Data for Immigration Research

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Administrative Data

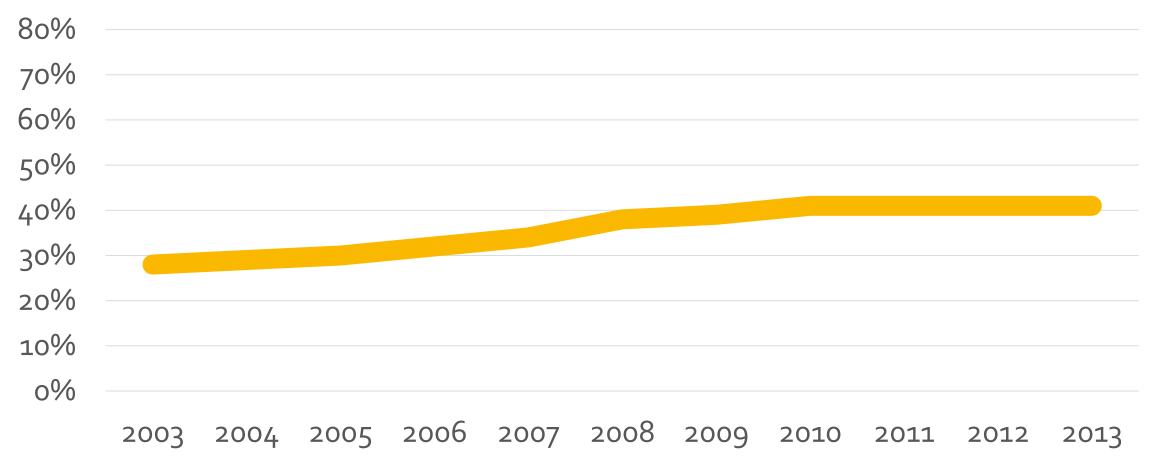
- PRLF, IMDB, others.

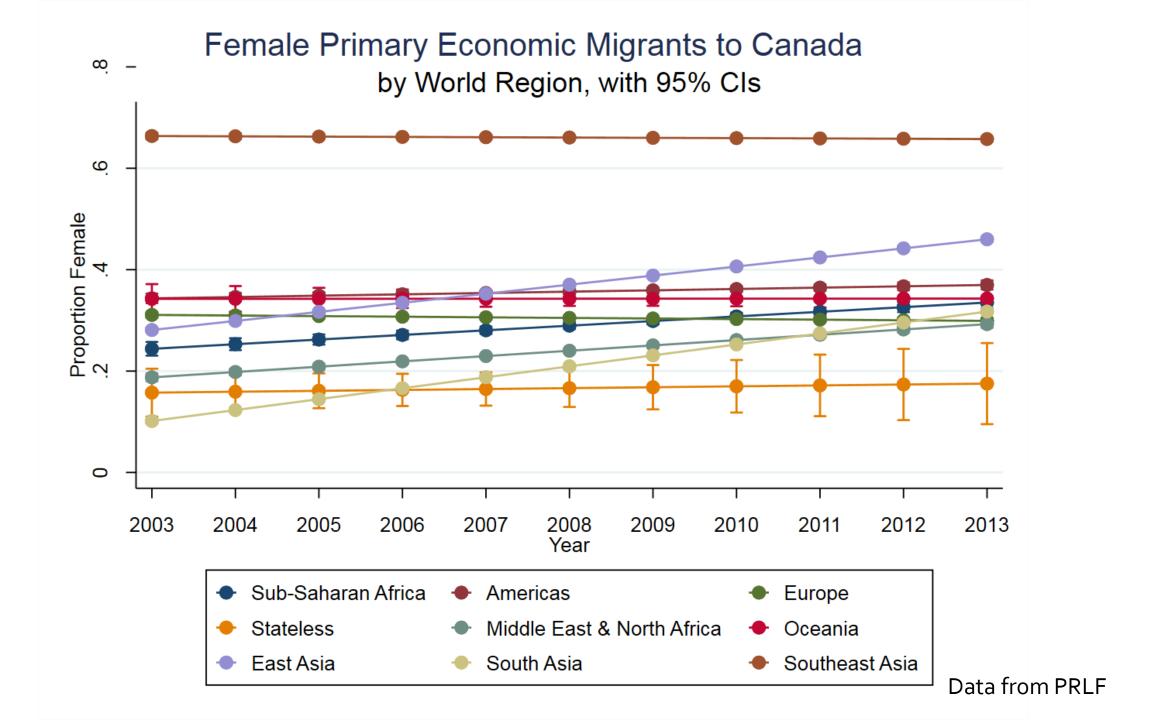
 Data linkages emerging as new normal.
- Positives: excellent data.
- Negatives: application process; only see data once access granted; challenging work environment; rules about releasing results.



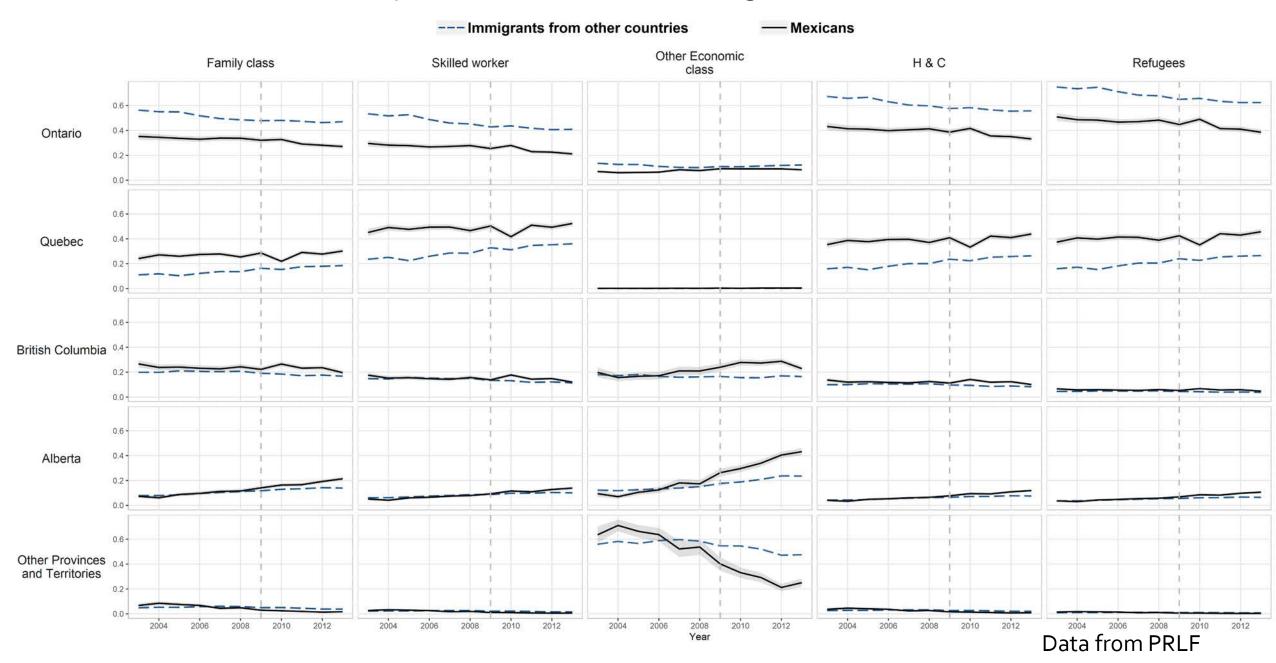


Percent Female, Primary Applicants-Economic Migration to Canada 2003-2013:





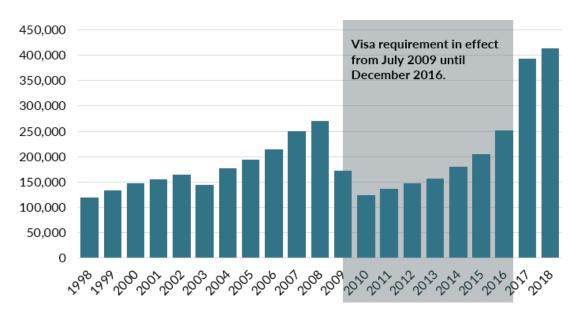
What province do different immigrants move to?



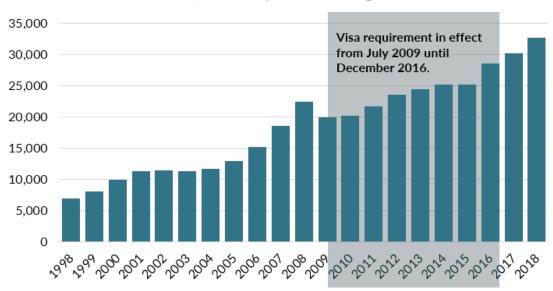
Open Data

- Many types of recent and historic aggregate statistics.
- Positives: easy to access, regular updates.
- **Negatives**: difficult to know what is available, how to interpret what some statistics mean. More specific data unavailable.

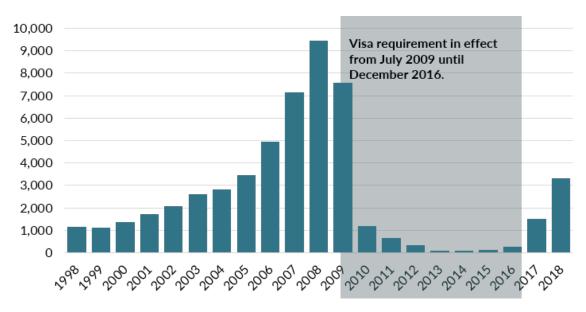
Residents of Mexico Entering Canada



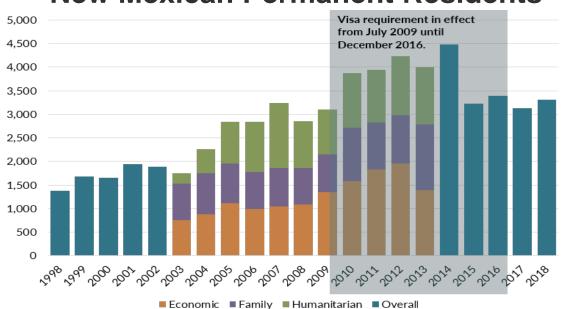
Mexican Temporary Foreign Workers



Refugee Claims from Mexicans



New Mexican Permanent Residents

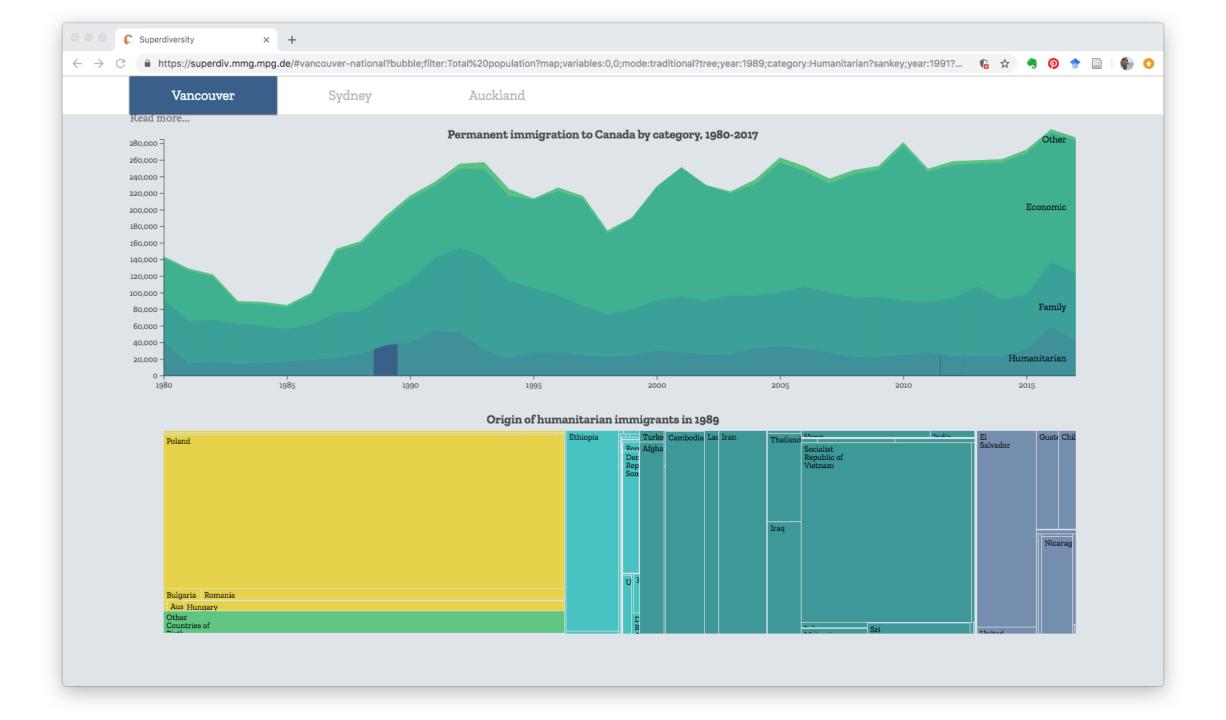


Data Requests

Requests for other IRCC statistics

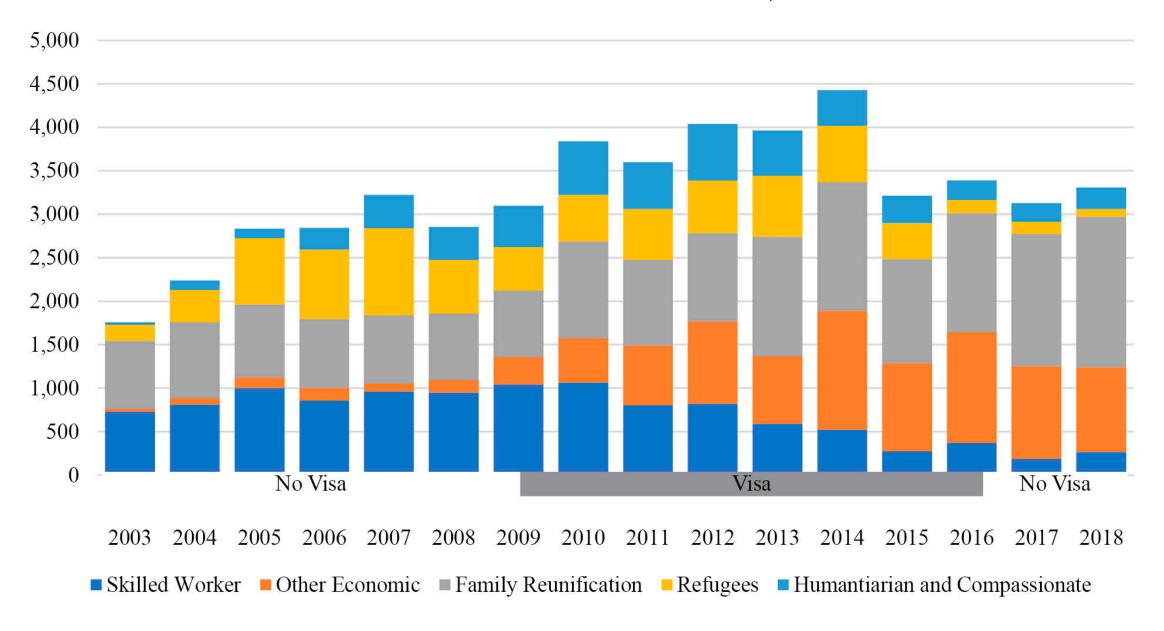
To submit a request for data, please email the <u>Statistics-Statistiques@cic.gc.ca</u> mailbox with a detailed description of your requested report. Please note that ad hoc requests for data may require a cost recovery fee to be paid as per the <u>Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations</u>.

- **Positives**: Helpful replies. More detailed data.
- Negatives: Waiting period. Possible cost?





New Permanent Residents from Mexico, 2003-2018



Source: Provided by IRCC.

Broader Considerations

- Focus on economic outcomes.
- Undocumented/non-status migrants invisible.
- Over-reliance to immigrant categories and other aspects available in administrative data.

Thank-You!

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