2021 CENSUS ANALYSIS
CANADIAN IMMIGRATION

Based on Statistics Canada 2021 Census Data



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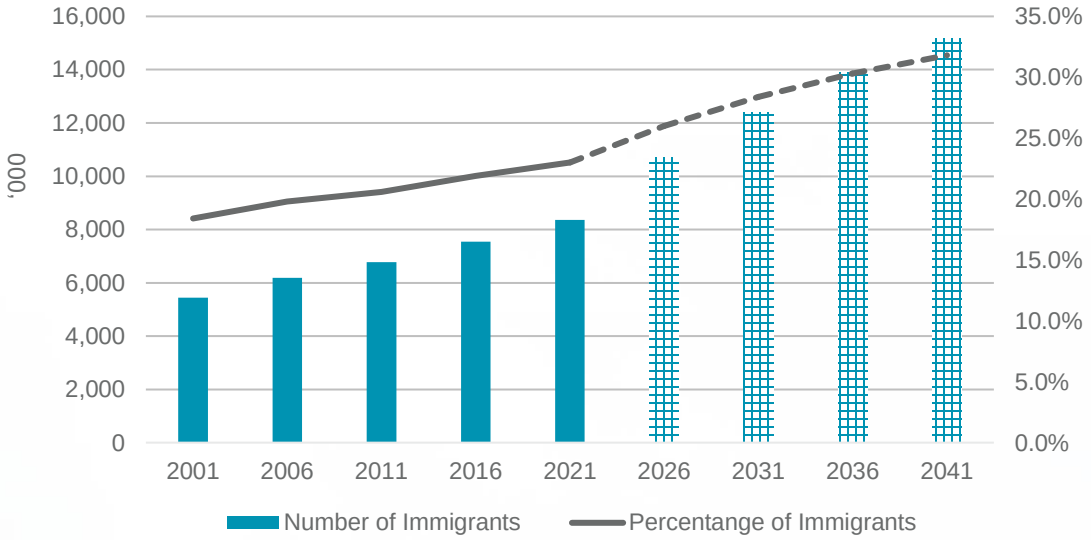
PROVINCIAL IMMIGRATION 2006 – 2021

Geographic distribution (%) of recent immigrants to Canada by province and territory

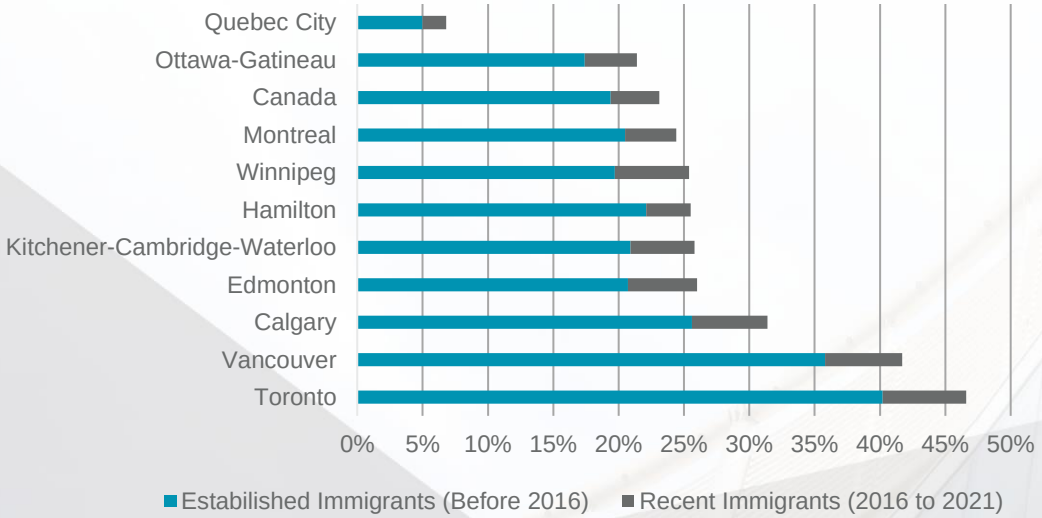


	2006	2011	2016	2021
Territories	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
British Columbia	16.0%	15.9%	14.5%	14.9%
Alberta	9.3%	12.4%	17.1%	14.5%
Saskatchewan	0.7%	2.3%	4.0%	3.2%
Manitoba	2.8%	5.0%	5.2%	4.4%
Ontario	52.3%	43.1%	39.0%	44.0%
Quebec	17.4%	19.2%	17.8%	15.3%
New Brunswick	0.4%	0.6%	0.8%	1.2%
Nova Scotia	0.6%	0.9%	1.0%	1.6%
Newfoundland & Labrador	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
Prince Edward Island	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%

Canadian Immigration vs. Proportion of the Population



Proportion (%) of Population who are Immigrants by CMA



Ten largest CMA's in Canada. A CMA is defined as a large urban centre with a population of at least 100,000 persons

Key Takeaways

- In 2021, more than 8.3 million people were, or had ever been, a landed immigrant or permanent resident in Canada. This proportion of the population is the highest among the G7 countries.
- Just over 1.3 million new immigrants settled permanently in Canada from 2016 to 2021, the highest number of recent immigrants recorded in a Canadian census.
- Given the country's aging population and low fertility rate, immigration is the main driver of population growth. If these trends continue, based on Statistics Canada's projections, immigrants could represent 29.1% to 34.0% of the population of Canada by 2041.
- From 2016 to 2021, immigrants accounted for four-fifths of labour force growth. The contribution immigrants make to Canada's labour force is critical due to a combination of the labour force shortage many sectors are currently experiencing as well as the aging of the working population.
- In 2021, over nine in ten recent immigrants lived in one of Canada's 41 census metropolitan areas (CMA's), as Toronto (29.5%), Montreal (12.2%) and Vancouver (11.7%) continued to welcome the most recent immigrants in 2021.
- However, that share is declining as an increasing number of recent immigrants are settling outside those key urban centres. For example, the share of recent immigrants settling in Atlantic Canada almost tripled in 15 years, rising from 1.2% in 2006 to 3.5% in 2021.

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