The Economic Outcomes of Immigrants to BC: The role of Selection Criteria

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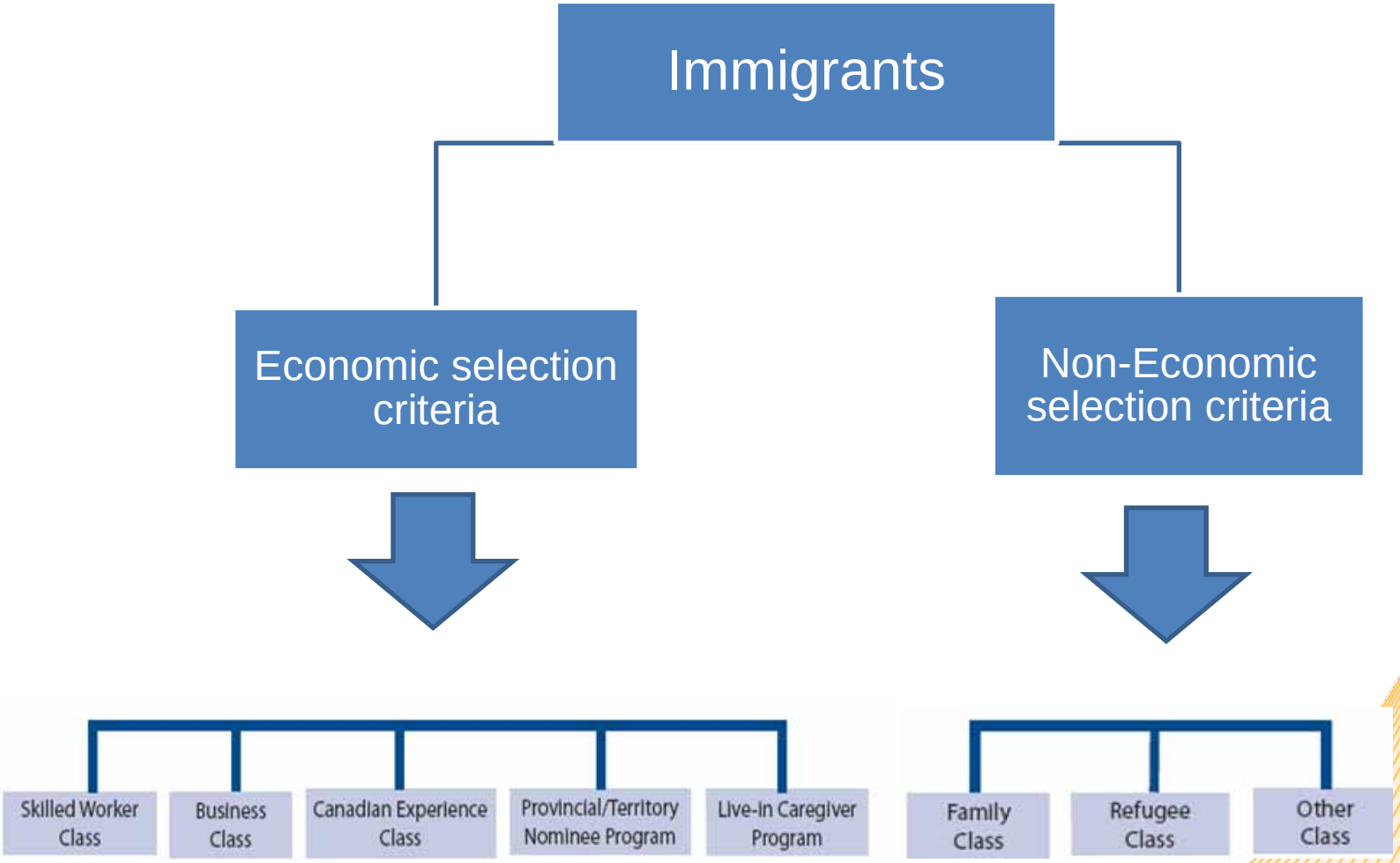
What is the story?

- Deteriorating economic outcomes of immigrants
- Possible Explanations include:
  - Changing characteristics of immigrants
  - Decreasing economic returns to foreign work experience
  - General decline in the labour market outcomes of all new entrants to the Canadian labour market

Immigrants come to Canada from different immigration categories



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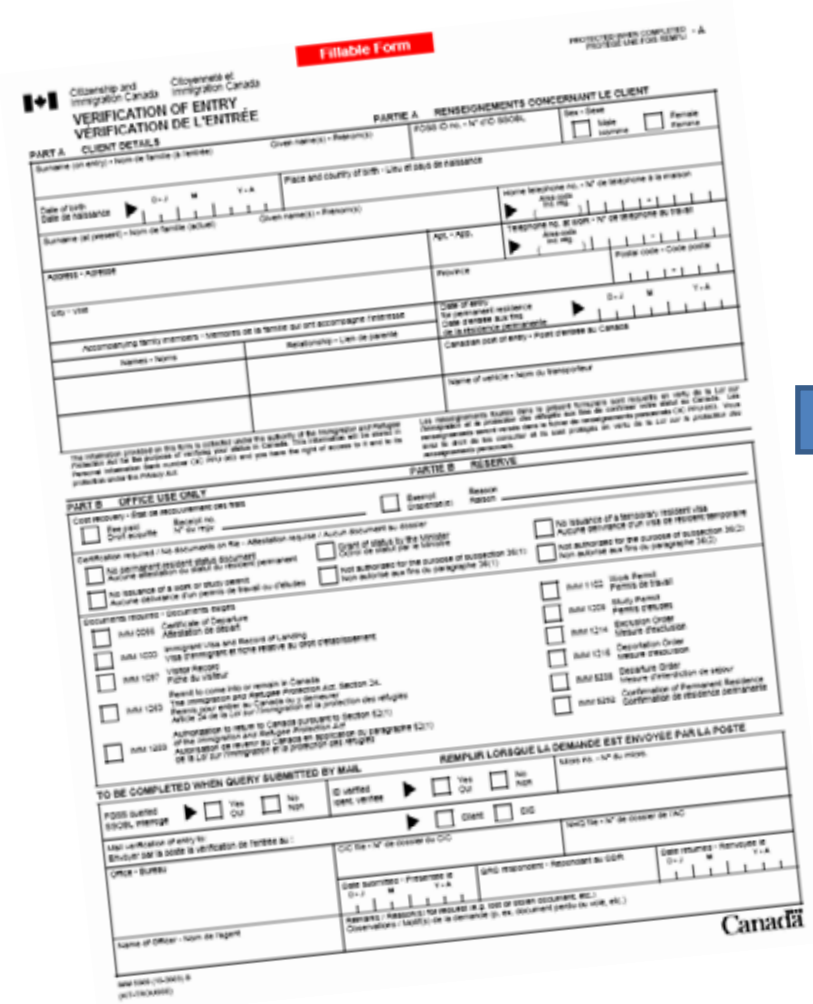

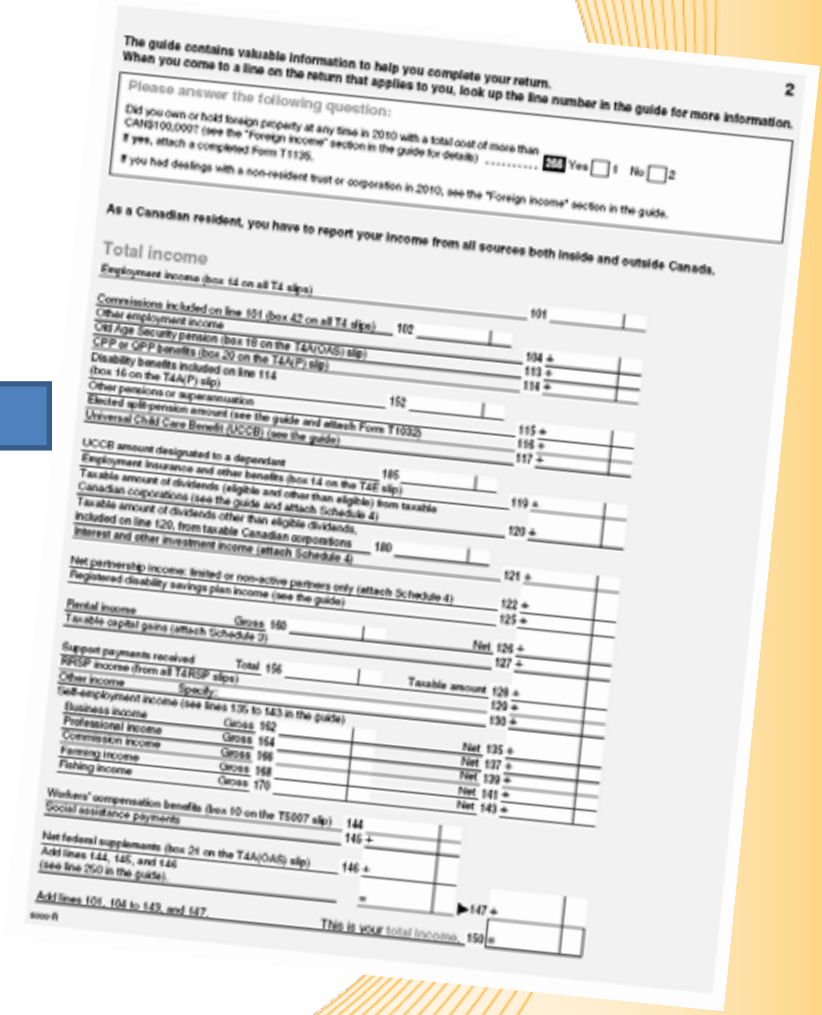

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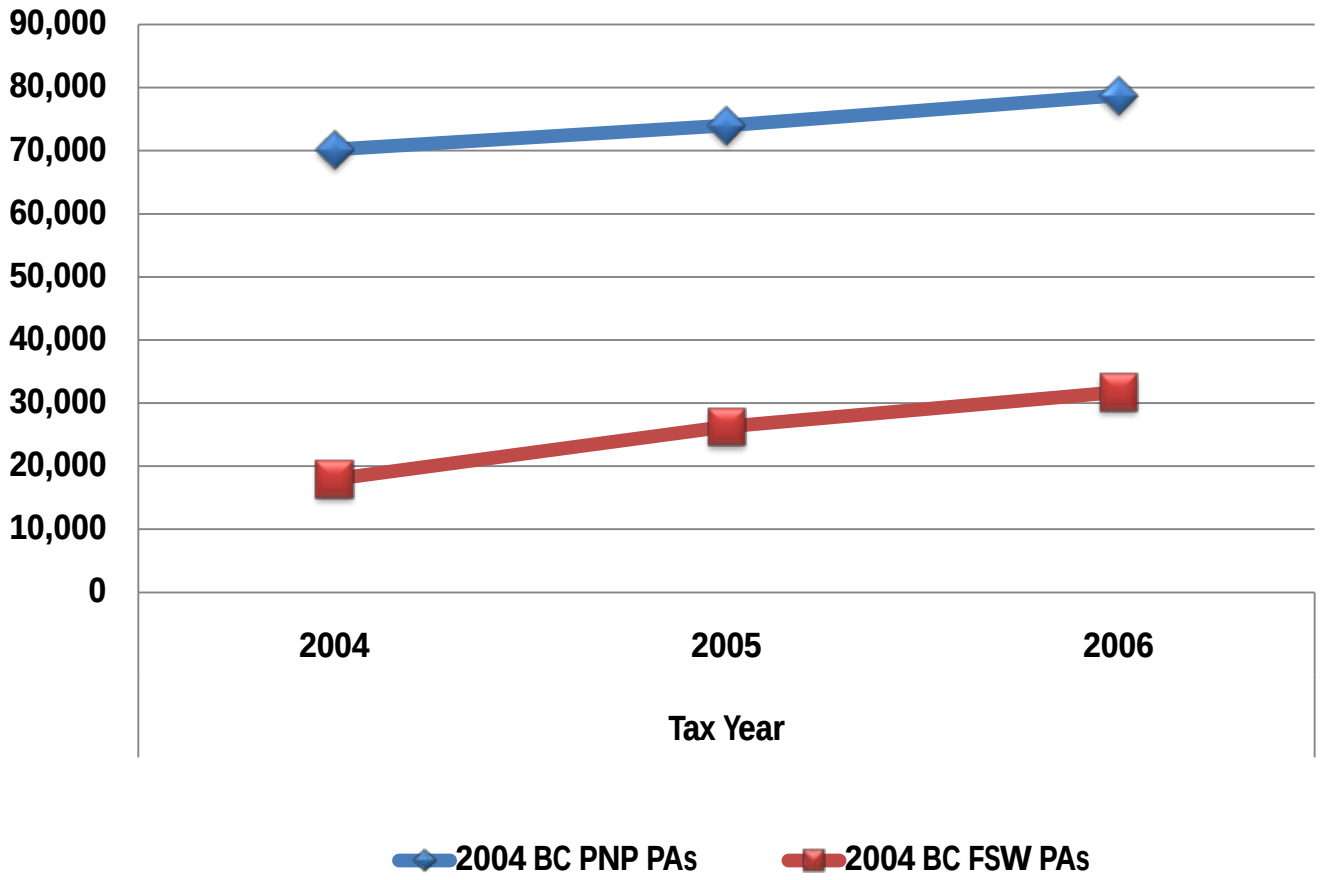
Employment earnings of BC PNP and FSW Principal Applicants, 2004 cohort



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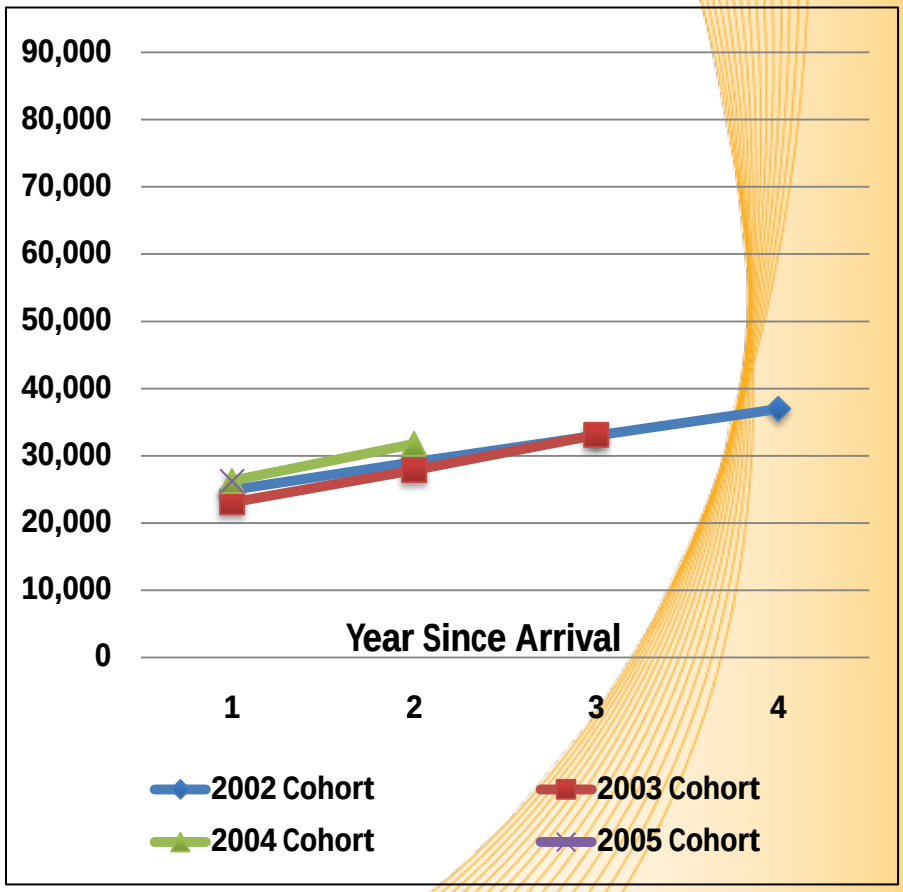
Employment earnings of BC PNP and FSW PAs one to four years after arrival

BC PNP PAs

BC FSW PAs



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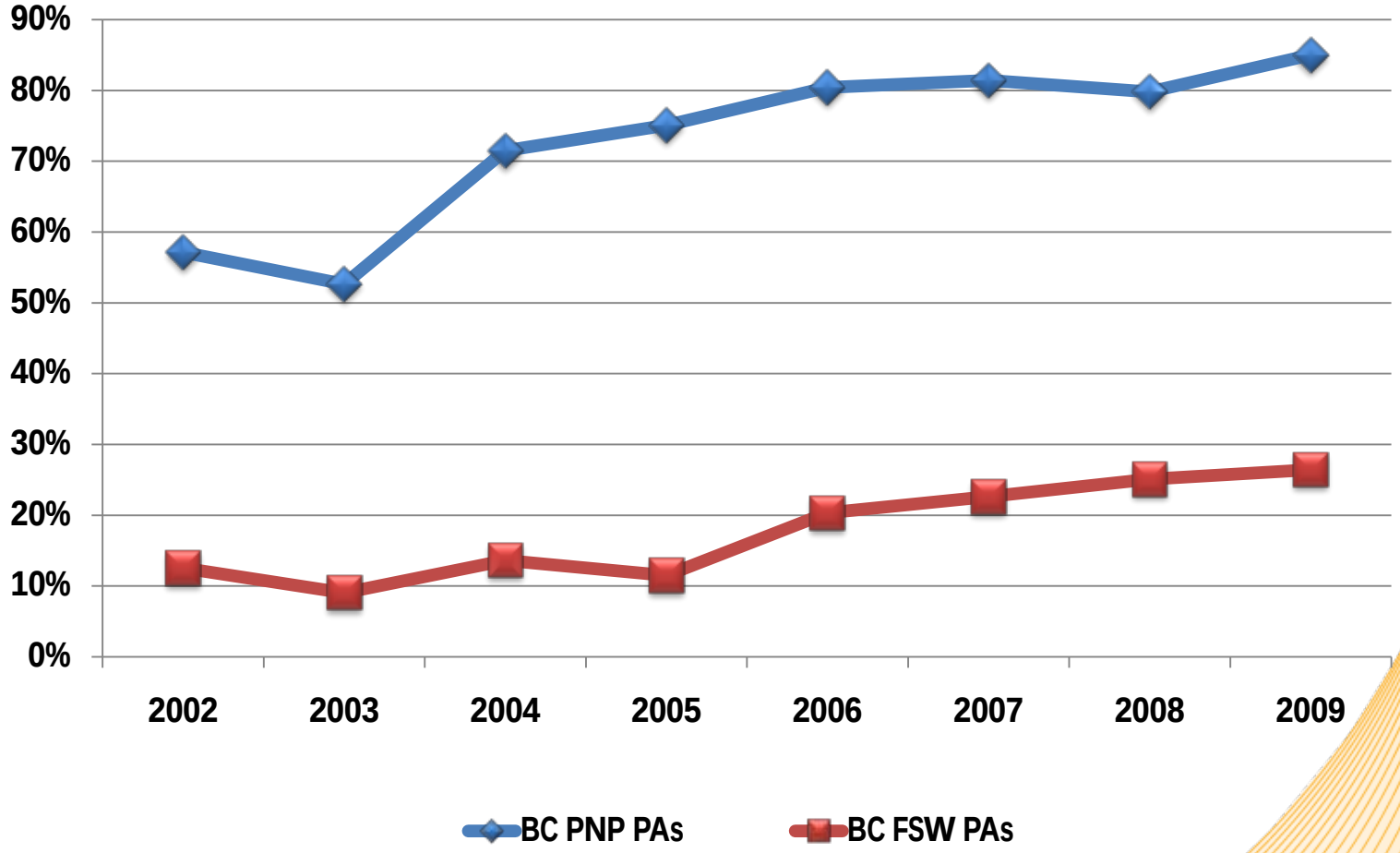
Percentage of BC PNP and FSW PAs who were temporary residents the previous year



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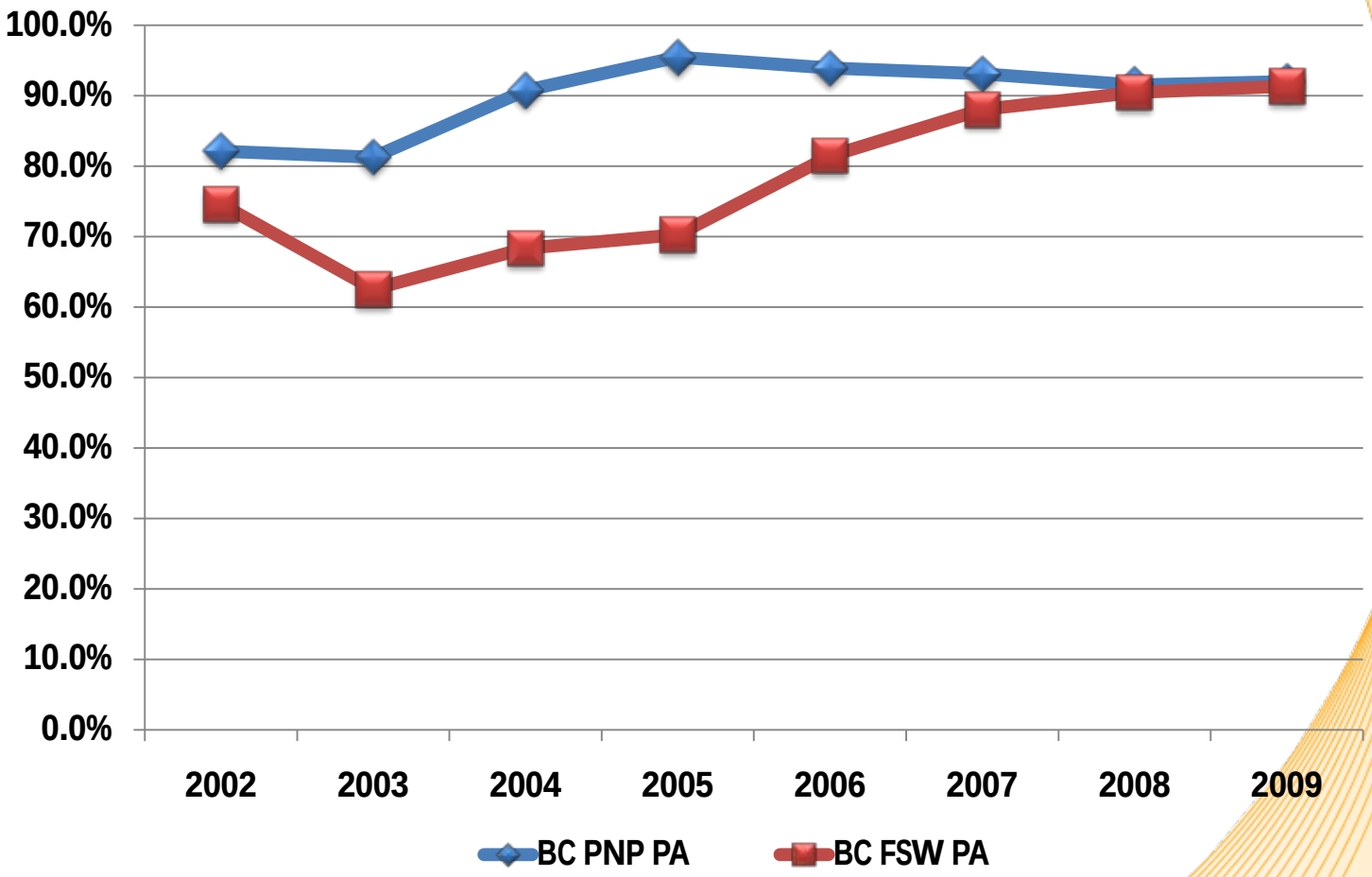
Percentage of BC PNP and FSW PAs with official language ability



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Can we address immigrant underemployment from the front-end?

- Facilitate transitions?
- Arranged employment offer?
- Official language ability?
- Reflect labour market needs?