Immigrant and Refugee Settlement in Canada: Trends in Federal Funding

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SUMMARY: This collaborative report by the University of Alberta and the Alberta Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies compares settlement landing rates and federal funding for immigration and settlement across Canada.

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Settlement rates have risen substantially across Canada in recent years in most provinces.

- Newcomers to Canada are increasingly choosing mid-sized cities, peri-urban, and rural locales.
- Federal funding for the settlement sector has grown significantly with $1.6 billion being transferred to provinces and territories in 2017.
- Funding that provides critical services is concentrated among a small number of large, well-established organizations in urban centres.
- Federal and provincial funding has not adjusted and adapted to changing settlement patterns.
- Vast disparities exist in available services depending on where in the country newcomers land.