



Leveraging Data to Support Displaced Ukrainians in Canada

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Abstract

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has forced more than 6 million Ukrainians out of their countries according to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. With the unique challenges presented by this humanitarian immigration movement, an informed and proactive approach is essential to ensure effective support for displaced Ukrainians in Canada.

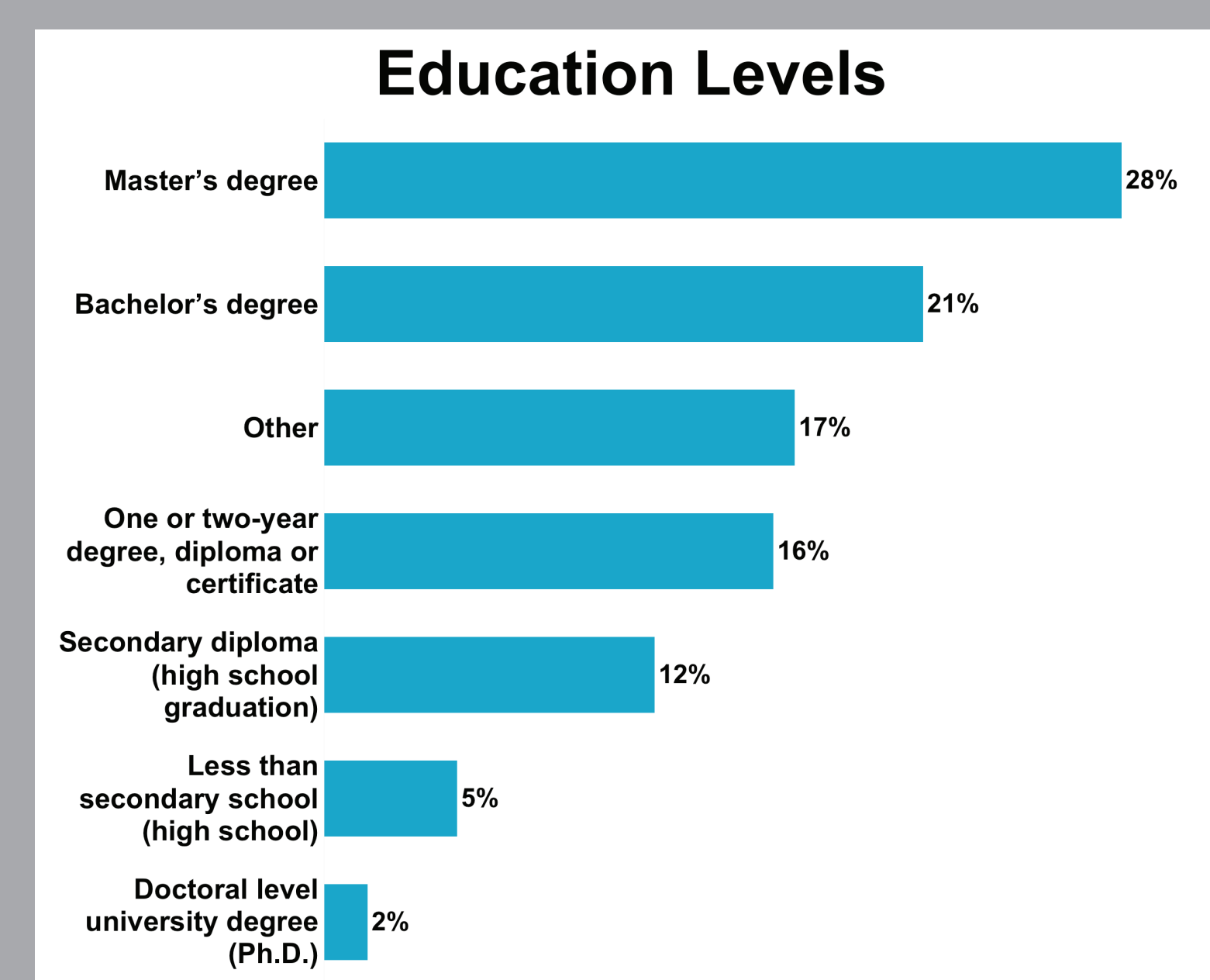
Operation Ukrainian Safe Haven/Opération havre de paix pour les Ukrainiens (OUSH-OHPU) is at the forefront of collecting, analyzing, and utilizing data to enhance the coordination and assistance provided to these individuals. By leveraging data-driven insights, we dynamically optimize the allocation of resources, identify priority needs, and ensure an effective response at both the national and provincial/territorial levels.

Pre-Arrival in Canada

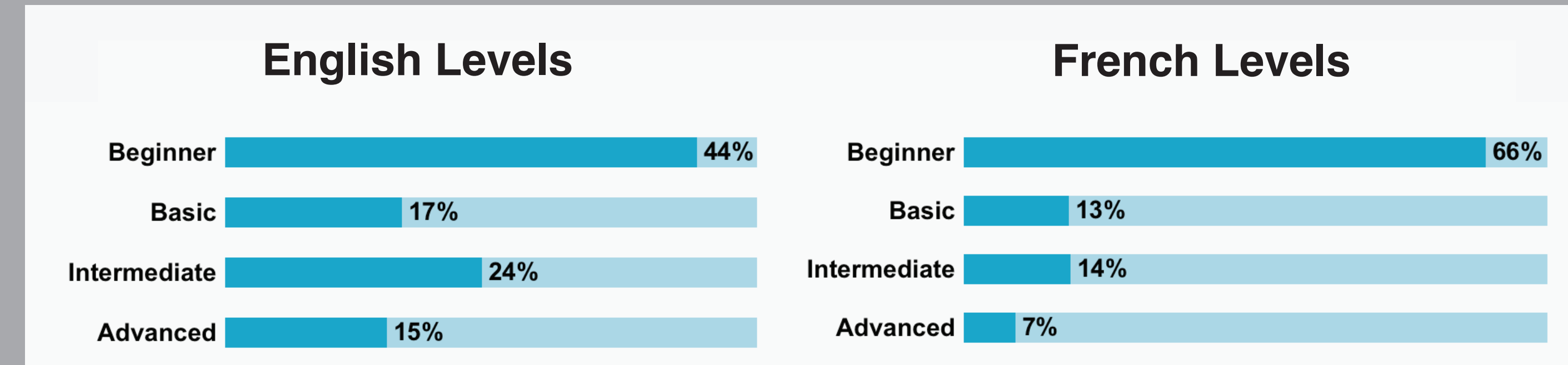
In January 2023, in collaboration with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), OUSH-OHPU created a self-administered online questionnaire to all Canada-Ukraine authorization for emergency travel (CUAET) visa holders. The aim of the survey was to understand the plans and intentions of Ukrainians holding CUAET visas who had not yet arrived in Canada to inform policy and programming. As of September 20, 2023, a total of 865,777 applicants had been granted CUAET visas, and 16,950 family units have completed the survey. With this sample size, the margin of error is less than 1% at a 95% confidence level. Data collection for the survey was conducted using Hosted in Canada, an online survey tool that allowed participants to complete the survey at their own pace and convenience.

	Another Gender	Female	Male	Prefer not say	Grand Total
Pre-school (0 to 4)	0.3%	6.3%	6.8%	0.3%	13.6%
Elementary-school (5 to 13)	0.3%	7.4%	8.4%	0.2%	16.4%
Secondary school (14 to 17)	0.1%	2.8%	3.4%	0.2%	6.5%
Adult (18 to 64)	0.2%	30.7%	28.5%	0.2%	59.7%
Senior (over 65)	0.0%	2.4%	1.3%	0.1%	3.8%
Grand Total	0.9%	49.6%	48.5%	1.0%	100.0%

The largest age group is the adult category (18 to 64), which accounts for 60.1% of the total population. The elementary-school age group (5 to 13) makes up 16.6% of the population, while the pre-school group (0 to 4) represents 13.8%. The secondary school age group (14 to 17) accounts for 6.4% of the population, and the smallest age group is seniors (over 65), which represents 3.1% of the total population.



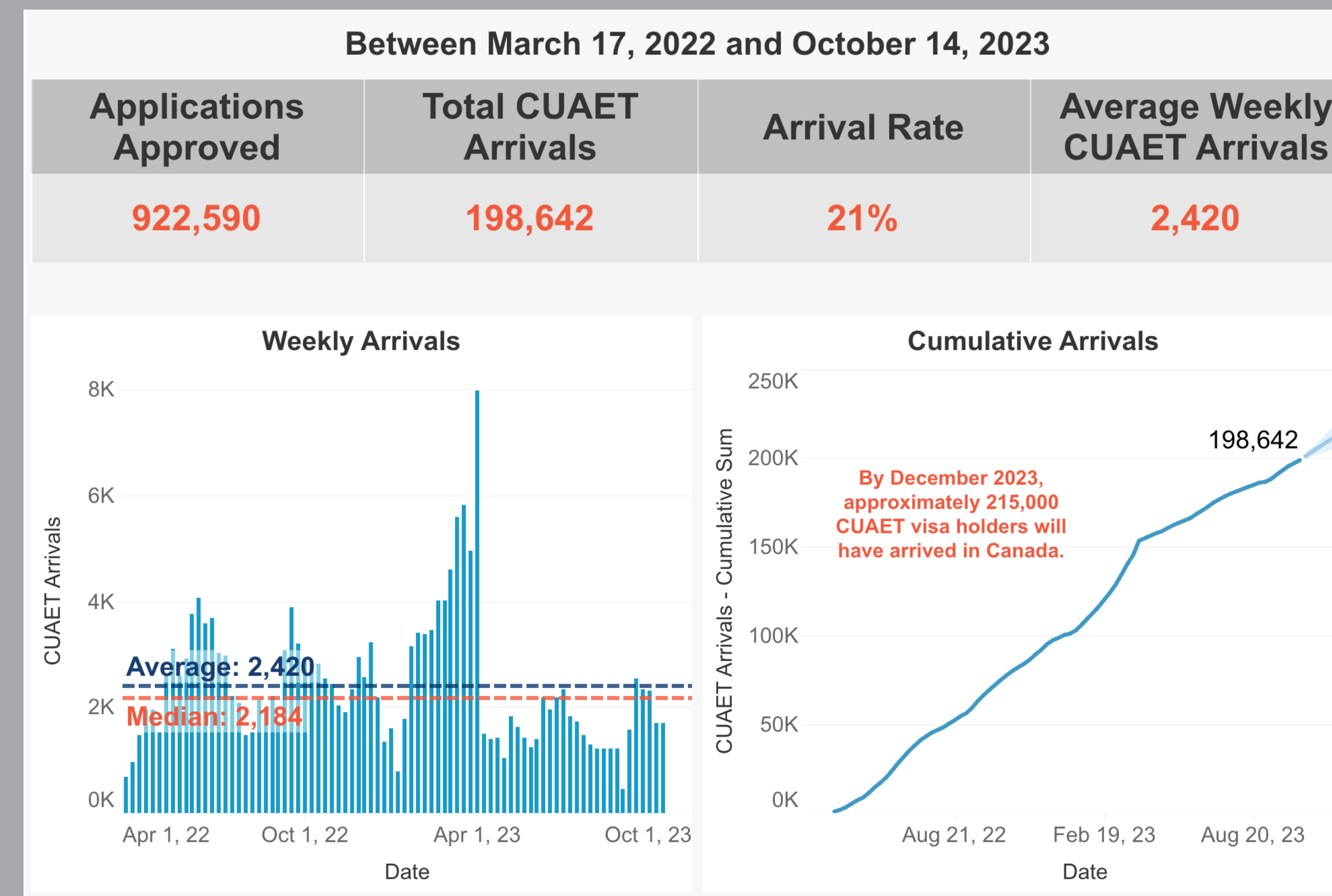
The majority of displaced Ukrainians hold a Master's degree, representing 28.5% of the total count, followed by those with a Bachelor's degree at 21.5%. Individuals with a one or two-year degree, diploma, or certificate make up 15.6% of the total count. Those with a secondary diploma (high school) account for 11.1% of the total count, and a smaller percentage, 4.3%, have completed less than secondary school. A minority of individuals, 1.5%, possess a doctoral-level university degree.



The self-reported English and French language proficiency levels of the participants, categorized into four levels: Beginner, Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced. For English proficiency the majority, 43.4%, are at the Beginner level, 16.7% at the Basic level, 24.3% at the Intermediate level, and 15.6% of individuals are at the Advanced level. On the other hand, for French proficiency, the majority, 65.7%, are at the Beginner level, 13.7% at the Basic level, 13.8% at the Intermediate level, and 6.8% of individuals are at the Advanced level.

Arrival in Canada

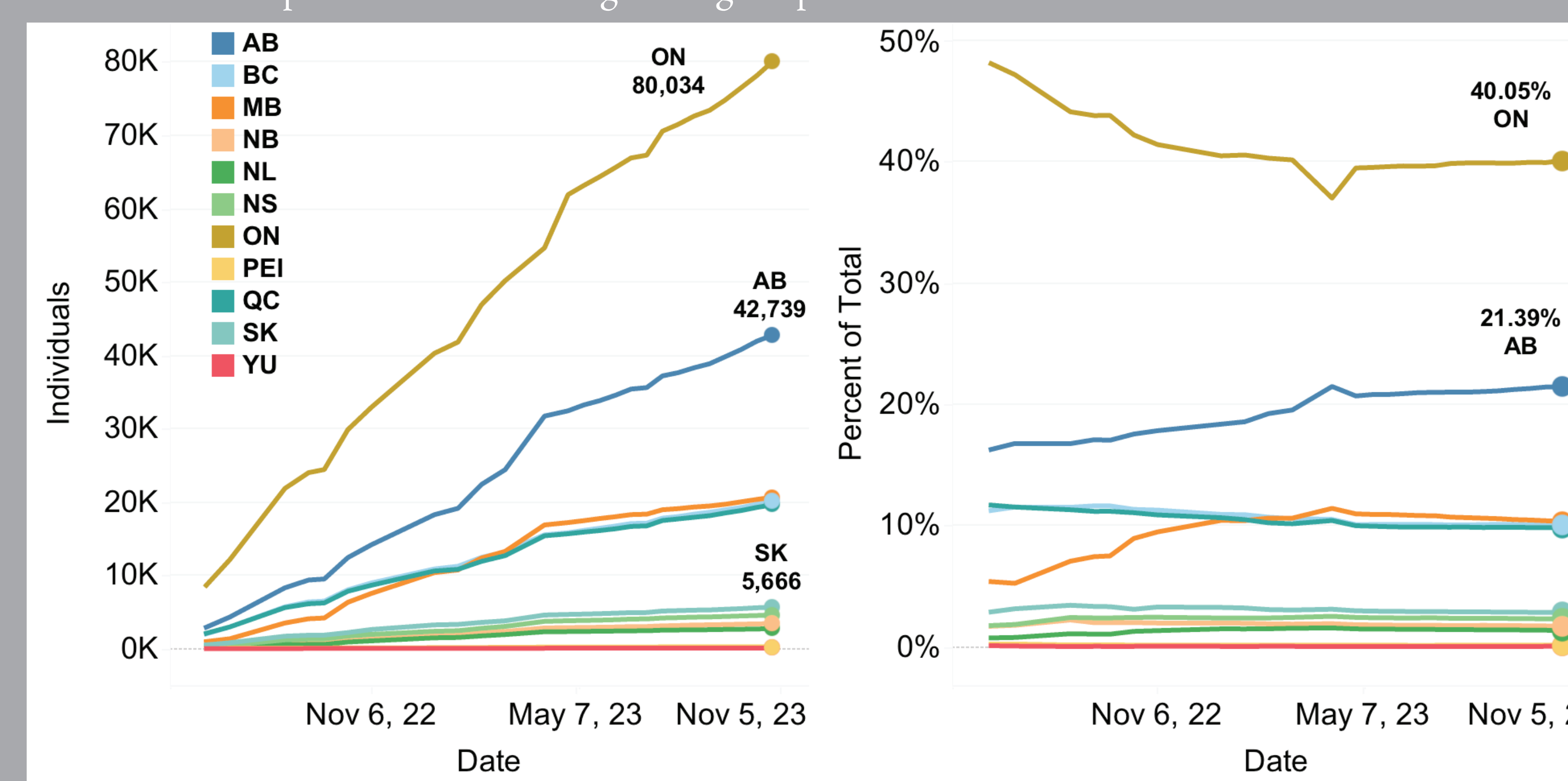
In coordination with the Government of Canada, OUSH-OHPU provides up-to-date information on the weekly arrival patterns of displaced Ukrainians in Canada.



OUSH-OHPU compares the arrival patterns with the Google Trend Index over time for the keyword "CUAET". This comparison allows us to explore potential correlations or connections between the search interest in Ukraine for "CUAET" and the arrival patterns of displaced Ukrainians in Canada.

OUSH-OHPU supports our partners in understanding the settlement patterns of displaced Ukrainians arriving in Canada and give a picture of where displaced Ukrainians are settling in Canada. Several datasets are used to piece together a profile of current arrivals, including:

- Number of displaced Ukrainians requesting transitional financial assistance
- Number of displaced Ukrainians registering for provincial-territorial health services



Future Work

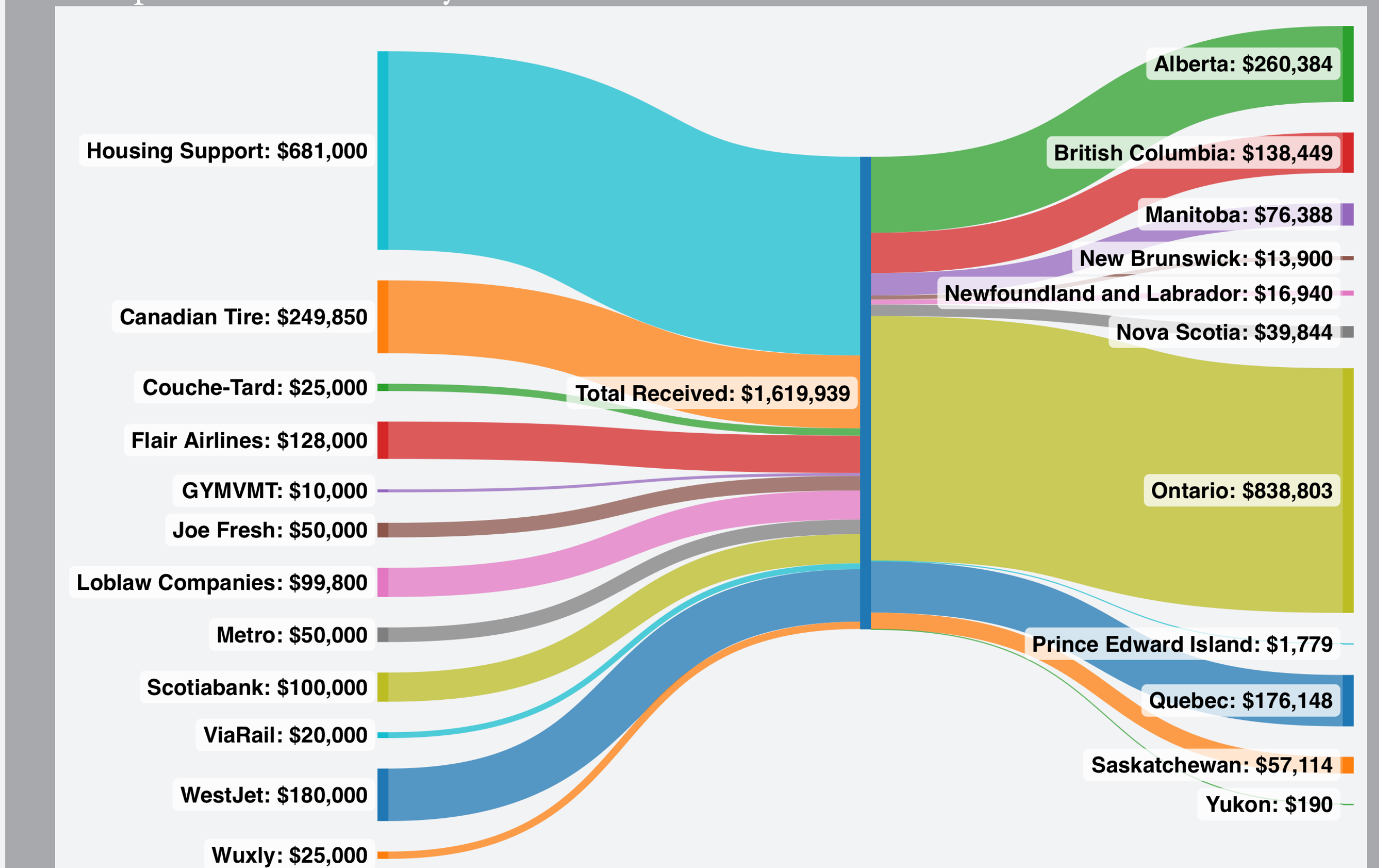
In partnership with IRCC and UCC, OUSH-OHPU is conducting a new survey. The primary objectives include revealing the demographic structure of CUAET holders, understanding the intentions of CUAET visa holders not yet in Canada and estimating future arrivals. Additionally, the survey aims to capture post-arrival statistics to provide a snapshot of displaced Ukrainians in Canada, and it seeks to assess immediate needs, observe settlement trends, and evaluate the effectiveness of the settlement services provided.



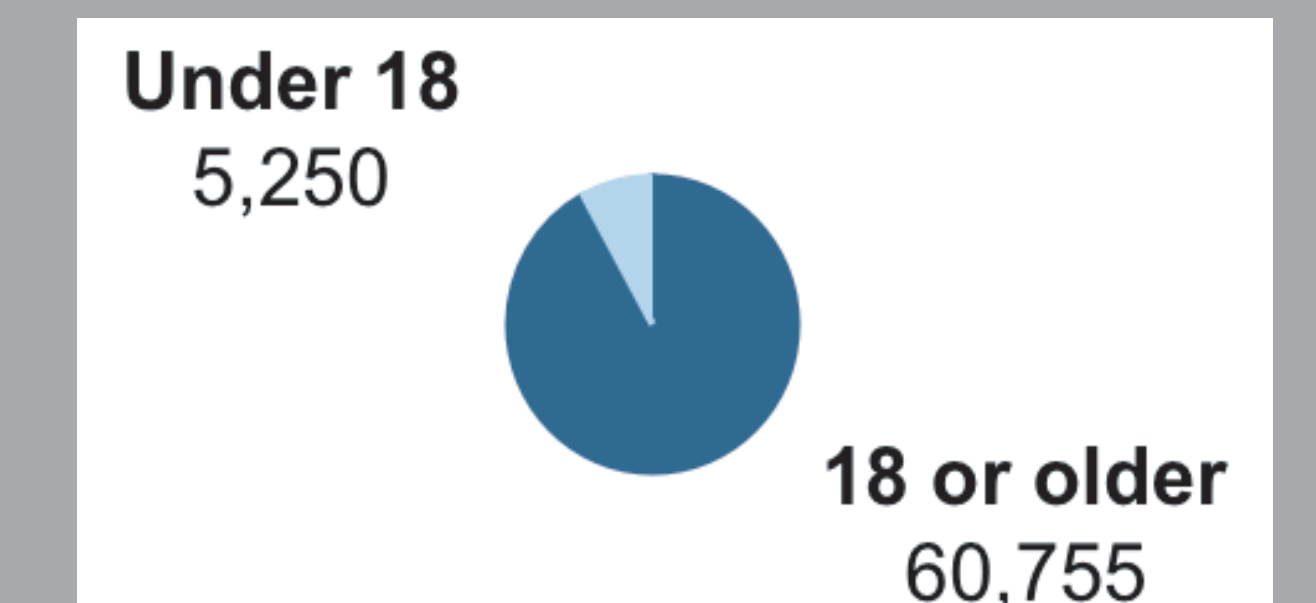
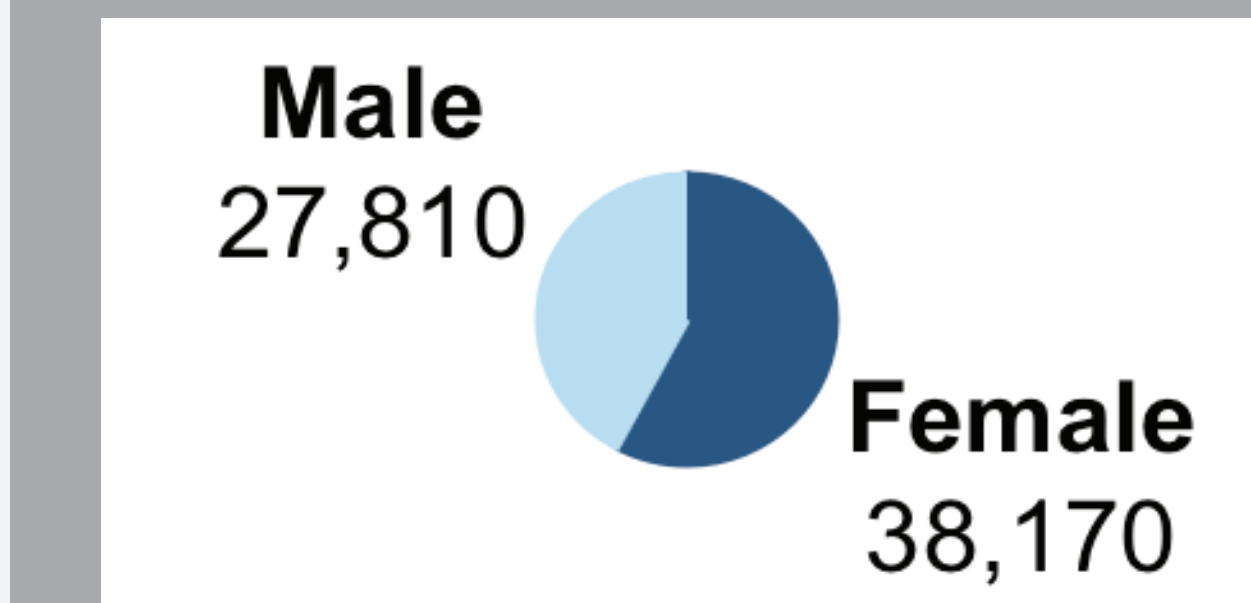
Please visit <https://ukrainesafehaven.ca/data/> to see OUSH-OHPU Data Portal.

Support in Canada

Promoting accountability and transparency, OUSH-OHPU provides a holistic overview of how the generosity contributed by Canadian businesses is allocated and distributed. The selection of provinces and territories is guided by various factors, including donor conditions such as their presence in specific provinces, or data availability. This data encompasses information like the percentages of displaced Ukrainians who applied for Transitional Financial Assistance within each province or territory.

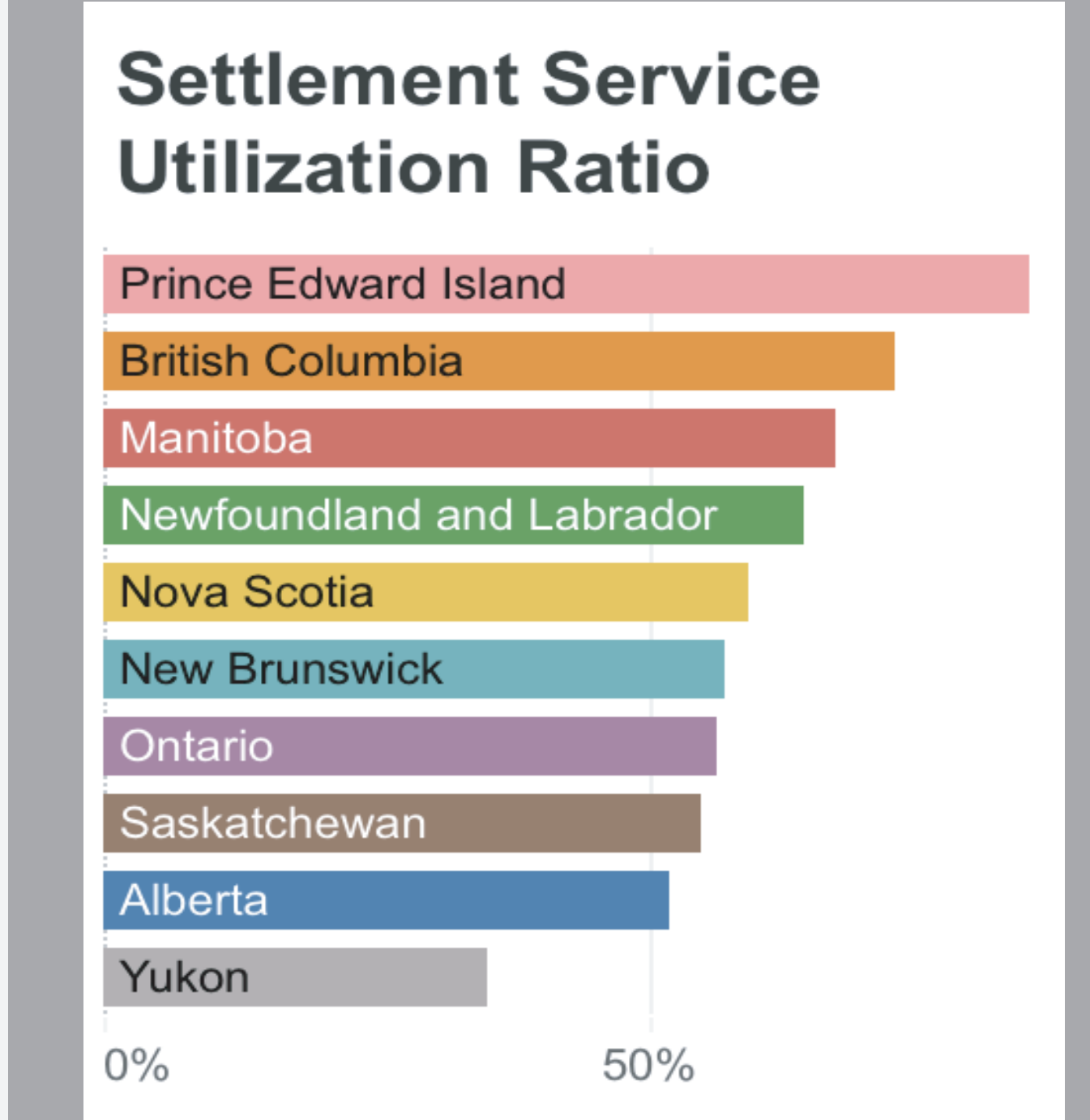
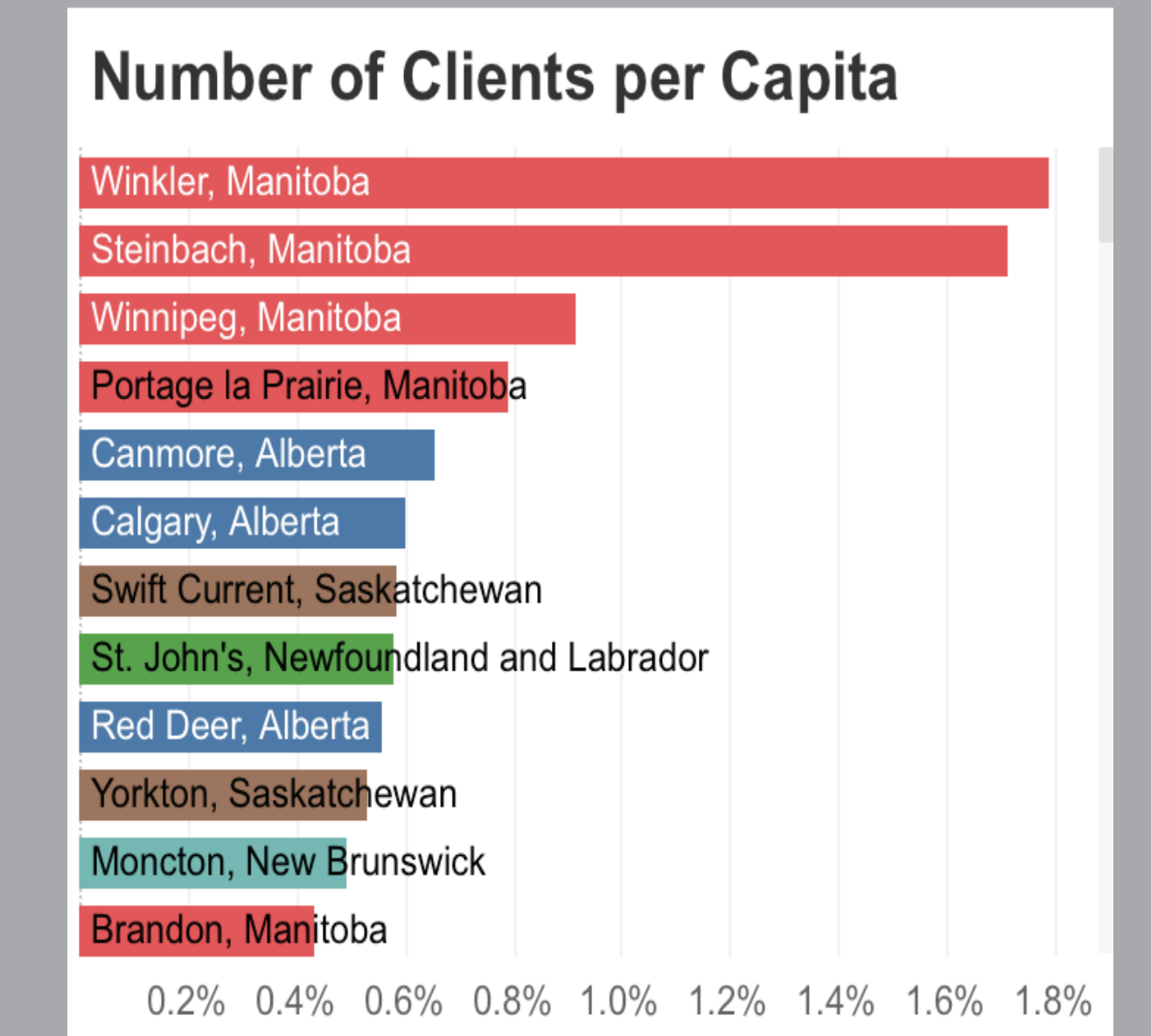


Immigration Contribution Agreement Reporting Environment (iCARE), is an online tool designed to capture service information related to the Settlement and Resettlement Assistance Programs. These programs aim to provide essential support and resources to newcomers. iCARE helps IRCC to better manage planning, funding allocation, and the identification of areas for program enhancement. In this section, we present an overview of the services and support offered to CUAET holders between April 2022 and March 2023.



There were more than 66,000 unique CUAET holder clients who utilized settlement services, with a majority, 60% self-identifying as female.

Majority of clients were 18 years old or older, with only 6% falling within the youth category.



Settlement Service utilization rate is calculated by dividing the total number of unique clients who received settlement services by the total number of CUAET holders who received ESDC Financial assistance by March 2023. In each province except Yukon, more than 50% of CUAET holders have accessed settlement services at least once. On a national scale, approximately 60% of all CUAET holders have utilized these services.

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