This bulletin summarizes the 2016 Immigration, Ethnocultural Diversity and Aboriginal Peoples data release for Peel Region and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). In 2016, there were 706,835 immigrants in Peel and 2,799,115 immigrants in the GTA. Peel’s residents accounted for 27.6% (854,565) of the GTA’s 3,093,945 total visible minority residents.

35.5% of Peel’s recent immigrants were born in India

73.3% of Brampton’s population are visible minorities

40.7% of Caledon’s population have been in Canada for three or more generations

14.0% of Peel’s recent immigrants reside in Mississauga

51.5% of Peel’s population are immigrants

Comparability
The methodology used for the 2016 Census differs from the one used for the voluntary 2011 National Household Survey, which may affect the comparability of the 2016 results to 2011.

Peel’s Strategic Plan includes 20-year goals with an ultimate vision of creating a Community for Life. Census data from this release is used to inform and achieve our goals of…

“Creating a community that embraces diversity and inclusion”, and “Ensuring access to culturally appropriate services.”

Community Quotable
Here’s how our partners use Census data to serve the community:

“Demographic data helps us understand the diverse and complex needs of children and families in our community, and ensures better quality and cultural appropriateness of services. It is through this lens that early learning programs, practices and environments are designed to promote and celebrate equality and inclusion with a sense of belonging for all.”

-Teresa Colasanti, Executive Director
Caledon Parent-Child Centre
1. India 25.7%
2. Pakistan 7.8%
3. Philippines 6.1%
4. Jamaica 5.0%
5. China 3.7%
6. Poland 3.7%
7. United Kingdom 3.0%
8. Sri Lanka 3.0%
9. Portugal 3.0%
10. Guyana 3.0%


Did you know...

"Recent Immigrants" are immigrants who landed in Canada between January 1, 2011 and May 10, 2016.

"Economic immigrants" includes immigrants who have been selected for their ability to contribute to Canada's economy through their ability to meet labour market needs, to own and manage or to build a business, to make a substantial investment, or to create their own employment.

IMMIGRANT POPULATION BY ADMISSION CATEGORY IN PEEL, 1980-2016

- Economic: 47.6%
- Sponsored: 38.9%
- Refugee: 12.5%
- Other: 1.0%

PEEL’S IMMIGRANTS BY AGE AT TIME OF IMMIGRATION

- 0-14 Years: 4.7%
- 15-24 Years: 8.1%
- 25-64 Years: 68.8%
- 65+ Years: 18.4%

IMMIGRANT POPULATION IN THE GTA

- Peel: 51.5%
- Toronto: 46.8%
- York: 47.0%
- Halton: 29.6%
- Durham: 23.6%

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In 2016, Peel had the highest percentage of visible minorities within the GTA (62.3%). This majority was further reflected in Brampton and Mississauga, with 73.3% and 57.2% of their populations respectively identifying as a visible minority. Caledon’s visible minorities comprised 18.7% of the population.

Half of Peel’s residents reported belonging to the South Asian visible minority group (50.8%), which was the most commonly identified visible minority group within all three municipalities.

### Aboriginal Identity

In Peel, 0.7% of the population reported having an Aboriginal identity. Within this group, 59.4%, 32.4%, and 1.8% of respondents reported a First Nations, Métis, and Inuit identity respectively. The remaining proportion of the population reported multiple Aboriginal identities (3.1%) or Aboriginal identities not included elsewhere (3.4%).

### Visible Minorities

The remaining top four visible minority groups in Peel were Black (15.3%), Chinese (7.5%), Filipino (6.7%), and Arab (5.0%).

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### Immigrant Population

In 2016, immigrants comprised more than half of Peel’s total population (51.5%). The immigrant population represented 53.4%, 52.3%, and 24.6% of the total population in Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon respectively.

The top country of birth for immigrants in Peel was India (25.7%). At the time of immigration, 68.8% of Peel’s immigrant population was between the ages of 25 and 64 years old.

### Summary of Facts

For detailed data tables related to this bulletin, please visit: [www.peeldatacentre.ca](http://www.peeldatacentre.ca).