



Government funding for settlement services

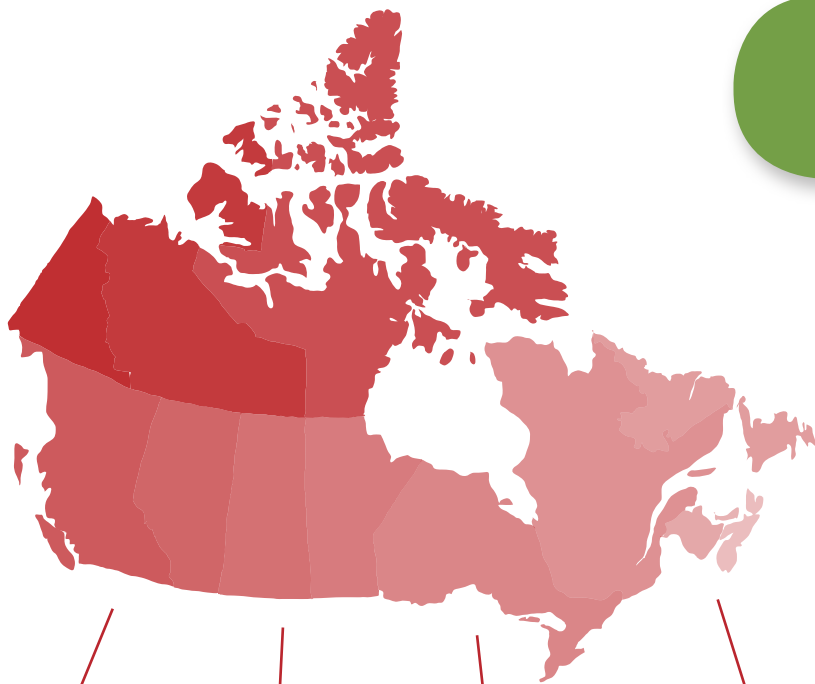
Immigrant and Refugee Settlement in Canada: Trends in Federal Funding

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SUMMARY: This collaborative report by the University of Alberta and the Alberta Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies compares settlement landing rates and federal funding for immigration and settlement across Canada.

LINK: Click [here](#) to read the executive summary; click [here](#) for the research report.

Settlement rates have risen substantially across Canada in recent years in most provinces.



Settlement rates in BC have slowed in the last 20 years.

The prairies saw the second largest rise in settlement rates.

Settlement rates have decreased in Ontario since 2005.

Maritime provinces saw the largest rise in settlement rates.

- Newcomers to Canada are increasingly choosing mid-sized cities, peri-urban, and rural locales.
- Federal funding for the settlement sector has grown significantly with \$1.6 billion being transferred to provinces and territories in 2017.
- Funding that provides critical services is concentrated among a small number of large, well-established organizations in urban centres.
- Federal and provincial funding has not adjusted and adapted to changing settlement patterns.
- Vast disparities exist in available services depending on where in the country newcomers land.