

# Charting a course to a brighter future

## Key findings about youth education, employment and careers

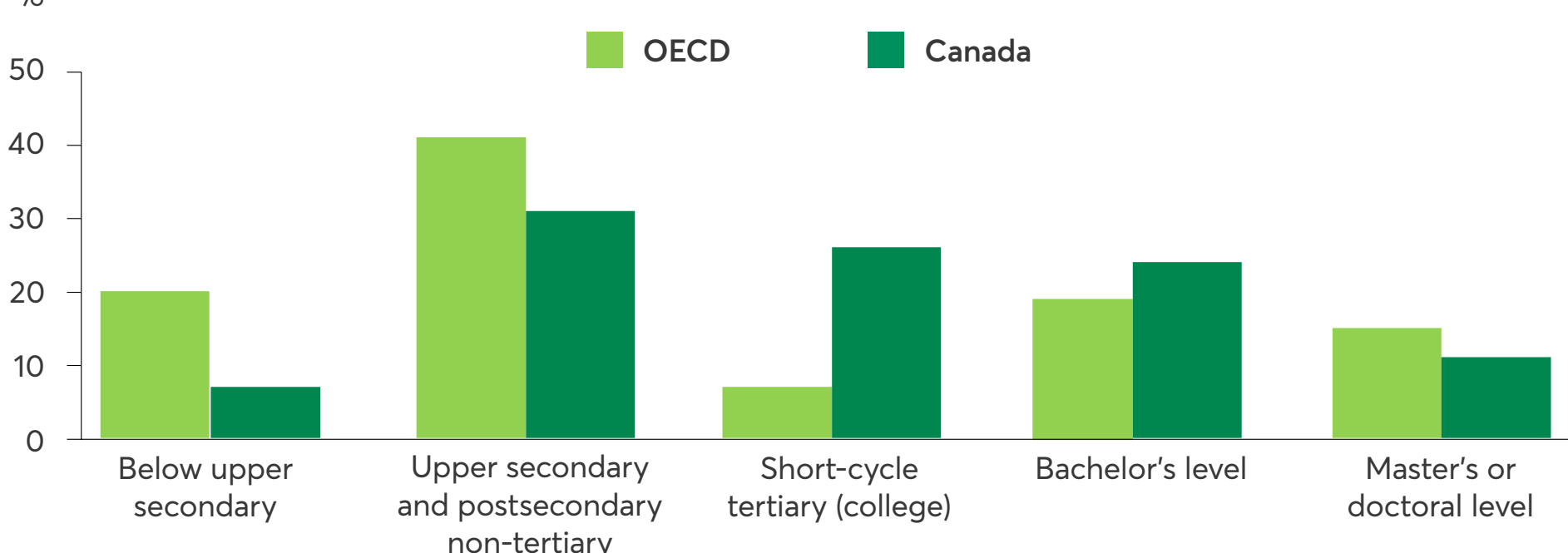


**Canada has the largest share of college and university degree holders of any G7 country.**

**Colleges and CEGEPs play an important role in Canada, and they are the primary reason for Canada's strong performance.**

### Canada's Youth Are More Likely to Pursue a Postsecondary Education

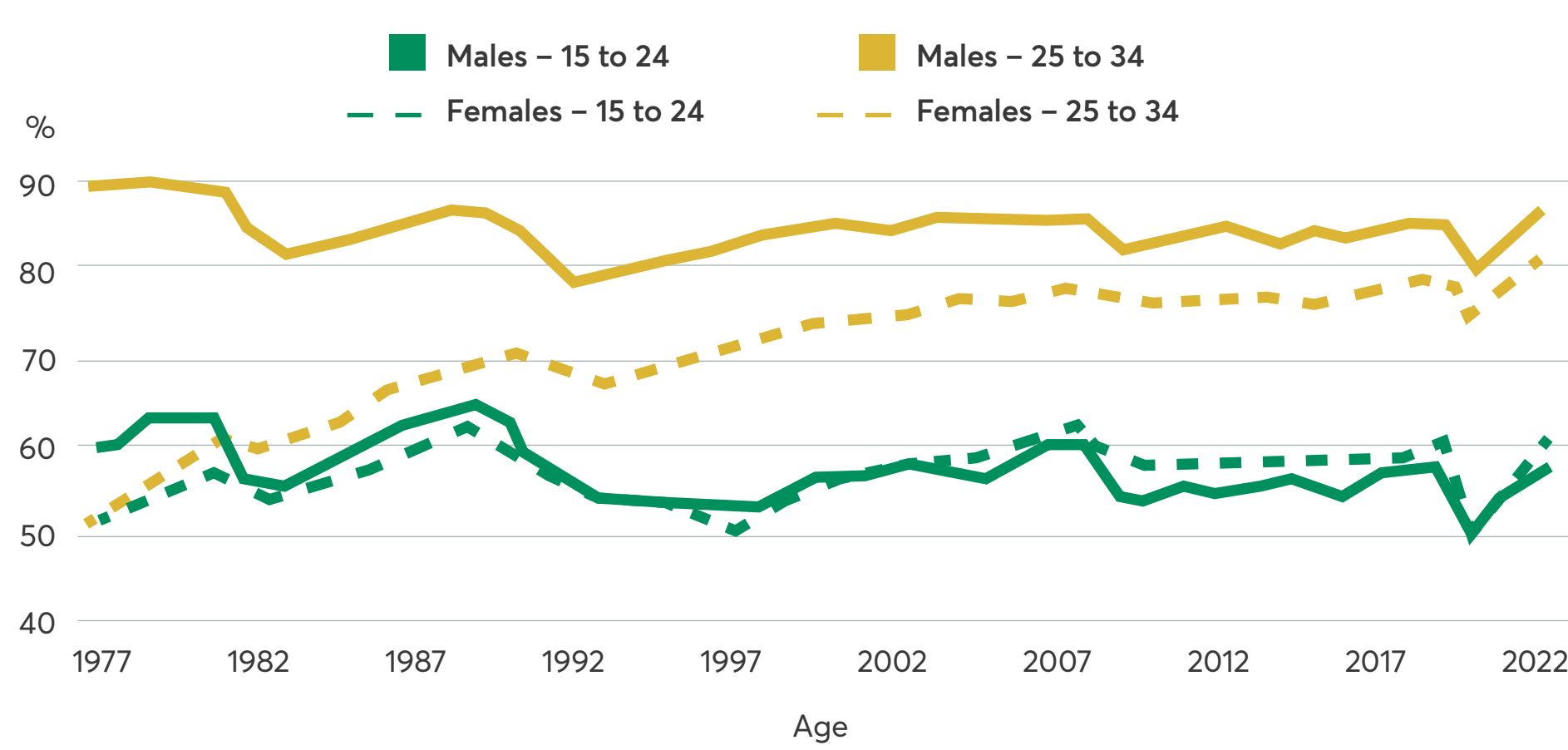
Educational attainment of the population ages 25 to 64 (2021)



**When it comes to employment rates, young women across Canada are catching up to their male counterparts**

### Women Have Driven the Improvement in Youth Employment Outcomes

Employment rates by age and sex



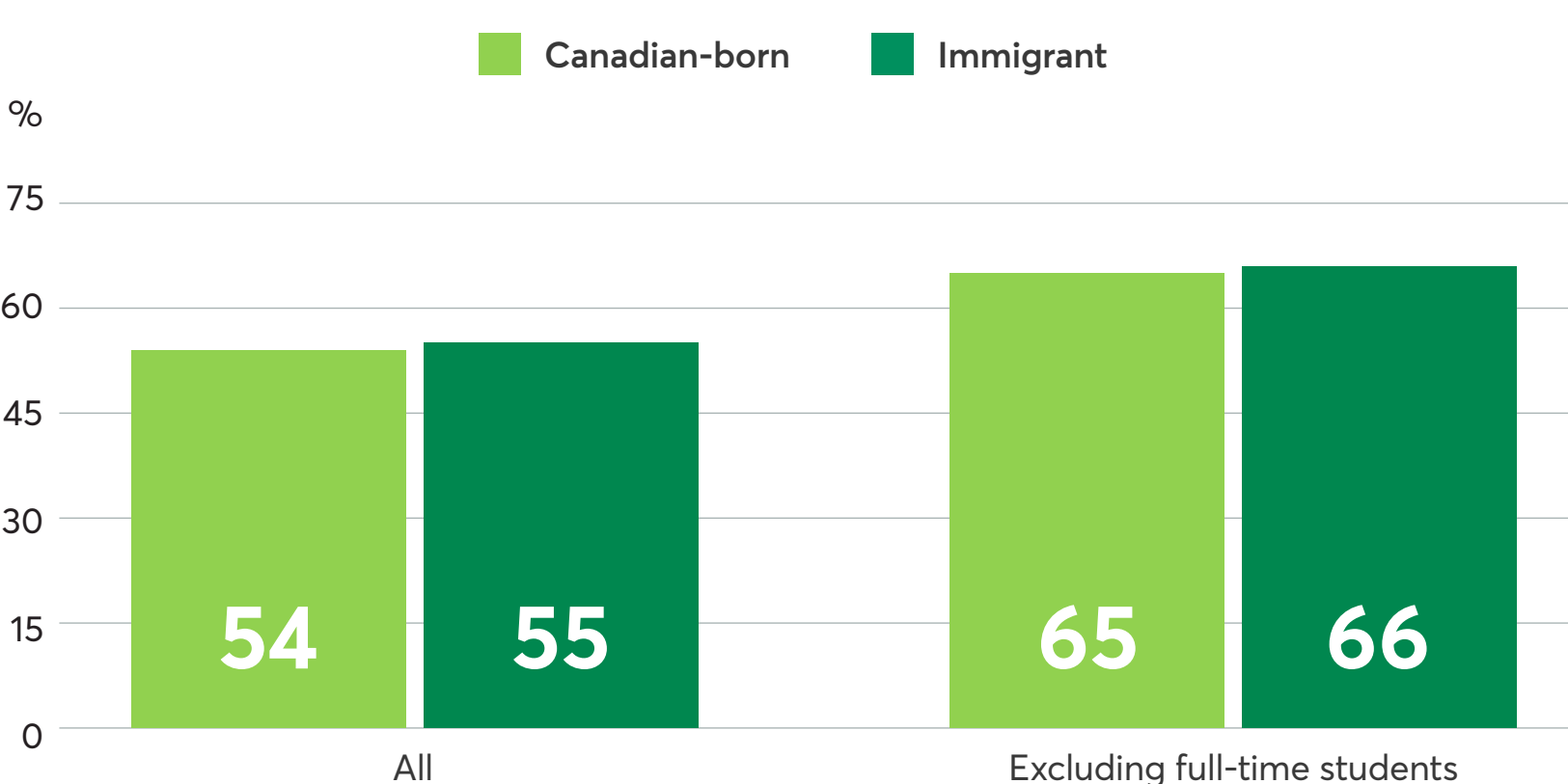
Sources: Statistics Canada and Desjardins Economic Studies

**Immigrants ages 15 to 24 have seen a sustained improvement in labour market outcomes over the last couple of decades, and the gap with Canadian-born youth has been gradually closing**



### Labour Market Outcomes Have Improved Greatly for Immigrant Youth

Percentage of workers ages 15 to 30 working full-time permanent jobs (2019)



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**Canadian youth have a lot to celebrate, but challenges remain. That's why young people are one of our top priorities.**



Just over 40% of Canadian youth ages 15 to 24 reported having excellent or very good mental health in late March and early April 2020, compared with 62% in 2018—the largest drop of any age group.

