

# 2022 Annual Report to Parliament on Immigration

## A snapshot of immigration to Canada in 2021

### INTRODUCTION

Every year, Immigration, Refugee, Citizenship Canada (IRCC) releases a report to parliament detailing key information and highlights of immigration to Canada. Here is a brief snapshot of the highlights of this year's report.

Reference

*Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. (2022). 2022: Annual report to parliament on immigration. <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/annual-report-parliament-immigration-2022.html>*

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS FOR IMMIGRATION TO CANADA 2021

#### Canada's 2022-2024 Immigration Levels Plan

AIMED TO ADMIT AROUND 1% OF CANADA'S POPULATION EACH YEAR

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2022                      2023                      2024

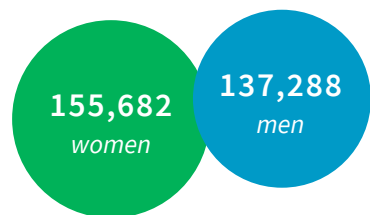
- IRCC increased their Levels Plan to continue to address the labour demand, family reunification, and resettlement of those most vulnerable.
- The Canadian Experience Class, Federal Skilled Worker Program and Federal Skilled Trades Program represent the largest economic immigration categories in the immigration levels plan.

#### Temporary Residents

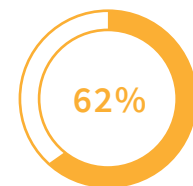


- 813,306 electronic travel authorizations (eTAs) and 654,027 temporary resident visas (TRVs) were provided. This is a record low that is due to border closures and travel restrictions.
- IRCC worked with Employment and Social Development Canada to strengthen worker protections and developed new regulatory requirements for employers aimed at reducing vulnerability of temporary foreign workers (TFWs) with the goal of implementation in 2022. Examples of new regulation includes prohibition on charging TFWs recruitment fees.

#### Permanent Immigration to Canada



WERE ADMITTED THROUGH THE ECONOMIC CLASS.



THE ECONOMIC CLASS IS THE LARGEST SOURCE OF PERMANENT RESIDENTS, REPRESENTING 62% OF ALL ADMISSIONS IN 2021.

In order to respond to the challenges that the pandemic created with border closures in receiving permanent resident from outside of Canada, IRCC focused on temporary residents who could contribute to the economy:

#### GUARDIAN ANGELS

A one time temporary initiative that created a pathway to permanent residence for refugee claimants that work in healthcare during COVID-19.

#### TIME-LIMITED TEMPORARY RESIDENT TO PERMANENT RESIDENT PATHWAY

An initiative that targeted international graduates and essential workers in areas like healthcare. Received over 106,000 applications. 24,000 permanent residents admitted through this pathway in 2021, and another 18,000 by March of 2022.

#### AGRI-FOOD PILOT

A new pathway to permanent residence for experienced non-seasonal workers in certain agri-food industries and positions.

### NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

120% ↑

IN PERMANENT RESIDENTS ADMITTED

405,999 permanent residents were admitted into Canada in 2021, the most ever admitted in a single calendar year and representing a 120% increase from 2020.

550 agencies  
428,000 users

IRCC provided funding to over 550 service providers agencies who in turn provided settlement services to more than 428,000 service users.

191,338 — Transitioned from temporary status to permanent residents through various pathways

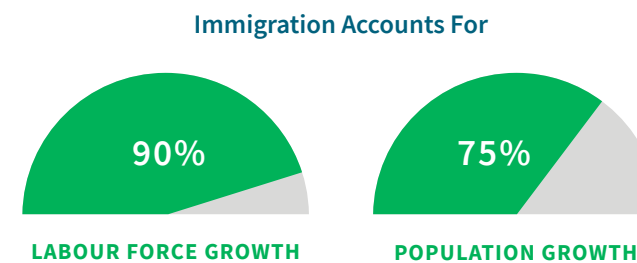
445,776 — Study holders in Canada in 2021

221,929 — Permanent residents transitioned into citizenship in 2021–2022

1,467,333 — Travel documents were provided to students, temporary foreign workers and visitors in 2021

### IMMIGRATION AND THE LABOUR MARKET

Immigration is critical to Canada's economic growth, and is key to supporting economic recovery.



#### International Students Contributed an Estimated



Temporary and permanent residents are able to meet specific labour market needs in Canada, and make up relatively high proportions of the work force in some industrial sectors. In the future, more temporary and permanent residents are needed to address labour shortages and contribute to economic prosperity in Canada.

### CANADA'S 2021 IMMIGRATION ACHIEVEMENTS

#### 1 The Temporary Resident to Permanent Resident Pathway

A limited time pathway from temporary residence to permanent resident for eligible applicants from May 6, 2021 to November 5, 2021.

#### 2 Developing public policy enabling out-of-status construction workers to access permanent residence

The program was extended to January 2, 2023 or once 500 principal applicants plus family members have obtained permanent residence.

#### 3 Developing temporary public policy

Created two pathways to permanent residence to enable the immigration of certain residents from Hong Kong which started on June 1, 2021 and will expire on August 31, 2026.

#### 4 Implementing the Permanent Resident Digital Intake Portal

on March 31, 2021 to facilitate both remote work as well as the ability for clients submit digital applications.