Assessing Immigrant Retention and Economic Establishment in New Brunswick

This project was funded by the Population Growth division of the New Brunswick Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour and involved reporting the results of analysis based on Statistics Canada’s Longitudinal Immigrant Database (IMDB). One study assessed immigrant retention in the province of New Brunswick between 2005 and 2010. The data was used to distinguish between those who indicated that New Brunswick was their intended province of residence with those who filed tax returns in the province. Under the assumption that those who filed tax returns actually lived in New Brunswick, the report profiled their demographic characteristics and employment income with special attention to the source countries of immigrants with the highest rates of retention. The second study analyzed the IMDB data to determine the economic establishment of different categories immigrants. Permanent residents were distinguished from non-permanent residents (temporary foreign workers, international students) in calculations of their income and use of social services between 2005 and 2010.