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Settlement & Integration  
Services in Alberta

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# The Stats, 2012



- Total newcomer arrivals in Canada: **257,887**
- Alberta is the 4<sup>th</sup> destination province, welcoming **36,092** (14%) newcomers.
- Immigration Categories:
  - Economic Immigrants: **68%**
  - Family Class: **23%**
  - Refugees: **6%**
  - Other Immigrants: **3%**
- Temporary Foreign Workers: **68,339**

Citizenship and Immigration Canada(CIC).(2012). Facts and Figures 2012: Immigration Overview – Permanent and Temporary Residents.

# Alberta's Settlement Agencies



- Prior to WWII: settlement services were “informal” – looked after by family, charitable and religious organizations, ethnic communities, neighbours.
- Post WWII: settlement services began to be formalized by voluntary and philanthropic organizations to help immigrants and refugees.
- Between 1960 - 1990's, 19 settlement agencies were established across Alberta, comprising of the now membership base for the provincial umbrella organization, AAISA.

# Where They Are



The 19 AAISA member agencies across Alberta can be found in:

- Grand Prairie
- Fort McMurray
- Edmonton
- Red Deer
- Calgary
- Okotoks
- High River
- Brooks & County
- Medicine Hat
- Lethbridge
- Lloydminster

# Who They Are



## AAISA Member Settlement Agencies

### CALGARY

- Calgary Catholic Immigration Society
- Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth
- Calgary Immigrant Education Society
- Calgary Immigrant Women's Association(CIWA)
- Centre for Newcomers
- Immigrant Services Calgary
- Jewish Family Service Calgary

### EDMONTON

- ASSIST Community Service Centre
- Catholic Social Services
- Centre d'accueil et d'établissement du nord de l'Alberta
- Changing Together: A Centre for Immigrant Women
- Edmonton Immigrant Services Association
- Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers
- Indo Canadian Women's Association

### OTHERS

- Central Alberta Refugee Effort (CARE)
- Catholic Social Service – Red Deer
- Saamis Immigrant Service Association
- YMCA Wood Buffalo-Immigrant Settlement Services
- Lethbridge Family Services – Immigrant Services
- Foothills Community Immigrant Services – Okotoks
- Foothills Community Immigrant Services – High River
- Brooks and County Immigrant Services
- Catholic Social Services Lloydminster

# About Settlement Agencies



Settlement agencies have an extensive range of services to provide assistance to newcomers, including:

- Newcomer outreach
- Initial needs assessment
- Orientation, information and referral
- Interpretation and translation
- Language development
- Housing assistance
- Supportive counselling
- Employment readiness & career services
- Child & youth services
- Ethno-cultural collaboration
- Enhancing supportive communities
- Bridging program for trades & other occupations

# Facts – Settlement Agencies



- AAISA member settlement agencies employ over **1,000** staff and approximately **5,500** volunteers annually.
- Settlement agencies in Canada served over **192,806** newcomers between 2010 – 2011.
- **16.8%** of total newcomers in 2010 – 2011 were served by settlement agencies in Alberta.
- Agencies served clients arriving from over **170** countries.
- The demand for settlement agency services will continue to rise with Alberta's growing immigration.
- Settlement agencies are an invaluable part of the immigration process for newcomers.



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