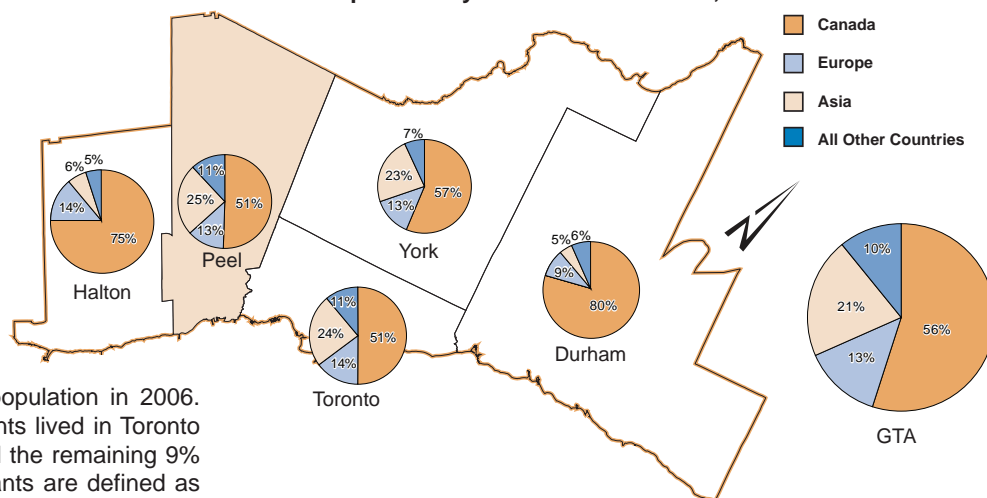


This bulletin summarizes the Mobility and Migration aspects of the 2006 Census Immigration, Citizenship, Language, Mobility and Migration data release for Peel Region and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Data from the 2006 Census were collected on May 16, 2006. According to the 2006 Census, half of the GTA's population (or 2.8 million people) had crossed provincial or national boundaries to live in the GTA.

### Highlights

- Three-quarters (75%) of the GTA's immigrants lived in Toronto and Peel in 2006.
- Nearly half of the GTA's immigrants were born in Asia.
- In Mississauga and Brampton, over half of all immigrants arrived in Canada between 1990 and 2006. Half of Caledon's immigrants arrived in Canada before 1970.

Percent of Population by Place of Birth in GTA, 2006



Immigrants comprised 44% of the GTA's population in 2006. Three-quarters (75%) of the GTA's immigrants lived in Toronto (52%) or Peel (23%), 16% lived in York and the remaining 9% lived in Halton or Durham. Recent immigrants are defined as people who were born in a foreign country and came to Canada in the five years preceding the Census. They comprised 8% of the GTA's total population.

In 2006, 48% of the GTA's immigrants reported that they were born in Asia (including the Middle East), while 31% had been born in Europe. The GTA municipalities with the highest proportions of Asian-born immigrants were York (55%), Peel (51%) and Toronto (49%). Halton and Durham recorded the highest proportions of European-born immigrants (with 57% and 47% respectively). Almost 70% of the GTA's recent immigrants were born in Asia. Within the GTA this figure varies from 47% in both Halton and Durham to 75% in Peel. People born in Europe comprised 13% of the recent immigrant population. Halton had the highest proportion of European-

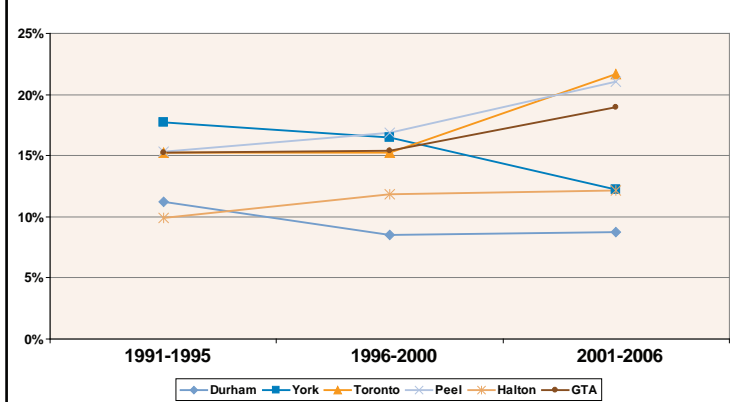
born recent immigrants (26%), followed by Durham and York (with 19% each), Toronto (14%) and Peel (8%).

Direct comparisons of the places of birth of immigrants and recent immigrants between the 2001 and 2006 Censuses are only immediately available for five countries: the United Kingdom (UK), the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong (Hong Kong), India, the People's Republic of China (China) and the Philippines. The numbers of immigrants and recent immigrants born in India, China or the Philippines increased in every GTA municipality from 2001 to 2006. Toronto had the highest absolute increases of immigrants born in China (27,635 people) and the Philippines (11,380 people). Peel had the highest absolute increase of immigrants born in India (50,055 people). From 2001 to 2006, the number of UK-born immigrants decreased by 11% (or 17,330 people), while the number of Hong Kong-born immigrants decreased by 7% (or 7,475 people).

Half of all GTA immigrants arrived in Canada between 1990 and 2006. Peel had the largest proportion of immigrants arriving during this time period (53%) followed by Toronto (52%), York (46%), Halton (34%) and Durham (28%). Two out of every three immigrants in the GTA were between the ages of 15 and 44 years when they came to Canada.

In the GTA, 45% of the population age 5 years and older changed residences (or moved) in the 5 years preceding the 2006 Census. Over half of these people moved to an address in the same area municipality. Only 1% of the people that moved reported a change in their province of residence.

Immigrants by Period of Immigration in the GTA



Mobility and Migration in the GTA, 2006

Municipality	Total Population, 2006		Immigrants, 2006				Recent Immigrants, 2006				% of People Age 5 Years and Older that Moved within the 5 Years Preceding the 2006 Census
	Number	Share of GTA	Number	% of Total Population	Share of GTA	Most Common Place of Birth for Immigrants	Number	% of Total Population	Share of GTA	Most Common Place of Birth for Recent Immigrants	
Toronto	2,503,281	45%	1,237,720	50%	52%	Asia and the Middle East	267,855	11%	59%	Asia and the Middle East	45%
Peel	1,159,405	21%	561,240	49%	23%	Asia and the Middle East	118,220	10%	26%	Asia and the Middle East	48%
York	892,712	16%	380,525	43%	16%	Asia and the Middle East	46,460	5%	10%	Asia and the Middle East	42%
Durham	561,258	10%	113,395	20%	5%	Europe	9,890	2%	2%	Asia and the Middle East	40%
Halton	439,256	8%	107,920	25%	5%	Europe	13,105	3%	3%	Asia and the Middle East	44%
GTA	5,555,912	100%	2,400,800	44%	100%	Asia and the Middle East	455,530	8%	100%	Asia and the Middle East	45%

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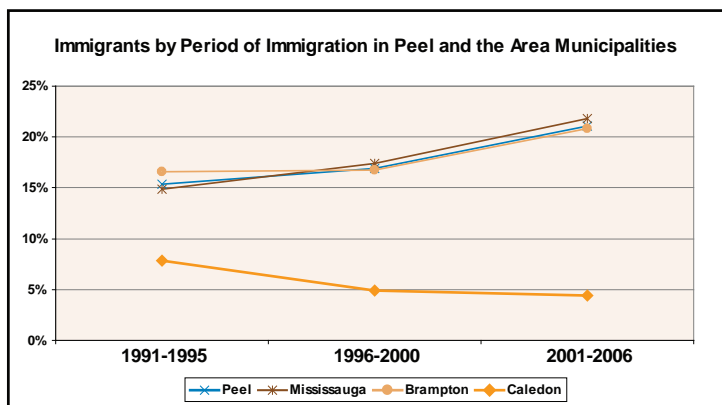
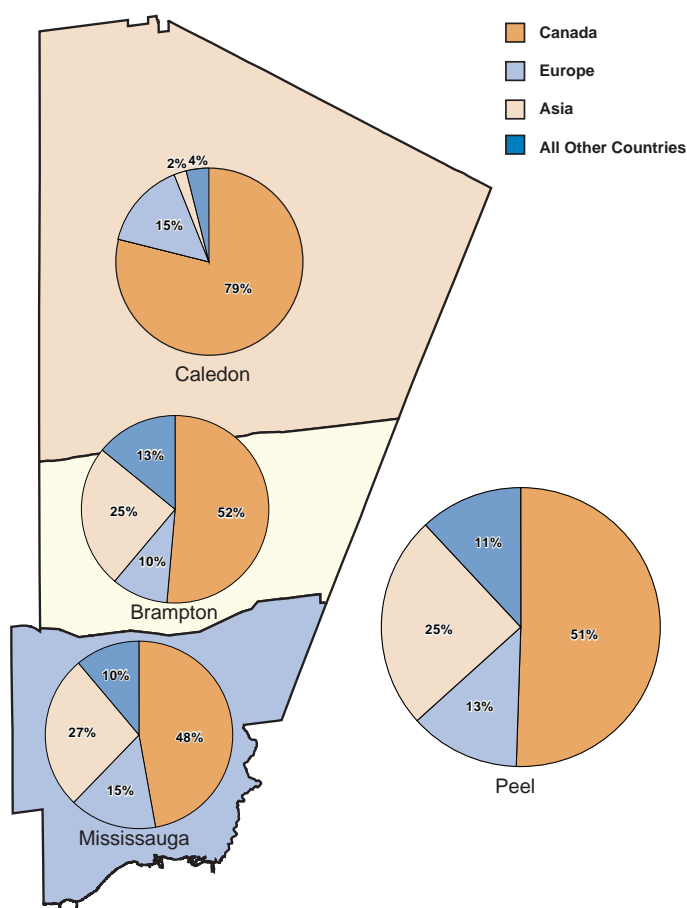
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According to the 2006 Census, 55% of Peel's residents (or 633,165 people) were born outside of Ontario. This figure varies from 27% in Caledon to 58% in Mississauga.

Almost half of Peel's population (or 49%) was comprised of immigrants in 2006. Nearly two-thirds (61%) of Peel's immigrants lived in Mississauga, 37% lived in Brampton and 2% lived in Caledon. Recent immigrants are defined as people who were born in a foreign country and came to Canada in the five years preceding the Census. They comprised 10% of Peel's population.

In 2006, 51% of Peel's immigrants reported that they were born in Asia (including the Middle East) while 27% reported that they had been born in Europe. Mississauga and Brampton recorded the same proportion of Asian-born immigrants (52%). In Caledon, this figure was 10%. Caledon recorded the largest proportion of European-born immigrants (73%) followed by Mississauga (29%) and Brampton (20%). Three-quarters (or 75%) of Peel's recent immigrants were born in Asia. Brampton had a slightly higher proportion of Asian-born recent immigrants (77%) than Mississauga (75%). In Caledon, 29% of all recent immigrants were Asian-born. Peel residents born in Europe comprised 8% of

**Percent of the Population by Place of Birth in Peel, 2006**



the recent immigrant population. The proportion of European-born recent immigrants ranged from 4% in Brampton, 10% in Mississauga to 39% in Caledon.

Direct comparisons of the places of birth of immigrants and recent immigrants between the 2001 and 2006 Censuses are only immediately available for five countries: the United Kingdom (UK), the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong (Hong Kong), India, the People's Republic of China (China) and the Philippines. The number of Peel's immigrants born in the UK or Hong Kong decreased from 2001 to 2006. During the same time period, the number of immigrants and recent immigrants born in India, China and the Philippines increased. The increase in the number of Peel's Indian-born immigrants (50,055 people) exceeded the number of Indian-born recent immigrants (40,915 people). This indicates that at least 9,000 Indian-born immigrants who arrived and settled elsewhere in Canada prior to 2001 decided to relocate to Peel.

Over half of Peel's immigrants (53%) arrived in Canada between 1990 and 2006. In Mississauga and Brampton, this figure was 54%, while in Caledon it was 17%. Half of Caledon's immigrants came to Canada before 1970. Over 60% of the immigrant population in Peel was between the ages of 15 and 44 years when they arrived in Canada.

In Peel, 48% of the population age 5 years and older changed residences (or moved) in the 5 years preceding the 2006 Census. In Mississauga and Brampton, around half of the people that moved stayed within their original area municipality. In Caledon, this figure was 28%. In all area municipalities, only 1% of the people that moved crossed provincial boundaries to do so.

**Mobility and Migration in Peel and the Area Municipalities, 2006**

Municipality	Total Population, 2006		Immigrants, 2006				Recent Immigrants, 2006				% of People Age 5 Years and Older that Moved within the 5 Years Preceding the 2006 Census
	Number	Share of Peel	Number	% of Total Population	Share of Peel	Most Common Place of Birth for Immigrants	Number	% of Total Population	Share of Peel	Most Common Place of Birth for Recent Immigrants	
Mississauga	668,549	58%	343,245	52%	61%	Asia and the Middle East	74,810	11%	63%	Asia and the Middle East	45%
Brampton	433,806	37%	206,190	48%	37%	Asia and the Middle East	42,890	10%	36%	Asia and the Middle East	55%
Caledon	57,050	5%	11,805	21%	2%	Europe	520	1%	< 1%	Europe	34%
Peel	1,159,405	100%	561,240	49%	100%	Asia and the Middle East	118,220	10%	100%	Asia and the Middle East	48%