

Manitoba's Immigration Policies and Programs

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A Shared Responsibility

- Canada/Manitoba Immigration Agreement renewed in 2003
- Greater flexibility to meet provincial immigration objectives
- Opportunity to recruit and nominate skilled workers through Provincial Nominee Program
- Ongoing responsibilities for settlement services and integration



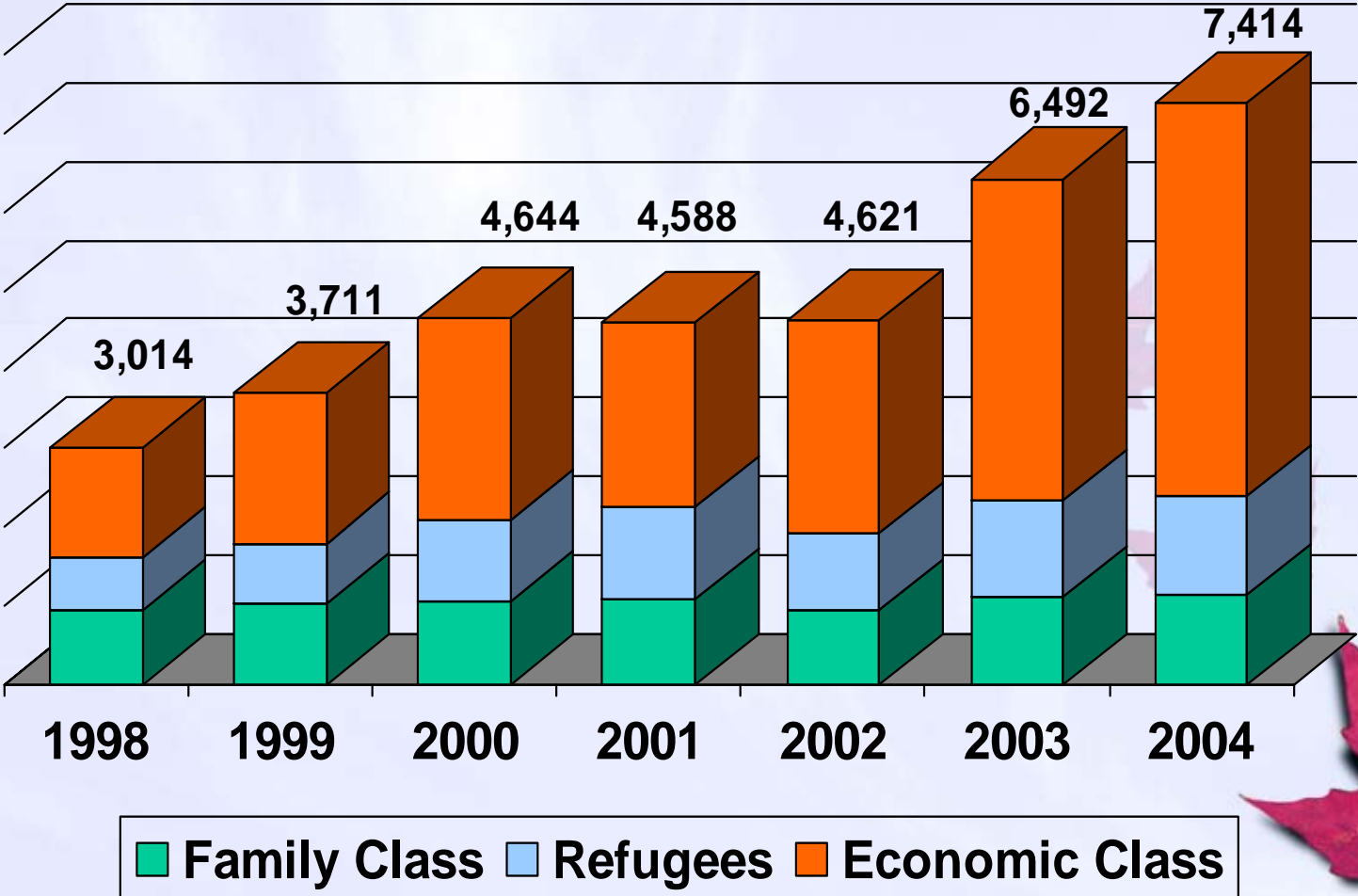
Action Strategy for Economic Growth

- Defines a target of 10,000 immigrants
- Strengthens settlement, adult language training and qualifications recognition
- Increase provincial nominee stream
- Implement Young Immigrant Farmer Program
- Increase immigration so that all areas of province will benefit
- Attract skilled Francophone immigrants
- Attract international students to Manitoba
- Establish the Manitoba Immigration Council

Manitoba Immigration

1998 to 2004 (Preliminary)

Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada



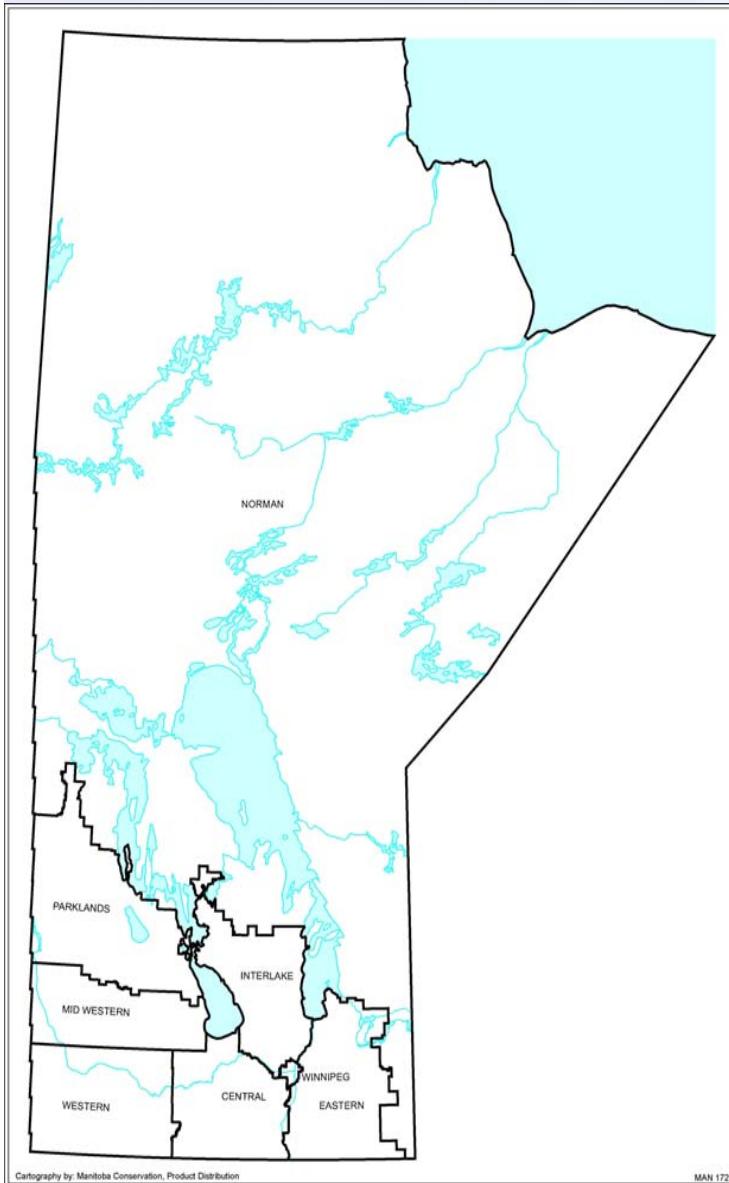
Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Allocations	200	450	500	750	1,500	1,500	1700
Certificates Issued	70	500	515	758	1,314	1,435	2,097
PN Landings		418	1,088	972	1,519	3,081	4,041

Source: Manitoba Provincial Nominee Data Base
LIDS, Citizenship and Immigration Canada

Manitoba Immigration by Regions

1999 to 2004



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Total
Interlake	18	61	61	32	54	85	311
Eastern	157	288	224	193	485	426	1773
Central	290	316	318	310	502	656	2392
Western	85	99	120	101	117	175	697
Mid Western	17	51	13	16	23	23	143
Parklands	30	31	19	30	61	45	216
Norman	9	54	52	50	42	39	246
Winnipeg	2914	3697	3737	3797	5129	5883	25157
Manitoba (NES)	191	47	44	92	79	82	535
Total	3711	4644	4588	4621	6492	7414	31470



Regional Immigration

- Regional Immigration Plan
 - Immigration as a factor for growth
 - Local economic and settlement capacities
 - Ability to mobilize and motivate a welcoming community
 - Successful establishment and retention of newcomers

Manitoba Rural Immigration Community Case Studies

LESSONS LEARNED IN PLANNING

- Personal ties
- Critical mass
- Jobs
- Proactive long-term settlement
- Cultural/linguistics capacities
- Appropriate services/scale
- Immigrants' motivations/expectations
- Formalize roles
- Minimize social isolation
- Maximize information

Developing a Plan

Step 1: Getting Started

- Identify Stakeholders, Establish Local Committees, Contact Government of Manitoba, Learn From Other Communities

Step 2: Assessing Capacities

- Community Readiness, Infrastructure, Local Economy

Step 3: Developing A Plan

- Objectives, Points Of Contact, Welcoming Community, Promoting Communities

Step 4: Implementation

- Promote the Plan, Coordinate Exploratory Visits, Mobilize Volunteer Sector, Information Sharing

Step 5: Evaluation

- Consult, Review, Report

Challenges and New Directions

- **Increased arrivals and changing newcomer profile (50% skilled workers)**
- **Timely labour market entry**
- **Addressing barriers to qualifications recognition**
- **Building new settlement approaches**
- **Extending services to regions**
- **Impacts of growth**
- **Increased partner involvement**
- **Retention**

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