

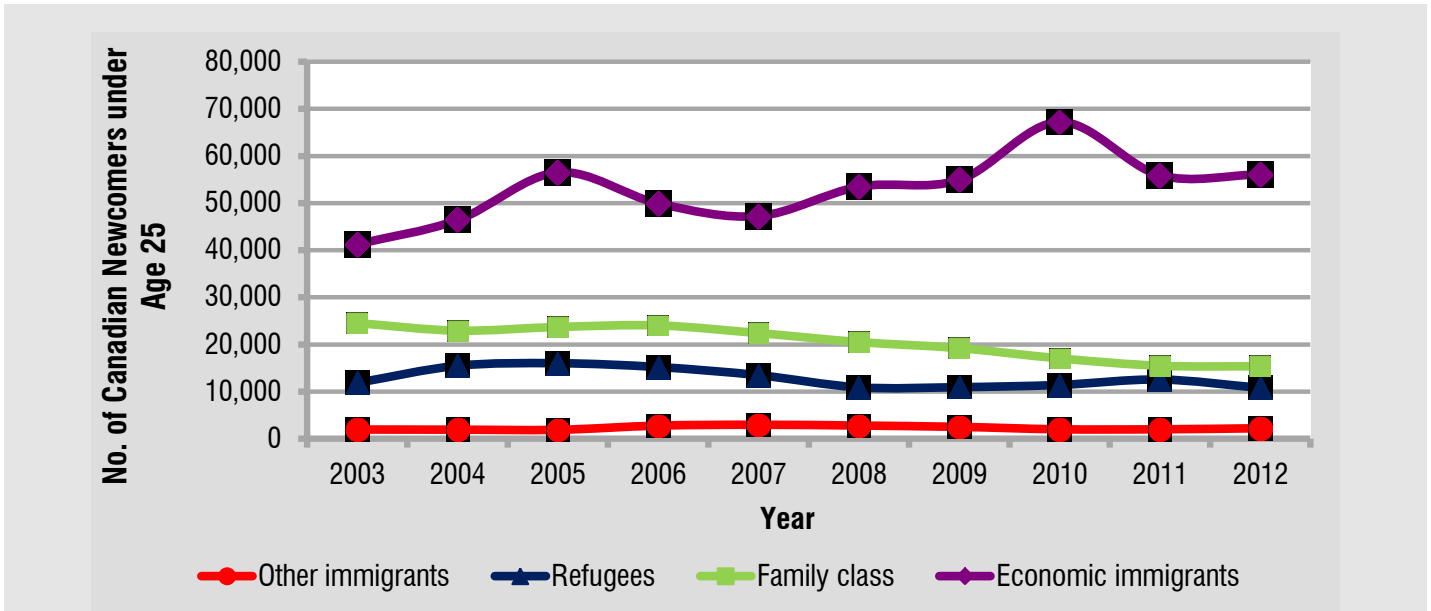


# The Health of Canada's Children and Youth: A CICH Profile

## Health Profile on Immigrant and Refugee Children and Youth in Canada

### Section 1 - Immigrant and Refugee Children and Youth in Canada

#### 1.2.2 Trends in the Number of Canadian Newcomers under Age 25 Who Are Permanent Residents, by Immigration Category, 2003 to 2012



Graphic created by CICH using data adapted from Citizen and Immigration Canada. Facts and Figures 2012 – Immigration Overview: Permanent and Temporary Residents. <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/resources/statistics/facts2012/index.asp>

Since 2003, the number of children and youth aged 0 to 24 years who entered Canada as economic immigrants has increased. The number of children and youth who entered Canada as family class immigrants declined over that same time period.

#### Immigrants to Canada are grouped into four classes: Economic, Family, Refugee and Other.

**Economic Immigrants:** “Permanent residents selected for their skills and ability to contribute to Canada’s economy.”<sup>1</sup>

**Family Immigrants:** “Permanent residents sponsored by a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident living in Canada who is 18 years of age or over. Family class immigrants include spouses and partners (i.e., spouse, common-law partner or conjugal partner); parents and grandparents; and others (i.e., dependent children, children under the age of 18 whom the sponsor intends to adopt in Canada, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, and grandchildren who are orphans under 18 years of age, or any other relative if the sponsor has no relative as described above, either abroad or in Canada). Fiancés are no longer designated as a component of the family class under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*.”<sup>1</sup> The definition of ‘dependent child’ changed in 2014 to include children under 19 rather than children under 22.<sup>2</sup> If an economic immigrant sponsors his or her spouse and children to immigrate to Canada once he or she has already arrived, the spouse and children are considered family class immigrants.

**Refugees:** “Permanent residents in the refugee category include government-assisted refugees, privately sponsored refugees, refugees landed in Canada and refugee dependants (i.e., dependants of refugees landed in Canada, including spouses and partners living abroad or in Canada).”<sup>1</sup>

**Other:** “Permanent residents in the other immigrant category include post-determination refugee claimants in Canada, deferred removal orders, retirees (no longer designated under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act), temporary resident permit holders, humanitarian and compassionate cases, sponsored humanitarian and compassionate cases outside the family class, and people granted permanent resident status based on public policy considerations.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Facts and figures 2011 – Immigration overview: Permanent and temporary residents.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/resources/statistics/facts2011/glossary.asp>

<sup>2</sup>Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Notice - Changes to the definition of a dependent child. <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/departement/media/notices/2014-06-23.asp>

