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# Creating Welcoming Communities: Keys to Success; Settlement Governance Strengths, Challenges and Opportunities

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# Presentation Outline

1. Building Welcoming Communities: Keys to Success
2. Overview of Immigration Governance Study
3. Settlement Governance: Strengths, Challenges & Opportunities

# Creating Welcoming Communities

## Keys to Success:

- Characteristics of welcoming communities include:
  - Public support
  - Incorporating immigration as part of long-term economic strategy
  - **Diverse economic opportunities** (and for spouse/family)
  - Building a critical mass of immigrants
  - Stakeholder collaboration

# Stakeholder Roles in Creating Welcoming Communities

- **Governments:**

- Community awareness
- Information resources
- Social services

- **Business:**

- Workplace training
- Long-term opportunities
- Settlement assistance

- **Immigrant-Serving orgs.:**

- Pathfinding
- Language training
- Employment supports

- **Important Stakeholders:**

- **Educators**
- **Health care providers**
- **Faith-based orgs.**
- **Community orgs.**
- **Residents**
- **Media**
  - Space & staff capacity
  - Information sessions
  - Multilingual services
  - Community events
  - Sharing success stories

**\*Collaboration is key to meeting immigrant needs & filling gaps.**

# Understanding Immigration Governance

## Research Questions

- How has immigration governance evolved over time?
- What are the strengths, challenges, gaps in immigration governance?
- What opportunities exist for improving immigration governance?

## Summary

- Interviews conducted with 15 federal, provincial, municipal officials across Canada, & researchers.
- **Preliminary findings:** Quite positive overall about how well current governance model is meeting broad immigration policy objectives; flagged a number of areas for consideration.

# Settlement Governance: Two Basic Models

## Canada-Quebec

- Canada-Quebec Accord (1991) is most comprehensive fed-prov. immigration agreement:
  - Quebec has full powers to select economic immigrants.
  - Quebec receives annual federal settlement grant (based on unique formula) and then administers programs.

## All other Provinces/Territories

- Fed. Gov. maintains a steering role, in consultation with P/Ts.
- National settlement funding formula.
- Administration of funds and programs in each P/T subject to federal conditions & oversight.
- P/Ts also fund & administer their only settlement programs.

# Settlement Governance: Research Findings

## Strengths

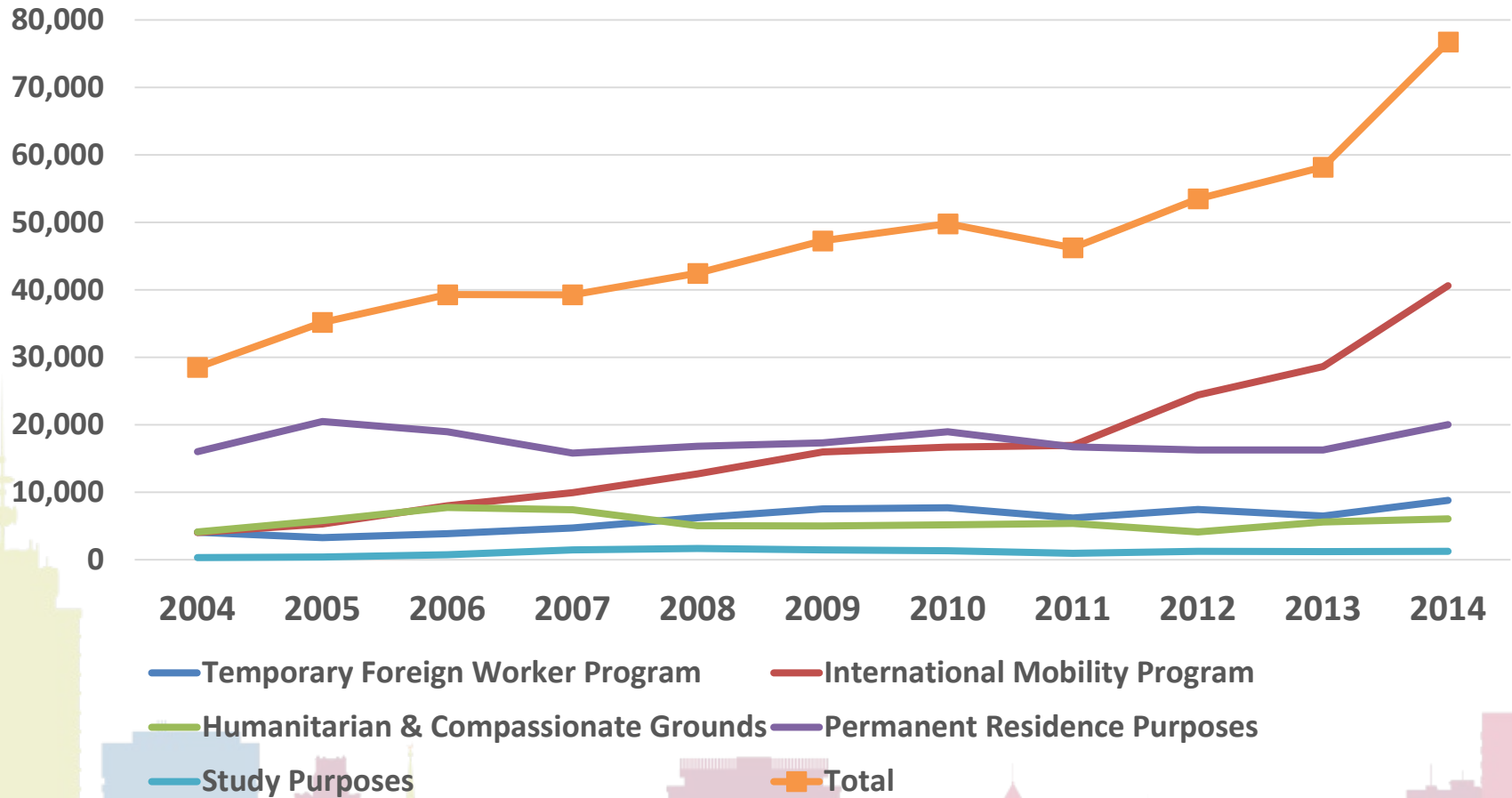
- Federal settlement funding has increased substantially over past 15 years (estimates):
  - 2000/01: \$304M
  - 2009/10: \$886M
  - 2015/16: \$1,014B
- National standards
- Protection of the public purse
- Immigrant outcomes in Canada (versus globally)

## Challenges

- Funding formula (for both federal government & P/Ts)
- Distribution of powers:
  - Flexibility & innovation
- Getting municipalities more involved
- Funding uncertainty & administration
- Temporary residents to PR:
  - 2004: 28,524
  - 2010: 49,813
  - 2014: 76,751

# Rise of TRs Transitioning to Permanent Residence

Temporary Work Permit Holders Transitioning to Permanent Resident Status, Unique Persons (2004 to 2014)





# Opportunities to Improve Settlement Governance

- National immigration consensus & imperative
- Regular meetings between F/P/T officials
- Getting municipalities more involved
- Local Immigration Partnerships
- Immigration policies & laws can be reformed
- Pre-arrival supports
- Trial & error (Developing capacity and 'know how')

# Thank You

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