

# Settlement and Integration

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# What We Covered

In this research synthesis on a very broad area that is settlement and integration, we covered five main themes:

- 1) Demographic and Socio-Economic Trends
  - Labour market participation and earnings
  - Education and training
  - Housing
  - Health, mental health, and well-being
  - Civic and political participation

# What We Covered

- 2) Integration Pathways and Dynamics
  - (Im)migrant selection
- 3) Newcomer Characteristics, Settlement Needs and Outcomes
  - Temporary residents
- 4) Welcoming Communities and Settlement Services
  - Community reception
  - Settlement service organization

# What We Covered

## 5) International and Transnational Perspectives

We also identified a number of emerging research needs in two main areas:

- 1) Changing Migrant Categories and Service Impacts
- 2) Long-Term Settlement and Integration Experiences

These research needs are the focus of our presentation this morning.

# Research Needs: Changing Migrant Categories and Service Impacts

- Settlement service needs, interventions, and gaps for migrant workers, international students, and other temporary migrants.
- Impact of changing immigration policies on the client and economic resource base of settlement service work:
  - How have client demographics of the settlement service sector shifted and what are the implications of these shifts for the sector's viability?

# Research Needs: Changing Migrant Categories and Service Impacts

- Value added of business partnerships with settlement service providers in terms of improving labour market outcomes for immigrants:
  - This is increasingly significant as businesses have become more important actors in the immigrant selection process.

# Research Needs: Changing Migrant Categories and Service Impacts

- Funding and accountability reforms as well as new funding models and additional funding sources:
  - The sustainability of the settlement services sector is highly dependent on the funding model that supports it. There is considerable evidence of problems with this model as it is currently constituted.

# Research Needs: Changing Migrant Categories and Service Impacts

- Newcomer experience of the 2008–2010(?) financial crisis and recession in an inter-provincial and international perspective:
  - There is a need to examine the ongoing impacts and potential cohort effects of labour market scarring on more recent newcomers as a negative consequence of the crisis.



# Research Needs: Long-Term Settlement & Integration Experiences

- Long-term experiences of immigrants from their perspectives and through longitudinal studies:
  - This would help to better understand settlement experiences, as well as providing assistance in evaluating the effectiveness of settlement services.

# Research Needs: Long-Term Settlement & Integration Experiences

- Alternative sources of data on settlement needs and outcomes:
  - Given changes to the Census and government restraint, which have reduced the number of publically funded surveys on immigrants in Canada, there is an urgent need to identify alternative data sources that may be used in policy/programming relevant research.

# Research Needs: Long-Term Settlement & Integration Experiences

- Canadian experience in the international context:
  - There is considerable value in framing Canadian studies on settlement and integration within a more international and comparative setting. New research should be encouraged to do so.

# Research Needs: Long-Term Settlement & Integration Experiences

- Linkages between “objective” settlement outcomes and “subjective” life satisfaction:
  - Given the experience of the last 10 years, new research is needed as a follow-up on the Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants to Canada.

# Thank You!

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