Growing the economy through immigration

75% of Canada’s population growth comes from immigration, mostly in the economic category.

About 6 in 10 immigrants are selected for their positive economic impact.

3-year plan sets most ambitious immigration levels in recent history:
- 330,800 in 2019
- 341,000 in 2020
- 350,000 in 2021

This measured, gradual increase will trend towards 1% of the population by 2021, spurring innovation and representing a major investment in Canada’s prosperity, now and into the future.

In 1971, Canada’s worker to retiree ratio was about 7 to 1.

By 2035, when 5 million Canadians are set to retire, the ratio will be down to 2 to 1.

Fewer people working to support retirees.
Bringing the best and brightest to Canada

Express Entry

Since 2015, Express Entry has attracted almost **230,000 high-skilled foreign workers** and former international students who want to live in Canada permanently, and whose in-demand skills are needed by employers.

The **top 5 occupations** of people invited to immigrate under Express Entry are:
- Software engineers and designers
- Information systems analysts
- Computer programmers
- Financial auditors and accountants
- Advertising, marketing and public relations professional

Almost **54,000** former international students settled permanently in Canada in 2018, an all-time high.

Global Skills Strategy

Companies using the Global Talent Stream have committed to create **48,000+ jobs** for Canadians and permanent residents and **12,500+ paid co-op** positions, and investing more than **$113 million in skills and training.**

Launched in 2017, Canada’s Global Skills Strategy, including the Global Talent Stream, makes it easier for **Canadian businesses** to attract the talent they need to succeed in the global marketplace.

The Global Skills Strategy has been a game-changer for employers. Take a look at the success of the strategy.

Over the first 2 years of the Global Skills Strategy, about **40,000 people** benefitted from 2-week application processing.
Start-Up Visa Program

The Start-Up Visa Program helps *immigrant entrepreneurs* with the skills and potential to build businesses in Canada that are innovative, can create jobs for Canadians and compete on a global scale. Originally created as a pilot, it was made a *permanent program in 2018* due to its success.

As of May 2019, more than *650 entrepreneurs* and their family members have been approved for permanent residence. They represent about *200 start-ups* that have been launched in Canada.

Learn about two successful entrepreneurs who came to Canada through the Start-Up Visa Program and started a virtual reality company.

Innovative new pilots to meet diverse labour market needs

Canada has implemented pilots to test innovative and community-driven approaches to address diverse labour market needs across the country.

Atlantic Immigration Pilot

Aimed at ensuring the *long-term* retention and integration of newcomers in *Atlantic Canada* to help drive economic growth in the region.

A 3-year pilot first launched in 2017, it has been extended to 2021.

**Permanent Resident Admissions to date:**

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1,499 & \quad \text{principal applicants} \\
1,484 & \quad \text{dependents} \\
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This 5-year pilot aims to distribute the benefits of economic immigration to smaller communities by testing a new pathway to permanent residence for skilled immigrants.

In June 2019, 11 communities were selected to participate in the pilot.

- The pilot will connect newcomers with local settlement services.
- Newcomers are expected to begin arriving in 2020.

The selected communities are:

- Thunder Bay (ON)
- Sault Ste. Marie (ON)
- Sudbury (ON)
- Timmins (ON)
- North Bay (ON)
- Gretna-Rhineland-Altona-Plum Coulee (MB)
- Brandon (MB)
- Moose Jaw (SK)
- Claresholm (AB)
- West Kootenay (BC)
- Vernon (BC)

Home Child Care Provider and Home Support Worker pilots

2 new pilots that will help caregivers make Canada their permanent home were launched on June 18, 2019.

Through these new pilots, caregivers will also benefit from:

- Occupation-specific work permits, rather than employer-specific, to allow for a fast change of employers when necessary
- Open work permits and/or study permits for the caregivers’ immediate family to help families come to Canada together

These 5-year pilots give caregivers and their families a clear, direct pathway to permanent residence, while making the hiring process simpler for Canadian families who need a caregiver for a loved one.