



Immigrant arrivals in 2012

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Highlights

- Very few immigrants (1,342 out of 101,179) chose non-metro Ontario in 2012.
• At most, the number of immigrant arrivals in 2012 in a non-metro census division was 0.1% of the population, compared to the metro CD of Peel that grew its population by 1.8% in 2012 due to immigrant arrivals.

Why look at immigrant arrivals?

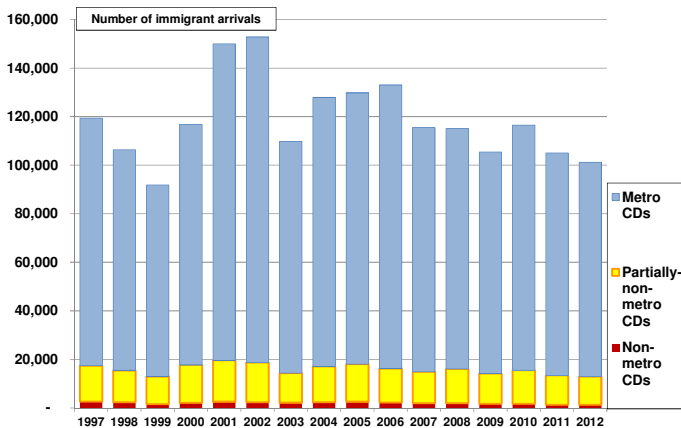
By 2030, deaths will be greater than births at the Canada level. If Canada's population is to grow, it will only grow due to the arrival of immigrants...

Findings

In the most recent period, from 2011 to 2012, Ontario attracted 101,179 immigrants (Figure 1). These are landed immigrants or permanent residents.

Figure 1

Decline in immigrant arrivals in Ontario in each of metro, partially-non-metro and non-metro census divisions, since 2006



Among the 101,179 immigrant arrivals in 2012, only 1,342 settled in one of Ontario's 27 non-metro census divisions (CDs) (Table 1).

In terms of number of immigrant arrivals per capita, the Chatham-Kent CD ranked the highest among Ontario non-metro CDs but it ranked 107 among all 288 CDs in Canada.

The number of immigrant arrivals has been declining in most Ontario CDs. In the 2007 to 2012 period, the number of immigrant arrivals was increasing in only four of the 27 non-metro CDs in Ontario

Compare this to Peel where the 2012 immigrant arrivals increased the population by 1.8% in one year and Peel has been growing its number of immigrant arrivals by 3.2% per year over the last 16 years.

Summary

One strategy to grow a community's population is to attract immigrants. Few immigrants are choosing to settle in non-metro Ontario.

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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."

2 In 2012, the top non-metro CD (and #6 among all 288 CDs) in Canada in terms of number of immigrant arrivals per capita was Queen's County, P.E.I., with 1.6 immigrant arrivals per 100 inhabitants.

Table 1

Immigrant arrivals in 2012 by census division							
2006 Census Division ID	Census Division name	Immigrant arrivals, July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012	Immigrant arrivals per 100 inhabitants	Rank among 288 census divisions in Canada: immigrant arrivals per 100 inhabitants	Rate of change in number of immigrant arrivals per year over 16 years, 1996 to 2012 (%)	Rate of change in number of immigrant arrivals per year over 5 years, 2007 to 2012 (%)	Rank among 288 census divisions in Canada: rate of growth of number of immigrants per year, 2007 to 2012
Metro census divisions (sorted by 2012 immigrant arrivals per 100 inhabitants)							
3521	Peel	24,811	1.8	3	3.2	-0.7	93
3520	Toronto	42,422	1.5	7	-2.5	-3.9	107
3519	York	9,739	0.9	14	3.1	-1.6	98
3506	Ottawa	5,500	0.6	26	-1.0	0.7	86
3524	Halton	2,673	0.5	30	4.4	0.8	85
3525	Hamilton	2,786	0.5	31	-1.7	-0.1	88
3529	Brant	194	0.1	95	-0.7	-8.2	124
3553	Greater Sudbury	101	0.1	159	-0.4	-7.1	121
Partially-non-metro census divisions (sorted by 2012 immigrant arrivals per 100 inhabitants)							
3530	Waterloo	2,850	0.5	29	-0.7	-5.3	113
3539	Middlesex	2,236	0.5	38	0.4	-3.2	102
3537	Essex	1,948	0.5	39	-4.4	-4.0	109
3523	Wellington	730	0.3	53	-1.9	-3.6	103
3518	Durham	1,597	0.3	62	3.1	-1.2	96
3526	Niagara	870	0.2	72	-1.3	-8.8	127
3510	Frontenac	262	0.2	79	-2.3	-7.1	120
3534	Elgin	117	0.1	97	-3.5	-16.5	152
3543	Simcoe	597	0.1	98	1.5	-2.4	101
3522	Dufferin	74	0.1	102	0.2	13.4	36
3515	Peterborough	143	0.1	123	-0.8	-0.3	89
3558	Thunder Bay	122	0.1	138	0.5	-9.0	130
3511	Lennox & Addington	25	0.1	163	-0.6	-0.4	91
3502	Prescott & Russell	40	0.0	185	0.7	-6.4	118
Non-metro census divisions (sorted by 2012 immigrant arrivals per 100 inhabitants)							
3536	Chatham-Ken	131	0.1	107	-4.5	-17.9	155
3538	Lambton	139	0.1	122	-1.9	-10.5	134
3531	Perth	77	0.1	126	-1.5	-16.8	153
3532	Oxford	105	0.1	128	-5.8	-9.0	129
3507	Leeds & Grenville	81	0.1	139	-0.1	-1.3	97
3512	Hastings	106	0.1	140	-0.4	-10.4	133
3540	Huron	45	0.1	142	-5.7	-8.1	123
3514	Northumberland	62	0.1	145	-1.7	-8.5	125
3542	Grey	69	0.1	149	2.4	-5.0	112
3548	Nipissing	62	0.1	150	1.5	-1.1	94
3509	Lanark	46	0.1	152	3.8	-5.7	115
3528	Haldimand-Norfolk	63	0.1	168	-8.7	-14.0	145
3501	Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry	63	0.1	171	-5.6	-10.5	135
3544	Muskoka	33	0.1	173	-1.6	-13.0	140
3560	Kenora	36	0.1	174	-1.0	2.8	74
3547	Renfrew	51	0.0	180	-3.1	1.5	80
3546	Haliburton	8	0.0	184	F	F	F
3556	Cochrane	36	0.0	194	-2.2	7.0	56
3549	Parry Sound	16	0.0	202	-1.0	-19.5	160
3516	Kawartha Lakes	28	0.0	205	-4.2	4.7	64
3557	Algoma	43	0.0	207	-0.8	-6.2	117
3541	Bruce	24	0.0	209	-8.2	-19.7	162
3559	Rainy River	7	0.0	214	F	F	F
3551	Manitoulin	3	0.0	232	F	F	F
3554	Timiskaming	6	0.0	244	F	F	F
3513	Prince Edward	2	0.0	264	F	F	F
3552	Sudbury	-	0.0	285	F	F	F

"F" indicates that there were zero immigrant arrivals in at least one year during this period

Source: Statistics Canada. **Annual Demographic Statistics**, CANSIM Table 051-0053.