



Backgrounder City of Saskatoon Immigration Project

The City of Saskatoon Immigration Project is co-funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada; Saskatchewan Advanced Education, Employment and Labour; and the City of Saskatoon. Funding for the project totals \$167,450, provided as follows:

Funding agency	Amount	Timeline
Citizenship and Immigration Canada	\$74,250	August 2007 – March 31, 2009
Saskatchewan Advanced Education, Employment and Labour	\$49,600	August 2007 – August 2008
City of Saskatoon	\$43,600	August 2007 – March 31, 2009

This funding will support effective and efficient planning and coordination of services among government agencies, employers and community groups providing settlement and integration services in Saskatoon.

The immigration project's objectives are based on recommendations included in the report *Building Saskatoon to Become a Global City: A Framework for an Immigration Action Plan*, developed by the City of Saskatoon.

Immigration facts:

- In 2006, 2,700 immigrants came to Saskatchewan. This represents approximately one per cent of Canada's annual flow of approximately 250,000 immigrants.
- In 2006, people from 105 different countries immigrated to Saskatchewan. The top five sources of immigration for the province were the United Kingdom, China, the Philippines, Myanmar, and the United States.
- In 2007, the provincial government nominated over 1,500 immigrants through the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program. Including spouses and children, this represents almost 4,400 new residents who are here or will be arriving in the future.
- Approximately 40 per cent of immigrants to the province choose to live in Saskatoon.
- Of the immigrants who come to Saskatoon, approximately one-quarter do not stay in the city resulting in an immigrant retention rate significantly below the national average.