



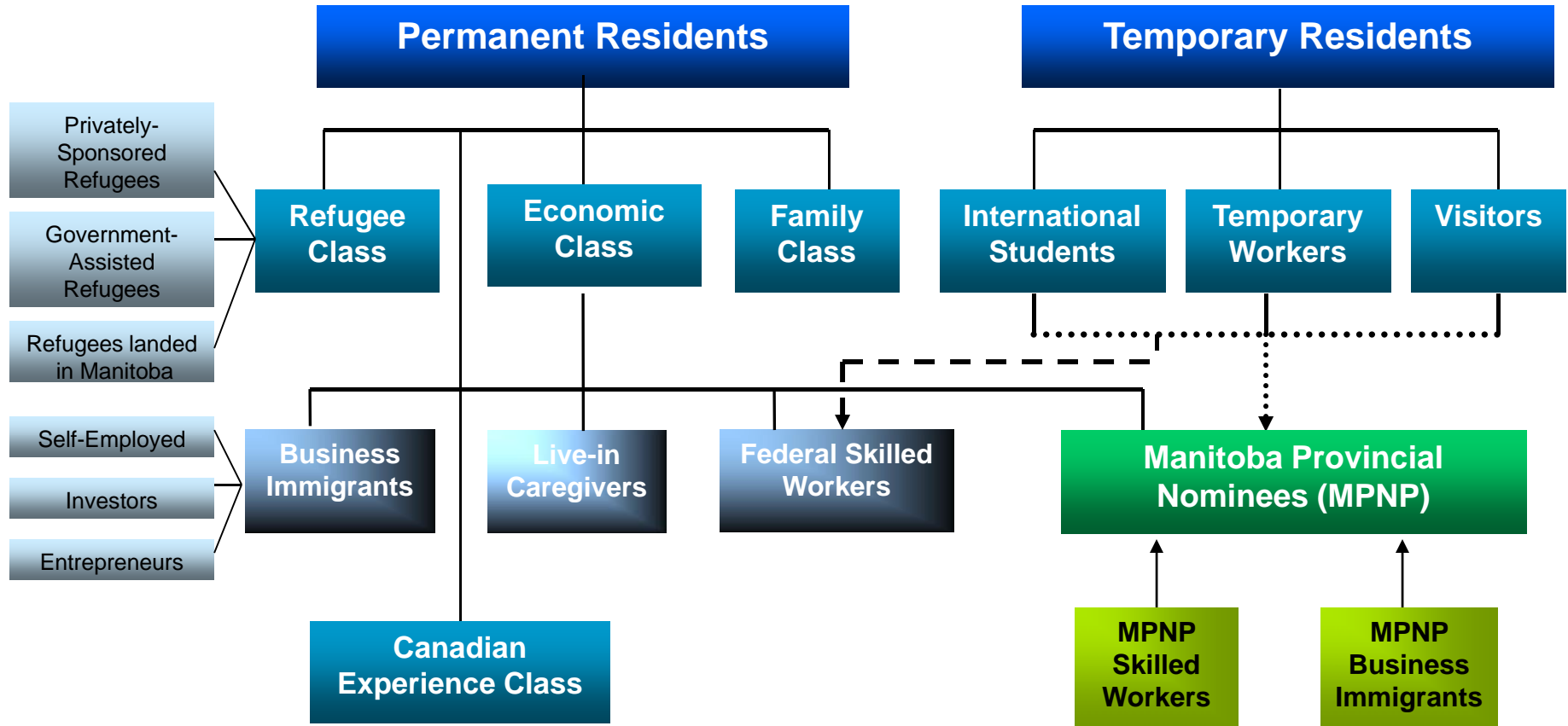
Immigration Overview

Community Immigration Beginnings Conference

Brandon- February 2010

Manitoba 

How Immigrants Come to Manitoba



How To Immigrate to Manitoba?

There are a few different immigration programs available;

Skilled Workers & Professional Class –

for people who want to settle and work in Canada

Canadian Experience Class –

for people who have recent Canadian work experience or have graduated in Manitoba and recently worked in Canada

Investors, Entrepreneurs, & Self-employed People –

for people who want to start a business in Canada

Provincial Nominees –

for people who have received nominations from a province or territory

Family Class Sponsorship –

for people who have family members that are already Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada

Refugee Class

The Immigration Process for Provincial Nominees (PNs)

Two-step process:

1. MPNP Application

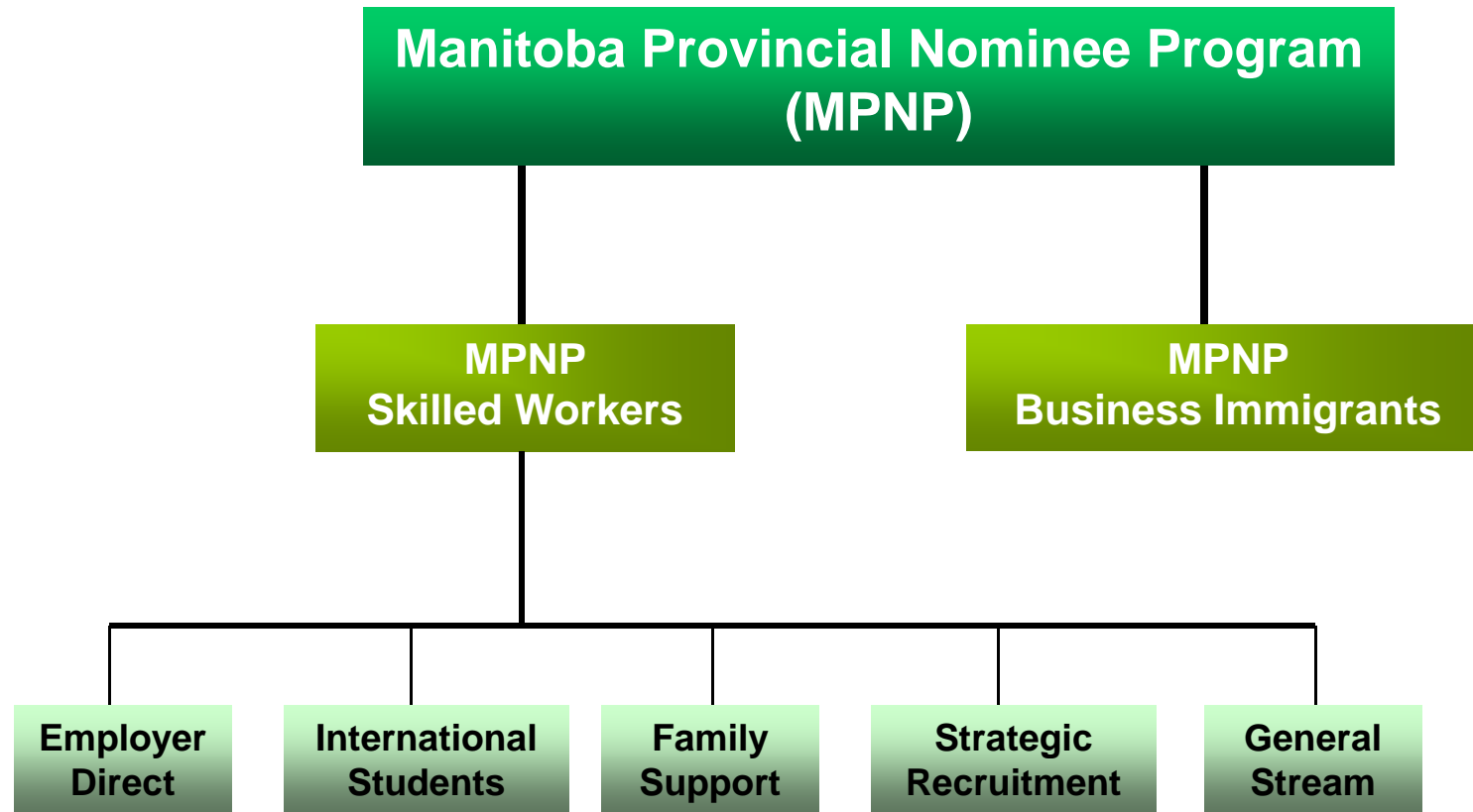
- assessed by two officers
- PN receives a Certificate of Nomination

2. Immigrant Visa Application

- made to a Canadian visa office
- medical and security checks

Manitoba PNP-Skilled Workers

- Selects Immigrants for Successful Economic establishment in Manitoba
- Applicants with Strong Connection to Manitoba
 - Family/Friends, Employment, Education
- Applicants with Employable Skills
 - age, education, work experience and language ability
- Priority Processing for Job-Ready Applicants



MPNP- Employer Direct

- **Continuous full-time employment in MB for at least 6 months**
- **temporary work permit**
- **Long term and full-time job offer**

MPNP- International Students

- **Graduation from a Manitoba post-secondary program (minimum of eight months)**
- **Post-graduation work permit from CIC**
- **Minimum six months full-time work with same employer**
- **full-time and long-term employment offer**

MPNP- Family Support

- **Proof of close relative in Manitoba**
- **Manitoba Affidavit of Support from close relative in Manitoba**
- **Must meet minimum age, education, employment, language and adaptability requirements**

MPNP- General

- **Partly based on a points system (minimum 55 points)**
- **Each application is assessed on its own merits**
- **Consideration is given to the strength of the connection between the Affidavit of Support signatories and the applicant, and the success of applicants previously supported**

General Stream Criteria

- **Proof of close relative in Manitoba; OR**
- **(2) notarized Manitoba Affidavits of Support (MAS) each completed by a close friend OR distant relative in Manitoba; OR**
- **Evidence that you have (6) months of full-time work experience in Manitoba; OR**
- **Proof of completed educational program in Manitoba**

MPNP- Strategic Recruitment Initiatives

- **Overseas promotion of Manitoba as the immigration destination of choice in targeted markets**
- **Francophone immigration**
- **Exploratory Visits:**
 - Pre-arranged interviews with MPNP Program Officer required for potential applicants
 - Successful potential applicants may be invited to apply under this initiative after exploratory visit and interview
 - Must Meet minimum core criteria



Evidence of Language Ability

Documents demonstrating proficiency in one of Canada's official languages, i.e. English and/or French language ability of applicant and spouse

- Academic transcripts; employer referrals; formal language training

OR

IELTS (International English Language Testing System) or any other internationally recognized English language testing system

PNP-B Eligibility Requirements

- Minimum verifiable personal net worth of CDN\$350,000
- Demonstrated business or farm ownership experience or a minimum of 3 years experience in a senior management role of a successful company
- Conduct a minimum 7 day **Exploratory Visit** to Manitoba to investigate farming opportunities and Manitoba's quality of life prior to applying
- Make an investment in a Manitoba farm no less than \$150,000

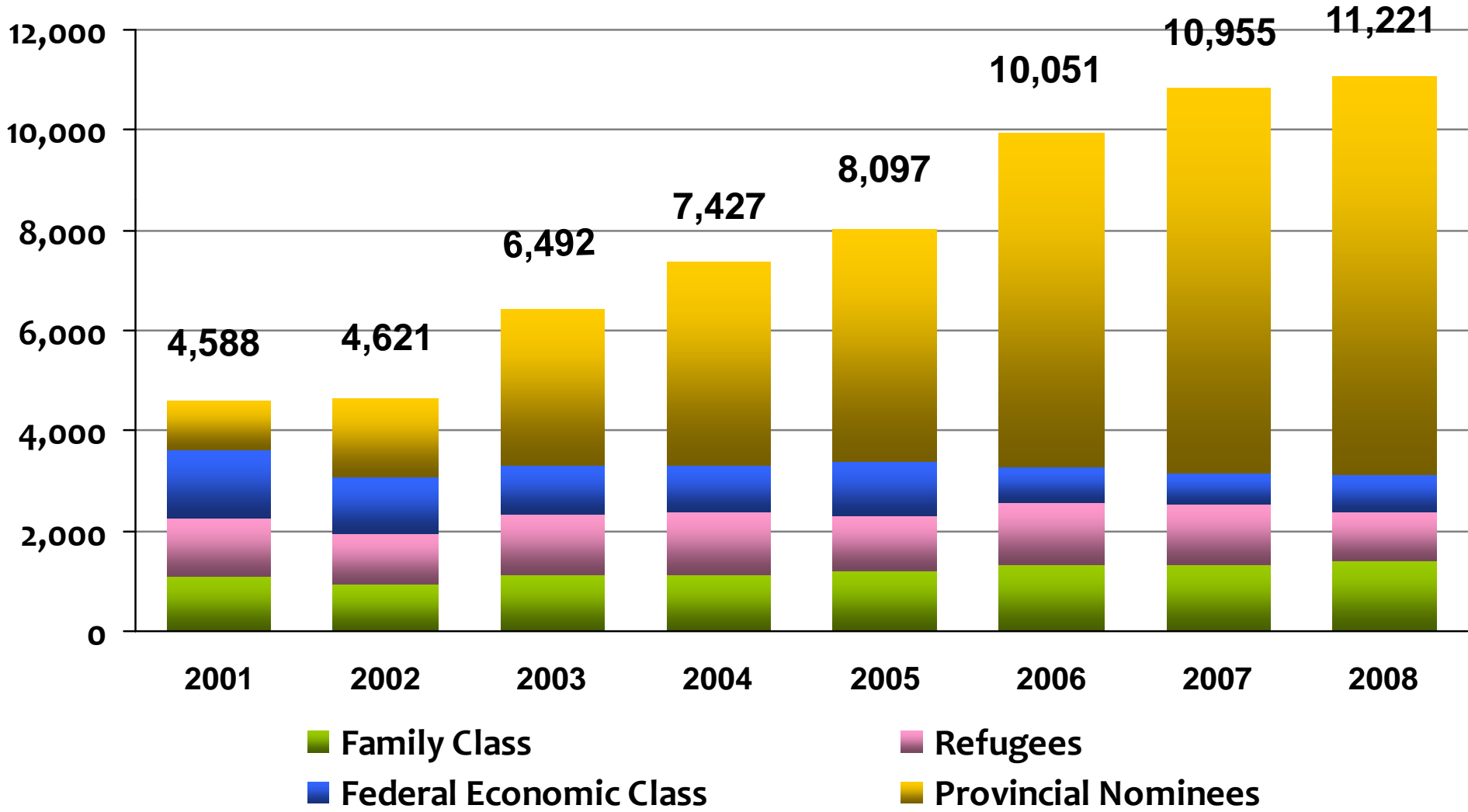
Immigration Representatives

- MPNP does not require applicants to use a paid representative
- MPNP will only work with members in good standing with Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants (CSIC) or members of the Law Society of Manitoba
- MPNP has no official representatives acting on its behalf

What We Have Achieved

- Our Share of National Immigration:
 - 1990s: < 2%
 - 2008: 4.5% (11,221)
- How many are Provincial Nominees:
 - 1999: 11%
 - 2008: 71%
- How many are staying:
 - - 2004: 82.1% (IMDB 2004) The percentage of immigrants who landed in 2004 and filed taxes in 2005 in Manitoba was 82.8%
- Immigrant employment rate: 63.6% (LFS 2009)
- Immigrant unemployment rate: 4.2% (LFS 2009)

Growing through Immigration 2001-2008



Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada

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Where are we going?

- Increasing immigration levels to 20,000 annual arrivals by 2016, primarily through the Provincial Nominee Program
- Renewal of Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement
- Improving processing times and client services
- Implementation & Maintenance of WRAPA (April 2009)
- Opening of the Nominee Application Centre
(October 2009)

Access to Resources & Support

For TFWs and Manitoba Employers:

Employment Standards - 945-3352 in Winnipeg or
(toll-free) at 1-800-821-4307 outside Winnipeg

- **For Family/Friends or Applicants:**
- Nominee Application Centre (NAC) –
100 Adelaide St. Phone 943-2240

Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program

www.immigratemanitoba.com

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Citizenship & Immigration Canada (CIC)

www.cic.gc.ca