



**DECLINE IN Q2 2020 IMMIGRATION LEVELS – RBC ECONOMICS REPORT**

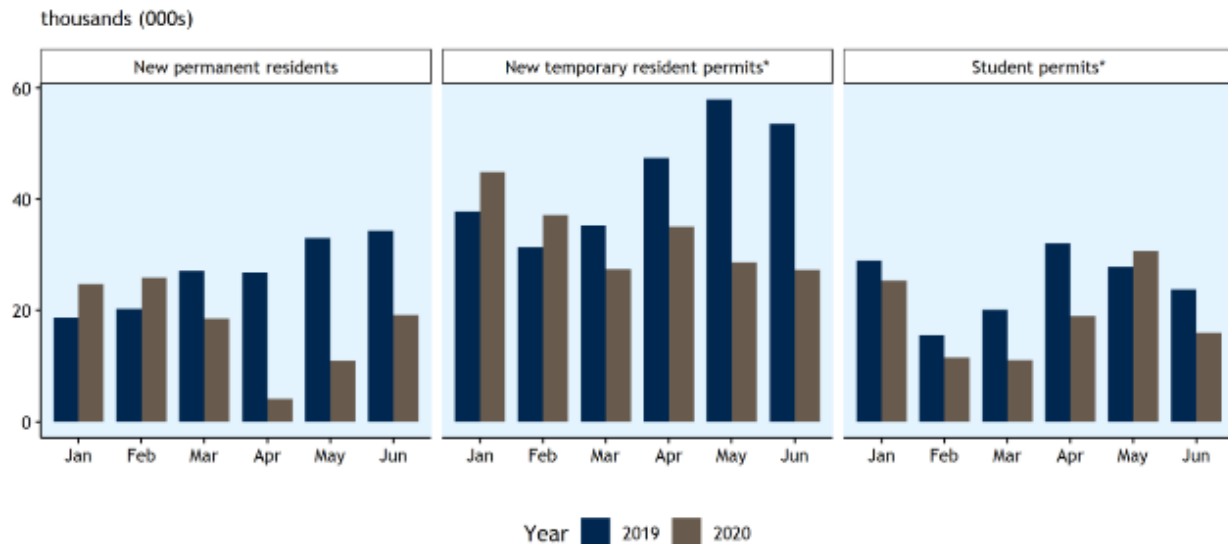
A new report by [RBC Economics](#) indicates near-term recovery in immigration levels is unlikely given the widespread border closures, lockdowns and economic upheaval caused by COVID-19.

- The number of permanent residents in the second quarter was down 67% from Q2 2019.
- The number of temporary work permits was down around 50% in the quarter.
- Just over 10,000 new study permits were processed, down 107,000 from a year earlier.
- New visa applications down 80%.

The report notes, "The reduced flow threatens to, at least temporarily, derail what's been a major source of economic growth for Canada in recent years."

**Full Report:** [The Canadian Dream Postponed](#)

**Q1 and Q2 Immigration Levels (2019 vs. 2020)**



Sources: Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, RBC Economics

\*Temporary residents and student permits issued reflect the month that the permit became effective

Data available until June 2020