

Immigrant arrivals in 2014

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Highlights

- Immigration contributed very little to non-metro population growth in 2014.
- Immigrant arrivals represented 0.08% of non-metro population and emigrant departures represented 0.065%.

Why look at immigrant arrivals?

Recently, immigrant arrivals have been a relatively important, but small, source of population growth in non-metro census divisions (CDs). Migrants from other CDs in Ontario have historically contributed about the same positive contribution to non-metro-population growth as have immigrant arrivals¹. Local initiatives can have an impact on attracting and retaining immigrants (and attracting and retaining migrants from elsewhere in Ontario).

Findings

In 2014, immigrant arrivals across all non-metro CDs represented less than one-tenth of one percent of the total population (Figure 1). This is compared to 0.3% across all partially-non-metro CDs and 1.2% across all metro CDs.

In non-metro CDs, immigrant arrivals numbered 1,674 individuals in 2014. Since 1996, this number has ranged between 1,378 in 2011 and 2,603 in 1997 (Table 1, line 3).

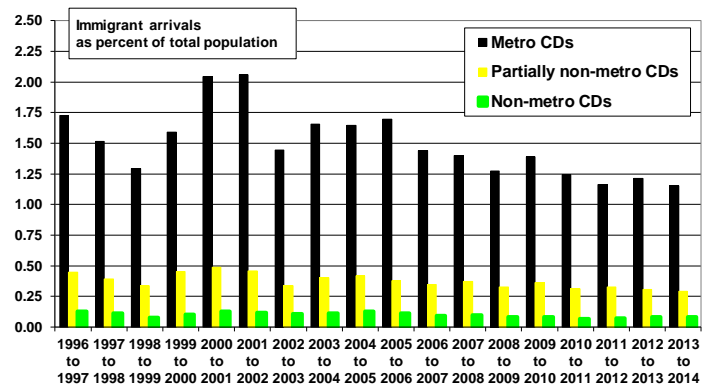
In addition to a low rate of immigrant arrivals, the rate of emigrant departures has reduced the contribution of immigrants to non-metro population growth. As noted, immigrant arrivals were 0.08% of non-metro population in 2014 but emigrant departures were 0.065% which means that, on a net basis, immigration contributed a very small 0.015% to non-metro population growth in 2014 (Figure 2 and Table 1, line 19).

However, some non-metro CDs are attracting immigrants. In 2014, immigrant arrivals to the Perth CD was equivalent to 0.2% of total population (Table 2, line 5) but after emigrant departures were taken into account, the net contribution of immigrants in the Perth CD was 0.1% (Table 2, line 17).

¹ Compare Table 1 in this FactSheet with Table 1 in [Focus on Rural Ontario](#) "Migration to and from non-metro, 2014".

Figure 1

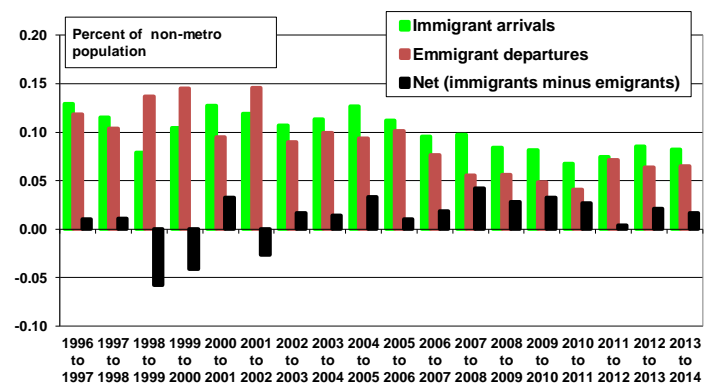
In 2014, immigrant arrivals in non-metro census divisions was equal to 0.08% of total population



Source: Statistics Canada, Annual Demographic Statistics, CANSIM Table 051-0063.

Figure 2

In non-metro Ontario, immigrant arrivals have been greater than emigrant departures since 2002



Source: Statistics Canada, Annual Demographic Statistics, CANSIM Table 051-0063.

Summary

Immigration makes a small contribution to population growth in Ontario's non-metro CDs. Levels of in-and-out migration result in only a small net gain. However, some non-metro CDs are able to attract more immigrants, relative to the overall average for Ontario.

Table 1

		1996 to 1997	1997 to 1998	1998 to 1999	1999 to 2000	2000 to 2001	2001 to 2002	2002 to 2003	2003 to 2004	2004 to 2005	2005 to 2006	2006 to 2007	2007 to 2008	2008 to 2009	2009 to 2010	2010 to 2011	2011 to 2012	2012 to 2013	2013 to 2014
Contribution of immigration and emigration to population change in Ontario, 1996 to 2014																			
Number of immigrant arrivals from other countries																			
1	Metro CDs	102,002	90,912	78,918	98,995	130,411	134,148	95,407	110,863	111,746	116,759	100,498	98,945	91,231	101,004	91,585	87,004	92,167	88,630
2	Partially-non-metro CDs	14,796	13,187	11,385	15,648	17,015	16,259	12,236	14,766	15,451	14,013	12,999	14,111	12,480	13,906	12,052	12,754	12,001	11,537
3	Non-metro CDs	2,603	2,320	1,596	2,101	2,572	2,416	2,171	2,313	2,588	2,290	1,948	1,995	1,712	1,662	1,378	1,529	1,742	1,674
4	All CDs	119,401	106,419	91,899	116,744	149,998	152,823	109,814	127,942	129,785	133,062	115,445	115,051	105,423	116,572	105,015	101,287	105,910	101,841
Immigrant arrivals as a percent of total population																			
5	Metro CDs	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.6	2.0	2.1	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
6	Partially-non-metro CDs	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
7	Non-metro CDs	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
8	All CDs	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7
Emigrant departures to other countries																			
9	Metro CDs	17,900	16,737	14,848	15,082	15,703	12,984	14,035	15,171	15,243	15,371	12,661	13,746	12,303	9,516	9,358	10,086	10,003	10,200
10	Partially-non-metro CDs	6,841	6,813	6,800	6,054	5,098	6,132	7,432	6,639	6,949	7,637	5,995	5,915	4,982	4,223	4,350	4,869	5,442	5,521
11	Non-metro CDs	2,389	2,094	2,757	2,927	1,914	2,949	1,829	2,024	1,914	2,076	1,562	1,135	1,140	996	831	1,453	1,307	1,328
12	All CDs	27,130	25,644	24,405	24,063	22,715	22,065	23,296	23,834	24,106	25,084	20,218	20,796	18,425	14,735	14,539	16,408	16,752	17,049
Net international in-migration (immigrant arrivals from other countries minus emigrants to other countries)																			
13	Metro CDs	84,102	74,175	64,070	83,913	114,708	121,164	81,372	95,692	96,503	101,388	87,837	85,199	78,928	91,488	82,227	76,918	82,164	78,430
14	Partially-non-metro CDs	7,955	6,374	4,585	9,594	11,917	10,127	4,804	8,127	8,502	6,376	7,004	8,196	7,498	9,683	7,702	7,885	6,559	6,016
15	Non-metro CDs	214	226	-1,161	-826	658	-533	342	289	674	214	386	860	572	666	547	76	435	346
16	All CDs	92,271	80,775	67,494	92,681	127,283	130,758	86,518	104,108	105,679	107,978	95,227	94,255	86,998	101,837	90,476	84,879	89,158	84,792
Net international in-migration as a percent of total population																			
17	Metro CDs	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.9	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0
18	Partially-non-metro CDs	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
19	Non-metro CDs	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
20	All CDs	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6

Source: Statistics Canada. Annual Demographic Statistics, CANSIM Table 051-0063.

Table 2

		1996 to 1997	1997 to 1998	1998 to 1999	1999 to 2000	2000 to 2001	2001 to 2002	2002 to 2003	2003 to 2004	2004 to 2005	2005 to 2006	2006 to 2007	2007 to 2008	2008 to 2009	2009 to 2010	2010 to 2011	2011 to 2012	2012 to 2013	2013 to 2014
Top census divisions in terms of immigrant arrivals and emigrant departures as a percent of total population																			
Immigrant arrivals as a percent of total population (top 2 CDs in 2014 in each type of region)																			
1	Metro CDs																		
1	Peel	2.18	1.87	1.43	1.80	2.54	2.86	2.10	2.41	2.43	2.70	2.26	2.11	1.94	2.16	1.95	1.70	1.87	1.77
2	Toronto	2.55	2.25	2.00	2.46	3.18	3.15	2.09	2.46	2.44	2.48	2.04	1.94	1.73	1.82	1.65	1.55	1.53	1.45
Partially-non-metro CDs																			
3	Waterloo	0.86	0.75	0.69	0.83	0.82	0.76	0.55	0.72	0.72	0.69	0.69	0.73	0.60	0.61	0.57	0.57	0.52	0.50
4	Middlesex	0.58	0.51	0.47	0.75	0.65	0.68	0.43	0.60	0.62	0.54	0.51	0.59	0.53	0.65	0.52	0.51	0.52	0.49
Non-metro CDs																			
5	Perth	0.20	0.17	0.09	0.15	0.17	0.20	0.12	0.16	0.12	0.10	0.15	0.18	0.18	0.14	0.10	0.21	0.20	0.20
6	Northumberland	0.12	0.10	0.07	0.10	0.10	0.13	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.05	0.11	0.09	0.07	0.08	0.05	0.14	0.13
Emigrant departures as a percent of total population (top 2 CDs in 2014 in each type of region)																			
Metro CDs																			
7	Ottawa	0.54	0.48	0.31	0.43	0.41	0.38	0.24	0.35	0.34	0.35	0.24	0.20	0.20	0.13	0.12	0.18	0.21	0.21
8	Toronto	0.28	0.26	0.23	0.23	0.27	0.17	0.24	0.27	0.26	0.24	0.22	0.25	0.21	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17
Partially-non-metro CDs																			
9	Essex	0.22	0.29	0.27	0.20	0.22	0.19	0.43	0.47	0.48	0.53	0.46	0.50	0.38	0.31	0.36	0.31	0.28	0.28
10	Frontenac	0.37	0.32	0.13	0.26	0.16	0.23	0.32	0.25	0.28	0.30	0.18	0.19	0.14	0.18	0.13	0.22	0.23	0.23
Non-metro CDs																			
11	Rainy River	0.11	0.21	0.23	0.20	0.17	0.15	0.19	0.12	0.18	0.11	0.06	0.04	0.09	0.08	0.02	0.51	0.15	0.16
12	Bruce	0.06	0.05	0.12	0.11	0.04	0.11	0.09	0.07	0.12	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.16	0.16
Net immigration arrivals (immigrants minus emigrants) a percent of total population (top 2 CDs in 2014 in each type of region)																			
Metro CDs																			
13	Peel	1.85	1.56	1.14	1.54	2.26	2.58	1.89	2.20	2.21	2.47	2.09	1.94	1.80	2.05	1.84	1.62	1.79	1.69
14	Toronto	2.24	1.97	1.75	2.21	2.86	2.95	1.86	2.18	2.18	2.23	1.82	1.68	1.50	1.64	1.46	1.36	1.34	1.27
Partially-non-metro CDs																			
15	Middlesex	0.31	0.24	0.22	0.54	0.45	0.50	0.20	0.33	0.38	0.28	0.35	0.44	0.34	0.52	0.42	0.40	0.39	0.36
16	Waterloo	0.59	0.49	0.44	0.62	0.65	0.56	0.30	0.54	0.52	0.47	0.49	0.59	0.48	0.47	0.43	0.35	0.28	0.26
Non-metro CDs																			
17	Perth	0.11	0.11	-0.11	0.05	0.08	0.09	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.14	0.11	0.14	0.20	0.11	0.10
18	Lanark	-0.06	-0.07	0.00	-0.20	0.02	-0.13	0.07	0.06	0.01	-0.02	-0.06	0.03	0.00	-0.01	0.07	-0.08	0.09	0.08

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