

CENSUS 2001 BULLETIN

Immigration & Place of Birth

This bulletin examines immigration data from the 2001 Census for Peel and its area municipalities. It focuses on the size of Peel's immigrant population and on immigrants' place of birth. Both of these indicators reveal the diversity of Peel's population.

The 2001 Census showed that Peel Region was home to 424,820 immigrants, a 60.8% increase since 1991.

This represents 43.1% of Peel's total population, up from 36.1% in 1991. Compared to the rest of the GTA, Peel was second in terms of percentage of immigrant population behind Toronto (49.4%). York was third with 39.1% (see map).

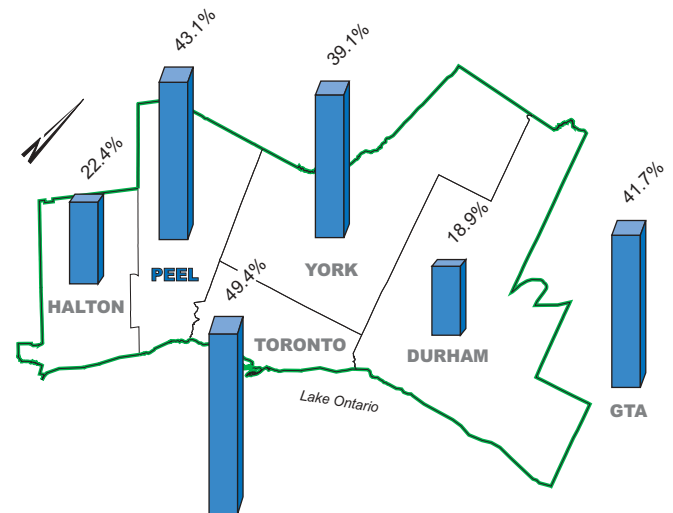
The Census demonstrates that the immigrant population is becoming more dominated by newer immigrants. In 2001, 37.4% of Peel's immigrant population had arrived in the previous ten years. By comparison, in 1991, only 32.1% had arrived in the previous ten years.

Similar to National and GTA trends, recent¹ immigrants to Peel are most likely to be from Asian countries. In the past, immigration from European countries was more predominant.

This is evident when comparing the country of origin of all immigrants with that of recent immigrants. For example, 32,980 immigrants are from the United Kingdom in Peel, of whom 1,035 (3.1%) arrived in the last five years. Whereas of the 64,460 immigrants from India, 21,795 (33.8%) arrived in the last five years.

More recent immigrants in Peel, based on their place of birth, have been from India (21,795), Pakistan (10,445) and the Philippines (4,565). China, the leading country of birth for immigrants in the GTA, was fourth in Peel (3,140).

Immigrants as a Percent of Total Population GTA 2001



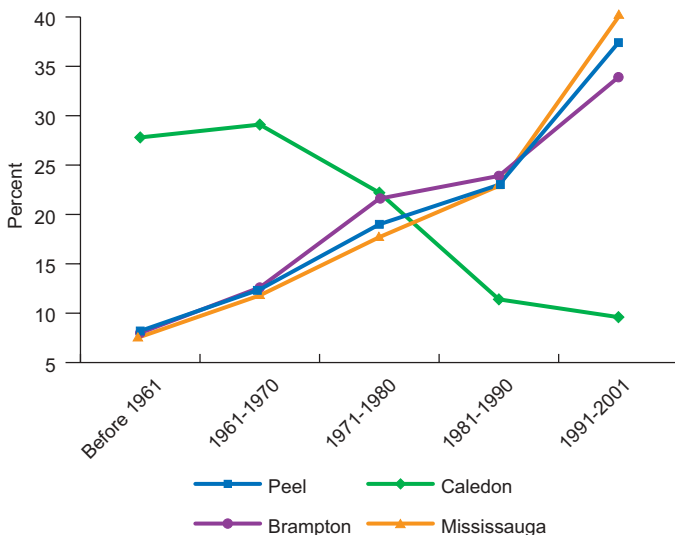
Population by Immigrant Status and Place of Birth, 2001

PEEL	Overall Population	Recent Immigrants 1996-2001	Percent of Recent Immigrants
Total Population	985,565		
Total Non-Immigrant	553,445		
Non-permanent Residents	7,300		
Immigrants by Place of Birth	424,820	81,265	
India	64,460	21,795	26.8%
Pakistan	17,470	10,445	12.9%
Philippines	23,795	4,565	5.6%
China, People's Republic of	9,970	3,140	3.9%
Sri Lanka	9,005	2,335	2.9%
Jamaica	23,155	2,325	2.9%
Poland	28,115	1,900	2.3%
Korea, South	4,235	1,590	2.0%
Guyana	14,585	1,535	1.9%
Hong Kong*	10,295	1,490	1.8%
United States	6,195	1,480	1.8%
Iran	3,110	1,325	1.6%
Egypt	4,160	1,275	1.6%
Trinidad and Tobago	12,170	1,270	1.6%
Saudi Arabia		1,245	1.5%
United Kingdom	32,980	1,035	1.3%
Viet Nam	10,915	1,000	1.2%
All other places of birth	150,205	21,535	26.5%

* Special Administrative Region

¹ "Recent immigrants" refers to persons who immigrated to Canada between 1996 and Census Day, May 15, 2001.

Immigrant Population, 2001 by Period of Immigration



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The top three places of birth for all immigrants currently living in Peel were India (64,460), the United Kingdom (32,980), and Poland (28,115). While not in the top places of birth amongst immigrants in recent years, persons born in Portugal and Italy also account for a large proportion of the total immigrant population in Peel, with 22,245 and 21,120 persons respectively.

Area Municipal Distinctions:

Among the area municipalities in 2001, 46.8% of the population in Mississauga were immigrants. The figure was 43.3% in 1996 and 38.4% in 1991.

Based on place of birth, the largest groups of recent immigrants in Mississauga have been born in India (12,365), Pakistan (8,605) and the Philippines (3,710). This order is the same as Peel overall.

The total immigrant population in Mississauga shows a similar pattern to recent immigrants, with India (33,420) and the Philippines (18,625) in first and third. However, Poland (24,570) is second highest in terms of place of birth.

In 2001, 39.9% of the population in Brampton were immigrants. In terms of immigrants' place of birth, India (30,785) was at the top, with the United Kingdom (12,510) and Jamaica (10,785) in second and third respectively.

The ordering of recent immigrants differs from Mississauga, in that India (9,425) and Pakistan (1,840) are followed by Jamaica (1,120).

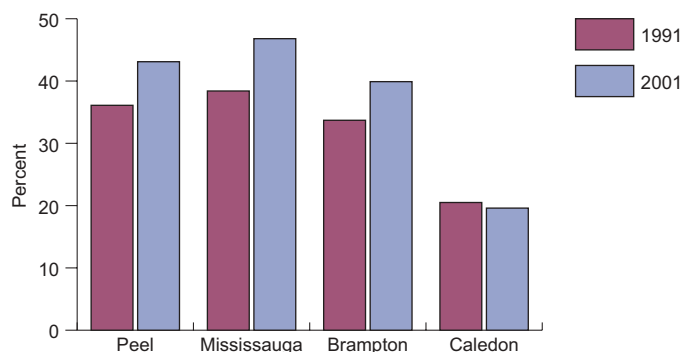
Caledon had the lowest immigrant population, at 19.6%, of the three area municipalities. Persons born in the United Kingdom account for 23.7% of the total immigrant population in Caledon, while the next closest single place of birth is Germany, with 6.0% of the total from all years.

There are relatively few recent immigrants in Caledon, with the largest groups coming from places of birth such as the United Kingdom (40) and the United States (35), two more traditional sources of immigration.

Overall Trends:

- In the GTA in 2001, only Toronto had a greater number of recent immigrants than Mississauga or Brampton.
- Immigration to Peel from European countries of birth has been generally declining in recent years while immigration from Asian countries of birth has been on the rise.

Immigrants as a Percent of Total Population 1991 & 2001



Population by Immigrant Status and Place of Birth, 2001

MISSISSAUGA	Overall Population	Recent Immigrants 1996-2001	Percent of Recent Immigrants
Total Population	610,820		
Total Non-Immigrant	319,865		
Non-permanent Residents	5,300		
Immigrants by Place of Birth	285,650	60,125	
India	33,420	12,365	20.6%
Pakistan	13,580	8,605	14.3%
Philippines	18,625	3,710	6.2%
China, People's Republic of	8,900	2,760	4.6%
Sri Lanka	6,980	1,960	3.3%
Poland	24,570	1,800	3.0%
Korea, South	3,830	1,480	2.5%
Hong Kong*	9,565	1,440	2.4%
Iran	2,570	1,205	2.0%
Jamaica	12,195	1,195	2.0%
All other places of birth	151,415	23,580	39.2%

BRAMPTON	Overall Population	Recent Immigrants 1996-2001	Percent of Recent Immigrants
Total Population	324,390		
Total Non-Immigrant	193,220		
Non-permanent Residents	1,890		
Immigrants by Place of Birth	129,285	20,795	
India	30,785	9,425	45.3%
Pakistan	3,880	1,840	8.8%
Jamaica	10,785	1,120	5.4%
Philippines	5,130	830	4.0%
Trinidad and Tobago	4,895	655	3.1%
Guyana	6,770	620	3.0%
Ghana		580	2.8%
United Kingdom	12,510	390	1.9%
China, People's Republic of	1,040	380	1.8%
Sri Lanka	2,005	380	1.8%
All other places of birth	51,485	4,575	22.0%

CALEDON	Overall Population	Recent Immigrants 1996-2001	Percent of Recent Immigrants
Total Population	50,355		
Total Non-Immigrant	40,355		
Non-permanent Residents	115		
Immigrants by Place of Birth	9,890	340	
United Kingdom	2,345	40	11.8%
Guyana	225	35	10.3%
United States	370	35	10.3%
Philippines	40	25	7.4%
Colombia		25	7.4%
Germany	595	20	5.9%
Iran	140	15	4.4%
Jamaica	175	10	2.9%
Poland	435	10	2.9%
South Africa, Republic of	80	10	2.9%
All other places of birth	5,485	125	36.8%

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