# The Changing Face of Global Mobility: A Canadian Perspective

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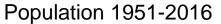
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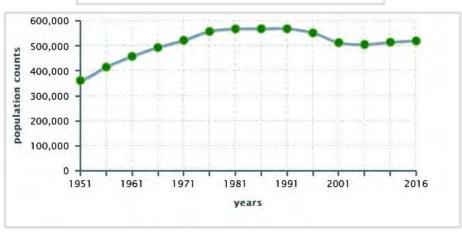
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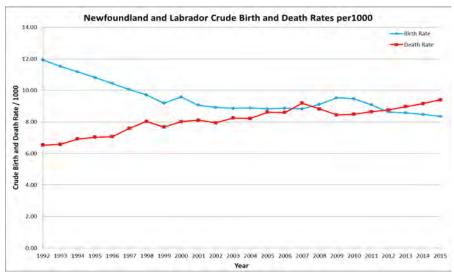
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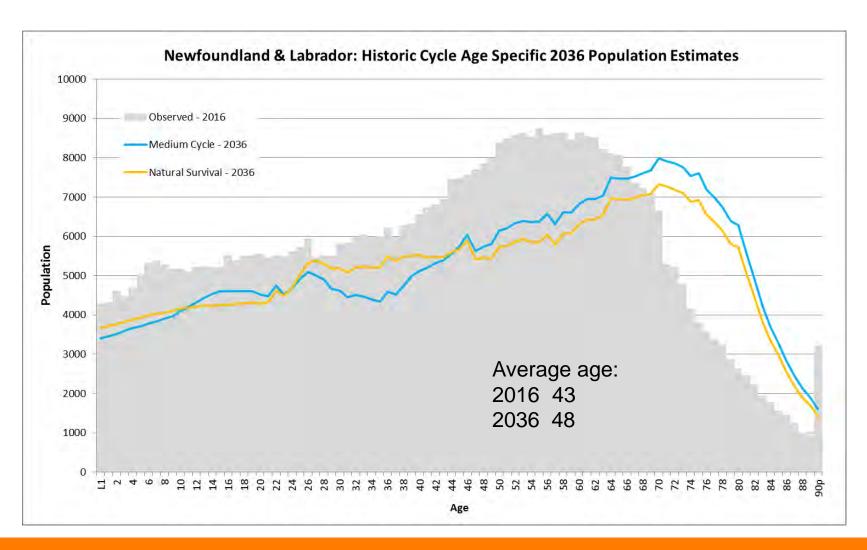
#### **NL Population: Past Trends**





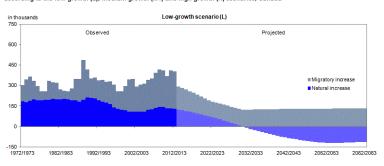


#### **NL Age Structure: 2016, 2036**

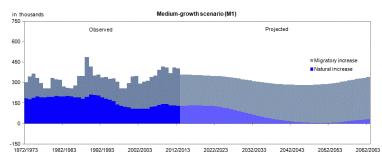


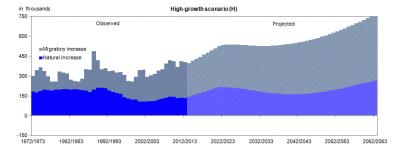
#### Canada Projections 2012 - 2063

Figure 2.4 Migratory increase and natural increase, observed (1972/1973 to 2012/2013) and projected (2013/2014 to 2062/2063) according to the low-growth (L), medium-growth (M1) and high-growth (H) scenarios, Canada



Avg. Age: 2016 41 2036 45



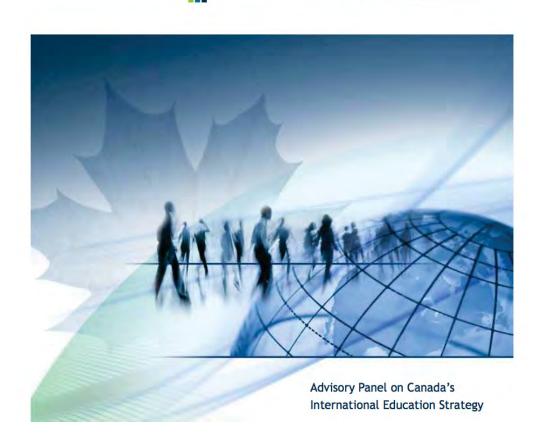


Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.

# Not if, but how?

#### International Education:

A Key Driver of Canada's Future Prosperity



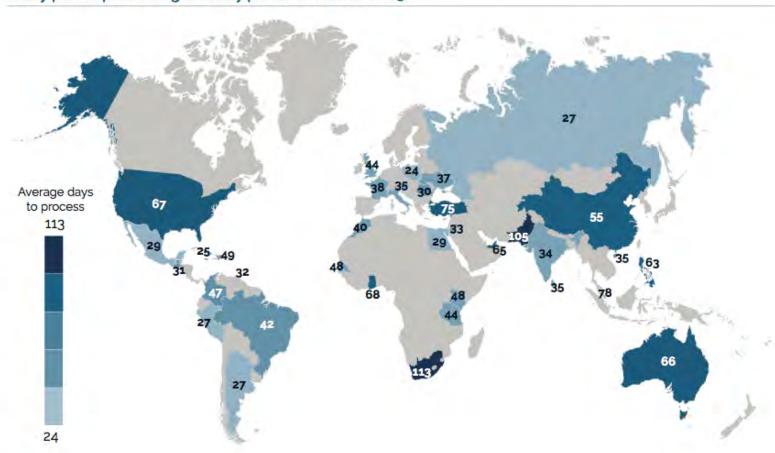
Source: http://www.international.gc.ca/education/assets/pdfs/ies\_report\_rapport\_sei-eng.pdf

#### Recommendations

- 1. Double the number of international students choosing Canada by 2022
- 2. Make internationalizing education in Canada a strategic component of Government of Canada official policies and plans
- 3. Focus Canada's promotional efforts on a limited number of priority markets for targeted resource allocation
- 4. Regroup grants and scholarships available to international graduate students and post-doctoral fellows under one label/brand, with a focus on priority areas aligned with Canada's innovation and prosperity agenda
- 5. Develop comprehensive and multifaceted bilateral agreements with priority countries that focus on all aspects of graduate education and research, supported by appropriate levels of funding
- Improve education visa processing to provide consistent and timely 6. processing of high-quality candidates

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Figure 15: Study permit processing times by points of service (2015)



Source: http://net.cbie.ca/download/World-of-Learning-2016-EN.pdf

#### Who can apply for a post-graduation work permit?

To get a post-graduation work permit, you must:

- . be 18 or older when you apply
- · have continuously studied full-time in Canada in a study program at least eight months long
- have a document from your school (transcript, official letter, certificate, etc.) that confirms you completed and passed all your program requirements
- · have graduated from a:
  - public post-secondary school, such as a college, trade/technical school or university, or CEGEP in Quebec
  - private post-secondary school that operates under the same rules as public schools (currently applies only to certain private post-secondary institutions in Quebec) or
  - o private secondary or post-secondary school (in Quebec) that offers qualifying programs of 900 hours or longer, leading to a diplôme d'études professionnelles (DEP) or an attestation de spécialisation professionnelle (ASP) or
  - Canadian private school that can legally award degrees under provincial law (for example, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate degree) but only if you are enrolled in a study programs leading to a degree as authorized by the province
- . apply for a work permit within 90 days of when it was confirmed that you completed your program and
- · have a valid study permit when you apply for the work permit.

https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/ eligibility.html

Canadian government eases citizenship process for international students

29 Feb 2016

- The Canadian government has introduced legislation to reduce the period of physical residency required to apply for Canadian citizenship
- The new legislation will also restore a provision that allows international students to count time spent studying or working in Canada against that residency requirement
- The government has also committed to a review of the Canadian Express Entry programme, a key path to permanent residency for international students in Canada

Source: http://monitor.icef.com/2016/02/canadian-government-eases-citizenship-process/

#### **How? Provincial Efforts**

- Targeted recruiting
- Scholarships aimed at international students
- Creating agreements with government-based scholarship programs throughout the world
- Joint degree programs/international research consortia
- Targeted student supports
- Post graduation employment opportunities

#### The Honourable Al Hawkins

Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour

Invites you to join him for an announcement, in partnership with the Association for New Canadians, of new initiatives to support International students and graduates from post-secondary institutions in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 11:00 a.m. Genesis Centre Boardroom, Room IIC-3001 Bruneau Centre for Research and Innovation St. John's Campus, Memorial University

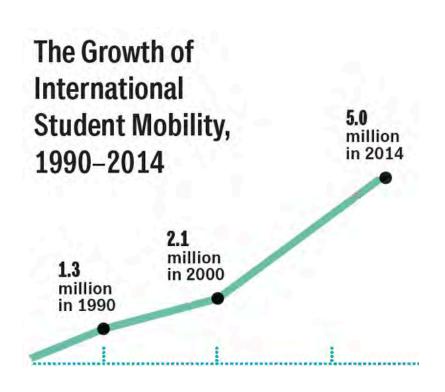


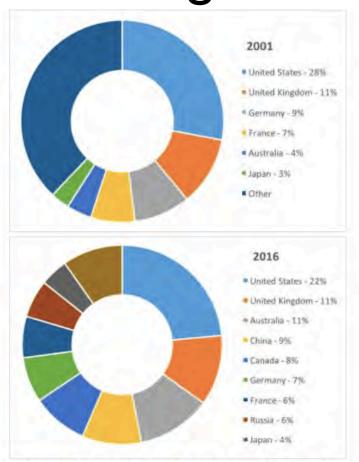
The Honourable Al Hawkins, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour, today announced more than \$392,000 in funding to support two pilot employment programs for international students and graduates.

The programs will will help international students secure gainful employment and expand their professional networks, which will support their pathways to permanent residency and retention in Newfoundland and Labrador.

- The Student Internship Pilot Program will connect full-time international students with a small or medium-sized business for a 12-week internship in their field of study.
- The My First Job in Newfoundland and Labrador Pilot Program will match international graduates from with a small or medium-sized business for a 16-week placement in their field of study.

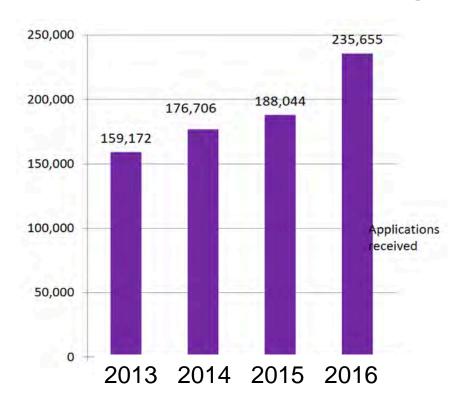
The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has committed to welcoming approximately 1,700 immigrants annually by 2022.





Global market share of internationally mobile students for leading study destinations, 2001 and 2016. Source: IIE/Project Atlas (2001).

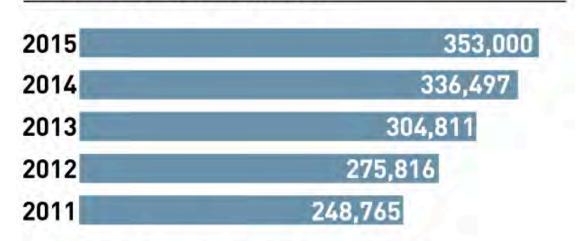
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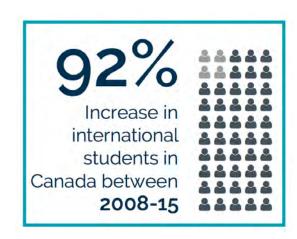


Number of study permit applications received, 2013-2016. Source: IRCC

In another trend that will reflect in 2017 enrolments, IRCC is also reporting a record-high number of study permit applications received for the period September-December 2017.





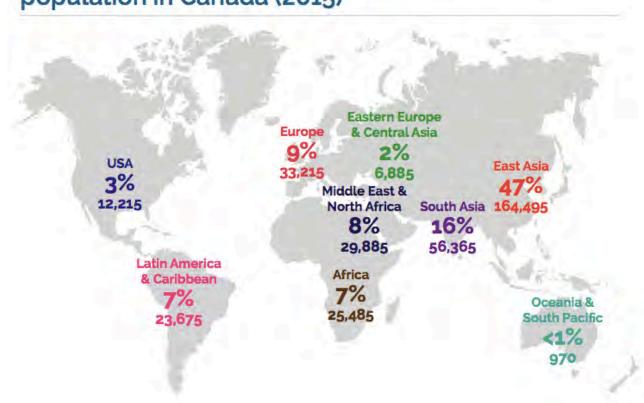


The total number of study permit holders in Canada as of 31 December 2016 was 414,946, up from 351,330 (an 18% increase) in 2015. Source: https:// thepienews.com/news/canada-new-international-students-270000/

# Student Body Composition MUN: 2017

	Grad Students	Undergrad Students	Total
NL	1,554	10,311	11,865
Canada	874	1,855	2,729
International	1,346	1,398	2,744
Total	3,774	13,564	17,338
% International	36%	10%	16%

Figure 2: Regional breakdown of international student population in Canada (2015)



Source: http://net.cbie.ca/download/World-of-Learning-2016-EN.pdf

#### Top 3 reasons

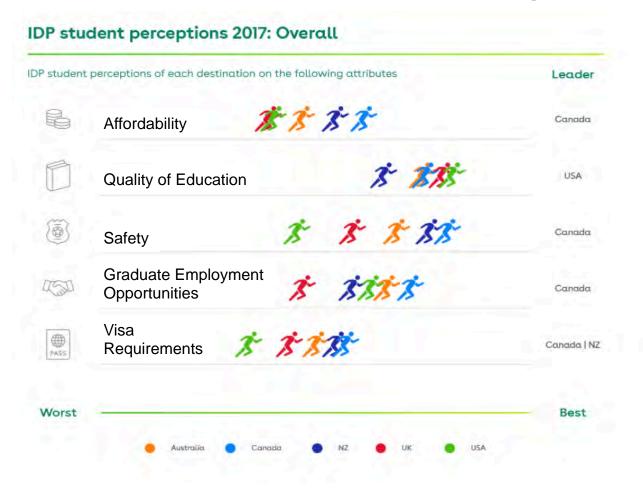
international students choose Canada

- The quality of the Canadian education system
- 2 Canada's reputation as a tolerant and non-discriminatory society
- 3 Canada's reputation as a safe country



Fastest-growing countries of origin, 2013-2014

Source: http://cbie.ca/media/facts-and-figures/



Source: 2017 International Student Buyer Behaviour Research https://www.idp.com/global/news/ 2017/10/11/2017-international-student-buyer-behaviour-research

#### Main reasons study destination wasn't first preference: New Zealand Australia Canada UK USA Cost of tuition Cost of No family No family Cost of or friends or friends tuiton living too is too high too high expensive Cost of Living Better post Better post 5afety Better post too expensive study work study work study work concerns elsewhere elsewhere elsewhere Quality of Quality of Quality of Cost of tuition Too difficult. education education education is too high ta get a visa better better PASS elsewhere elsewhere elsewhere

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# **Emerging Markets**



## In Summary

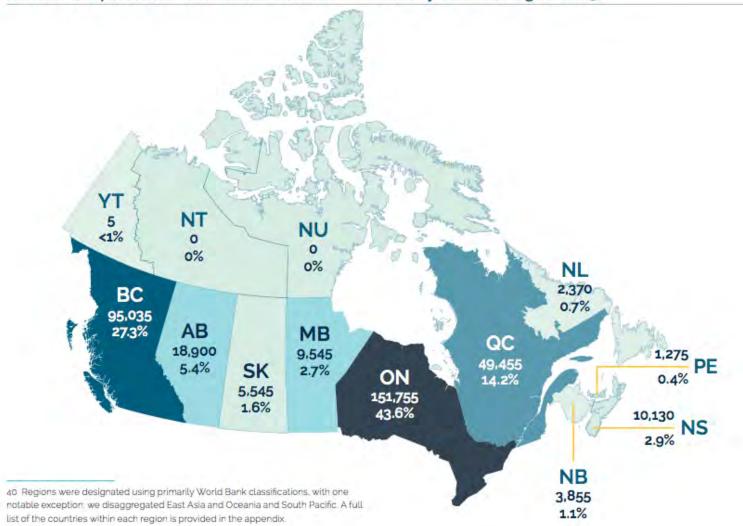
- In order to maintain our population numbers, Canada needs immigrants.
- The Canadian Government identified international student growth as a priority area and has developed a number of strategies to recruit and retain talented graduates.
- Those efforts are paying off—our international student numbers and share of market are steadily growing.
- Our biggest challenge is in the perception of the quality of the institutions and programs.
- We need to expand our efforts into new emerging markets.

# Thank you

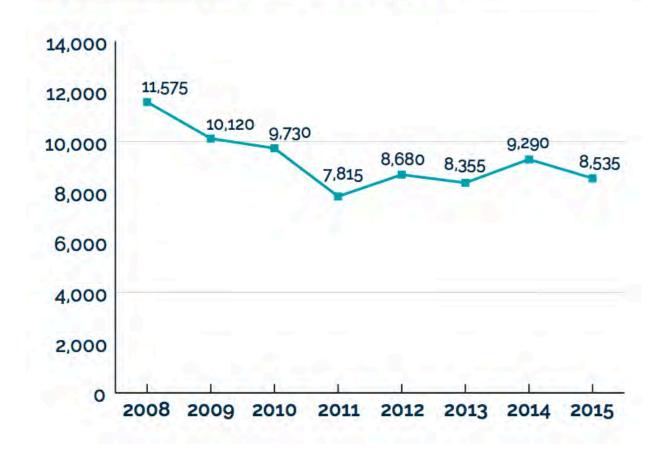
#### Questions?

### Extra slides

Figure 3: Number and percent of international students in Canada, by Canadian region (2015)



#### Number of international students who transitioned to permanent residency (2008-2015)



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#### How? International Students

"International education is a key driver of Canada's future prosperity, particularly in the areas of innovation, trade, human capital development and the labour market."

> Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development, 2012

National motivation for internationalization:

- direct tuition revenue
- attraction of highly qualified talent
- global skills and understanding (for Canadian students)

