evolve the program as our client base changes.



Significant progress has been made to **measure and report on the success** of the (Re)Settlement Program.

Our partners play an **essential role through iCARE and APRIO reporting!**

HOW?

Outputs



Outcomes



Context

iCARE

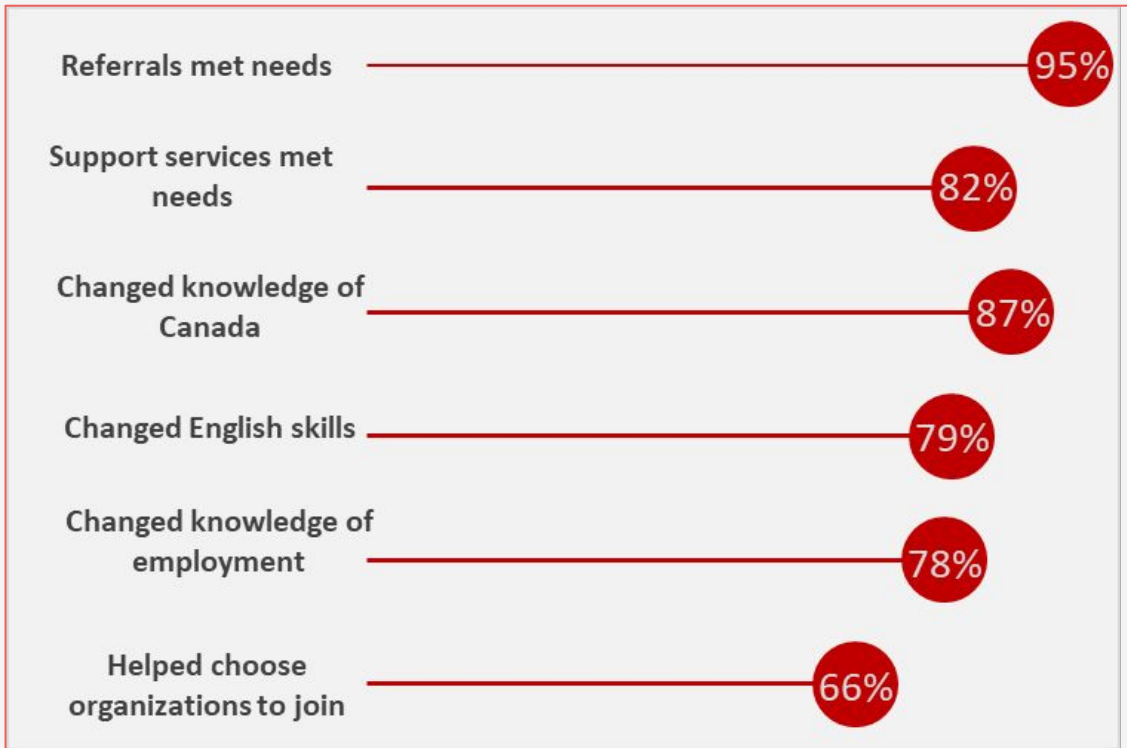
Newcomer Outcomes Survey

Annual Report on Project Implementation & Outcomes* (ARPIO/APPR)

Demographics (immigration files)

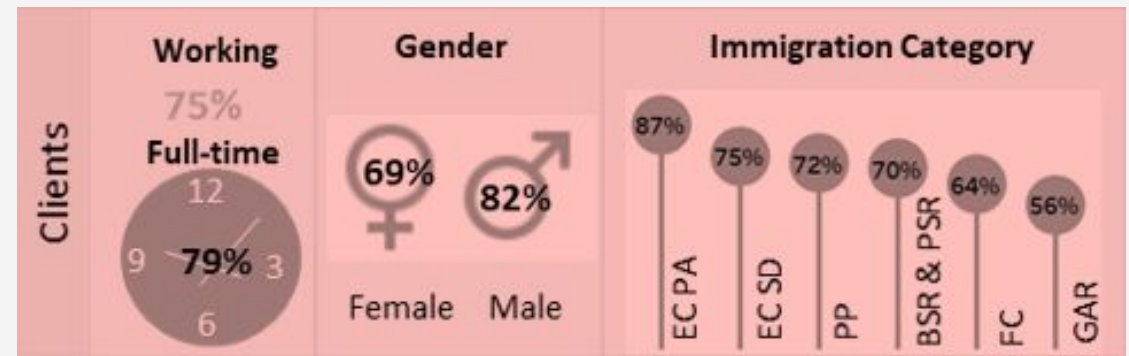
Measuring client needs and outcomes shows that we are helping clients progress towards achieving their immediate settlement outcomes

Clients agreed that most types of **services** helped them in **their settlement journeys.**



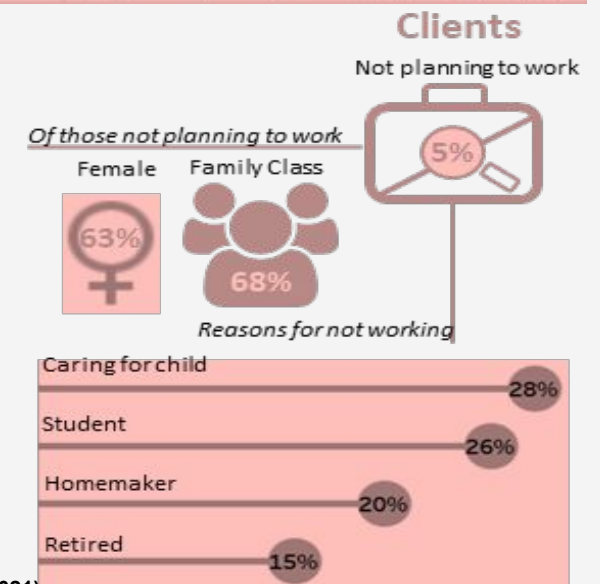
Data Source: Newcomer Outcomes Survey (2020 and 2021)

The majority of **clients** directly participate in the **Canadian labour market**



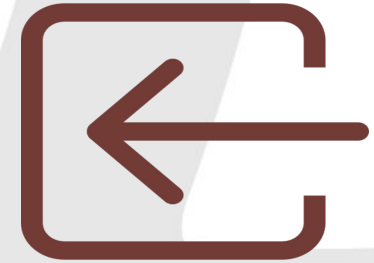
Among those not working, **46% of clients** said they are looking for work or starting work soon.

Many of those **who aren't working/not planning to work** contribute to Canada in other ways.



Data Source: Newcomer Outcomes Survey (2020 and 2021)

The 2024 Call for Proposals will renew Settlement and Resettlement Assistance Programming, and make advancements on key priorities areas



Increasing national consistency and standardization:

Ensuring clients can access services of comparable quality and content no matter where they are in Canada, and that organizations have the capacity to offer this.

Enhancing collaboration and coordination:

Building on and expanding collaboration between organizations, provincial, municipal and private sector partners.

Maintaining flexibility and efficiency:

Remaining efficient, nimble and flexible to adapt services to specific needs (e.g. of communities, clients, PT partners).

Expanding access to services:

Ensuring broader coverage, access and visibility of services, including through digital delivery and in rural and remote communities and in small and medium centres.

Resettlement Assistance Programming will be reinforced in CFP 2024

Funding for various **Port of Entry services**, and **Immediate** and **Essential supports** including temporary accommodation and assistance in finding permanent accommodation.

Supports for GARs and other eligible clients

Expansion of the RAP to **new communities** where there is a **demonstrated need** and **experience in successfully resettling refugees**.

Expanding RAP coverage

Registration and referrals to other government and community services, ensuring clients are supported during their **settlement journey**.

Transition from the RAP to Settlement

Through CFP 2024, we are also introducing three new funding streams to ensure capacity to support dedicated priorities and needs

**Francophone
Integration
Pathway (FIP)**

Funding a **suite of settlement services in French** that includes all the direct and indirect service components of the Settlement and Resettlement Assistance Program.

Equity Stream

Funding intermediary organizations to redistribute funds and **support not-currently funded grassroots organizations that serve and are representative of equity-deserving groups**, in order to build their capacity to effectively deliver settlement services.

**Service Delivery
Improvement
(SDI)**

Funding to 5-year, **larger-scale pilot projects that will test promising practices or concepts** inspired by previous SDI Expression of Interest processes.

Key Takeaways

- The provision of settlement services remains integral to **attract and retain newcomers** to Canada, and is **critical to maintaining public support for immigration**.
- While sustained levels of immigration to Canada has resulted in increased pressure on settlement services, the **(Re)Settlement programs continue to adapt to meet the changing needs of newcomers**.
- Our **robust data collection** helps us to measure our successes and to identify where there are gaps in service provision, enabling us to make client-driven decisions.
- **The 2024 Call for Proposals presents an exciting step forward** in offering service continuity and Program stability, while embarking on deliberate advancements informed by data and evidence to ensure we get the right services, to the right clients, at the right time.

Where to find more information

- IRCC has recently launched a **new Settlement and Resettlement insights website**, which is a landing page to **showcase and disseminate information about the Program**.
- The site will allow us to continue to **publish more frequent and targeted findings** with the Sector. For example, it **houses the 2023 Settlement Outcomes Report!**
- **Information about CFP 2024 is also on the site.**

Visit the site at:

canada.ca/settlement-resettlement-information

(or point your phone's camera at the QR code and link should appear)

