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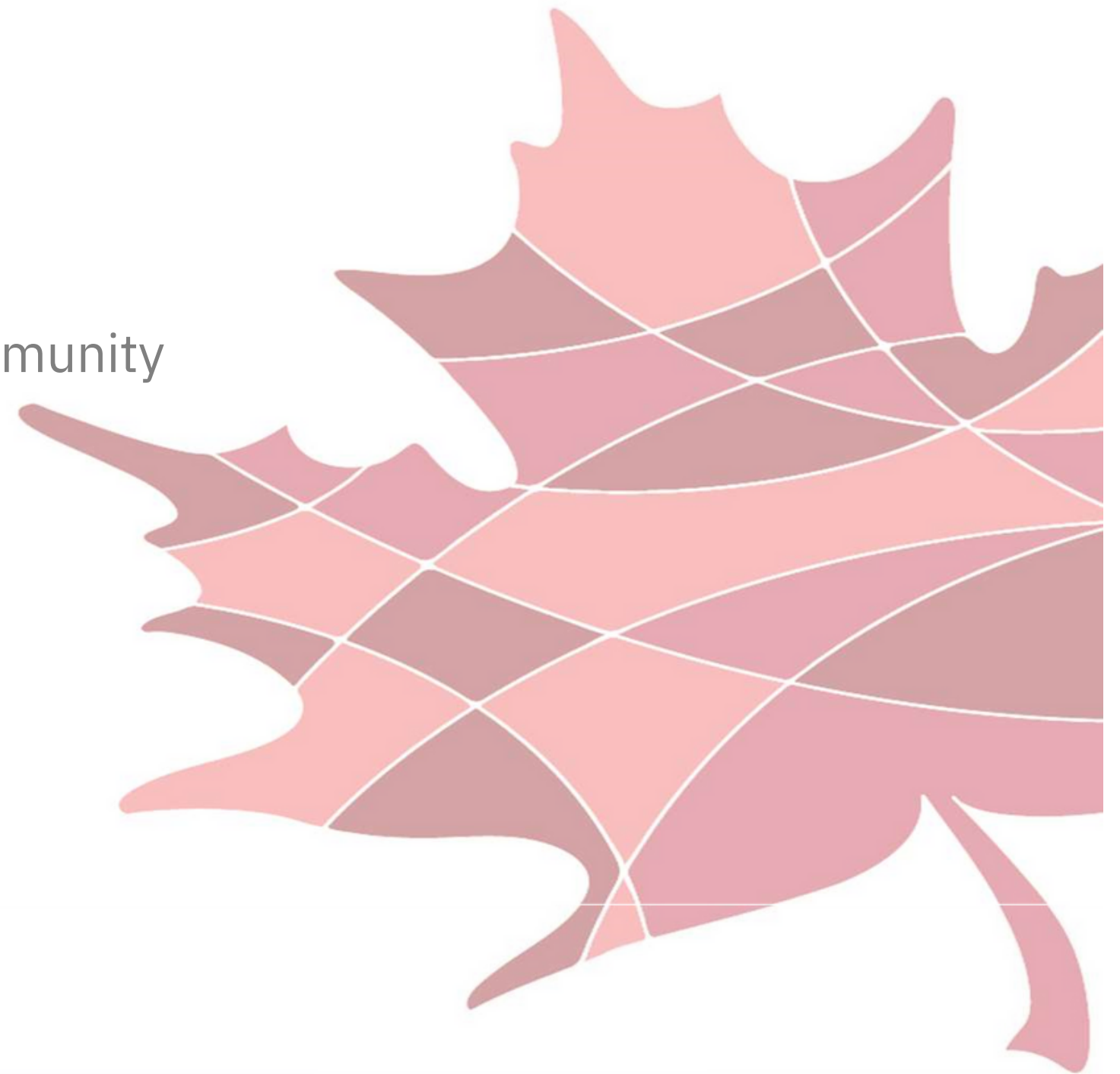


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Towards the future for settlement language programming in Ontario

TESL Ontario Conference Panel Discussion:
Envisioning an Empowered Future for the TESL Community

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Immigration, Refugees
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Canada

Recent years have seen historic population growth driven by

Canadian population grew by over **1 million people in 2022**



Immigration accounted for 95.5% of the growth

The **2024-26 Immigration Levels Plan** was tabled in Parliament on November 1st



Planned increases to future levels of permanent residents

2024	2025	2026
485K	500K	500K

Shifting immigration and settlement context

Canada is a recognized leader in the settlement and integration of newcomers



Settlement and integration is a ‘two-way street’ and ‘whole-of-society’ approach in Canada, with a role for both newcomers and Canadian society which defines its success on the world stage.

The Settlement and Resettlement Assistance Programs are cornerstones of this approach

- In 2022-23, IRCC allocated **\$1.1 billion** for Settlement and **\$595.5 million** in Resettlement, including Income Support.
- In 2022-23, IRCC funded **578** resettlement and settlement organizations, on a 5 year cycle.
- In 2022-23, nearly **612K** clients accessed at least one of IRCC’s settlement and resettlement services.
- This is a **42%** increase in clients compared to 2021-22.

*Source: IRCC administrative data.

Helping newcomers succeed by improving their language skills



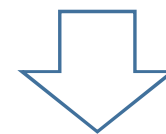
Before arriving in Canada, prospective clients can take an **online self-assessment** to get an idea of their language levels



Once in Canada, clients can have their **language skills formally assessed**, and find out what classes are available to them that meet their needs



Clients can register for classes and continue to **improve their English or French skills** while learning about living and working in Canada



With official language skills, clients can improve their settlement journey, demonstrate adequate knowledge of an official language for citizenship application, improve their employability, or go on to advance their education

Language matters

Why?

- Critical for successful economic integration, social integration, and inclusion

What?

- English/French language training for living and working in Canada
- Flexible and accessible

Who?

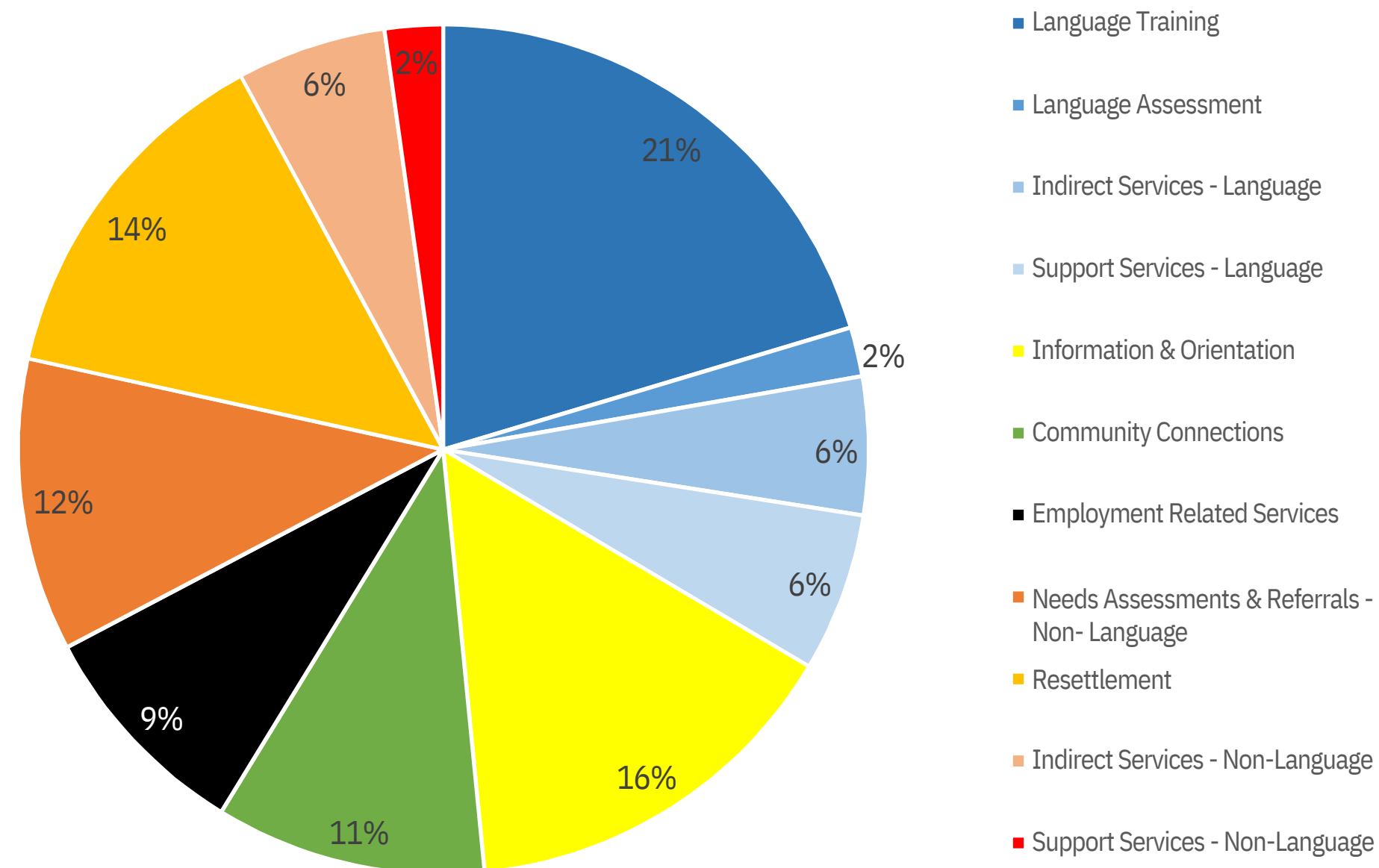
- Eligible settlement clients of school-leaving age
- More than 100,000 language training clients (in 2022-23)

How?

- Delivered by approx. 210 language training providers, and 50 language assessment providers across Canada (outside of Quebec).

Ontario Region -2023-2024

Distribution of ON Region Settlement and Resettlement Investments

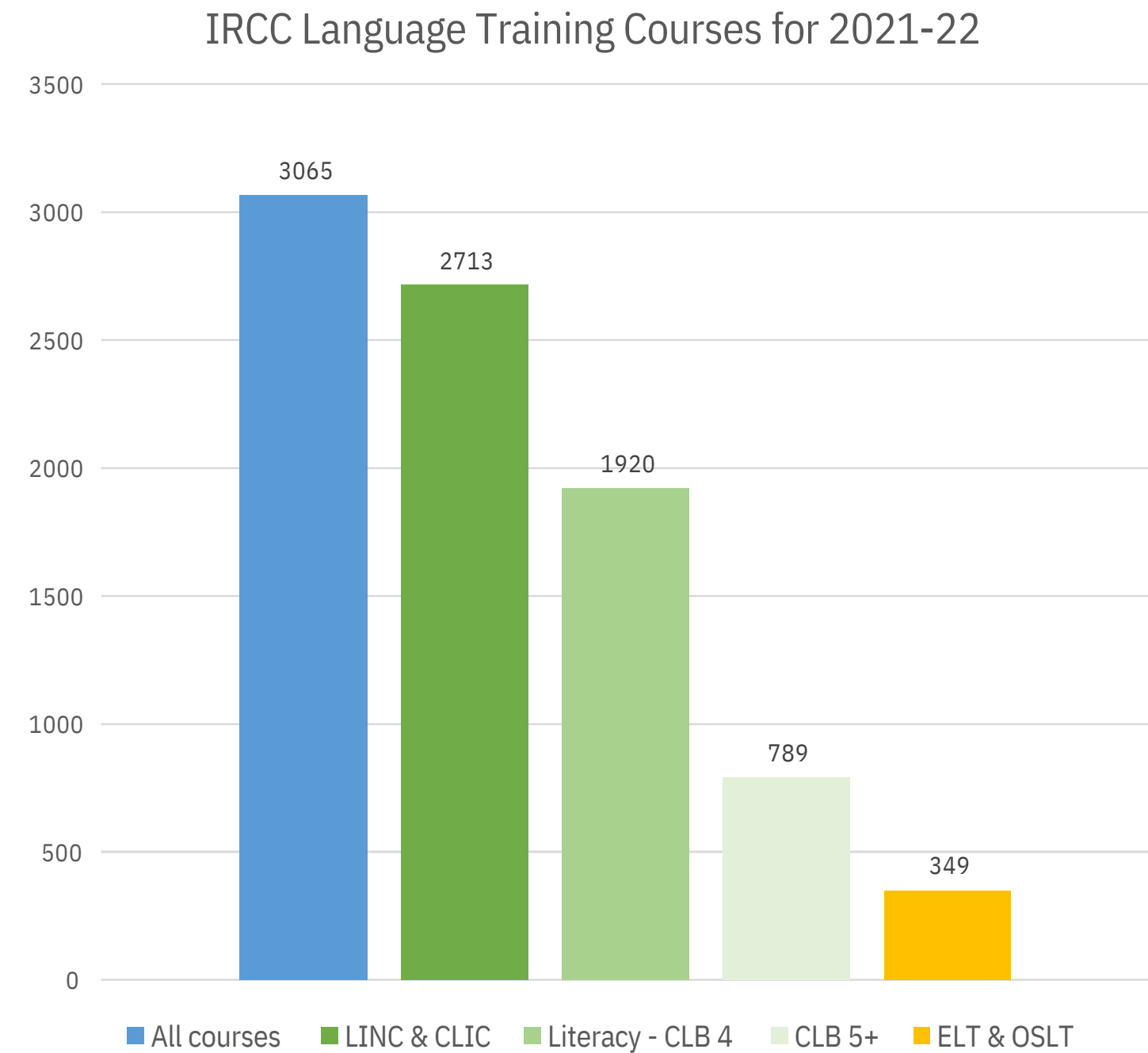
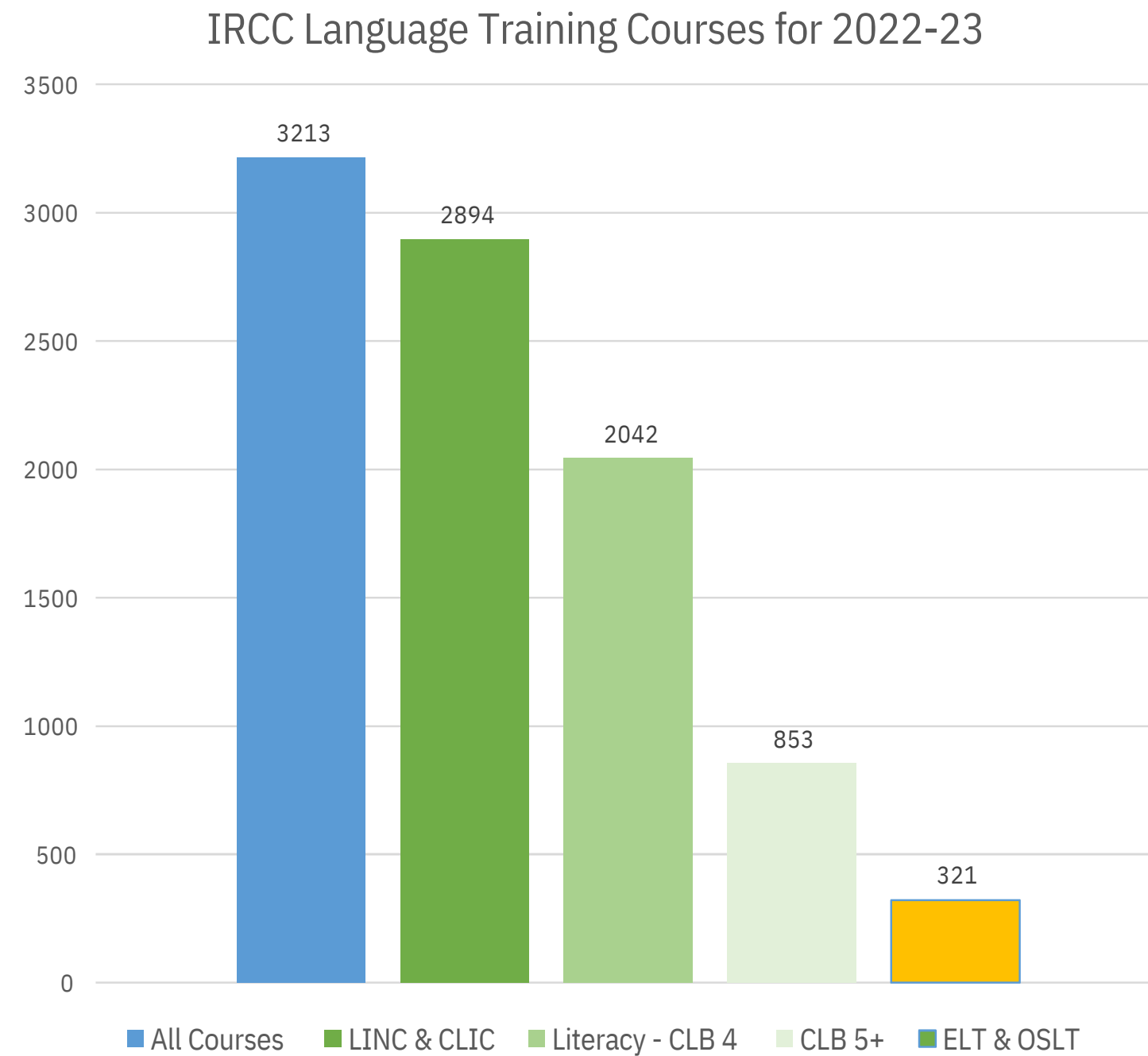


Language is the largest investment of the regional budget (35%).

First year with no pandemic measures - Strong return to in-person services

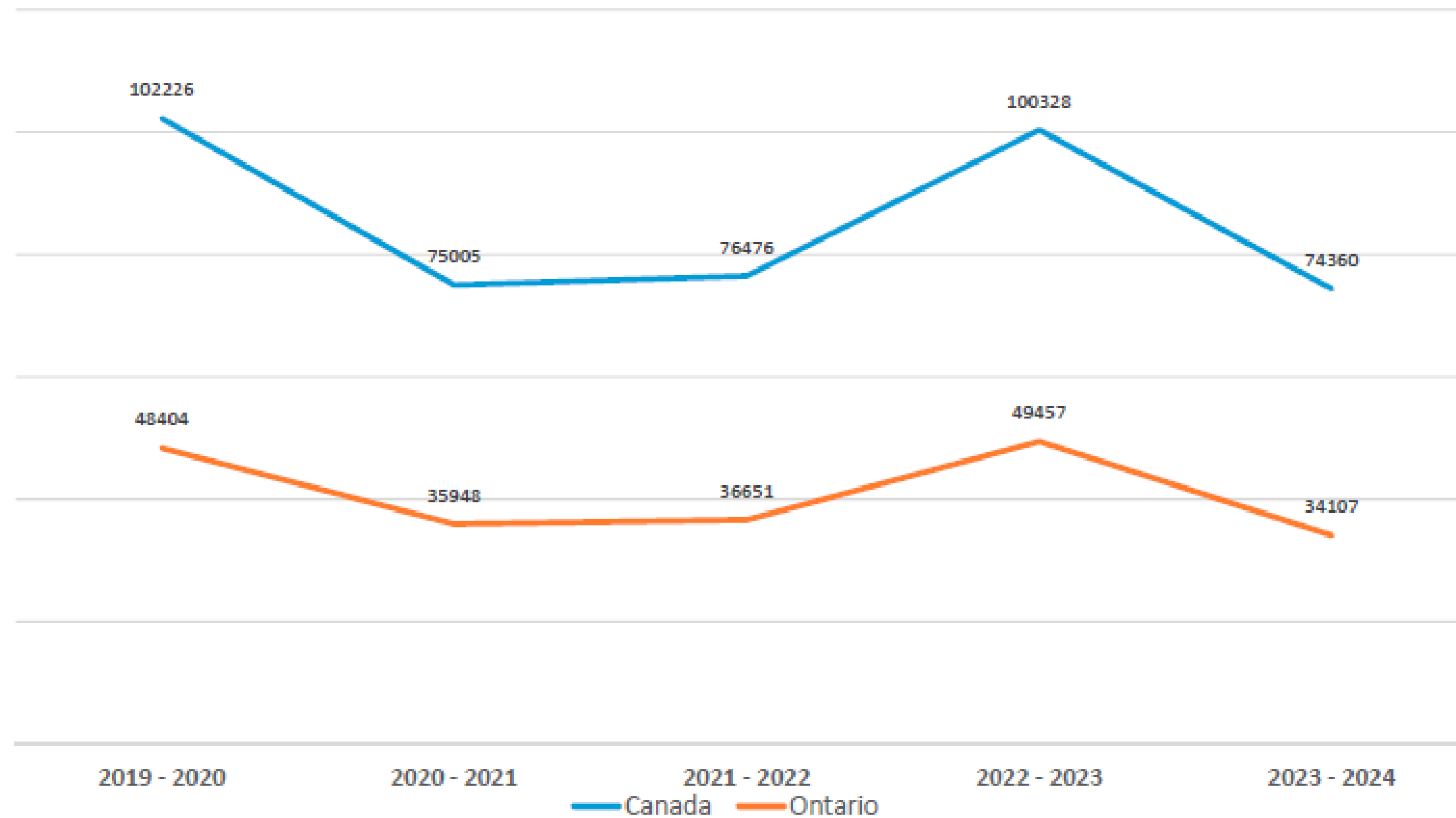
Continuation of various delivery models- mixed use of e-portfolio/binders

Breakdown of IRCC Courses



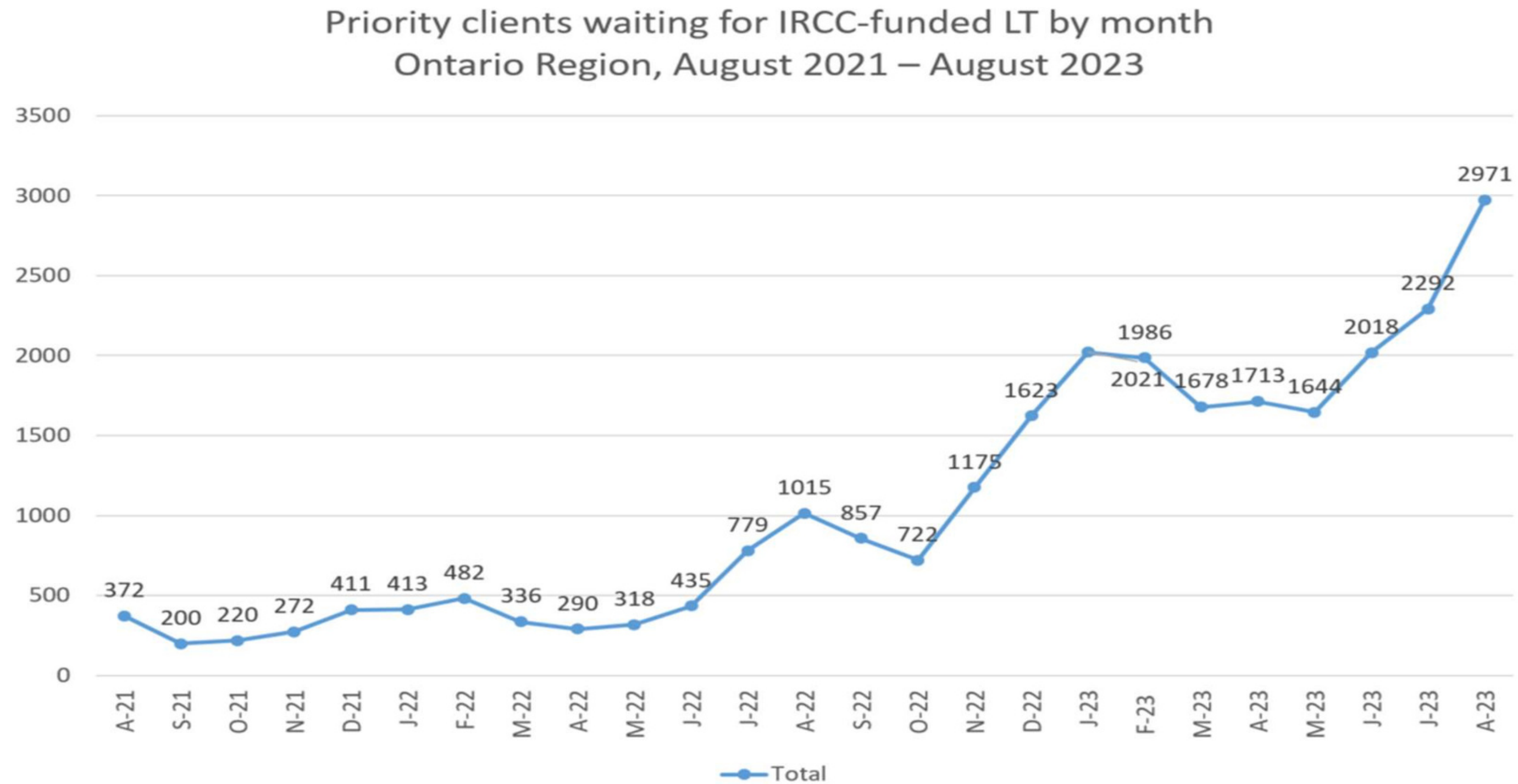
Language Training: Uptake

Language Training Uptake Over 5 Years



On track to continue to exceed pre-pandemic levels

Language Training: Waitlist



Expanding in the digital learning space

Avenue – the National Learning Management System

- ✓ 78,900 user accounts – exciting growth!
- ✓ Tutela Integration – Streamlining Tutela access
- ✓ Onyx Integration – providing more instructional tools
- ✓ CanAvenue – another learning option



Language training adapted to the francophone minority context

The renewal Official Languages Action Plan (for the years 2023- 28) was announced in April 2023. The priorities align with, and contribute to meeting Government of Canada priorities around francophone immigration.

Language training adapted to the francophone minority context was also renewed.



The Way Forward

Francophone Integration Pathway

Community Collaboration Sessions

Call for proposals 2024

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Adult Language Training Program

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Ontario 

Presentation Overview

- Context
- Ontario's Global Talent and Settlement Services Programming
- Year in Review
- Looking Ahead

Programming Context

Immigration levels in 2022 continued to be high:

Canada: Over 437,000 new permanent residents.

Ontario: Almost 185,000 new PRs

Asylum Claimants: 42,000 (2022-2023)

- Compared to 32,830 for period Jan –Aug 2023
- Projected to grow to over 72,000 in 2023-2024



Immigration continues to be Key to Economic Recovery

- Ontario facing **labour shortages** with over **272,000** job vacancies in the second quarter of 2023*
- Immigrants are an **underutilized talent pool**, particularly in health sector, social assistance, accommodation and food services*
- Language skills are a key predictor of immigrant employment success.

Sources:

* Key labourMarket Statistics Sept 11, 2023

* Quarterly LabourShortage Analysis Sept 26, 2023

Settlement Programs At-a-Glance

Newcomer Settlement and Labour Market Orientation

Services include: Multilingual orientation, settlement assistance, labour market orientation and connections to employment supports.

Over 94,000 unique clients (FY 2022-2023)

Adult Language Training

English and French as a Second Language and occupation-specific language courses

~ 47,000 unique learners (2021-22 SY)
~ 80,390 assessments (FY 2022-23)

Bridge Training

Occupation-specific training, licensure preparation and employment supports to help skilled immigrants obtain employment in their field

~ 2,700 annual clients (FY 2022-2023)

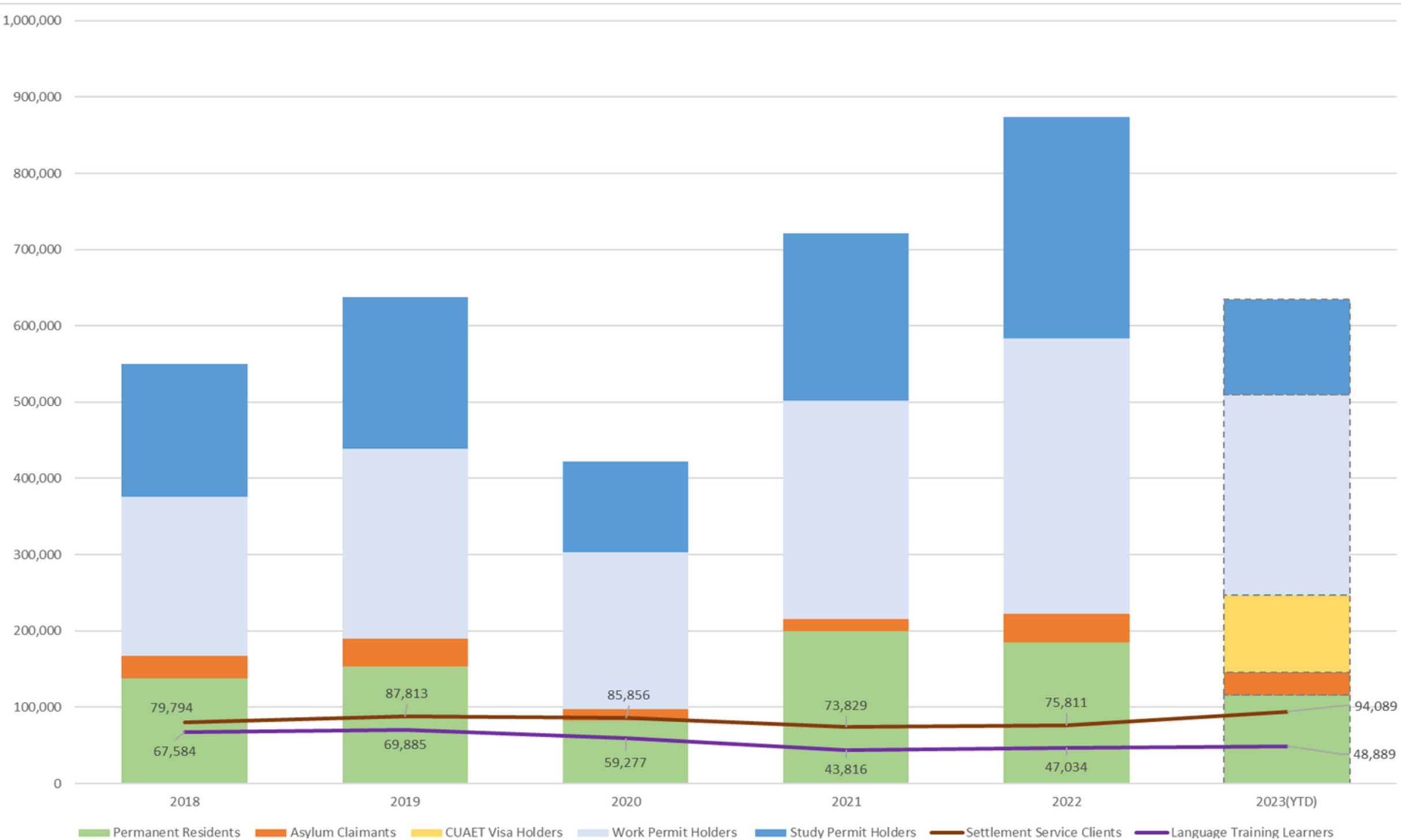
Language Interpreter Services

24/7 language interpreter services to help survivors of domestic or sexual violence with language barriers access community, healthcare, and legal services.

~ 8,600 annual clients (FY 2022-2023)

Comparison of Settlement Program Utilization and Arrivals into Ontario, by Immigration Types, from 2018 –2023 (YTD)

- Ontario has experienced increasing immigration levels and humanitarian arrivals over recent years.
- Over the past year, service providers have experienced a significant increase in demand for settlement support and language training due to the high volume of arrivals into Ontario, including asylum claimants and displaced Ukrainians.
- Our sector partners have risen to the challenge to meet the increased demands for settlement support and language training services:
 - Over94,000 newcomers accessed settlement services in 2022-23.
 - Over 47,000newcomers participated in language training classes in the 2021-22 school year.



Year in Review



PROGRESS

- ✓ **Additional in-year funding for Asylum Claimants**
 - Investment of \$13.25M for settlement services, language training and labour market integration supports to help asylum claimants settle and find employment.
- ✓ **Credential Recognition Survey**
 - To identify opportunities to improve credential recognition for internationally trained immigrants and those certified in another province
 - Over 1,600 responses, including 1,202 from internationally trained professionals
- ✓ **New workplace language training courses**
 - Focus on employment-related language training in key sectors such as construction, skilled trades, hospitality, agriculture, health care, and manufacturing.
- ✓ **Avenue-Onyx integration**
 - Single access point for funded language training
 - Access to a broader array of resources developed by both programs

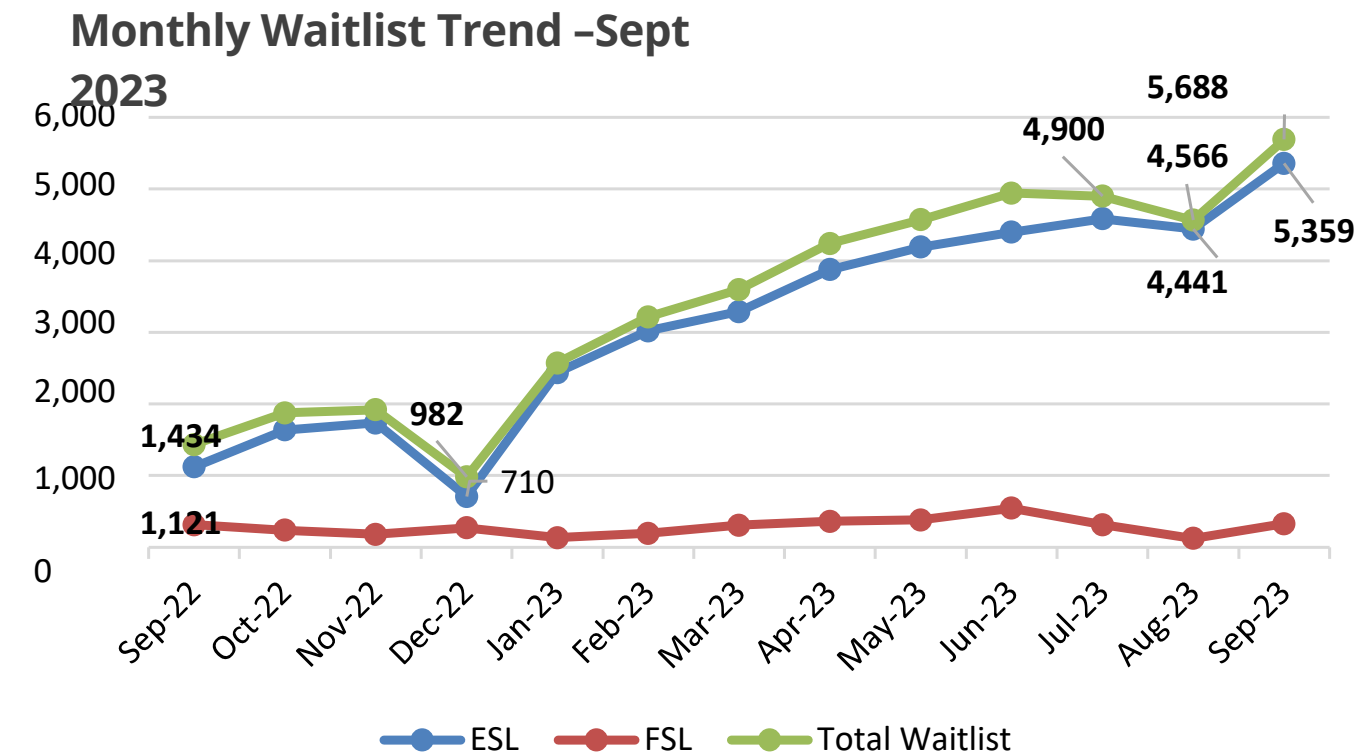


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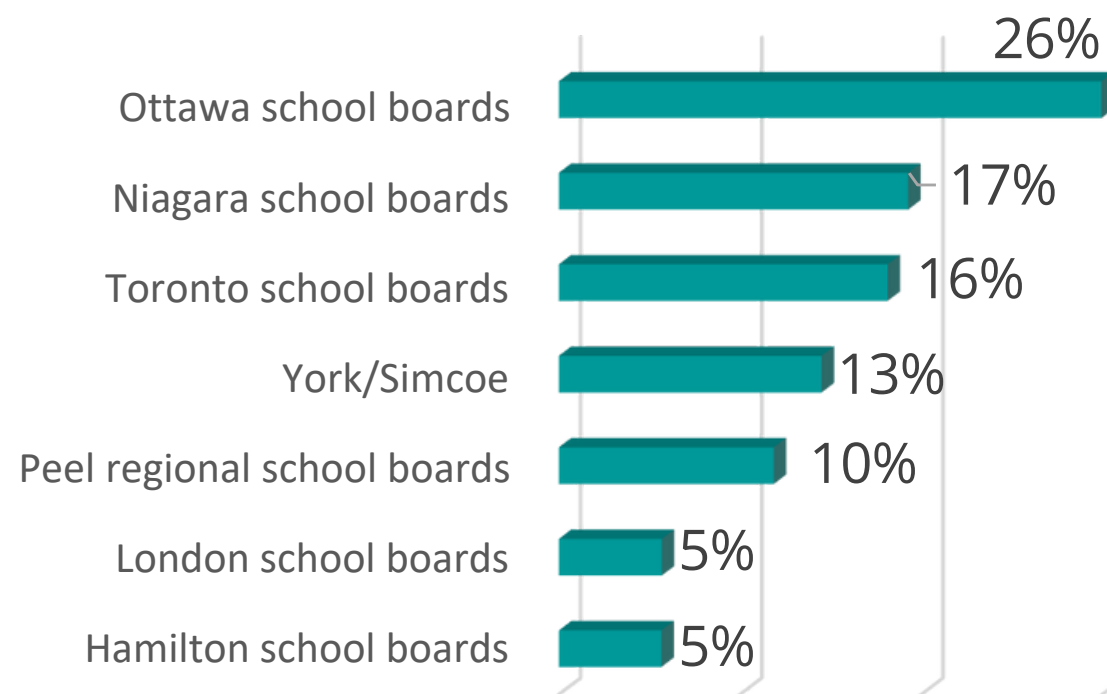
- ☐ Waitlist (next slide)
- ☐ Staffing and retention
- ☐ New “normal”
- ☐ Program Outcomes
- ☐ Humanitarian demands

Adult Language Training Program –Waitlist Trend (Sept 2023)

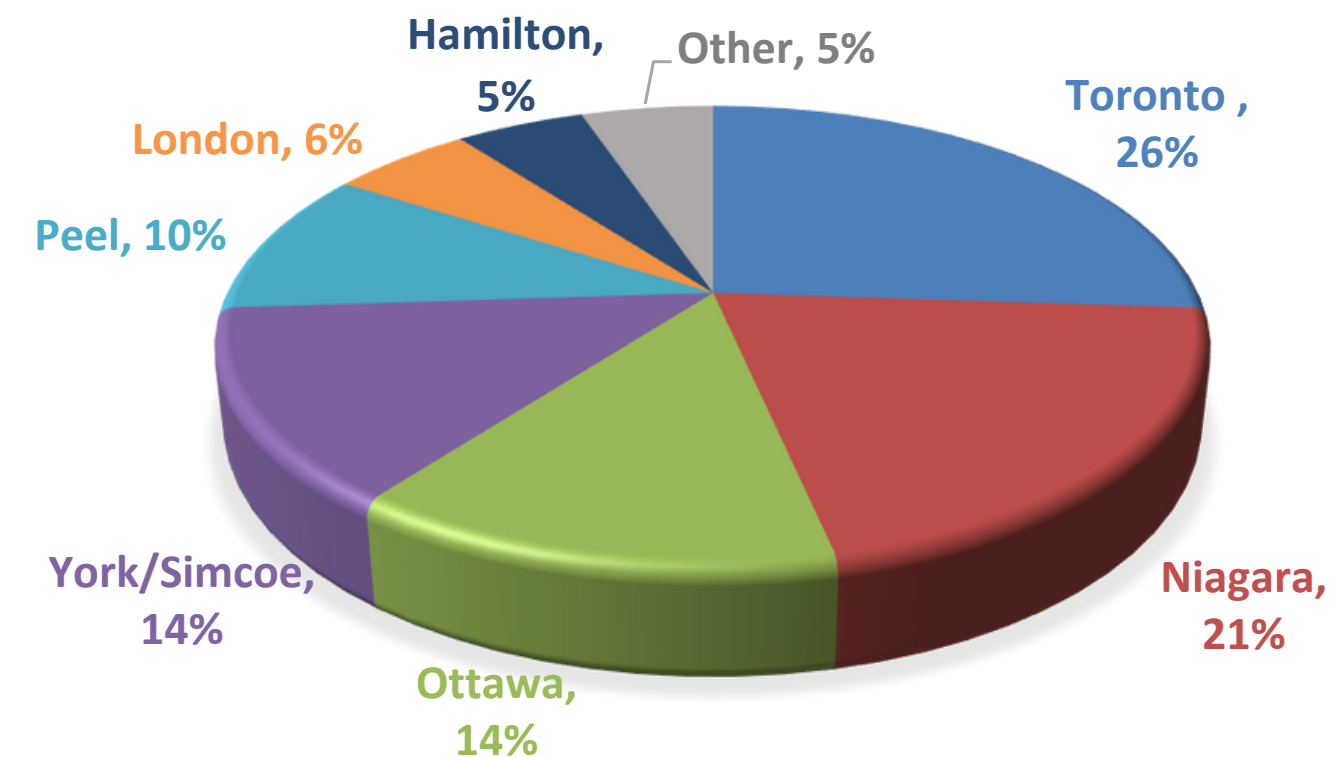
- Waitlist number comparison -September 2023 –
 - Increase of 25% compared to August 2023 (Chart 1).
 - Increase of nearly 300% compared with September 2022.
- 92% of learners on waitlist from 7 regions (Chart 2).
- 67%(3,829 out of 5,688) asylum claimants. (Regional breakdown Chart 3).
- CUAETvisa holders -13%(737) of the total.



2. Percentage by Region

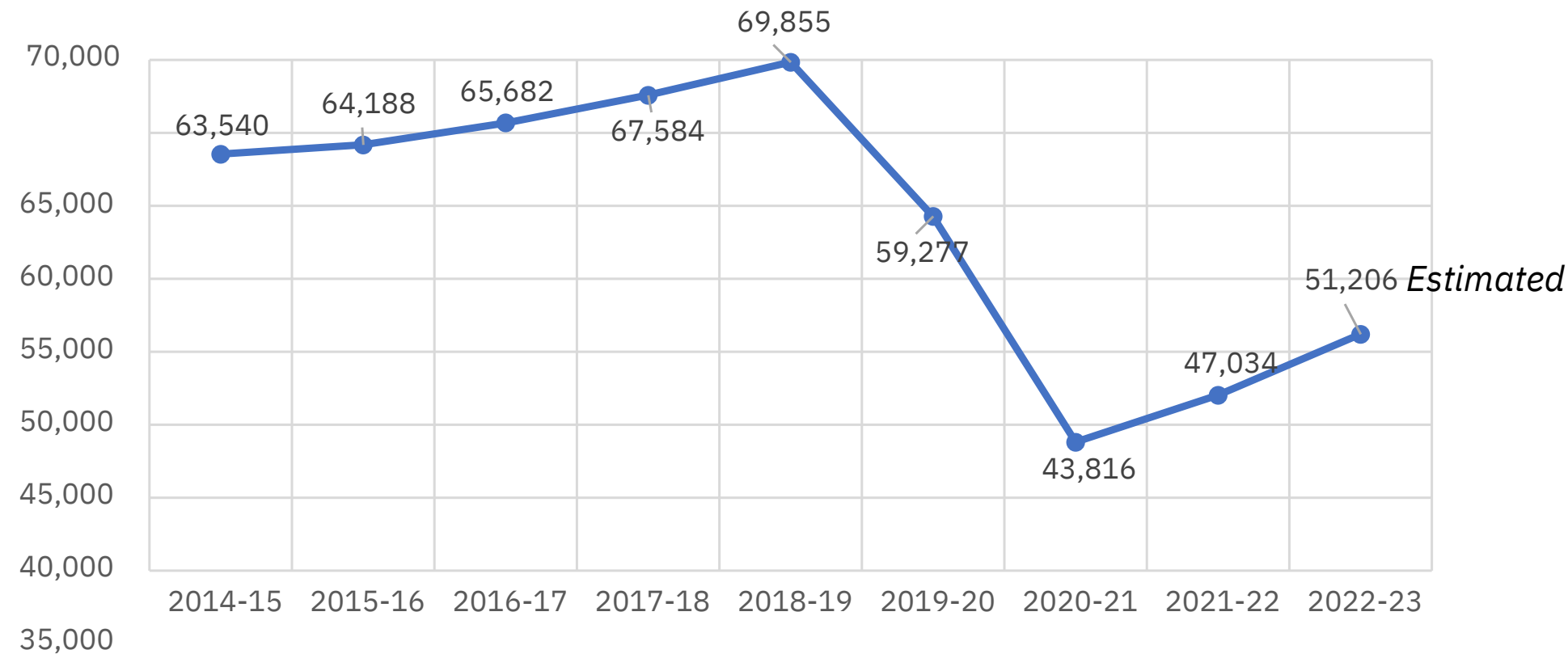


3. Regional distribution of asylum claimants on waitlist

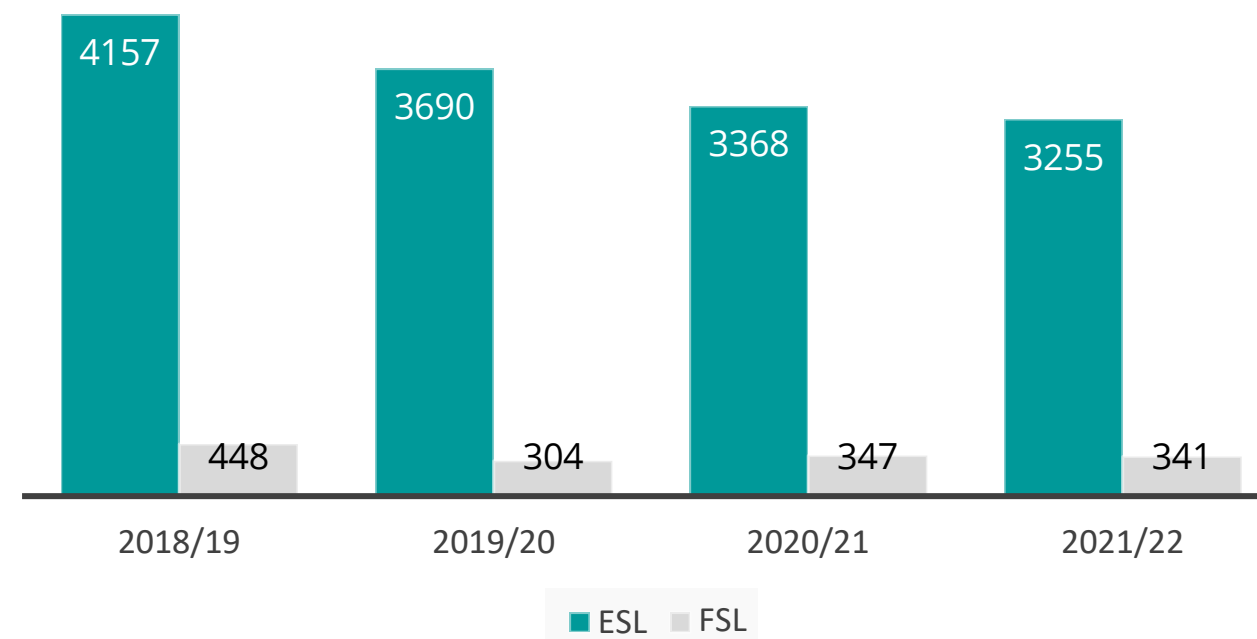


Language Training Enrolment and Course Trends

Enrolment trend -Unique learners



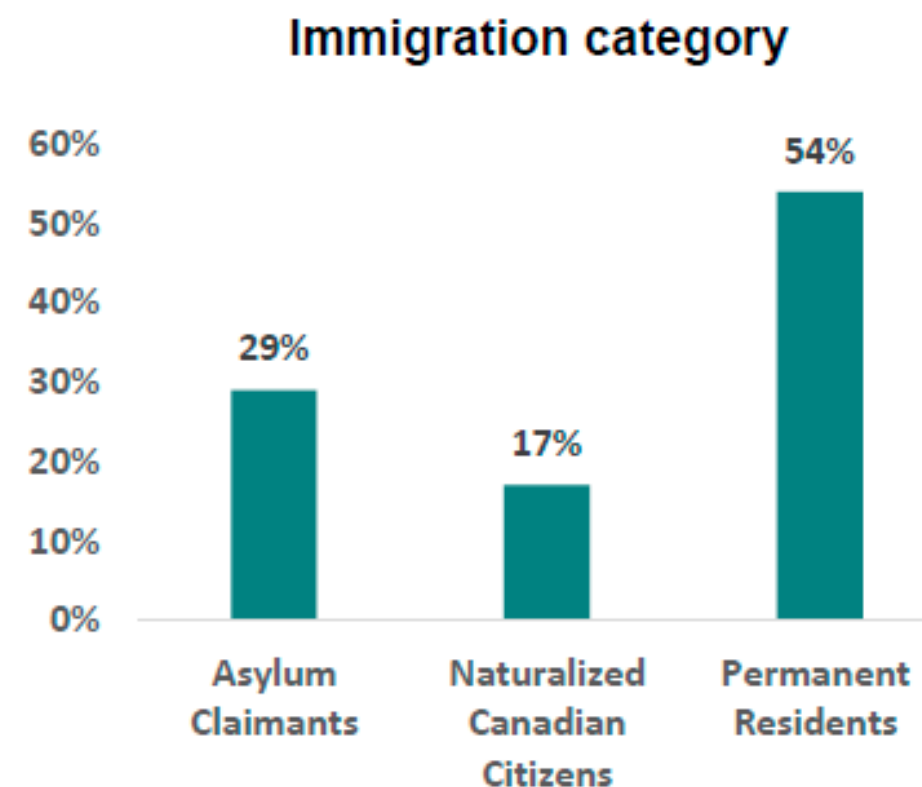
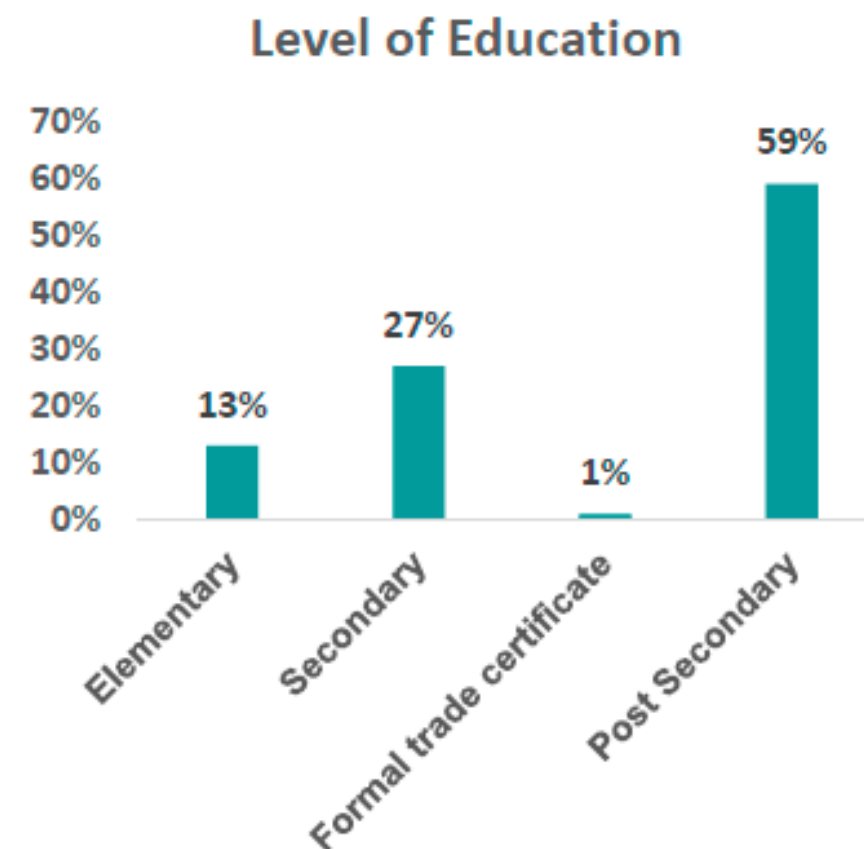
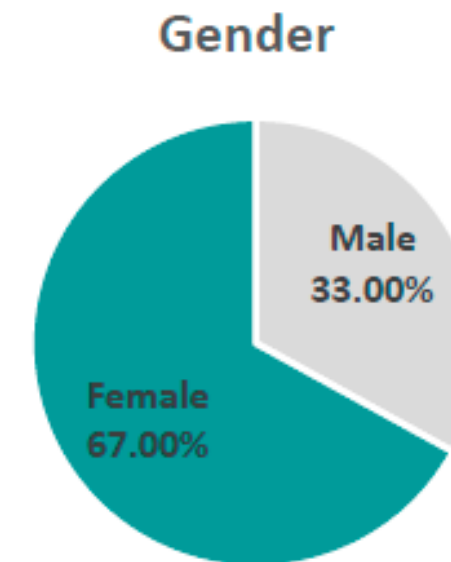
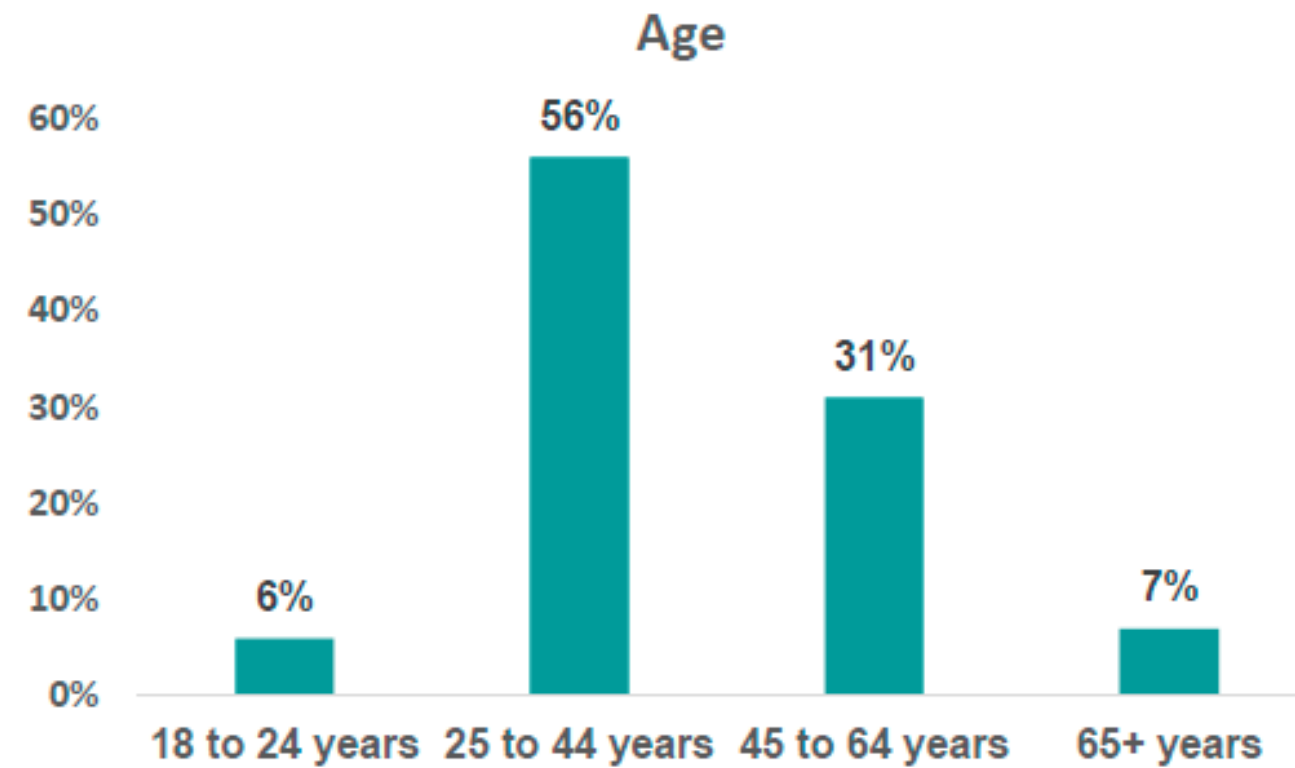
Number of courses delivered annually



Highlights

- The dip in enrolment in 2020 23 and 2021 22 school year is a result of the COVID pandemic. Data shows recovery from the pandemic is continuing.
- Modest increase of 7% in enrolment from 2020 21 to 2021 22
- 3% decrease in number of courses delivered compared to previous year for both ESL and FSL

Learner Profile

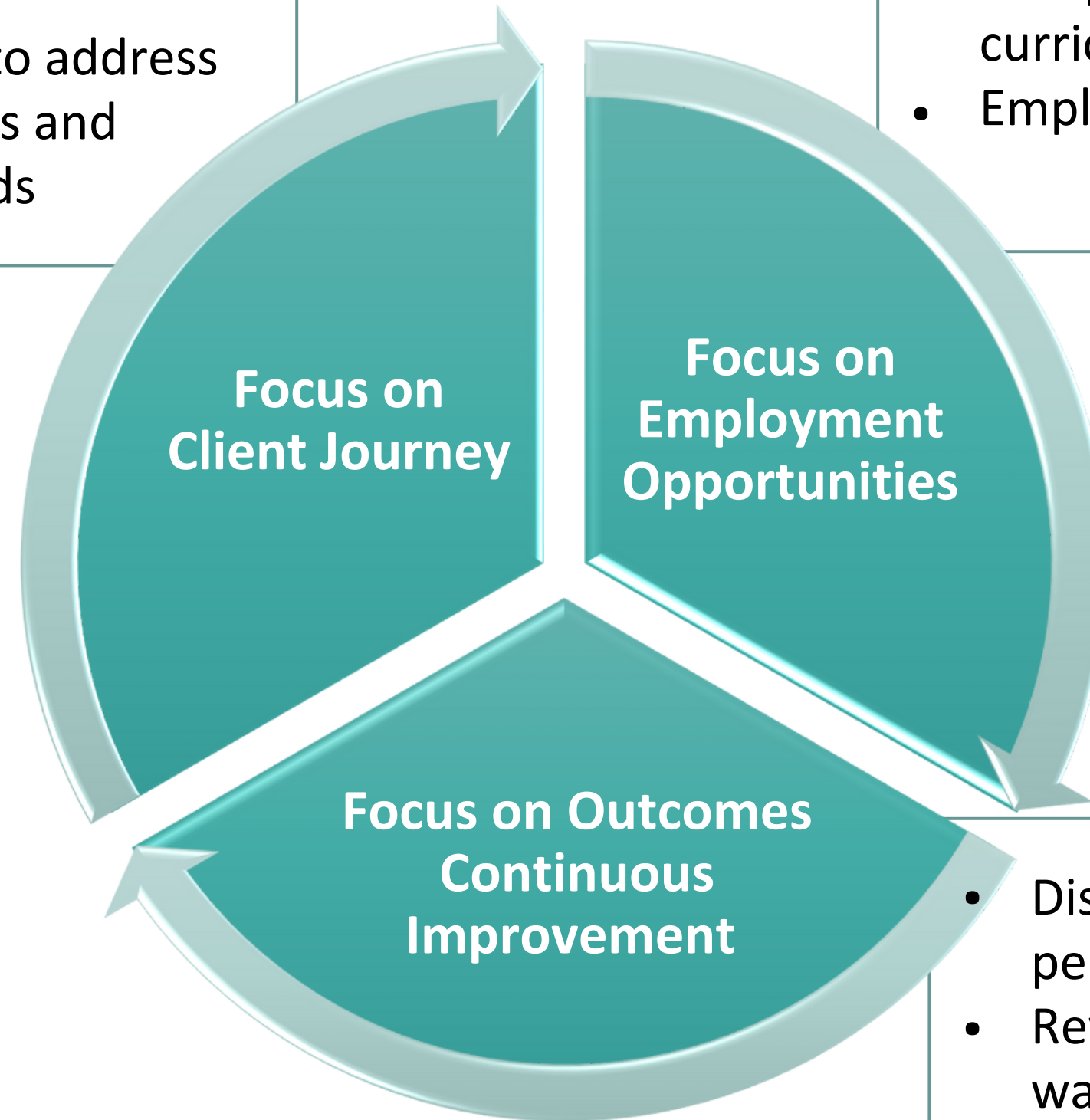


Highlights

- Language learners are predominantly recent newcomers of working age with post secondary education and strong labour market potential
- 67% of learners are female which aligns with immigration arrival trends where men are more likely to arrive as principal applicants subject to language proficiency requirements.
- Newcomer women are more likely to require language training and experience delays into labour market integration due to caregiving responsibilities.
- The proportion of asylum claimants has increased from 22% in 2018/19 to 29% in 2021/22.

Looking Ahead

- Strong collaboration and partnerships
- Joint initiatives to address service pressures and meet client needs



- Employment-related and occupation-specific curriculum
- Employment of clients

- Discussions on performance outcomes
- Review of class size and waitlist Guidelines

Questions ?

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Student Achievement Division

November 2023

Continuing Education and Other Programs

Adult Day School

Summer School

Continuing Education Credit (day, after school, night & weekend)

Correspondence/Self-Study/Online Learning

Literacy and Math Outside the School Day (non-credit)

International and Indigenous Languages - Elementary (IILE) Program (non-credit)

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) for Mature Students

Adult Non-credit Indigenous Languages

Adult & Continuing Education – Credit Programs

- In 2021–22 approximately **57,000** adults (aged 18 and over) per year, enrolled in **Adult, Alternative** and **Continuing Education** programs in Ontario
- In recent years, approximately **50%** were between **18–25** years of age
- The Continuing Education and Other Programs Grant is projected to be **\$143.2** million in **2023–24**.

Flexible Adult Credit Delivery Options

- Continuous intake
- Semesters /
Quadmesters
- Up to 6 terms per year
(September – August)

- In-person
- **Remote Learning**
- Online Learning
- Self-Study / Correspondence
- Cooperative Education

The Ontario Curriculum
Grades 9 to 12

REVISED

English as a Second Language and English Literacy Development



Pre-Employment / Pre-Apprenticeship Training offered within Adult Credit programs

- Basic Military Training (Co-op)
- Culinary Arts
- Custodial Services
- Childcare Assistant
- Hairstyling
- Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)
- Personal Support Worker (PSW)



Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) for Mature Students – Revised Mandatory Requirements (2023)



Date of Issue: **July 28, 2023** Effective: **September 1, 2023**

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) for Mature Students

PLAR is a process whereby the knowledge and skills adults acquired, in both formal and informal ways outside secondary school, are recognized for credit

- This is a formal evaluation process, conducted by the principal, by which adults can earn up to **26 of 30** credits required for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

Definition of a Mature Student

A mature student is a student who is at least **18 years of age on or after January 1st** of the current school year and who is enrolled in a program for the purpose of obtaining an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

- **Alignment:** Compliance with Bill 52 – *Learning to 18*, Education Amendment Act, 2006.
- **Enhancement:** Ensure equity of the age eligibility criteria.

The PLAR Process ... Equivalency and Challenge

A **minimum of four** Grade 11 and 12 credits must be earned by taking the necessary courses, with the following **exception**:



- At the discretion of the principal, mature students who present evidence of a **completed** postsecondary **diploma** and/or **degree** from an accredited **Canadian** postsecondary institution as well as those with an **Ontario Certificate of Apprenticeship** and/or **Qualification** may be granted **up to 30** credits for the OSSD.
- **Enhancement:** A broader recognition of postsecondary completion.



*In **2023-24**, **\$2M** is allocated to support approximately **1360** approved Adult Dual Credits (ADC)*

Student Eligibility

Adults who need the additional support in order to achieve their goal of earning their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and making a successful transition to postsecondary education (college or apprenticeship).

After Adult Dual Credits

Participants have access to one-on-one and group support from a college advisor, and funding to cover Ontario post-secondary institution application fees.

NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Preparing More Students for Careers in the Skilled Trades

Expansion of dual credit program will help more secondary students participate in apprenticeship training

November 24, 2022

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Preparing High School Students for Health Care Careers Through Dual Credits

Ontario is helping students who want to work in health care get a head start. The government is providing an additional \$3.3 million over the next three years, beginning in 2023–24, to expand access to dual credit opportunities in health care-related courses for an additional 1,400 secondary students. This will help ensure hospitals, long-term care homes, and home care have the workers they need.

Eligible high school students who successfully complete these courses will earn credit towards both their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and introductory courses in college health care programs. This gives them a head start in their journey to becoming nurses, personal support workers, paramedics or medical laboratory technicians. This funding will also provide additional opportunities for up to 6,000 students in Grades 7 to 12 over the next three years to take part in hands-on health care-related activities across Ontario.

With the expansion of dual credit opportunities, close to 27,000 students in 2023–24 will have the opportunity to earn credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma and a postsecondary certificate, diploma, degree or a Certificate of Apprenticeship. In addition to health care-related programs, there are also dual credit courses in other areas of focus, including skilled trades, technology and Early Childhood Education.



Preparing More Students for the Jobs of Tomorrow



Memorandum to: Directors of Education
Secretary/Treasurers of School Authorities

From: Yael Ginsler
Assistant Deputy Minister
Student Achievement Division

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Assistant Deputy Minister (A)
French Language Teaching, Learning and Achievement Division

Subject: Important Update Regarding the Canadian GED

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URGENT - GED® Services Ending

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Register to write the GED® by **January 31, 2024.**
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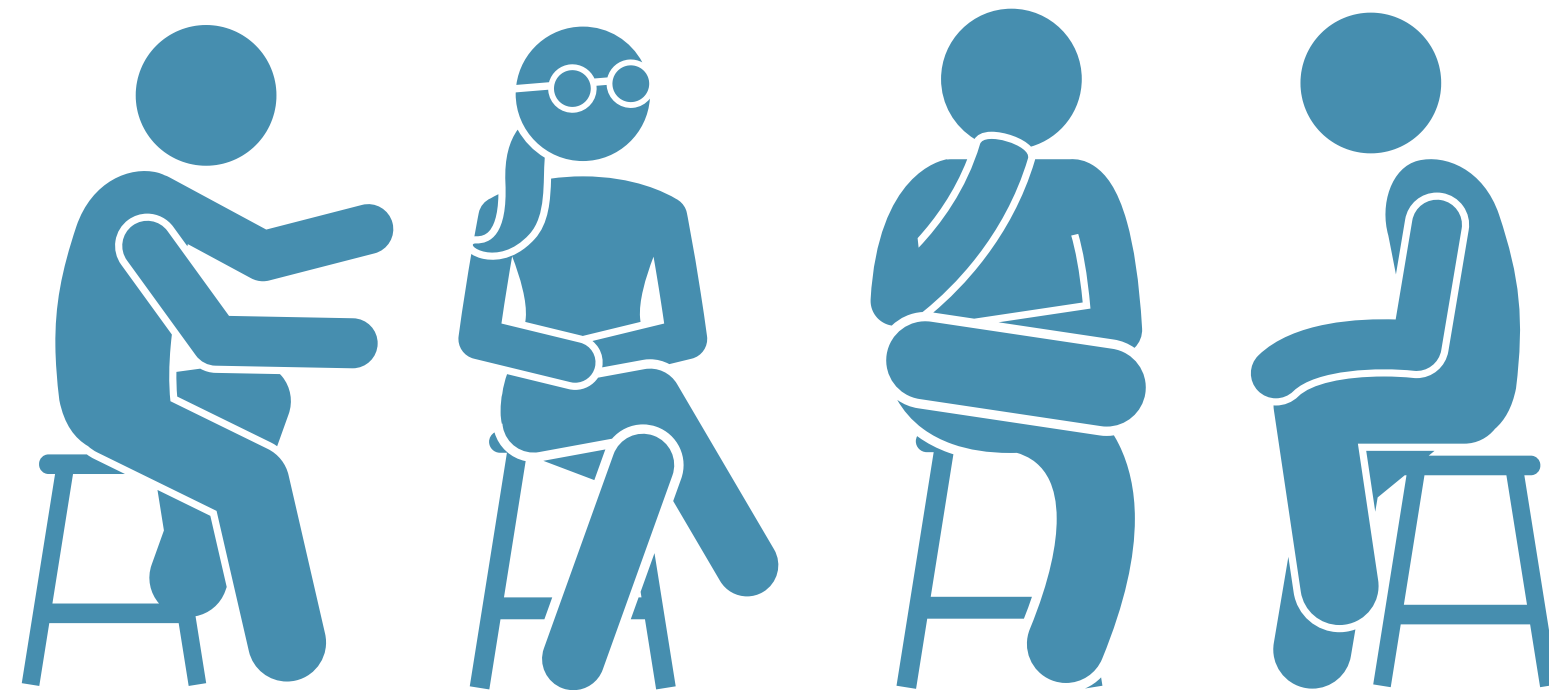
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Question & Answer



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Thank You!



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