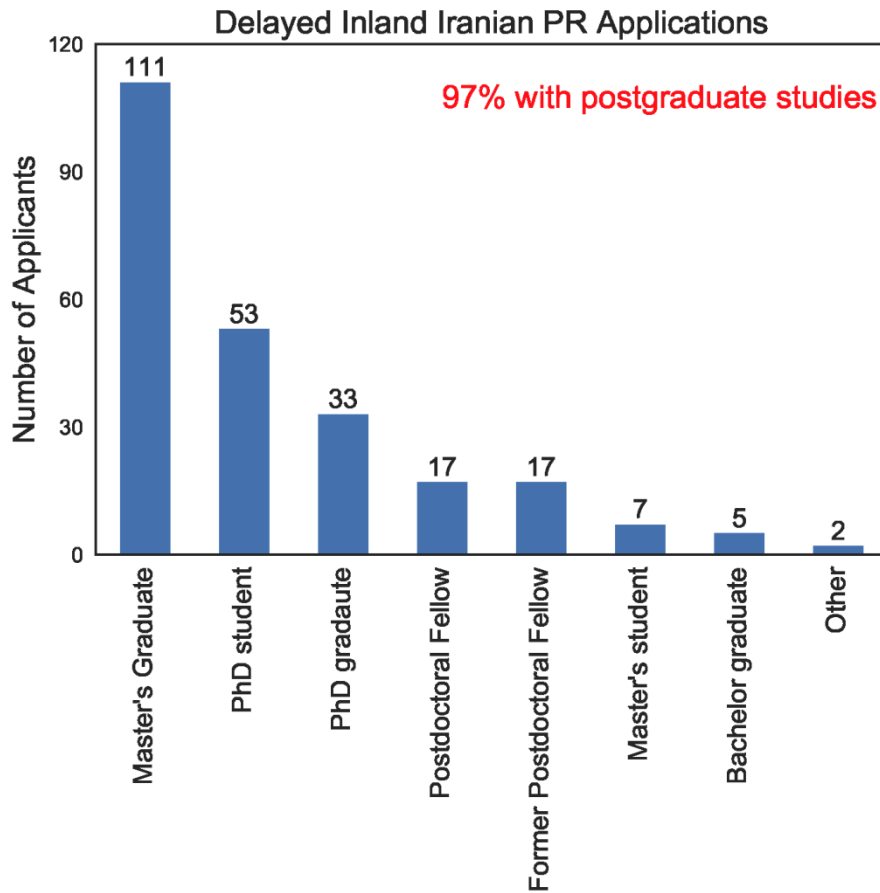


# Delayed Iranian Applications

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- Applicants have Iranian nationality
- Majority of applicants are living in Canada (4-10 years) and contributing to the economy, science and society
- Majority of applicants have Canadian education

# Education Level

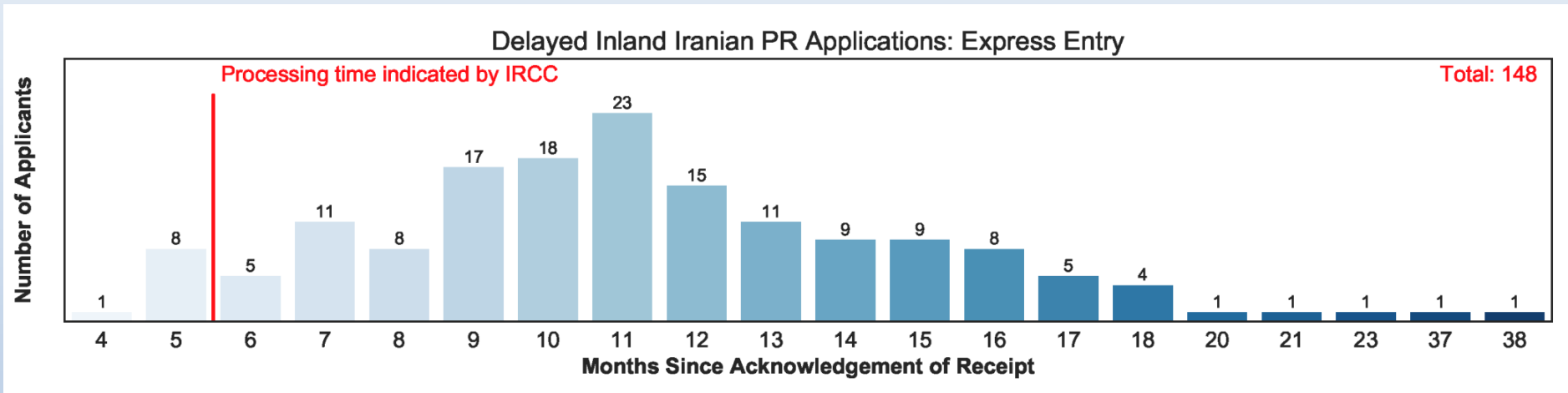


Applicants have studied or studying in Canada.

They have invested several (4-10 years) of their lives in Canada.

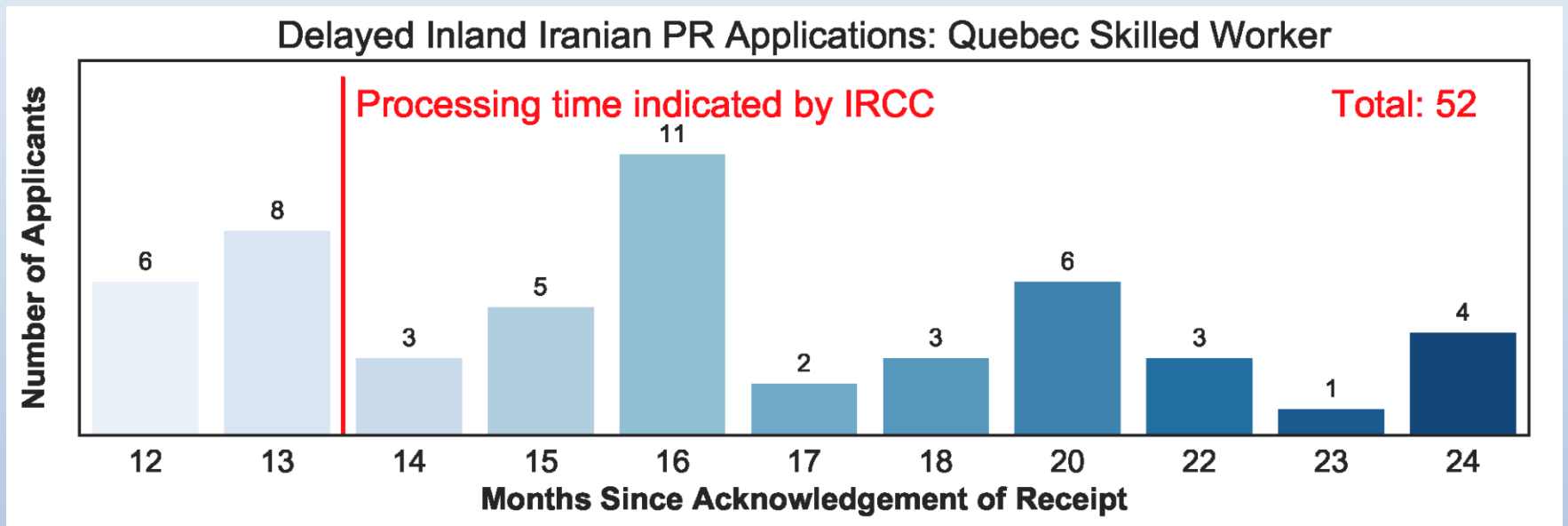
Many of them have extraordinary contributions to science and economy of Canada.

# Prolonged delays in Express Entry stream



Although IRCC indicates that majority of applications in EE category are approved in less than 6 months, majority of Iranian applicants experience lengthy delays of up to 38 months!

# Prolonged delays in QSW stream



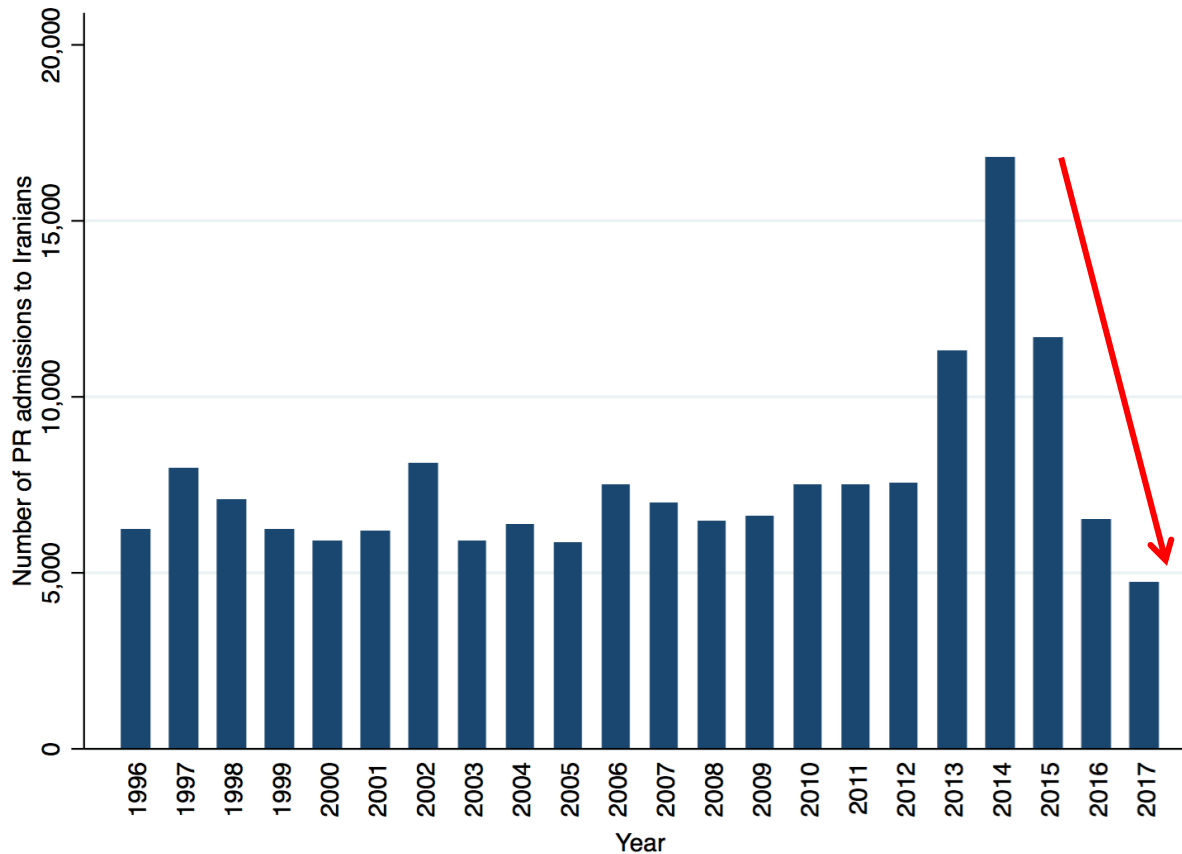
Majority of the Iranian applicant in the QSW stream experience prolonged delays.

# Prolonged delays in PNP stream



The Iranian PNP applicants are witnessing delays more than twice the processing time by IRCC, with some applicants entering their 37 months of wait time.

# A glance at the number of Iranian admissions from 1996-2017

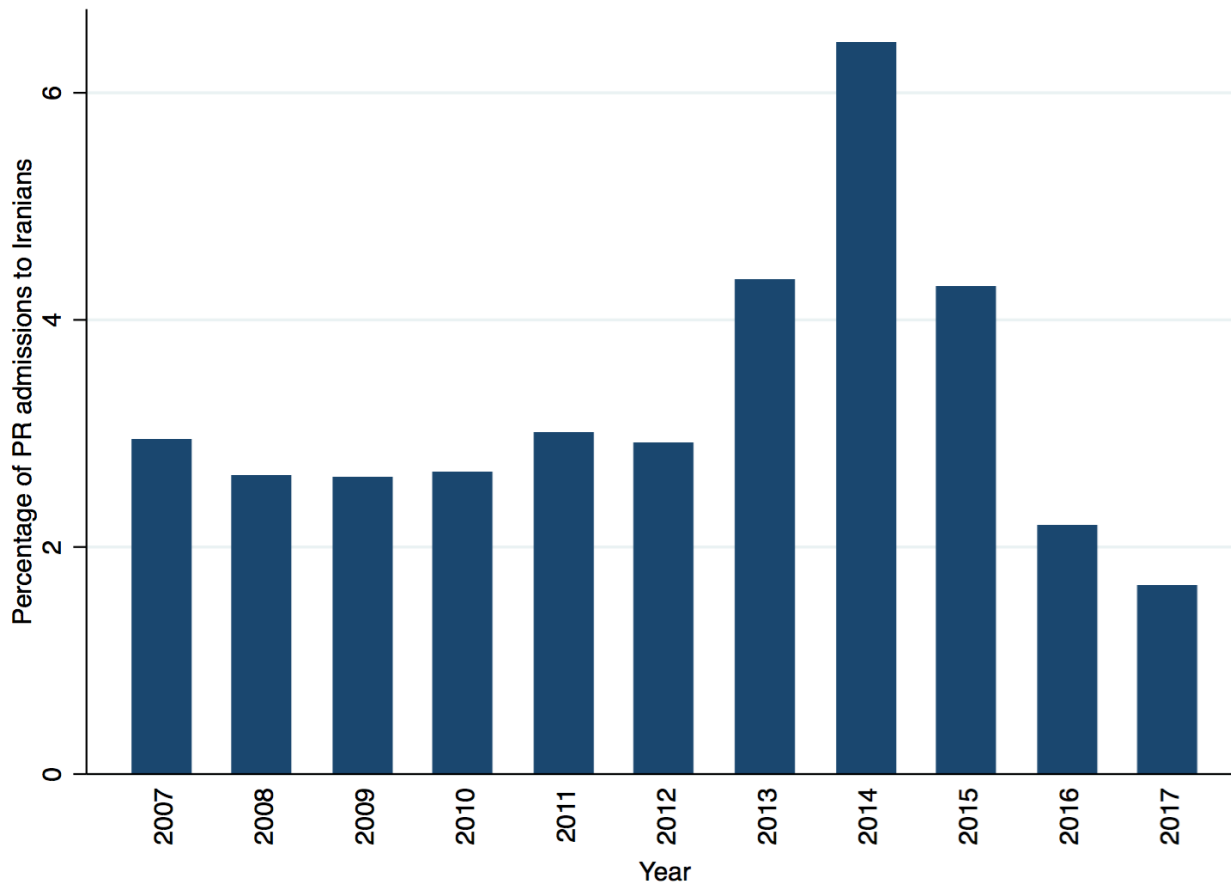


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The number of admissions to Iranians dropped by **71.7%**

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# Percentage of PR admissions to Iranians



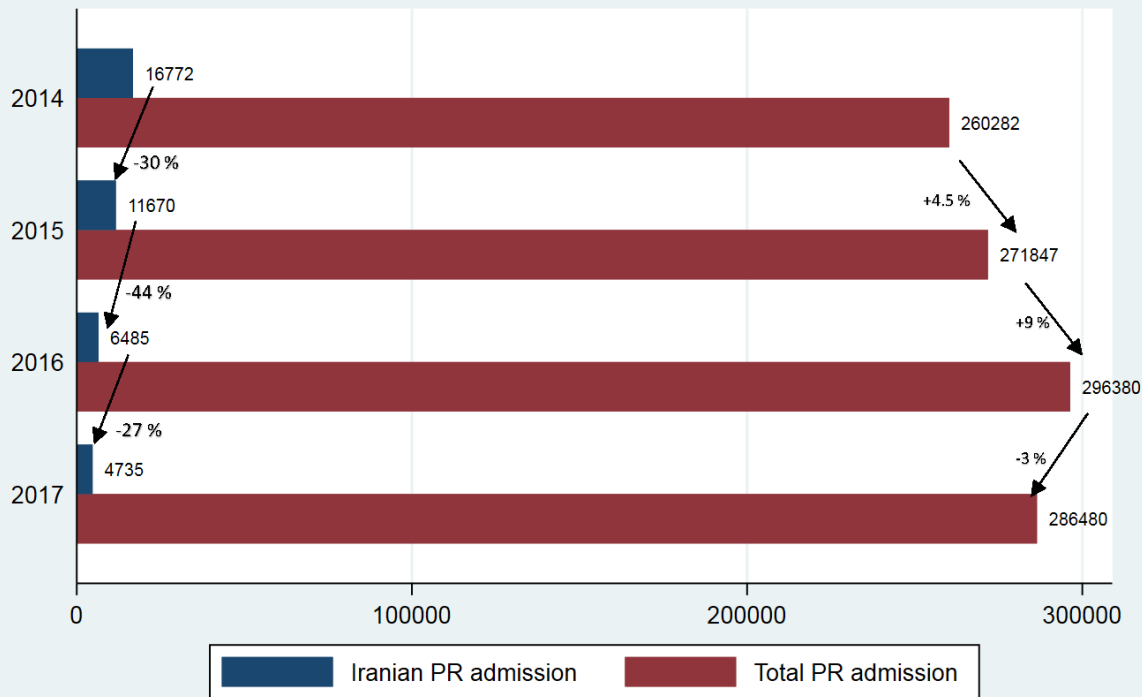
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# Comparison between total number of admitted applicants with Iranian applicants

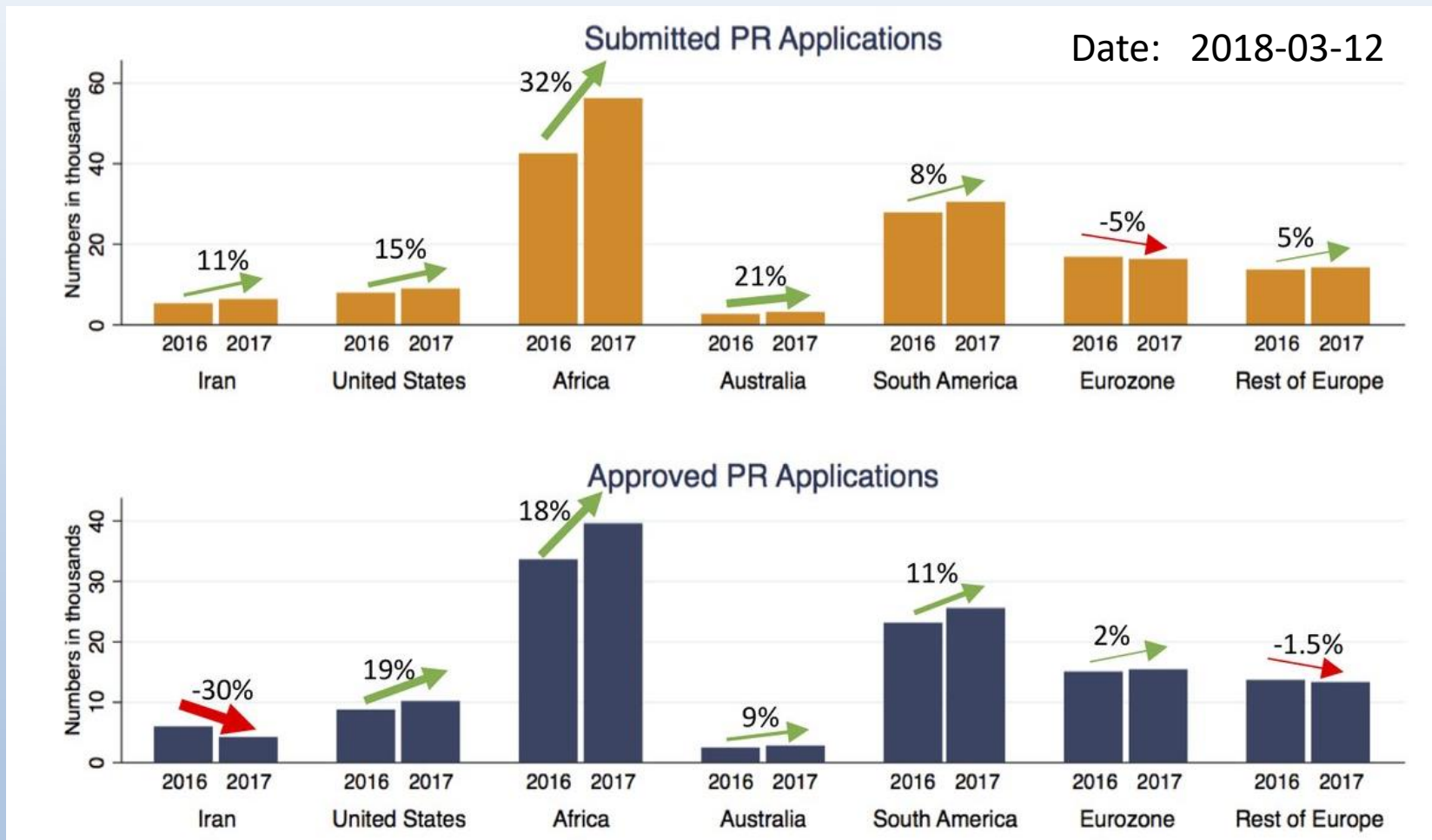
Trends in PR admission  
Iranian vs. total



Despite the increasing trend in the number of admitted applications, the Iranian applicants category witnesses a significant decrease.

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# Significant drop in Iranian approvals from 2016 to 2017 in comparison to the rest of the world



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# Adverse effects of the delay on the lives of delayed applicants

- Status renewal challenge: while applicants are stuck in security screening up to 40 months, each time their status are only extended for a limited duration (e.g., 6 months under bridge work-permit). This takes away many job opportunities from these highly qualified individuals and introduces new challenges in terms of government issued IDs and health insurances.
- At the personal level, the delay, the state of limbo, and the fear of unclear future cause several stress related issues; including but not limited to anxiety, panic attacks, major depressive disorders, and insomnia which can lead to permanent health complications.
- At the public level, contributions of the affected individuals to their professional work and the society are impaired.
- There are major negative effects on **pregnant women** and parents of Canadian-born children; due to the delay many have lost their jobs and are facing serious difficulties in funding their family and sustaining their lives.
- Significant adverse effects on family relationships.
- Major financial hardships for students (e.g., Higher International tuition fees, inability to apply for scholarships, loans or lines of credit etc.).
- Entrepreneurs can not secure governmental funds, loans and mortgages, and hence, they face significant challenges in maintaining their company and contribute through using their talents and creating jobs for Canadians.

# Our requests

- Complete the review of the current delayed in-land Visa, Study and Work Permits, PR and citizenship of Iranian applications in 30 days.
- Revise security screening policy for Iranian applicants and resolve any systematic problems leading to the current delays.
- Investigate the reasons of the significant drop in the approval rate of Iranian PR approvals and resolve any systematic problem causing the drop and restore the rates to the 2014 numbers consistent with the approval rates for applicants from other countries.
- Any extra security screening singling out Iranians shall be removed immediately.