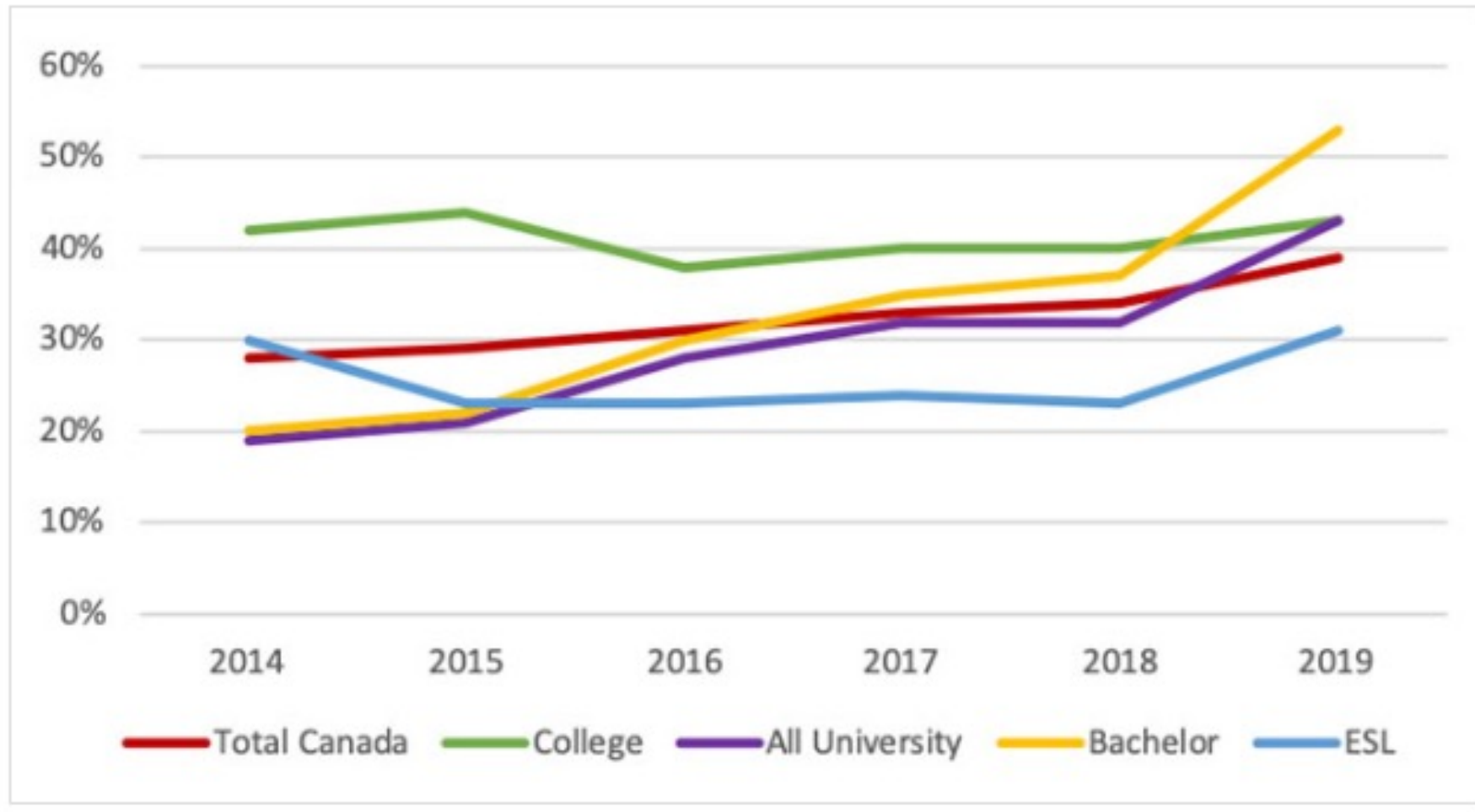


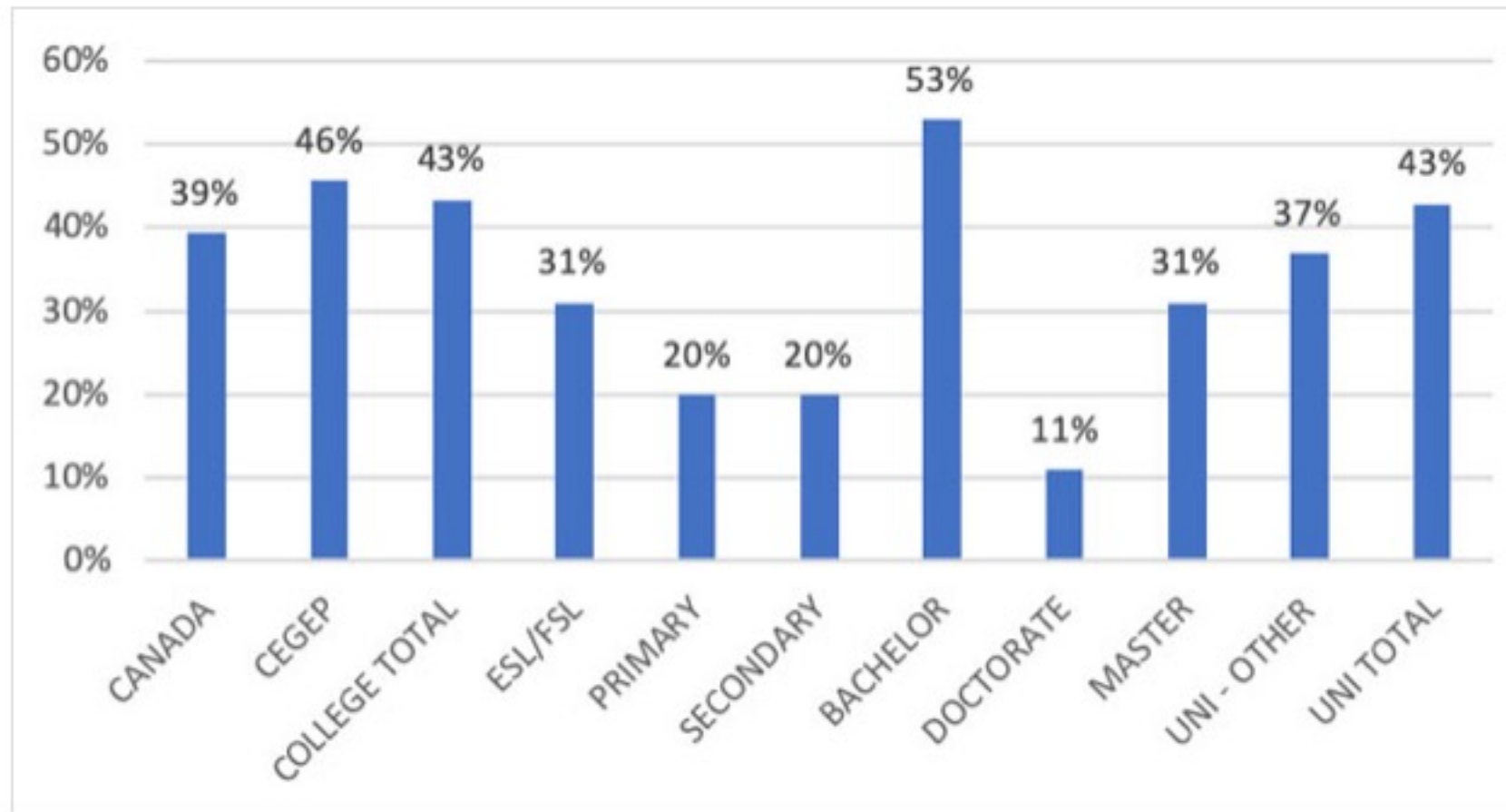
# Do you have study permit issues?

Round Table Discussion Regarding  
the Approval of Study Permits  
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# Rejection rates of study permits 2014-2019



# First 5 months of 2019, 51% of applicants for Bachelor degrees refused



### 4.3. International students with a valid permit on December 31st by destination<sup>1</sup>, 2008 to 2017

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Newfoundland and Labrador	1,444	1,445	1,584	1,740	1,918	2,010	2,239	2,664	3,218	3,676
Prince Edward Island	514	627	679	734	764	847	1,052	1,430	1,960	2,484
Nova Scotia	5,723	6,383	7,567	8,425	9,182	9,193	9,339	10,387	11,754	13,343
New Brunswick	3,153	3,210	3,403	3,518	3,681	3,826	3,932	4,157	4,446	4,837
Quebec	27,773	30,864	32,358	34,314	38,547	42,080	46,811	49,779	54,657	61,305
Ontario	67,481	76,655	88,710	101,831	115,437	129,084	139,495	151,180	186,009	236,375
Manitoba	4,714	5,068	5,215	5,458	5,962	6,659	7,623	9,960	12,820	15,988
Saskatchewan	3,436	3,706	3,839	4,090	4,304	4,666	4,901	5,834	7,032	7,959
Alberta	13,751	15,079	15,349	15,724	15,738	16,836	17,364	19,568	23,382	26,149
British Columbia	54,911	59,823	64,884	71,370	78,647	86,218	93,159	94,789	104,130	118,641
Northwest Territories	33	25	21	20	27	24	23	20	26	28
Nunavut	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5
Yukon	~40	~34	~25	~40	~40	~30	~30	~35	~65	219
Not stated	1,198	1,125	1,756	1,318	572	281	115	114	305	1,524
<b>Total unique persons</b>	<b>184,169</b>	<b>204,046</b>	<b>225,393</b>	<b>248,582</b>	<b>274,818</b>	<b>301,755</b>	<b>326,085</b>	<b>349,921</b>	<b>409,804</b>	<b>492,533</b>

1. Defined by the intended destination as specified on the permit and, when the intended destination is not specified for permits signed on or after January 1st, 2012, the last known address of the permit holder as of December 31st of the given year is used instead. In 2012, intended destination became an optional field for open employment authorizations.

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# How to make a study permit application stand out

- ▶ Purpose of study letter
- ▶ Funds
  - ▶ \$10,000 plus tuition (plus \$4000 for spouse, plus \$3000 per child)
  - ▶ Preferably full amount accessible at time of application
  - ▶ I have seen success showing tuition in a bank account and stipend letters to cover the \$10,000 for graduate level
  - ▶ Preferably in the applicants account
- ▶ Unconditional acceptance letter
- ▶ Be 18 years plus or have a custodian
- ▶ Address Temporary Intent
  - ▶ Family ties
  - ▶ Assets/ funds
  - ▶ Job prospects in home country upon degree completion

# Student Direct Streams

- ▶ Be a legal resident and live in: China, India, Morocco, Pakistan, Philippines, Senegal or Vietnam
- ▶ Added requirements
  - ▶ 10,000 Can GIC and paid 1<sup>st</sup> year tuition fees
  - ▶ Upfront medical (if required)
  - ▶ Police Certificate (if required)
  - ▶ IELTS 6 +
- ▶ Benefit - faster processing time for applicant and family (20 days)

# Reason Study Permits may be Refused

- ▶ Funds not in applicants name
- ▶ Difficulty showing temporary intent when student is already studying abroad and applying from that country
- ▶ "older" applicants
- ▶ Applying for a study program not inline with area of work or previous studies
- ▶ Applying for a degree type the applicant already has
- ▶ Coming from certain developing countries or countries currently in turmoil (eg Cameroon, Zimbabwe, Ukraine)
- ▶ Others?

# Things not to forget

- ▶ Country specific requirements (eg. proof of language ability, medicals, police certificates, etc.)
- ▶ Is a work permit a requirement of the program of study?  
Then apply for a co-op work permit as well

# Study Permit: Assessing Study Permit Conditions

- ▶ IRPR 220.1(1) *A study permit holder shall enroll at a DLI and remain enrolled until they complete their studies AND they shall actively pursue their course or program of study*
- ▶ Mid-2019 definitions and policy came out as to what this exactly means
  - ▶ 150 days is the golden rule
  - ▶ Leave from studies must be less than 150 days AND approved by DLI
- ▶ Poses continuing challenge for DLIs:
  - ▶ eg. UofS Grad students have enrollment status of academic leave but UG students still do not
  - ▶ UofS Language Centre Confirmation of Enrollment reflects PT studies when they are indeed FT