

Prolonged Security Screening Delay Reference Information

Key Public Statistics:

- Current IRCC published service standards: [Economic Immigration](#) (varies by stream from 180 days to 11 months) and [Family Sponsorship](#) (12 months)
- Current CBSA published [service standard for PR security screening](#): **110 days**
- Current estimated CBSA wait time: [64.8 months](#) (**approx. 18× longer than standard**)
- Over [23,000 applications](#) stalled in security screening
- More than [535,300 immigration applications](#) in the national backlog

House of Commons Petitions:

- [Petition e-7259 \(13507 signatures\)](#): calls for timelines, regular status updates, independent oversight, and greater accountability for prolonged immigration security screening delays.
 - Petition e-7259 was [presented at the Parliament](#) on May 25, 2026.
- [Petition e-7341 \(4484 signatures\)](#): calls for a parliamentary review of immigration security screening to examine capacity, accountability, risk-based triage, and independent oversight.

Media Coverage:

- **March 13, 2026, Ottawa:**
 - News Conference in Ottawa: [Group calls for transparency and reasonable timelines in immigration processing](#)
 - [Parliament Hill Press Conference News Release](#)
 - OMNI News: ["Stuck Forever": Chinese Immigrants Protest IRCC Delays](#)
 - Support from [Senator Yuen Pau Woo](#)
- **May 1, 2026, Vancouver:**
 - CityNews: [Permanent Residence Applicants Protest Long Wait Times from IRCC](#)
 - CBC / Radio-Canada: [Permanent residency: a desperate wait](#)
 - OMNI News: [About 200 applicants protested at the Department of Immigration, urging faster handling of backlog cases of permanent residency](#)
- **May 28, 2026, Mississauga:**
 - OMNI News: [Mississauga Protest Against Indefinite Immigration Security Screening](#)
 - Voices and Bridges: [Protest Held in Mississauga by Individuals Affected by Security Screening Delays Across Canada](#)
 - Weber Immigration: [Highlights from Mississauga Protest – our hearts break for those who have been waiting years for decisions](#)
 - FairChild TV: [A Chinese community protested outside the Federal Immigration Office in Mississauga, Ontario, criticizing the severe backlog of permanent resident applications and the lengthy security background review process](#)

Briefing Notes Formally Submitted to the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration (CIMM) for Consideration:

- [CBSA Security Screening Backlog Collapse: Quantitative Evidence and Disproportionate Impact on Inland and Chinese PR Applicants](#)
- [Prolonged Inland PR Security Screening: Transparency, Timelines, and Public Confidence](#)

- [Security Screening Delays as a Structural Weakness in Canada's Immigration System](#)

Public Statements and Support:

- Senator Yuen Pau Woo: <https://x.com/VoicesFairCheck/status/2050339512900051347?s=20>
- Former Senator Victor Oh: <https://x.com/VoicesFairCheck/status/2050338840523739215?s=20>
- Don Davies, Member of Parliament: <https://x.com/voicesfaircheck/status/2051010420245492222?s=46>
- Christine Boyle, Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia: <https://x.com/voicesfaircheck/status/2051015286065951184?s=46>
- Steven Meurrens (Immigration Lawyer): <https://x.com/smeurrens/status/2050265045465186374>
- Joshua Slayen (Immigration Lawyer): <https://x.com/VoicesFairCheck/status/2050338177471389701?s=20>

Industry Commentary:

- Institute for Research on Public Policy commentary: [Opaque immigration screening threatens Canada's global talent strategy](#)
- Commentary on the broader impacts of prolonged security screening delays: [The Hidden Domino Effect of Immigration Security Screening Delays in Canada](#)

Website and Social Media:

- PR Justice Now/Ottawa Protest: <https://chinese-pr-delay.ca/>
- Vancouver Protest: <https://chinese-pr-delay.ca/events/VAN501-2026/>
- Mississauga Protest: <https://chinese-pr-delay.ca/events/TOR528-2026/>
- X - Voice for Fair Screening: <https://x.com/VoicesFairCheck>
- YouTube - Voice for Fair Screening: <https://www.youtube.com/@VoicesforFairScreening>