

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Information Sheet is to provide the BC Settlement and Integration Sector up-to-date and relevant data that can be utilized for the upcoming [Call for Proposals \(CFP\)](#).

Although, this document contains information about both permanent and temporary residents, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has a client eligibility criterion and not all newcomers will be eligible to receive services through IRCC funding.

CURRENT STATISTICS ON NEWCOMER POPULATIONS

Canada, and subsequently BC, continues to experience rapid population growth both planned and as a response to international events. This section outlines population growth in three major newcomer categories: Permanent Residents (in both Canada and BC), Temporary Residents, and CUAET visa holders.

Canada Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) visa holders

Canada Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) is a special measure developed by the Government of Canada to support Ukrainians who want to temporarily leave Ukraine until such time as it is safe to return. CUAET visa holders are granted temporary resident status which enables them to live, study and work in Canada. More details about the features and benefits of CUAET can be found on the [backgrounder](#) developed by the Government of Canada.

- **Applications received: 1,189,372**
- **Applications approved: 909,464**
- **Arrived in Canada under CUAET: 185,753 (these figures are subject to change)**

Information for Consideration:

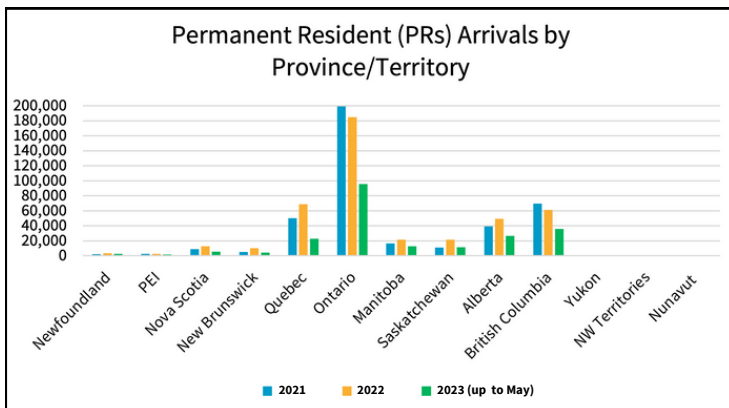
The figures provided above are as of September 2023 and subject to change. Please visit [this link](#) for the most up to date figures.

CUAET visa holders have until [March 31, 2024](#) to travel to Canada under special measures which would allow them to receive CUAET-specific supports and are eligible to receive those supports for up to 3 years

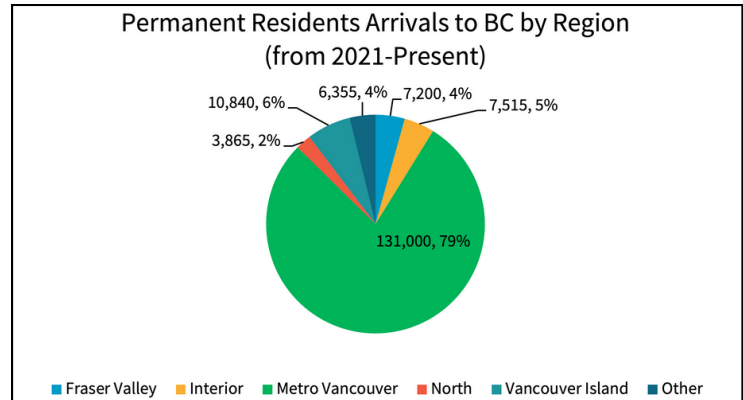
Permanent Residents

[Link to Permanent Residents Immigration Landing Numbers – Monthly IRCC Updates](#)

- **Permanent Residents (by Province/Territory of Intended Destination and Immigration Category)**



- **Permanent Residents (by BC Region of Intended Destination)**



- **Permanent Residents (top 10 cities by Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) of Intended Destination)**

City	2021	2022	2023	Total
Vancouver	53,920	48,390	27,925	130,235
Victoria	3,365	2,485	1,610	7,460
Abbotsford - Mission	2,190	2,540	1,530	6,260
Kelowna	1,635	1,415	870	3,920
Nanaimo	745	580	350	1,675
Kamloops	630	505	370	1,505
Prince George	565	490	280	1,335
Vernon	395	365	280	1,040
Chilliwack	375	335	230	940
Squamish	370	230	165	765

Information for Consideration:

It comes as no surprise that Vancouver alone accounts for the majority of permanent residents (PRs) in British Columbia, making up 77.6% if PRs in 2021, 79.04% in 2022 and 77.41% in 2023.

However, it is important to consider that this data focuses on intended destination and does not track any intra-provincial migration which means that it does not accurately capture the subset of permanent residents that land in Vancouver but move to a different region.

Temporary Residents

• Transition of Temporary Residents to Permanent Residents

	<u>Admission of Permanent Residents with Prior Temporary Foreign Worker Program Work Permit Holder Status</u>	<u>Admissions of Permanent Residents with Prior Study Permit Holder Status</u>
2021	4,705	4,605
2022	2,605	4,130
2023 (until June)	2,115	3,450
TOTAL:	9,425	12,185

• Study permit holders with a valid permit (by Province/Territory of intended destination, 2012-2022)

Year	Study permit holders in BC	Percentage increase from year previous	Study permit holders in Canada	Percentage of study permit holders in BC compared to Canada
2012	70,140	4.60%	274,700	25.53%
2013	74,070	5.60%	301,545	24.56%
2014	80,890	9.21%	330,105	24.50%
2015	87,250	7.86%	352,325	24.76%
2016	100,065	14.68%	410,560	24.37%
2017	116,545	16.47%	490,760	23.75%
2018	132,765	13.92%	566,950	23.42%
2019	144,280	8.67%	637,855	22.62%
2020	118,410	-17.93%	527,365	22.45%
2021	134,635	13.70%	617,250	21.81%
2022	164,945	22.51%	807,260	20.43%

CURRENT AND PLANNED POPULATION DATA

Information from the 2021 Census

- 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.
- 191,338 transitioned from temporary status to permanent residents from within various pathways
- 221,919 permanent residents transitioned into citizenship in 2021 – 2022
- 1,467,333 travel documents were provided to students, temporary foreign workers and visitors in 2021
- There were 445,776 study holders in Canada in 2021

Recording Breaking population growth in B.C.

- In 2021, 100,000 people moved to B.C., setting a record for the province (Santvoort, A.V., 2022).
- In 2022, this figure grew to 147,540 (Ayres, 2023).
- BC also has an average 10-year retention rate of 85-90% which means that close to 90% of new immigrants that arrive in BC chose to stay in the province even 10 years later (Ayres, 2023)
- Net international migration to B.C. increased from 22,819 in 2020 to 59,665 in 2021, a more than two-fold increase and 30% higher than the previous peak of 45,749 in 1996 (Santvoort, A.V., 2022)
- BC is home to 4 of the 5 fastest growing metro areas by percentage, Kamloops, Kelowna, Chilliwack and Nanaimo, each showing a 10% growth in the last 6 years (Santvoort, A.V., 2022).
 - What this means: Population growth within BC is not limited to Metro Vancouver. According to this statistic, there is evidence for rapid population growth within the regions of the Interior, Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island.

2023-2025 New Levels Plan – A Comparison

Every year, IRCC releases a New Levels Plan which provides immigration projections/targets for the next three years. These targets are largely developed to reflect Canada’s economic needs however, it also considers the impact of humanitarian needs. The chart below compares the overall planned permanent residents’ admissions outlined in the 2022-2024 Levels Plan and the 2023-2025 Levels Plan to showcase how the targeted numbers have grown in a year’s time.

Category	2022-2024 Levels Plan	2023-2025 Levels Plan	Amount increased/ decreased
Overall Planned Permanent Resident Admissions 2023	447,055	465,000	+ 17,945
Overall Planned Permanent Resident Admissions 2024	451,000	485,000	+ 34,000

Information for Consideration:

IRCC’s planned immigration levels could see nearly 1 million permanent residents admitted to Canada by the end of 2024, over 50% as economic immigrants. In order to ensure that new immigrants are able to receive adequate and holistic settlement supports, the settlement and integration sector needs to keep pace with this growth.

While these figures on their own are very impressive, they paint only half the picture. Levels Plans do not incorporate projections for growth in the number of temporary residents (TRs) which account for a not insignificant amount of growth. For example, as the chart above demonstrates, the amount of study permit holders in BC alone was 164,945 in 2022. Even as ‘temporary’ residents, these students still require access to settlement services similar to their permanent resident counterparts.

It is important to acknowledge this even as temporary residents do not fall under the purview of the IRCC client eligibility framework and may not be eligible for services.

RELEVANT REPORTS AND RESOURCES

This section provides links to supplementary materials that can be utilized in the preparation process.

Resource Title	Information
From Silos to Solutions: Toward Sustainable and Equitable Hybrid Service Delivery in the Immigrant & Refugee-Serving Sector in Canada	<p>Author(s): Jingzhou (Jo) Liu, Cansu Ekmekcioglu, Marco Campana Publication Year: 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report published by the Settlement Sector and Technology Task Group • Examines the needs of the settlement sector (across Canada) in regards to transitioning towards a model of hybrid service delivery • Provides 6 recommendations
Settlement Outcomes HIGHLIGHTS Report	<p>Author(s): IRCC Publication Year: 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides key findings from the broader Settlement Outcomes Report • Findings focus on both IRCC Settlement Program and non-IRCC Settlement Program clients • Identifies key considerations that impact settlement • Highlights the role settlement and integration plays in successful immigration
Evaluation of the Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) Initiative	<p>Author(s): IRCC Publication Year: 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First formal evaluation of the SWIS Program • Focuses on design, delivery, implementation and effectiveness of the SWIS program • Analyzes the SWIS program from a GBA+ lens • Provides recommendations to further improve program
Evaluation of Language Training Services	<p>Author(s): IRCC Publication Year: 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assesses 2 main areas of language learning services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Language skills improvement ◦ Adaptability of program to suit the needs of different newcomers • Years of assessment are from 2015-2018
Grant Preparation Toolkit	<p>Author(s): Keela and Imagine Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toolkit that supports organizations with proposal writing • Tailored to each individual proposal

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