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Census Results

Immigration and Citizenship

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On December 4, 2007, Statistics Canada released the fourth of a series of announcements from the 2006 Census of Canada, which was conducted on May 16, 2006. The release reported language, mobility patterns and immigration. Data regarding immigration and citizenship are contained in this newsletter. For further information regarding the Census of Canada, please contact Statistics Canada at 1-613-951-8116 or 1-800 263-1136 or visit their website at www.statcan.ca.

IMMIGRATION

The proportion of Canada's population that were born outside the country reached its highest level in 75 years. The 2006 Census enumerated nearly 6.2 million immigrants, one in five are foreign-born in the country. Between 2001 and 2006, Canada's foreign-born population increased by 14%, while the Canadian-born population grew by

3%. Two-thirds of the nation's population growth was from immigration.

Immigration also plays a critical role for Mississauga and includes people from all corners of the world. In 2006 just over half of the City's population was foreign-born and from 2001 to 2006 it increased from 47% to 52%. The proportion of the foreign-born population was third-highest among all Canadian municipalities. From 2001 to 2006, immigrant population growth exceeded total population growth.

Places of Birth of Immigrants

Canada's foreign-born population comes from more than 200 countries of origin. Immigrants from Asia and the Middle East are the largest group of foreign-born in the country, and in Mississauga account for over half of the immigrant population. In Canada, the share of immigrants from Asia and

the Middle East has been increasing from the late 1960s. In 2006, they represent 41% of total immigrants to Canada and over half of Mississauga's immigrants.

Age Profile of Immigrants

The majority of people migrate in their prime working years. Between 2001 and 2006, the majority of immigrants to Canada were between 25 and 54 years of age. This age characteristic is similar in Ontario, the Toronto CMA and Mississauga.

Immigrant Settlement Patterns

The Province of Ontario has traditionally been the first choice for many coming to Canada. Overall, the immigrant population in the Province represented over one-quarter of the population. Ontario continues to be the province of choice for more than half of the 1.1 million newcomers who arrived in Canada during the past five years.

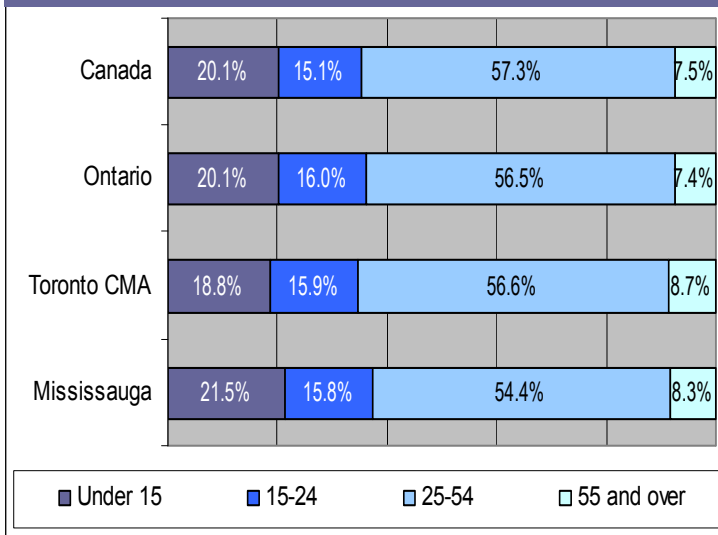
Canada, Ontario, Toronto CMA and Mississauga

Places of Birth of Total Immigrants

	Canada		Ontario			Toronto CMA			Mississauga		
	#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%
Total Immigrants	6,186,950	19.8%		3,398,725	28.3%		2,320,165	45.7%		343,245	51.6%
1 Asia and the Middle East*	2,525,155	40.8%	Asia and the Middle East	1,376,590	40.5%	Asia and the Middle East	1,132,210	48.8%	Asia and the Middle East	178,215	51.9%
2 Europe	2,278,350	36.8%	Europe	1,307,885	38.5%	Europe	693,010	29.9%	Europe	98,805	28.8%
3 Africa	374,565	6.1%	Caribbean and Bermuda	211,380	6.2%	Caribbean and Bermuda	173,130	7.5%	Caribbean and Bermuda	23,670	6.9%
4 Caribbean and Bermuda	317,765	5.1%	Africa	164,795	4.8%	South America	128,160	5.5%	Africa	17,620	5.1%
5 South America	250,710	4.1%	South America	157,700	4.6%	Africa	117,245	5.1%	South America	16,000	4.7%
6 United States of America	250,540	4.0%	United States of America	106,410	3.2%	United States of America	41,285	1.8%	United States of America	4,870	1.4%
7 Central America	130,460	2.1%	Central America	58,945	1.7%	Central America	26,550	1.1%	Central America	2,835	0.8%
8 Oceania and Other**	59,410	1.0%	Oceania and Other	15,020	0.5%	Oceania and Other	8,570	0.3%	Oceania and Other	1,225	0.4%

*Asia consists of West Central Asia including Afghanistan, Iran Turkey and the Asian component of the former USSR; Eastern Asia includes China and Hong Kong; Southeast Asia including Cambodia, Indonesia and Philippines and Southern Asia including Bangladesh and India. The Middle East includes Bahrain, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine/West Bank/Gaza Strip, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates and Yemen. **Oceania and Other" includes Greenland, St Pierre and Miquelon and the category 'Other Country'.

**Canada, Ontario, Toronto CMA, Mississauga
Immigrants by Age Group, 2001-2006**



Top 10 Municipalities* With the Highest Proportion of Immigrant Population

Rank	Municipality	Total Population**	Non-immigrant population	Immigrant Population	% of Immigrant Population
1	Richmond, (B.C.)	173,570	71,650	99,660	57.4%
2	Markham, (Ont.)	260,755	111,070	147,400	56.5%
3	Mississauga, (Ont.)	665,655	314,965	343,245	51.6%
4	Richmond Hill, (Ont.)	161,695	76,710	83,330	51.5%
5	Burnaby, (B.C)	200,855	94,485	102,030	50.8%
6	Toronto, (Ont.)	2,476,565	1,184,235	1,237,725	50.0%
7	Brampton, (Ont.)	431,575	222,080	206,185	47.8%
8	Vancouver, (B.C.)	571,600	292,760	260,760	45.6%
9	Côte-Saint-Luc, (Que.)	30,265	16,035	13,745	45.4%
10	Vaughan, (Ont.)	238,005	128,895	106,960	44.9%

**(CMAs) Census Metropolitan Areas are not included. **Total population refers to the non-immigrant population and the immigrant population. Non-permanent residents are not included in this table.*

New Canadians are primarily city dwellers. Unlike the immigrants in the early 19th century in search of land, today's immigrants are more likely to live in a metropolitan area than the Canadian-born population.

Although the foreign-born population prefer urban areas, they do not necessarily favour the urban core. In the Toronto CMA most of the foreign-born population settled in the municipalities surrounding the City of Toronto. Mississauga took in 17% of immigrants to the Toronto CMA between 2001 and 2006.

**Canada, Ontario, Toronto CMA and Mississauga
Immigrant Population by Period of Immigration**

	Canada		Ontario		Toronto CMA		Mississauga	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrant Population*	6,186,950	100.0%	3,398,725	100.0%	2,320,160	100.0%	343,245	100.0%
Before 1961	791,220	12.8%	442,690	13.0%	189,925	8.2%	19,170	5.6%
1961-1970	710,280	11.5%	405,180	11.9%	232,635	10.0%	30,675	8.9%
1971-1980	903,700	14.6%	478,340	14.1%	324,150	14.0%	45,860	13.4%
1981-1990	1,003,205	16.2%	558,220	16.4%	405,340	17.5%	61,850	18.0%
1991-2000	1,668,550	27.0%	933,550	27.5%	720,185	31.0%	110,880	32.3%
2001-2006	1,109,980	17.9%	580,740	17.1%	447,930	19.3%	74,805	21.8%

**Total immigrant population refers to persons who are now, or have been, landed immigrants.*

Immigrants in Mississauga

The top five countries of birth of recent immigrants to Mississauga were India, Pakistan, the Philippines, the People's Republic of China and South Korea.

CITIZENSHIP

In Mississauga, three-quarters of immigrants became Canadian citizens, this is in line with the national proportion. Twelve percent of immigrants in Mississauga have citizenship of Canada and one other country.

**Canada, Ontario, Toronto CMA and Mississauga
Citizenship of Immigrant Population**

	Canada		Ontario		Toronto CMA		Mississauga	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	6,186,950	100.0%	3,398,725	100.0%	2,320,160	100.0%	343,245	100.0%
Canadian citizens	4,691,440	75.8%	2,619,445	77.1%	1,754,350	75.6%	256,380	74.7%
Canadian citizens only	3,999,300	64.6%	2,246,890	66.1%	1,501,815	64.7%	214,090	62.4%
Citizens of Canada and at least one other country	692,140	11.2%	372,555	11.0%	252,540	10.9%	42,295	12.3%
Not Canadian citizens	1,495,510	24.2%	779,280	22.9%	565,805	24.4%	86,865	25.3%

Numbers in tables may not add due to rounding.