Immigration and Settlement in the Northwest Territories





Common facts about the NWT



Interesting facts about the NWT

- * 11 official languages
- * Immigrants are a corner stone of the NWT
- * Over 120 different nationalities in the NWT
- * Over 7 % of the population are immigrants

- * Territorial Government: Actively seeking to increase the population (net increase of **2,000 people** over the next 5 years)
- * Federal Government: Increasing emphasis on Northern Canada
- * NWT has highest GDP per capita in Canada

Geographical Distribution

Yellowknife



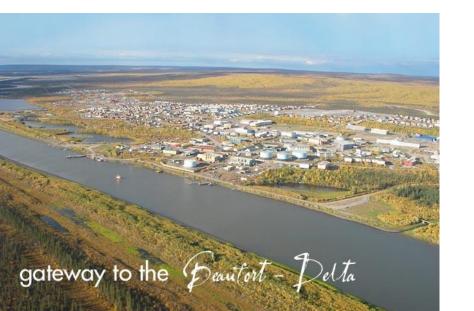


- * Population: 18,830
- *Immigrants: 2,220
- * 12% of population are immigrants





* Immigrants: 185



Hay River





- * Population: 3,590
- * Immigrants: 215

Fort Smith





* Immigrants: 75



* Total population: 40,800

NWT Stat Bureau 43 523 (2013)

- *Total immigrants: 2,880 (7%)
- *Local CIC ressource total immigrants: 3,460 (8%)

Settlement sector

- * 3 settlement service providers (NWT Francophone Federation, NWT Economic Development Council and Aurora College).
- * 2014-2015 Federal funding: \$715,000 (2006: \$257,000)
- * Over 200 clients seen last year.
- * Services most provided: Information and Orientation
- * Second service most provided: Needs Assessment and Referrals

Research

Challenges

- * Absence of an academic sector
- * NWT Statisitcs bureau
- * Unreliable data
- * Combining 3 terrtiories
- * Comparing data between NWT and a province

| Number of Permanent Residents | |
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| 2005 | 84 |
| 2006 | 98 |
| 2007 | 88 |
| 2008 | 127 |
| 2009 | 107 |
| 2010 | 137 |
| 2011 | 85 |
| 2012 | 165 |
| 2013 | 150 |

Number of Permanent Residents in Alberta

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| 2005 | 19,405 |
| 2006 | 20,716 |
| 2007 | 20,860 |
| 2008 | 24,201 |
| 2009 | 27,017 |
| 2010 | 32,650 |
| 2011 | 30,961 |
| 2012 | 36,095 |
| 2013 | 36,640 |

- * Small numbers have a greater effect in the NWT
- * Why not adopt a different perspective?

Source: CIC

Research options

* Consultant



- * Research group
- Qualitative data for small numbers
- * Collaborative research

Up coming projects

* Francophone immigration Pan-Territorial project







Settlement reasearch funded by CIC

Is "remote" what is really most challenging?

How can smaller communities attract research?