Welcoming Newcomers to Saskatchewan

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Challenges

<u>Overall</u>

- Labour market shortages
- Demographic challenges

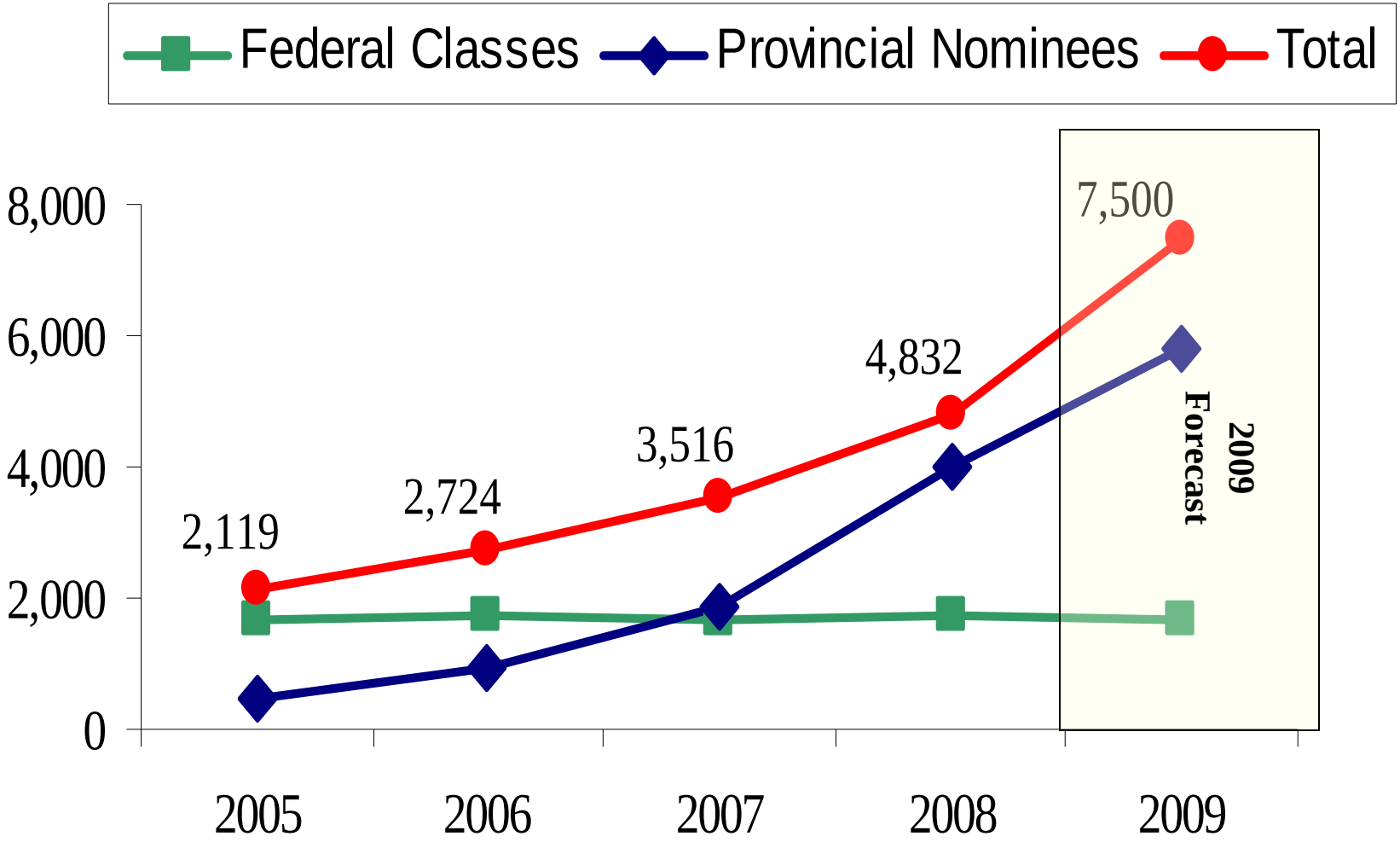
<u>TFWs</u>

- Short-term pressures
- Protection of workers

Temporary Foreign Workers in SK

- Growing employer interest
- Requests for LMO's have increased by:
  - 22% in 2006
  - 49% in 2007
  - 60%+ in 2008

Immigration in SK



Source: CIC Facts & Figures 2008, 2008 figures are preliminary and subject to change.

Consultations

- Stakeholder consultations in 2008.

- Feedback:
  - –relatively fast processing times.
  - –responsive to labour needs in key areas.

Foreign Worker Protection

- Pro-active approach
- New Program Integrity Unit

Desired Outcomes

- Address short-term pressures
- Bridge to permanent residency
- Retention

Partnerships

- Federal / Saskatchewan
- Federal / Provincial / Territorial
- Settlement Service Provider organizations, employers, ethnocultural communities and municipalities, other provincial government ministries etc.

Thank you!

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