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Where are immigrants residing now?

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Highlights

- In 2011, 7% of the residents in non-metro census divisions were immigrants, born outside Canada.
- In contrast, 40% of the residents in metro census divisions were immigrants.
- Non-metro census divisions are more likely to have immigrants who arrived before 1971.
- Non-metro census divisions have fewer immigrants to act as magnets for newcomers or to help new immigrants integrate.

Why look at where immigrants are residing now?

By 2030, Canada's population will grow only via the arrival of immigrants¹. The presence of an immigrant community provides a core of individuals who have experienced the challenge of immigrating and who could contribute to the welcoming of new immigrants. The presence of immigrants in a community is an advantage for communities wishing to attract more immigrants. An immigrant is a person born outside Canada and who is now or who has ever been a landed immigrant / permanent resident.

Findings

In 2011, 3.6 million Ontario residents were immigrants (Table 1). This represented 29% of Ontario's population at the time.

In non-metro census divisions (CDs), only 7% of the population was an immigrant in 2011. Across the non-metro CDs, this ranged from 10% in four CDs (Northumberland, Haliburton, Haldimand-Norfolk and Lambton) to 3% in Timiskaming, Cochrane and Sudbury.

This is in comparison to the three CDs where more than 40% of their population is an immigrant - Peel with 50%, Toronto with 49% and York with 45%. In five of the eight metro CDs, more immigrants arrived in the most recent decade (2001 to 2011) than in any previous decade.

In stark contrast, we find that in each of the 27 non-metro CDs, more immigrants had arrived before 1971 than in any decade since 1971.

The present distribution of immigrants is due to: a) where they originally chose to settle; and b) where they have moved within Canada since immigrating.

Summary

Communities with fewer immigrants may have more challenges in attracting more immigrants because there is a smaller community to help new immigrants integrate and to act as a magnet for newcomers. In addition, in most non-metro CDs, many of the immigrants arrived prior to 1971 – more than 40 years ago. Their immigration experience would have been different and many would have a different ethnic background compared to the new immigrant arrivals.

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¹ See Figure 1.7 in Reimer, Bill and Ray D. Bollman. (2010) "Understanding Rural Canada: Implications for Rural Development Policy and Rural Planning Policy." Chapter 1 in David J.A. Douglas (ed.) **Rural Planning and Development in Canada**. (Toronto: Nelson Education Ltd.).

Table 1

	grant population by co											
		Total		Immigrants ¹	Number of immigrants ¹ by period of arrival							
ensus		population	Immigrant ¹	as a percent					20	01 to 201	1	Non-
Division ID	Census Division	(in private	population	of the total	Before	1971 to	1981 to	1991 to	2001 to	0004.4-	0000.1-	permane
.0		households)	h - h	population	1971	1980	1990	2000	2011	2001 to	2006 to	residen
		,		h-h					(subtotal)	2005	2011	
		Metro	census divi	sions (sorted b	oy immigran	nts as a per	cent of tota	l population	ו)			
3521	Peel	1,289,010	650,530	50	71,225	78,675	101,290	178,300	221,045	120,130	100,910	13,09
3520		2,576,025	1,252,215	49	190,000	150,585	185,675	314,475	411,480	194,955	216,520	64,94
	York	1,024,225	463,125	45	72,360	57,570	78,185	140,810	114,190	66,465	47,725	9,68
3524	Halton	495,445	128,740	26	31,005	19,115	18,275	26,360	33,990	19,415	14,575	4,01
3525	Hamilton	509,640	125,015	25	38,860	16,090	17,810	24,505	27,750	12,925	14,820	4,53
3506	Ottawa	867,090	202,610	23	35,145	23,345	31,895	53,015	59,205	26,720	32,485	11,34
3529	Brant	133,785	15,085	11	6,460	2,475	1,770	2,155	2,230	1,245	985	73
3553	Greater Sudbury	157,865	9,775	6	5,645	1,320	670	905	1,235	570	665	6
	Metro (subtotal)	7,053,085	2,847,095	40	450,700	349,175	435,570	740,525	871,125	442,425	428,685	108,95
		Partially-non	-metro cens	us divisions (sorted by ir	nmigrants a	as a percen	t of total po	pulation)			
3530	Waterloo	499,610	111,495	22	24,750	15,360	16,175	24,390	30,815	15,355	15,465	3,9
3537	Essex	381,350	81,730	21	21,260	10,745	10,570	19,145	20,015	9,870	10,145	3,64
3518	Durham	601,605	125,845	21	33,860	23,850	21,325	24,920	21,895	12,945	8,950	2,10
3539	Middlesex	432,375	83,800	19	23,890	10,160	13,500	14,335	21,915	10,100	11,810	4,73
3523	Wellington	205,885	34,375	17	11,090	4,420	4,840	6,550	7,485	4,135	3,345	93
3526	Niagara	422,810	69,715	16	31,990	10,650	7,135	8,920	11,025	5,045	5,985	2,4
3534	0	85,870	10,935	13	3,880	1,855	2,010	1,410	1,775	1,020	755	1
	Dufferin	56,085	6,775	12	3,050	1,030	1,005	725	965	460	510	1
3510		145,120	17,280	12	6,925	2,485	2,245	2,180	3,445	1,715	1,730	1,1
3543		438,285	50,915	12	22,790	8,025	6,395	6,145	7,565	3,815	3,750	9
3558	Thunder Bay	143,385	12,280	9	7,135	1,745	930	900	1,565	700	870	2
3515	0	131,930	10,755	8	5,625	1,520	1,195	985	1,425	835	595	4
3511	5	40,085	2,675	7	1,625	500	230	160	160	125	40	، بە
	Prescott and Russell	83,485	3,640	4	1,035	535	560	655	855	525	330	10
Pa	artially-non-metro (subtotal)	3,667,880	622,215	17	198,905	92,880	88,115	111,420	130,905	66,645	64,280	21,29
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3514	Northumberland	79,640	8,285	10	5,180	1,450	610	490	550	305	245	9
3546	Haliburton	16,830	1,710	10	1,095	290	185	80	65	20	40	-
3528	Haldimand-Norfolk	106,650	10,810	10	5,470	1,445	1,345	1,570	980	630	350	1
3538		123,995	12,345	10	6,370	2,260	1,040	1,035	1,630	1,060	575	4
	Oxford Drings Edward	104,105	9,810	9	4,565	1,460	1,230	1,330	1,225	630	595	2
	Prince Edward	24,605	2,125 9,745	9 9	1,145	545 1 505	160 740	170 310	105 870	40 410	60 455	3
3557 3536	Algoma Chatham-Kent	113,875 102,075	9,745 8,695	9	6,315 3,620	1,505 1,200	1,265	1,175	1,440	905	455 530	3
3531	Perth	73,485	6,160	8	2,760	840	795	870	895	335	565	1
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