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Age

Five age groups are shown: 0 to 14 years, 15 to 24 years, 25 to 44 years, 45 to 64 years, and 65 years or older. Age refers to age at landing for permanent residents and age at entry or age on December 1st for temporary residents.

Business immigrants

Permanent residents in the economic immigrant category selected on the basis of their ability to establish themselves economically in Canada through entrepreneurial activity, self-employment or direct investment. Business immigrants include entrepreneurs, self-employed people and investors. The spouse or common-law partner and the dependent children of the business immigrant are also included in this category.

Census division (CD)

Census division (CD) is the general term for provincially legislated areas (such as county, municipalité régionale de comté and regional district) or their equivalents. Census divisions are intermediate geographic areas between the province/territory level and the municipality (census subdivision). Furthermore, census divisions consist of neighbouring municipalities joined together for the purposes of regional planning and managing common services (such as police or ambulance services). These groupings are established under laws in effect in certain provinces of Canada. http://geodepot.statcan.ca/Diss/Reference/COGG/Index e.cfm <u>^ Top</u>

Census metropolitan area (CMA)

A census metropolitan area (CMA) is formed by one or more adjacent neighbouring municipalities centred on a large urban area (known as the urban core). A CMA must have a total population of at least 100,000 of which 50,000 or more must live in the urban core. To be included in the CMA, other adjacent municipalities must have a high degree of integration with the central urban area, as measured by commuting flows derived from census place of work data. http://geodepot.statcan.ca/Diss/Reference/COGG/Index e.cfm

Census subdivision (CSD)

Census subdivision (CSD) is the general term for municipalities (as determined by provincial/territorial legislation) or areas treated as municipal equivalents for statistical purposes (e.g., Indian reserves, Indian settlements and unorganized territories). Municipal status is defined by laws in effect in each province and territory in Canada.

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Common-law partner

The family class includes, among others, persons who are the sponsor's common-law partner. Common law partner means, in relation to a person, an individual who is cohabiting with the person in a conjugal relationship, having so cohabited for a period of at least one year. The term refers to both opposite-sex and same-sex couples. Fiancés are no longer designated as a component of the Family class under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. In this publication, the term common-law partner is also used as a designation of marital status for all immigrants regardless of their immigration category.

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Conjugal partner

The family class includes, among others, persons who are the sponsor's conjugal partner. A conjugal partner is a person who has maintained a conjugal relationship with the sponsor for at least one year but has been unable to live with the sponsor. The term refers to both opposite-sex and same-sex couples. This category is intended for partners of sponsors who would ordinarily apply as common-law partners but cannot meet the definition, that is, they were not able to live together continuously for at least one year.

Country of birth

Refers to the principal country of birth for all permanent residents and temporary residents, unless otherwise indicated.

Country of citizenship

Refers to the principal country of citizenship for all permanent residents and temporary residents, unless otherwise indicated.

Country of last permanent residence

Refers to the principal country of last permanent residence for all permanent residents and temporary residents, unless otherwise indicated. For refugee claimants, source country refers to the principal country of alleged persecution. In this publication, the top ten source countries appear in decreasing order of entry (or presence) from these countries in the most recent year.

Deferred removal orders

Permanent residents determined to be members of the Deferred Removal Orders Class (DROC) who are included with other immigrants. This class was designed to grant relief to individuals who have not been recognized as refugees in Canada, who have cooperated with the authorities, but who have not been removed from Canada within three years of the time they became removable. This category was introduced in 1994 under the Immigration Regulations of the Immigration Act (1976) but is no longer designated under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

Dependent children

Under current legislation, children are dependent if they are unmarried and under the age of 22, or if they have been full-time students since before the age of 22, attend a post-secondary educational institution and have been substantially dependent on the financial support of a parent since before the age of 22 or, if married or a common-law partner, since becoming a spouse or a common-law partner, or if 22 or older, they have been substantially dependent on the financial support of a parent since before the age of 22 because of a physical or mental condition. A dependent child is either a biological child or an adopted child.

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Economic immigrants

Permanent residents selected for their skills and ability to contribute to Canada's economy. The economic immigrant category includes skilled workers, business immigrants, provincial or territorial nominees and live-in caregivers.

Economic region

An economic region (ER) is a grouping of complete census divisions (CDs) (with one exception in Ontario) created as a standard geographic unit for analysis of regional economic activity. Within the province of Quebec, economic regions (régions administratives) are designated by law. In all other provinces and territories, economic regions are created by agreement between Statistics Canada and the province/territory concerned. Prince Edward Island and the three territories each consist of one economic region. In Ontario, there is one exception where the economic region boundary does not respect census division boundaries: the census division of Halton is split between the ER of Hamilton - Niagara Peninsula and the ER of Toronto.

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Entrepreneurs

Economic immigrants in the business immigrant category who are selected on the condition that they have managed and controlled a percentage of equity of a qualifying business for at least two years in the period beginning five years before they apply, and that they have a legally obtained net worth of at least CAN\$300,000. They must own and manage a qualifying business in Canada for at least one year in the three years following arrival in Canada.

Family class

Permanent residents sponsored by a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident living in Canada who is 18 years of age or over. Family class immigrants include spouses and partners (i.e., spouse, common-law partner or conjugal partner); parents and grandparents; and others (i.e., dependent children, children under the age of 18 whom the sponsor intends to adopt in Canada, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces and grandchildren who are orphans under 18 years of age, or any other relative if the sponsor has no relative as described above, either abroad or in Canada). Fiancés are no longer designated as a component of the family class under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

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Foreign Students

Foreign Workers

Temporary residents who are in Canada principally to study in the observed calendar year. Foreign students have been issued a study permit (with or without other types of permits). Under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, a study permit is not needed for any program of study that is six months or less. Foreign students exclude temporary residents who have been issued a study permit but who entered Canada principally for reasons other than study.

Temporary residents who are in Canada principally to work in the observed calendar year. Foreign workers have been issued a document that allows them to work in Canada. Foreign workers exclude

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temporary residents who have been issued a work permit but who entered Canada mainly for reasons other than work.

FTA

A free trade agreement (FTA) is a trade treaty between two or more countries. These agreements are meant to reduce or completely remove tariffs to trade. One example of such agreements is the Canada–Chile Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA).

GATS

The General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) is a treaty of the World Trade Organization (WTO) that came into force January 1995. The treaty was created to extend the multilateral trading system to the service sector. GATS professionals possess the necessary academic credentials and professional qualifications which have been duly recognized by the professional association of Canada.

Government-assisted refugees

Permanent residents in the refugee category who are selected abroad for resettlement to Canada as Convention refugees under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act or as members of the Convention Refugees Abroad Class, and who receive resettlement assistance from the federal government.

Humanitarian and Compassionate Cases

Permanent residents included with other immigrants who are sponsored humanitarian and compassionate cases outside the family class, humanitarian and compassionate cases without sponsorship, and cases that take into account public policy. On an exceptional basis, the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act gives Citizenship and Immigration Canada the authority to grant permanent resident status to individuals and families who would not otherwise qualify in any category, in cases where there are strong humanitarian and compassionate (H&C) considerations, or for public policy reasons. The purpose of these discretionary provisions is to provide the flexibility to approve deserving cases not anticipated in the legislation.

Humanitarian population

Temporary residents who are primarily refugee claimants but also includes other foreign nationals allowed to remain in Canada on humanitarian or compassionate grounds under "special considerations."

Immigration Act (1976)

Federal legislation respecting immigration to Canada. The Immigration Act of 1976 became law in 1978 and remained in effect until 2002.

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Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA)

Federal legislation respecting immigration to Canada and the granting of refugee protection to people who are displaced, persecuted or in danger. IRPA received royal assent on November 1, 2001 and came into effect on June 28, 2002.

Immigration class

The immigration class is a further breakdown of the landing category. For example, the economic category consists of entrepreneurs, self-employed, skilled workers, etc. Based on the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, immigrants are processed under specific classes that are related to –CIC-*selection objectives* (skilled workers, spouses, government assisted refugees, etc.)

Independent immigrants

The independent immigrant category is a pre-IRPA immigration category that includes skilled workers selected for their labour market skills and business immigrants selected on the basis of their business experience and other related skills.

Industrial codes

Economic immigrants in the business immigrant category who have declared their industry of activity, in lieu of their intended occupation.

Investors

Economic immigrants in the business immigrant category who are required to make a substantial investment in Canada that is allocated to participating provinces and territories for economic development and job creation.

Landing category

Landing category is a term that describes the four main groups of permanent residents - family class, economic immigrants, refugees, as well as "other" immigrants who do not qualify in any of the first three categories. On an exceptional basis, the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) gives Citizenship and Immigration Canada the authority to grant permanent resident status to individuals and families who would not otherwise qualify in any category - for example, in cases where there are strong humanitarian and compassionate considerations. In reference to labour market characteristics, the economic immigrant category is further divided into two subgroups: principal applicants, and spouses and dependants.

Language ability

Four categories of language ability in one of Canada's official languages are shown for permanent residents: English only, French only, both French and English, and neither language. These are self-declared indicators of knowledge of an official language.

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Level of education

Eight levels of education are shown for permanent residents who are 15 years of age or older, based on the number of years of schooling or the certificate, diploma or degree obtained.

- 0 to 9 years of schooling
- 10 to 12 years of schooling
- 13 or more years of schooling, with no additional certificate, diploma or degree
- Trade certificate: completion of vocational training at non-university educational institutions
- Non-university diploma: completion of a diploma program not at the university or trade level
- Bachelor's degree: completion of a bachelor's program at the university level
- Master's degree: completion of a master's program at the university level
- Doctoral degree: completion of a doctoral program at the university level

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Level of study

Five levels of study have are shown for foreign students.

- Secondary or less: primary or secondary educational institutions in Canada
- Trade: vocational trade at non-university educational institutions in Canada (such as technical and vocational institutions, CEGEPs and colleges)
- University: undergraduate, postgraduate (master's and doctoral) and other studies at university institutions in Canada
- Other post-secondary: post-secondary level of study, not at the university or trade level, including language institutions, private institutions and university qualifying programs
- Other: foreign students not classified in any of the above levels of study

Live-in caregivers

Persons granted permanent resident status as economic immigrants after their participation in the Livein Caregiver Program. This program brings temporary foreign workers to Canada as live-in employees to work without supervision in private households to care for children, seniors or people with disabilities. Participants in this program may apply for permanent resident status within three years of arrival in Canada, once they have completed two years of employment as live-in caregivers. The Live-in Caregiver Program replaced the Foreign Domestic Movement Program on April 27, 1992.

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LMO

A Labour Market Opinion (LMO) is an assessment provided from HRSDC/Service Canada to an employer who wants to hire a foreign worker. The assessment is based on the impact a worker would have on Canada's labour market or, in other words, how the offer of employment would affect Canadian jobs. In some cases, special exemption applies. For example, some defined occupations do not require an LMO but need a CIC exemption approval.

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Marital status

The marital status of an individual upon entering Canada (i.e. single, married, divorced, etc.).

Mother tongue

The native (first) language of an individual upon entering Canada.

NAFTA

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is an agreement signed by the governments of Canada, Mexico, and the United States, creating a trilateral trade bloc in North America. The agreement came into force on January 1, 1994. It superseded the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement signed in 1988.

National occupational classification (NOC)

The National Occupational Classification (NOC) is the nationally accepted reference on occupations in Canada.

http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/noc/english/noc/2006/AboutNOC.aspx

New workers

Permanent residents who are intending to work in Canada but who are without a declared occupation. Occupational skill level cannot be assessed.

Occupational skill level

Five skill levels, based on the National Occupational Classification, are shown for permanent residents 15 years of age or older as well as for temporary foreign workers.

- Level O (managerial): management occupations
- Level A (professional): professional occupations in business and finance; natural and applied sciences; health; social science, education, government service, and religion; and art and culture. Educational or training requirements: university degree
- Level B (skilled and technical): skilled or technical occupations in administration and business; natural and applied sciences; health; law, social service, education, and religion; art, culture, recreation and sport; sales and service; as well as trades and skilled transport and equipment operators; skilled occupations in primary industries; and processing, manufacturing and utilities supervisors and skilled operators Educational or training requirements: two to three years of post-secondary education, or two to five years of apprenticeship training, or three to four years of secondary school and more than two years of on-the-job training, occupation-specific training courses or specific work experience
- Level C (intermediate and clerical): clerical occupations; assisting occupations in health services; intermediate occupations in sales and services; transport, equipment operations, installation and maintenance; primary industries; as well as processing and manufacturing machine operators and assemblers Educational or training requirements: one to four years of secondary school education, or up to two years of on-the-job training, training courses or specific work experience
- Level D (elemental and labourers): elemental sales and service occupations and labourers in construction; primary industries; and processing, manufacturing and utilities Educational or training requirements: no formal educational requirements; short work demonstration or onthe-job training

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Other humanitarian cases

Temporary residents in the humanitarian population composed of foreign nationals other than refugee claimants, who are allowed to remain in Canada on humanitarian or compassionate grounds under "special circumstances". These other humanitarian cases include a small number of individuals who have never filed a refugee claim but who are processed under special programs established to handle refugee-like cases.

Other temporary residents

Persons with a temporary resident permit or a visitor record issued for the purpose of entering Canada. These temporary residents do not hold a work permit, a study permit, a permit processed under special programs established to handle refugee-like cases nor have they ever filed a refugee claim.

Other immigrants

Permanent residents in the other immigrant category include post-determination refugee claimants in Canada, deferred removal orders, retirees (no longer designated under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act), temporary resident permit holders, humanitarian and compassionate cases, sponsored humanitarian and compassionate cases outside the family class, and people granted permanent resident status based on public policy considerations.

Permanent residents

People who have been granted permanent resident status in Canada. Permanent residents must live in Canada for at least 730 days (two years) within a five-year period or risk losing their status. Permanent residents have all the rights guaranteed under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms such as equality rights, legal rights, and mobility rights, freedom of religion, freedom of expression and freedom of association. They do not, however, have the right to vote in elections.

Post-determination refugee claimants in Canada

Permanent residents determined to be members of the Post-Determination Refugee Claimants in Canada class (PDRCC) who are included with other immigrants. The PDRCC is a prescribed class (no longer designated under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act) where permanent residence is granted to protect a failed refugee claimant from a threat in the country of nationality or origin where there is a risk to life, or a risk of excessive sanctions or inhumane treatment.

Principal applicants

Permanent residents identified as the principal applicant on their application for a permanent resident visa for themselves and, if applicable, for accompanying spouse and/or dependants when they apply to immigrate to Canada. For individuals or families applying to immigrate to Canada in the skilled worker category, only the principal applicant is assessed on the basis of selection criteria in place at the time of the application.

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Privately sponsored refugees

Permanent residents in the refugee category who are selected for resettlement in the Convention refugees abroad class, the source country class or the country of asylum class and who are privately sponsored by organizations, individuals or groups of individuals.

Province or territory

The province or territory of intended destination in Canada. http://geodepot.statcan.ca/Diss/Reference/COGG/Index e.cfm

Provincial or territorial nominees

Economic immigrants selected by a province or territory for specific skills that will contribute to the local economy to meet specific labour market needs. The Regulations establish a provincial or territorial nominee class, allowing provinces and territories that have agreements with Citizenship and Immigration Canada to nominate persons to go to that province. A nominee must meet federal admissibility requirements, such as those related to health and security.

Refugee claimants

Temporary residents in the humanitarian population who request refugee protection upon or after arrival in Canada. A refugee claimant receives Canada's protection when he or she is found to be a Convention refugee as defined by the United Nations 1951 Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 protocol, or when found to be a person needing protection based on risk to life, risk of cruel and unusual treatment or punishment, or danger of torture as defined in the Convention Against Torture. A refugee claimant whose claim is accepted may make an application in Canada for permanent residence. The application may include family members in Canada and abroad.

Refugee dependants

Refugee dependants are permanent residents in the refugee category who are family members of a refugee landed in Canada, and who were living abroad or in Canada at the time of application. Their applications for permanent residence are considered concurrently with that of the principal applicant in Canada.

Refugees

Permanent residents in the refugee category include government-assisted refugees, privately sponsored refugees, refugees landed in Canada and refugee dependants (i.e., dependants of refugees landed in Canada, including spouses and partners living abroad or in Canada).

Refugees landed in Canada

Permanent residents in the refugee category who have had their refugee claims accepted and who subsequently applied for and were granted permanent resident status in Canada. With the introduction of IRPA, this group is referred to as "Protected persons in Canada".

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Retirees

Permanent residents included with other immigrants who are over the age of 55, who come to Canada with no intention of working and who have sufficient funds to support themselves. This immigration category was phased out in 1991 and is no longer designated under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

Self-employed

Economic immigrants in the business immigrant category selected on the condition that they can, and intend to, create their own employment in Canada and contribute significantly either to the Canadian economy or to the cultural or athletic life of Canada (for example, as farmers, artists, actors, writers or professional athletes).

Skilled workers

Economic immigrants selected for their ability to participate in the labour market and to establish themselves economically in Canada. Skilled workers are assessed on the basis of selection criteria that stress education, language ability and skilled work experience.

Source area

Five major world regions are shown: Africa and the Middle East, Asia and Pacific, South America and Central America, the United States, and Europe and the United Kingdom.

Spouse and dependants

Permanent residents who are the spouse, common-law or conjugal partner, or dependent children of the principal applicant and listed as such on the application.

Still Present

Temporary residents subject to a refugee claim or a valid document (i.e., a work permit, study permit, temporary resident permit, or a visitor record) issued for the purpose of entering Canada in compliance with the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (or with the Immigration Act of 1976 prior to 2002) for which the validity continues from the previous year to any point in time during the year of observation (calendar year). For a given year of observation, the sum of initial entries, re-entries and persons still present reflects the number of temporary residents deemed "ever present" in Canada at any point in time during that calendar year. This total number of persons differs from the Temporary residents present on December 1st shown in other tables of this report.

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Study permit

A permit authorizing foreign nationals to enter and study in Canada on a temporary basis. The study permit identifies the level of study and the length of time the individual may study in Canada. Students do not need a study permit for courses shorter than six months.

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Temporary residents

Foreign nationals who are lawfully in Canada on a temporary basis under the authority of a valid document (i.e., a work permit, study permit, temporary resident permit, or a visitor record) issued for the purpose of entering Canada and individuals who seek asylum upon or after their arrival in Canada and remain in the country pending the outcome of processes relative to their claim. Temporary residents include foreign workers, foreign students, the humanitarian population and other temporary residents. The other category of temporary residents is not profiled in this publication.

Temporary resident initial entries

Temporary residents who enter Canada for the first time in the observed calendar year with a valid document (i.e., a work permit, study permit, refugee claim, temporary resident permit, or a visitor record). The sum of initial entries and re-entries reflects the total entries of temporary residents to Canada in any given year of observation.

Temporary resident permit holders

Persons included with other immigrants who have been granted permanent residence after having lived continuously in Canada for three to five years under the authority of a temporary resident permit.

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Temporary resident present on December 1st

This statistic measures the number of temporary residents with a valid document (i.e., a refugee claim, a work permit, study permit, temporary resident permit, or a visitor record) on December 1st of the observation year. This measure excludes temporary residents granted permanent resident status on or before the observation date and those whose document validity has expired or is not yet in effect. The Temporary residents present December 1st is the measure normally used to report the size of the temporary resident population in Canada.

Temporary resident re-entries

Temporary residents returning to Canada in the observed calendar year with a new document (i.e., a work permit, study permit, temporary resident permit, or a visitor record) issued abroad or at a port of entry. The sum of initial entries and re-entries reflects the total entries of temporary residents to Canada in any given year of observation.

Temporary resident total entries

The sum of initial entries and re-entries of temporary residents.

Transitions

Changes from one temporary resident status to another (e.g., from foreign student to temporary foreign worker) as well as from temporary resident status to permanent residence. Transitions refer to the number of temporary residents whose yearly status has changed from the previous year or from an earlier year if the individual is returning to Canada. A transition is reported in the calendar year in which the event happened.

Urban area

Refers to selected urban areas in Canada that are the intended destination for permanent and temporary residents. The urban areas are either census metropolitan areas (CMA) or census agglomerations (CA) as identified and named in accordance with Statistics Canada's 2001 Census definitions for these geographical units. A census metropolitan area has an urban core with a population of at least 100,000. A census agglomeration has an urban core with a population of at least 10,000. http://geodepot.statcan.ca/Diss/Reference/COGG/Index_e.cfm

Work permit

A permit authorization that allows a non-Canadian citizen or a non-permanent resident to work in Canada. Some temporary jobs in Canada may not require a work permit - for example, news reporters, public speakers, performing artists, foreign government officers.

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Yearly status

For statistical purposes, temporary residents are grouped as foreign workers, foreign students, the humanitarian population, or other temporary residents according to the main reason they have been authorized to enter and stay temporarily in Canada for each year of observation. These four categories are mutually exclusive - any person included in one category is excluded from the others.

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Yearly sub-status

The temporary resident population is subdivided into three lower levels called sub-status; with each level being connected to the main yearly status grouping. Each sub-status describes with better precision the main reason for the temporary resident to enter and stay in Canada for each year of observation. All sub-status categories are mutually exclusive - any person included in one category is excluded from the others.

Years of schooling

Number of years of schooling for permanent residents.

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