



# DO REFUGEES STAY IN THE PROVINCE WHERE THEY ARRIVE?

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CYRRC researchers and partners have undertaken over 50 research projects on the linguistic, educational, psychological, social, cultural and economic integration of children, youth and their families. Below, you can access research from each of our different clusters:



### Socio-economic

This group analyzes the economic, social, political and social policy contexts, which may affect the wellbeing and development of refugee children and youth as they integrate into Canadian society.

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### Language & Learning

This cluster focuses on the role of language of origin of refugee children and youth on their cognitive and literacy skills in the destination country as well as the social contexts that further their educational achievement, literacy levels and language skills.

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### Integration

This group examines the factors associated with social integration, different stressors experienced by child and youth refugees, discrimination and social support pre-and post-resettlement.

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### Well-being

This cluster investigates young people's experiences of trauma and the social conditions, policies and initiatives that facilitate resilience pre-and post-resettlement.

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# Context

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Recruiting and retaining refugees and immigrants are invaluable to Canadian society

Do refugees stay in the province where they arrive?

See our full report here: <https://cyrrc.org/2020/07/16/refugee-retention>



# Retention of Refugees in their Arrival Province

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## Why would refugees undertake secondary migration?

- Many refugees' initial destinations are not self-chosen
- Refugees tend to settle in smaller cities initially
- Lack of employment
- Social isolation

## Why would refugees stay in the province of their arrival?

- Refugees get more settlement support
- Stability for larger families

# Research Data

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## The Longitudinal Immigration Database (IMDB)

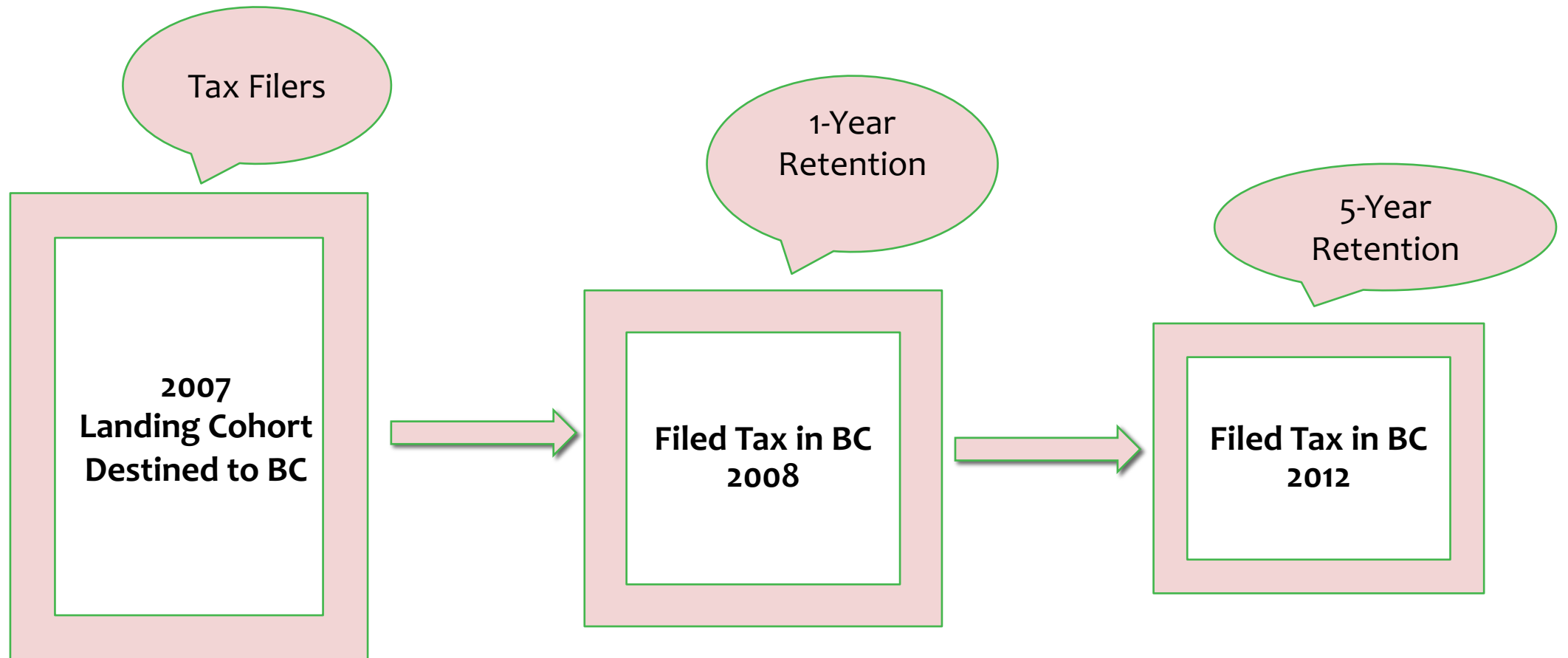
- Permanent Residents' landing records (IRCC)
- The T1FF tax records (CRA)
- Temporary Residents file (TR)

## Our Focus:

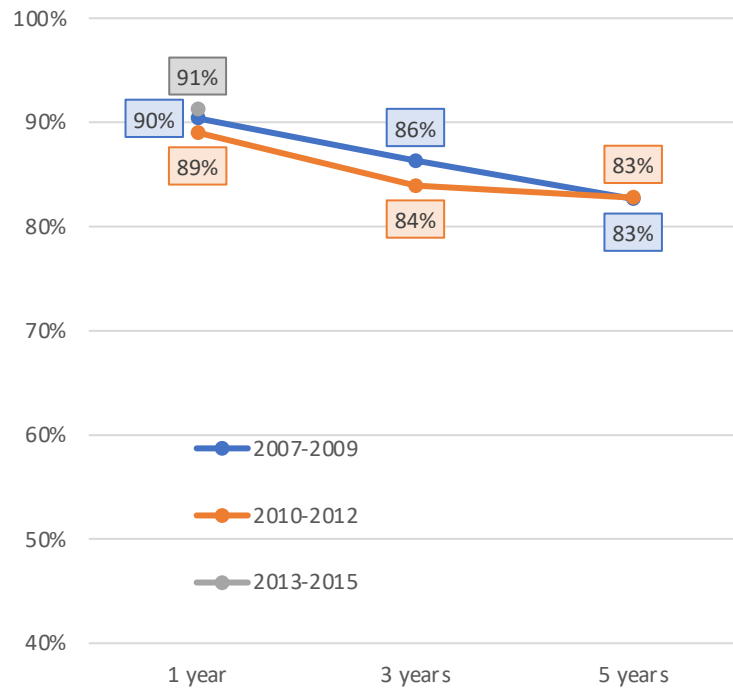
- 3 landing cohorts: 2007-2009, 2010-2012, and 2013-2015
- Destined to British Columbia, Alberta, Nova Scotia, and Manitoba
- Filed taxes at least once since landing

# Measuring Retention

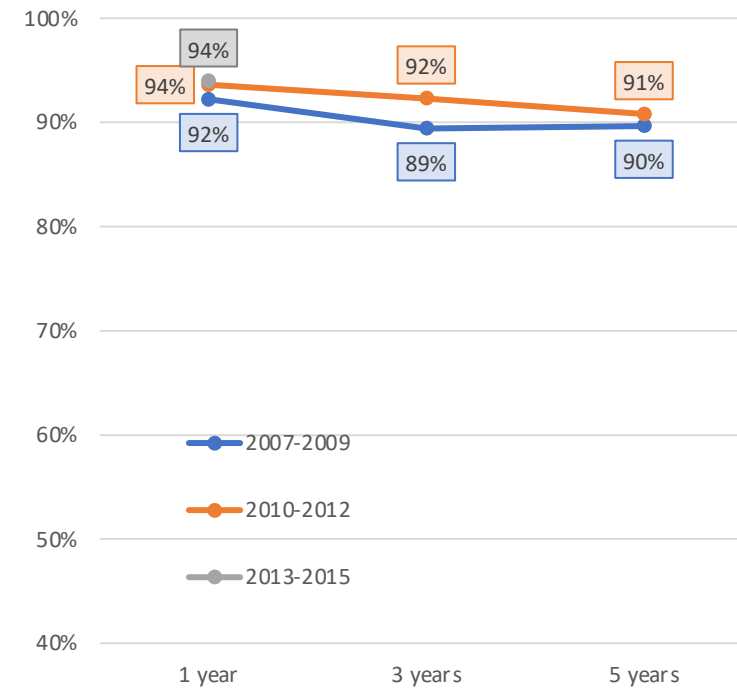
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# Refugee Retention by Landing Cohort



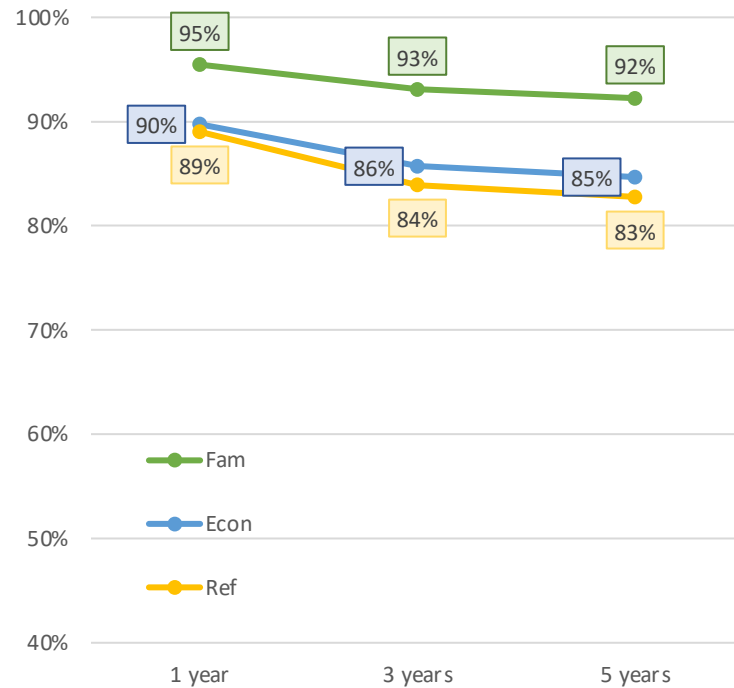
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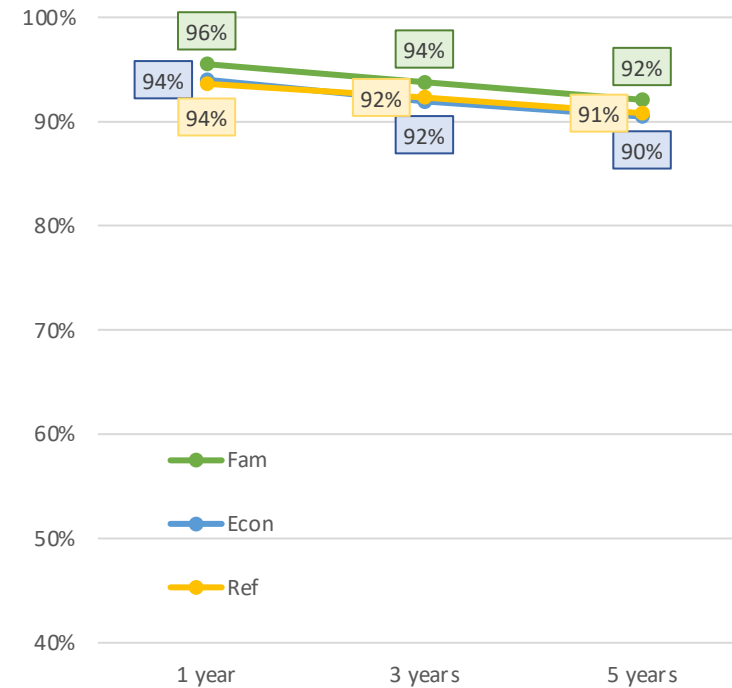
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# Retention by Admission Category, 2010-2012 Cohort



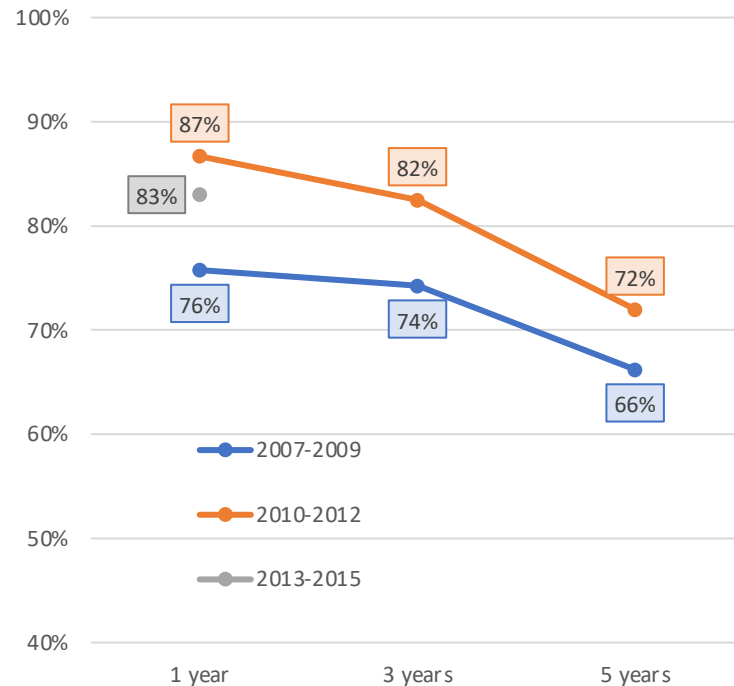
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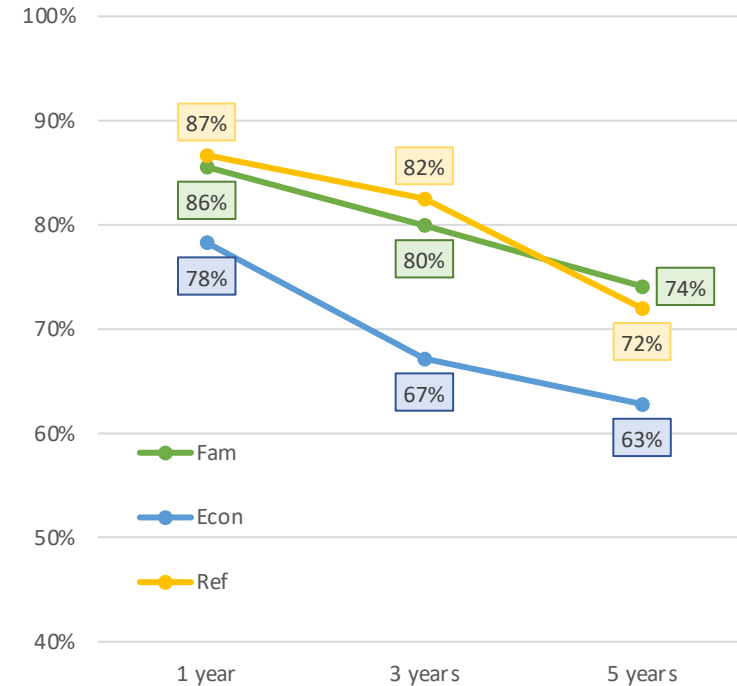
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# The case of Nova Scotia: Retention by Cohort and Admission Category



Refugee retention by landing cohort



Retention by admission category, 2010-2012 cohort

# Summary

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- A large majority of refugees stay in the province where they arrive for at least five years
- But retention rates vary by province
  - In AB and BC, retention is strong and stable across cohorts; in NS, retention is lower and varies by cohort
- Findings point to potential areas of concern for further analysis, e.g., refugee SES and employment in NS
  - See our report on economic outcomes here: <https://cyrrc.org/2020/10/21/employment-rate-and-median-income/>

# Access the data from the IMDB

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- Tables/Aggregate data

- Statistics Canada's Interactive Application: Mobility

- <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/71-607-x/71-607-x2019033-eng.htm>

- Retention rate %

- # of in-/out-migration

# Longitudinal Immigration Database (IMDB) Interactive Application: Mobility

Release date: December 16, 2019

[How to use](#)

[More information](#)

► Data

Geography of admission Canada ▼	Immigrant admission category Total, immigrant admission category ▼	Age groups at taxation year and sex Total, age groups ▼	Knowledge of official language at admission Total, language ▼	Pre-admission experience Total, pre-admission experience ▼
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Mobility indicators for immigrant taxfilers admitted to Canada in 2011, 5 years after admission

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Total, residence in taxation year  
178,615

Stayed in intended province  
153,555

Out migration  
25,055

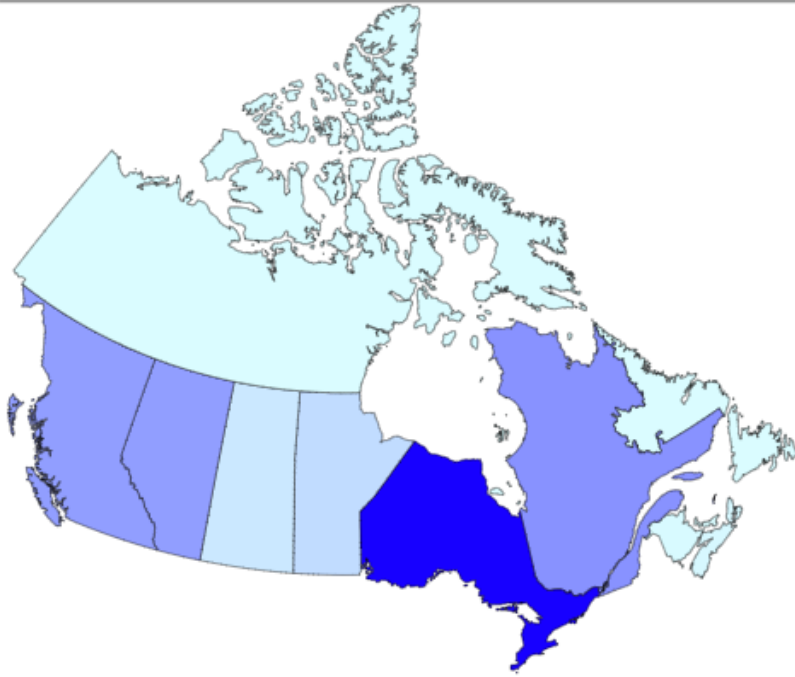
In migration  
25,055

Retention rate (%)  
86.0

Interprovincial out migration rate (%)  
14.0

Interprovincial in migration rate (%)  
14.0

Distribution of geography of residence for immigrant taxfilers admitted to Canada in 2011, 5 years after admission



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Broad admission categories	Detailed admission categories
Age group at taxation year	Sex
Knowledge of official languages	Pre-admission experience

Mobility indicators  
 Geography of residence

2011

5

(Tax year = 2016)

Admission Year

Years since admission

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# What is the 2 year retention rates of refugees in BC admitted in 2015

Geography of admission

British Columbia

Immigrant admission category

Refugee

Age groups at taxation year and sex

Total, age groups

Knowledge of official language at admission

Total, language

Pre-admission experience

Total, pre-admission experience

Select Province

Total, residence in taxation year

1,465

Stayed in intended province

1,320

Out migration

145

In migration

145

Retention rate (%)

89.8

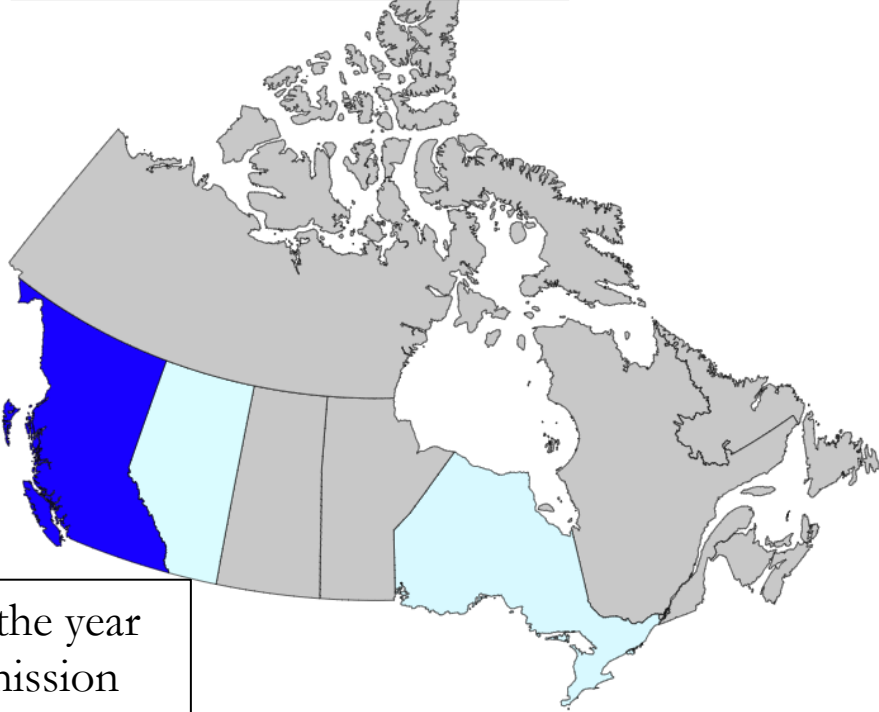
Interprovincial out migration rate (%)

9.9

Interprovincial in migration rate (%)

9.9

Select Admission Category



Select the year of admission

2015

Select year since admission

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Detailed admission categories

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Knowledge of official la

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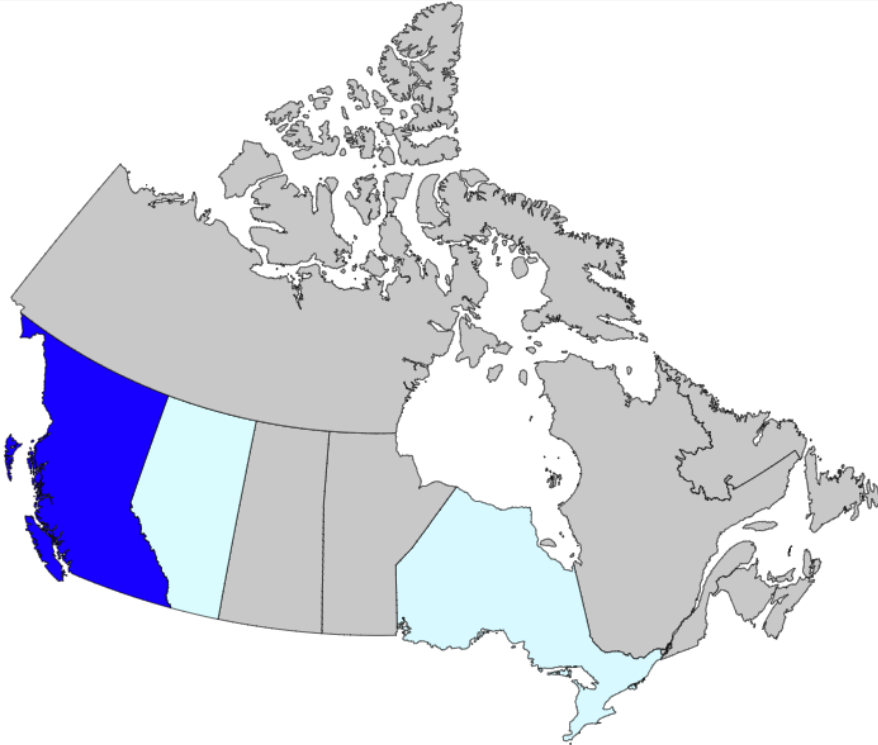
Admission Year

Years since admission

# What is the 2 year retention rates of refugees in BC admitted in 2015

Geography of admission	Immigrant admission category	Age groups at taxation year and sex	Knowledge of official language at admission	Pre-admission experience
British Columbia	Refugee	Total, age groups	Total, language	Total, pre-admission experience

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Age group at taxation year	Sex
Knowledge of official languages	Pre-admission experience

Mobility indicators	Geography of residence
2015	2

Admission Year | Years since admission

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89.8%



# Other sources of customization

Geography of admission	Immigrant admission category	Age groups at taxation year and sex	Knowledge of official language at admission	Pre-admission experience
British Columbia	Refugee	Total, age groups	Total, language	Total, pre-admission experience

Mobility indicators for immigrant taxfilers admitted to British Columbia in 2015, 2 years after admission	Distribution of geography of residence for immigrants admitted to British Columbia in 2015, 2 years after admission	Age	Knowledge of Official language at landing	Pre-admission experience (e.g. Work permit)
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Broad admission categories	Detailed admission categories
Age group at taxation year	Sex
Knowledge of official languages	Pre-admission experience

Mobility indicators	Geography of residence
2015	2

Admission Year | Years since admission

(Tax year = 2017)

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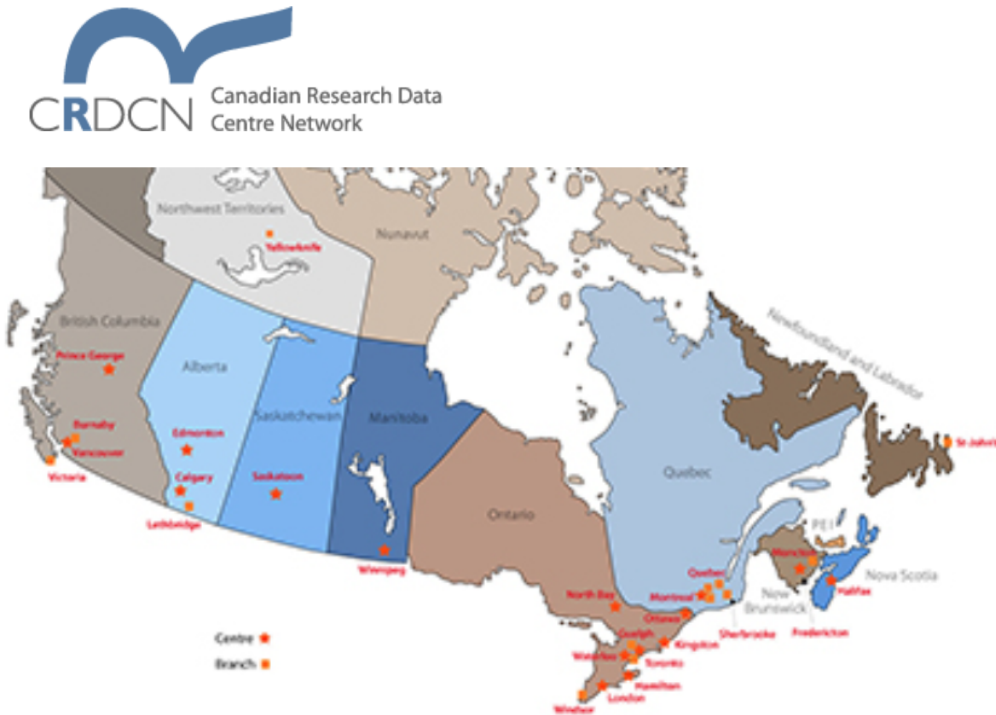
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- Regression, causal analysis → Microdata
  - Canadian Research Data Centres
  - High level statistical skills needed
  - Collaborate with researchers to be sought

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- Mean/median total income
    - Mean/median employment income
    - Proportion of newcomer tax filers with social assistance