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Developing Immigrants' Literacy and Essential Skills

Summary of the Background Report
on Nova Scotia



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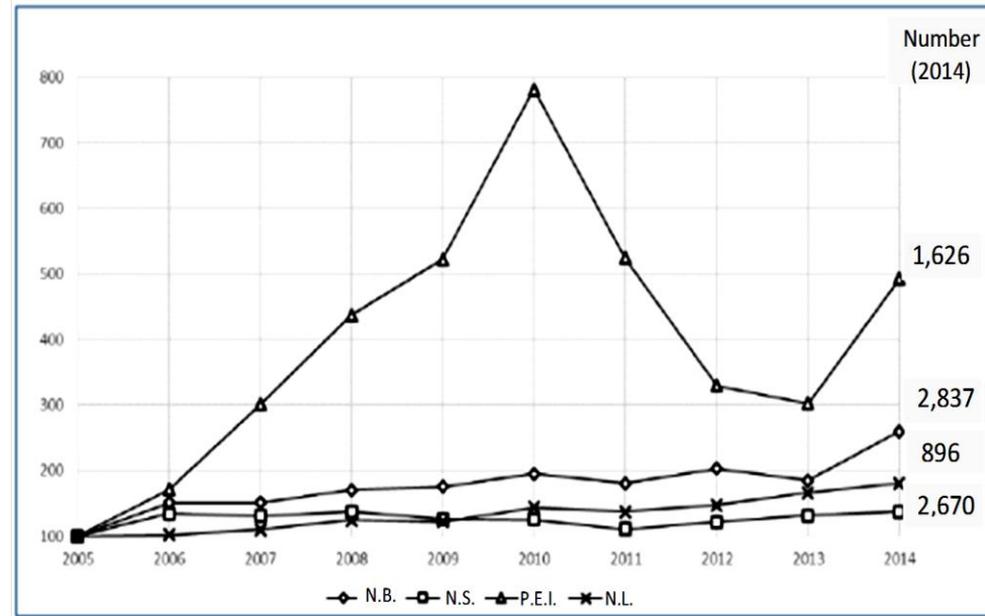
Topics

- Immigration in Nova Scotia
- Francophone immigrants in Nova Scotia
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Income
- Statistics on the training centres identified in the province
- A profile of the participants in the action research.

Immigration is relatively stable

- In recent years, Nova Scotia has been the Atlantic province with the slowest growth in immigration.
- An ambitious immigration strategy has been put forward in response to demographic challenges: increase the number of immigrants to around 10,000 by 2020 (almost 4 times the amount in 2014).

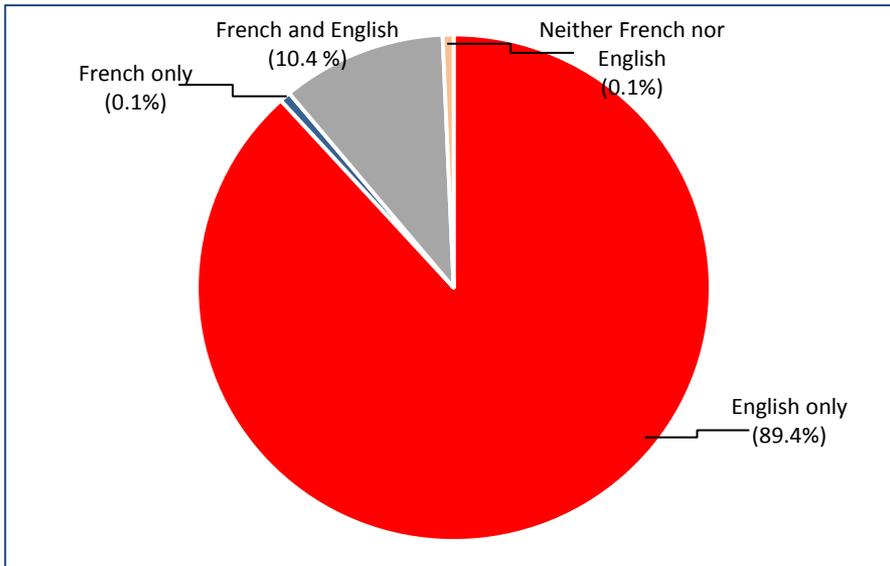
Number of permanent residents settling in the Atlantic provinces (Index, 2005 = 100)



Source : Citizenship and Immigration Canada, 2016

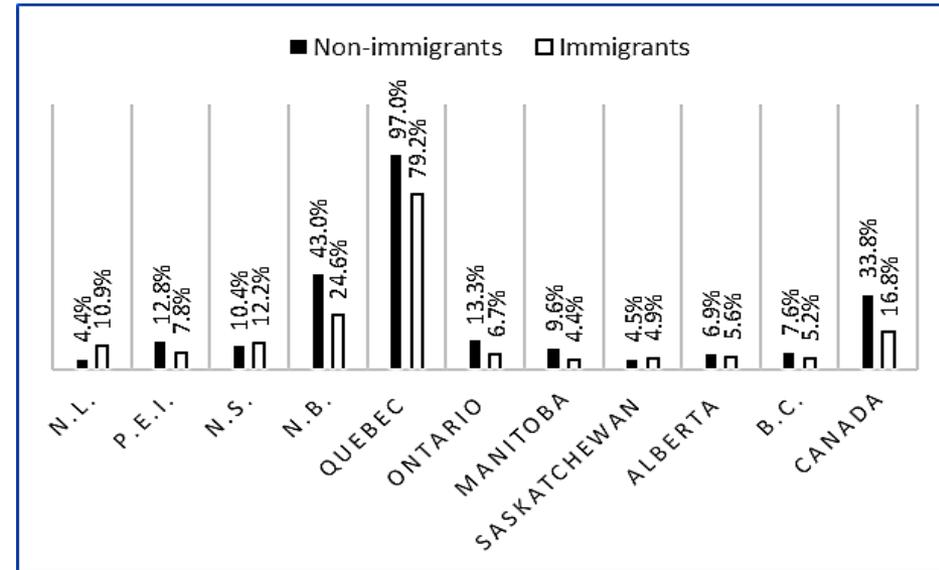
The proportion of immigrants that speak French is very low

Breakdown of immigrants in Nova Scotia according to the language spoken



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census

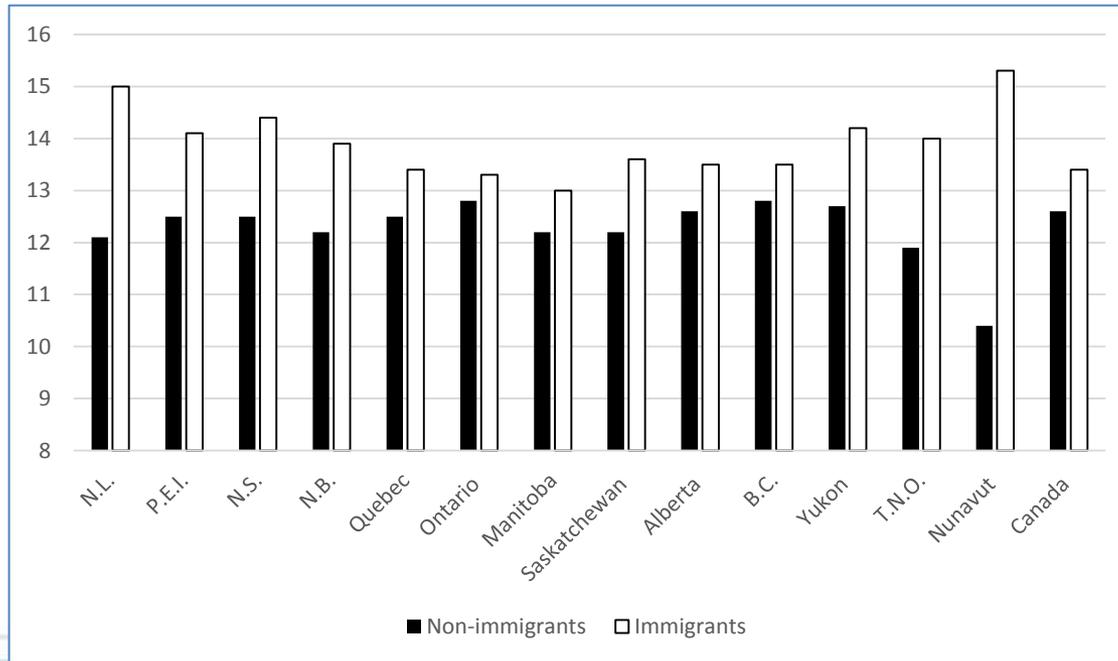
Proportion of individuals who can speak French



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census

The most educated immigrants among Canadian provinces

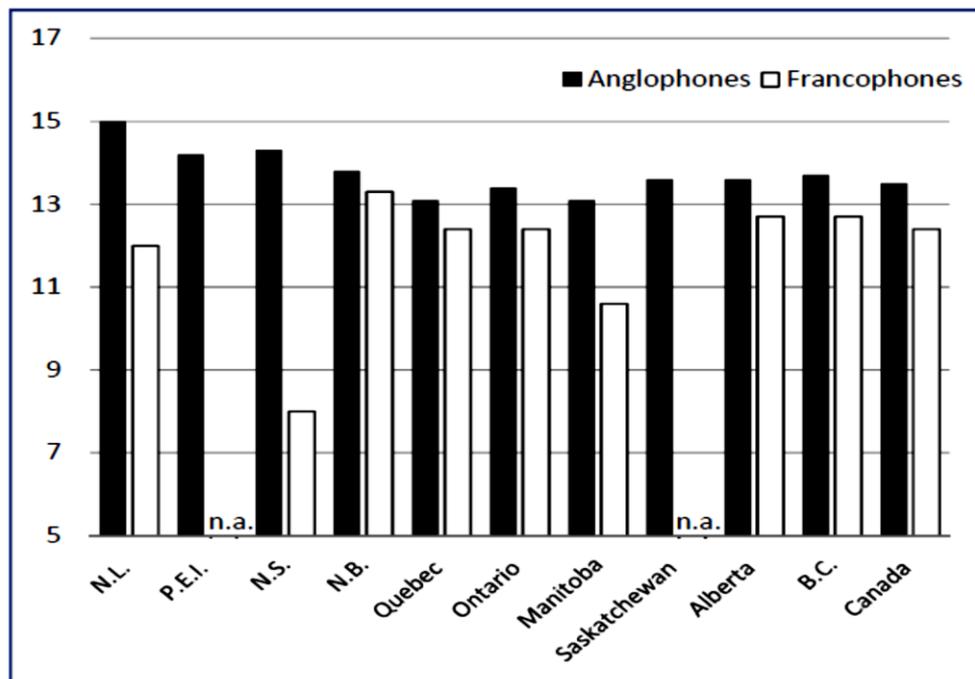
Average number of years of schooling



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census

However, unilingual Francophone immigrants are the least educated

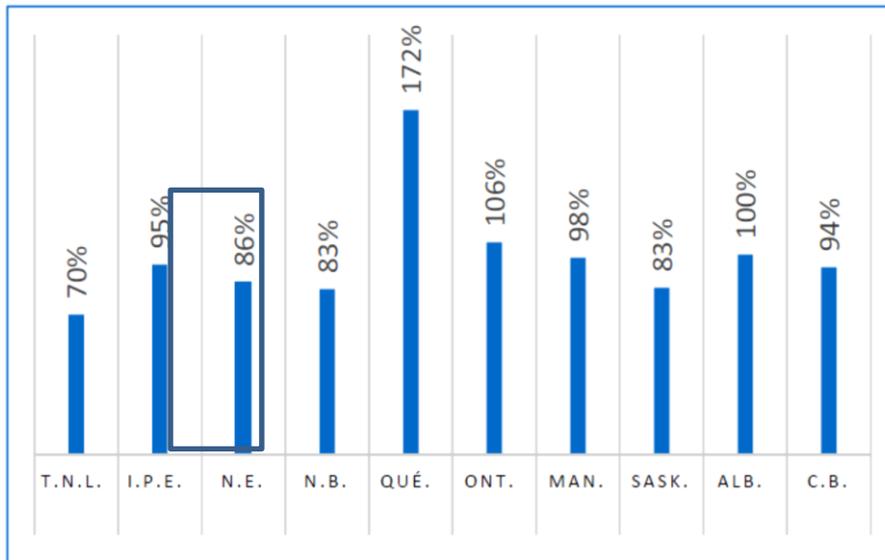
Average number of years of education of unilingual immigrants



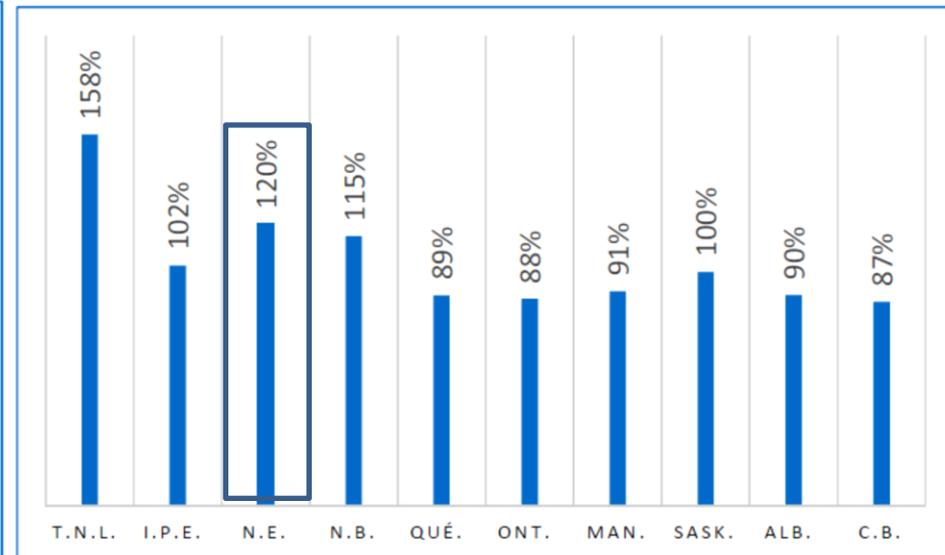
Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census

Among the most prosperous immigrants in Canada

Immigrant unemployment rate relative to the non-immigrant unemployment rate

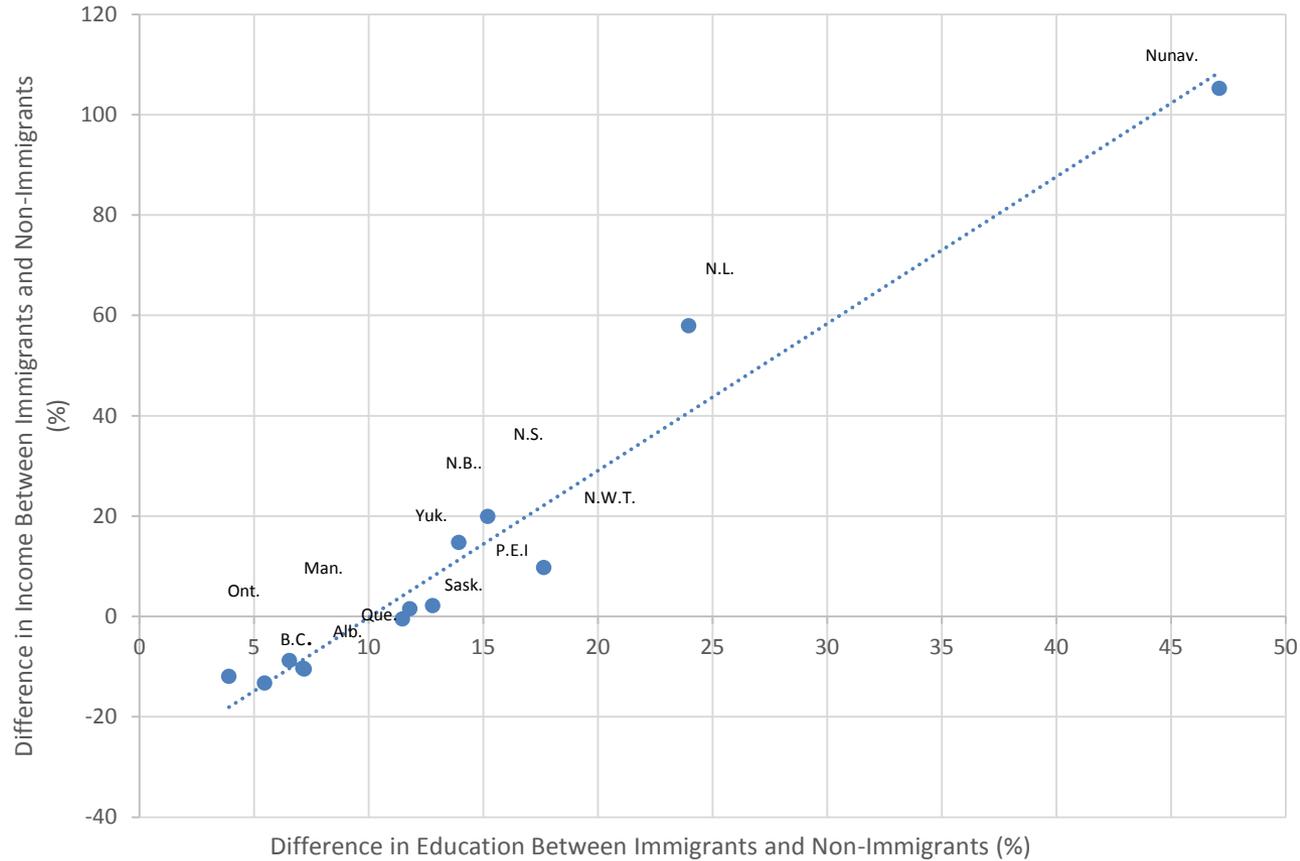


Average income of immigrants relative to the average income of non-immigrants



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census

The relationship between average schooling and average incomes for immigrants

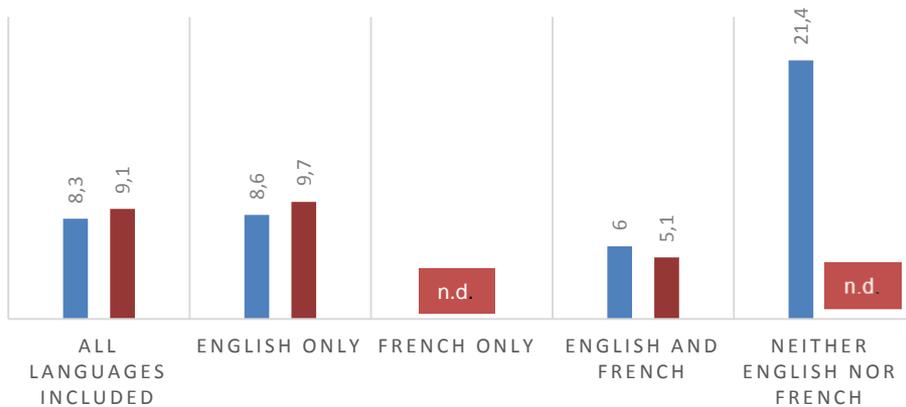


Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census

However, again, it varies between immigrant groups

UNEMPLOYMENT (%)

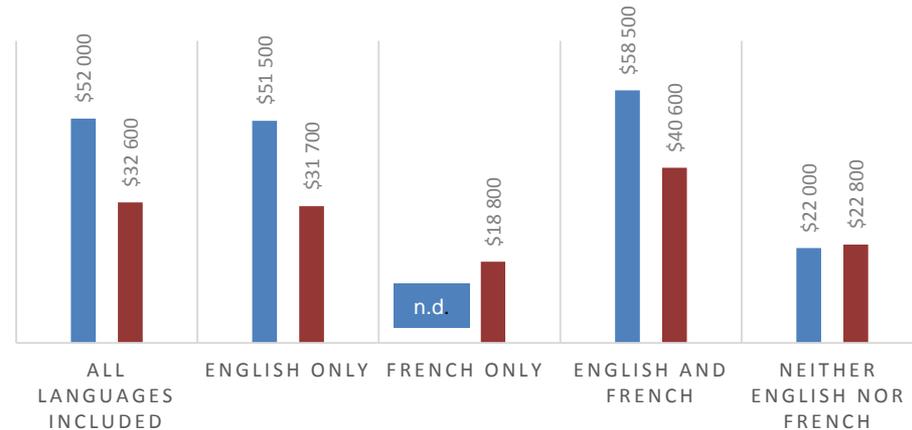
■ Men ■ Women



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census

INCOME (\$)

■ Men ■ Women



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census

- The average income of men immigrants is generally much higher than that of women immigrants.
- Immigrants who speak French and English earn by far the highest salaries.
- The average income of unilingual Francophone immigrants is much less than that of unilingual Anglophone immigrants.
 - This certainly is partly due to the fact that unilingual Francophone immigrants in Nova Scotia are much less educated than other immigrants.

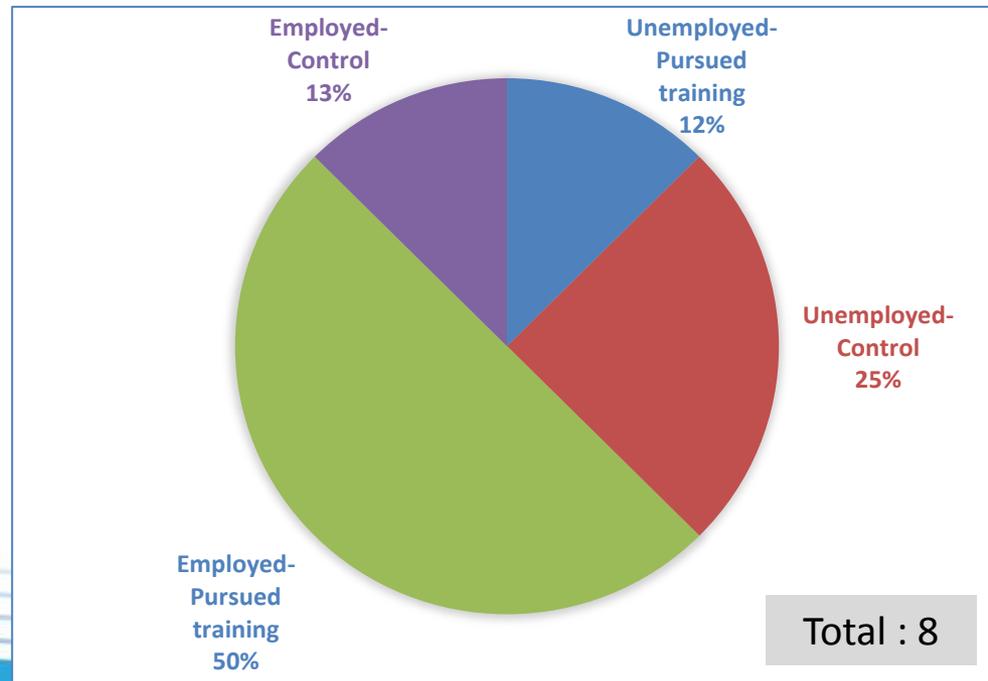
Identified Training centers and partners

- 33 training centres in literacy and essential skills were identified in Nova Scotia.
- Three partners participated in the action research:
 - Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS), Halifax;
 - Immigration Francophone Nouvelle-Écosse, Halifax; and
 - Université Sainte-Anne, Campus de Halifax, Pointe-de-l'Église.

Employers followed

- In total, eight employers were followed

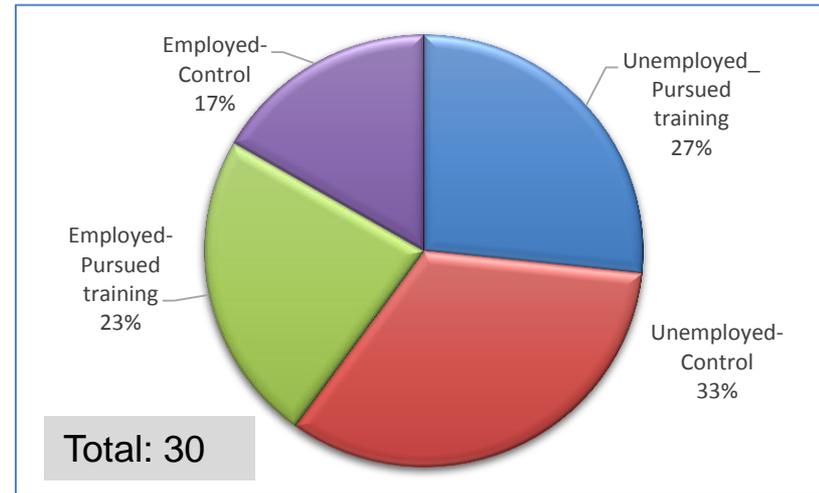
Breakdown of employers followed (Nova-Scotia)



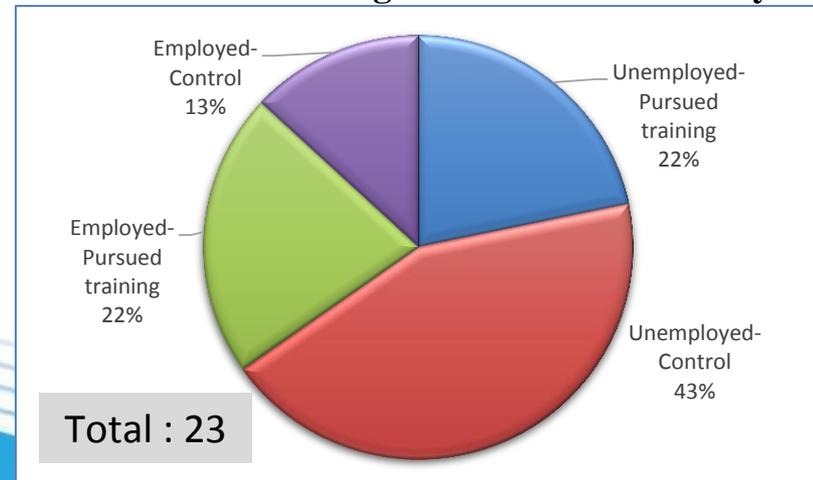
Immigrants participating in the action research

- In total, 30 immigrants responded to the first questionnaire.
- Of these, 23 were retained for analysis.
- The largest immigrant group that answered the first questionnaire and was retained for analysis is the Unemployed- Control group.

Breakdown of immigrants who answered the first questionnaire



Breakdown of immigrants retained for analysis



Training pursued

Breakdown of the types of training pursued in Nova Scotia

Training	Unemployed—Took training	Employed—Took training
Francization (Beginner)	0	0
Francization (Intermediate)	0	0
Francization (Advanced)	0	0
English as a Second Language (Beginner)	0	0
English as a Second Language (Intermediate)	5	5
English as a Second Language (Advanced)	0	0
Computing (Beginner)	0	0
Total	5	5

- All of the training pursued in Nova Scotia (and retained for analysis) is in English as a Second Language (Intermediate level).

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