

Immigration to Saskatchewan

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Provincial Context

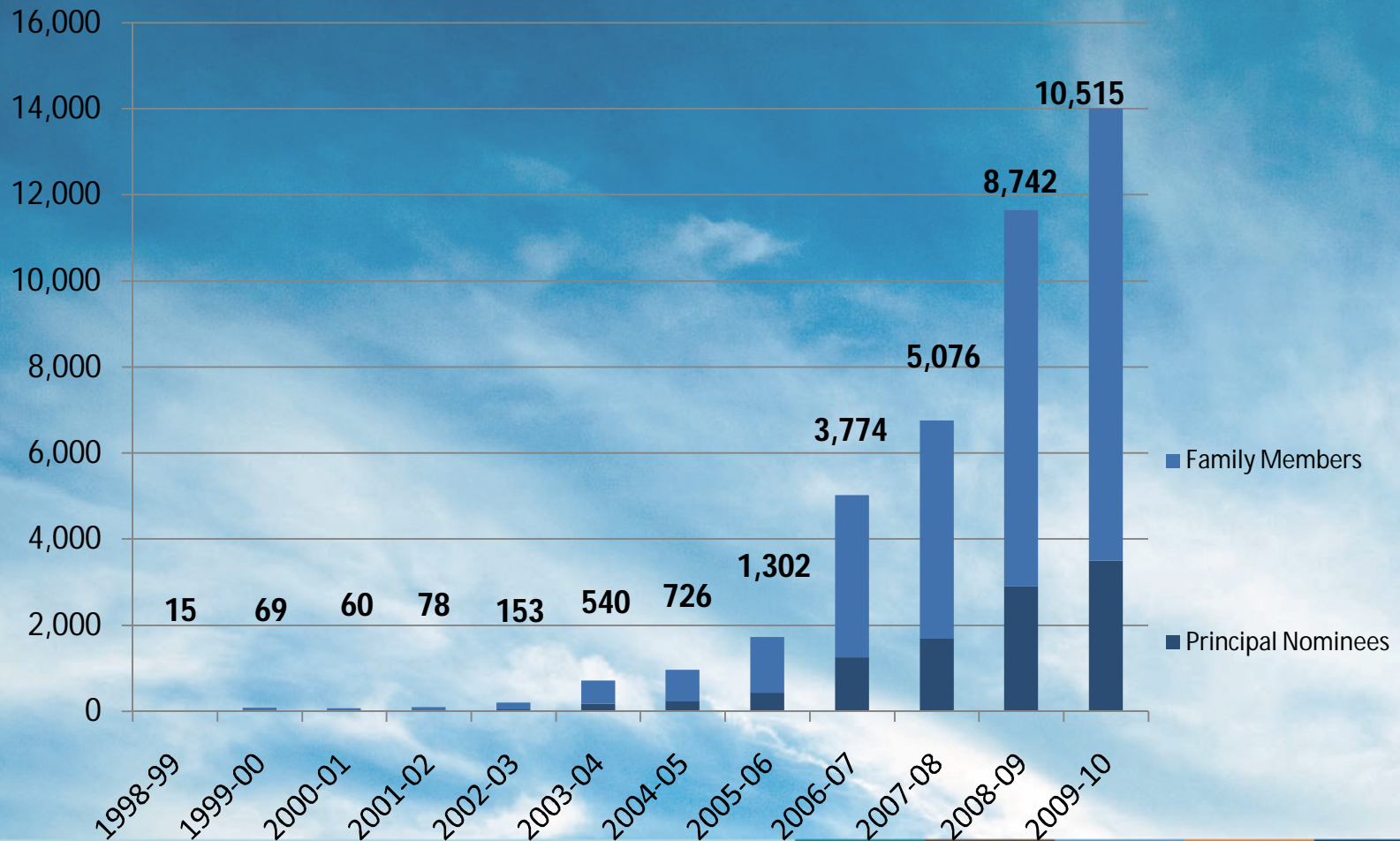
- Economic growth
- Demographic / Labour Market Challenges
 - Ageing population
 - Declining birth rates
 - Increasing retirement
- Competition for workers growing among provinces and territories
 - 2011-12: **100% of Canada's net labour growth** from immigration
 - 2030 – **100% of Canada's population growth** from immigration

Provincial Context

- SK's immigration climate unique in Canada:
 - SINP is employer driven
 - High Skill
 - Newcomers widely dispersed across the province, dependent on economic drivers.
- SINP grew by 975% (2005-2009) - fastest growing nominee program in Canada over this period.
- Immigration Strategy launched in 2009 responds to labour force shortage & community renewal objectives.

Growth in SINP

SINP Nominations, 1998-99 to 2009-10



Diversity & Distribution

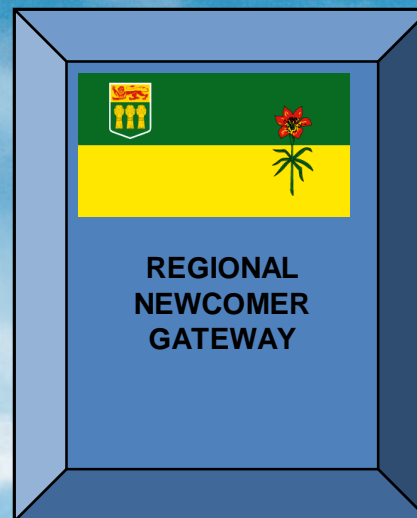
- immigrant population entering SK.
- 10,000 people expected in 2010.
- Arriving from ~140 different countries & settling in ~180 communities across SK.
- Previously, immigration & settlement services historically were centered in 4 cities.

Retention

Provincial Settlement Services Model



**PRE-ARRIVAL
SERVICES**



**SPECIALIZED/
TARGETED
SERVICES**



**OTHER
COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

"Immigrants at the Centre"



Settlement Architecture

Major Components of the New Settlement Model:

- Gateways
- Specialized Language Assessment & Programs
- Settlement Advisors



Saskatchewan's Settlement and Integration Strategies

PRE-ARRIVAL	GATEWAY CONNECTIONS	SPECIALIZED SERVICES	CAPACITY BUILDING & INNOVATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Going to SK Portal (provincial + municipal) ○ About SK Series ○ Welcoming Workplaces ○ Welcoming Communities ○ Family Sponsors Supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Immigration Gateways ○ Quick Links ○ Language assessments ○ Settlement Advisors ○ Community Connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stage 1 English (CLB 1-4) – Regina and Saskatoon ○ English Tutoring Services (CLB 1-4) ○ Language Workshops ○ Conversation Circles (CLB 1-2) ○ English for Employment (CLB 1-6) ○ At Work English (CLB 1-6) ○ Bridge to Licensing (CLB 6+) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategic initiatives & Innovation ○ Organizational Development Fund ○ Communities of Practice

Attraction & Retention: Current Initiatives

- Going to Saskatchewan Portal
- Online application for SINP
- Increased program efficiencies for SINP
- New Entrepreneur Process & Priority Streams
- Program Integrity Unit & Quality Assurance Measures
- New Settlement Service Delivery Model
- Nine new settlement & integration programs
- International Education Committee
- Inter-Ministerial Table on Immigration
- Exploring options for an Immigration Learning & Research Network

Challenges

- Shifting nature of SK's immigration intake
- Implementing a new settlement model
- Low and semi-skilled immigration
- Perceptions about immigration
- Adapting mainstream services (housing, health, education, etc) for immigrants
- Protecting foreign workers
- Increasing applications → processing times
- International education opportunities



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