Immigrant Population Trends
in Peel and GTA H

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Peel Population 1971 - 2031

Population trend for Caledon, Brampton, Mississauga, and Peel from 1971 to 2031.

- Caledon
- Brampton
- Mississauga
- Peel
Data Sources

- Citizenship and Immigration Canada (2004)
  - Immigrant Population by Original GTAH Destination
  - Origins of Immigrants
  - Age Structure of Immigrants

  - Immigrant Population by Place of Settlement
  - Population Living in Immigrant Headed Households
  - Origins of Immigrants
  - Age Structure, Living Arrangements and Income Status of Immigrants.

  - GTAH Immigration Forecasts
Background

- Immigration has been an important source of population growth in Peel Region and GTAH.
- Peel attracts immigrants who arrive directly from outside Canada or move into Peel from other places in Canada.
- According to the 2001 census, immigrants make up 43% of Peel’s population.
- Population living in households headed by immigrants make up over 60% of Peel’s population.
- Immigration trends vary across the GTAH.
Immigrant Population in the GTA

- Peel: 43.1%
- York: 39.1%
- Toronto: 43.4%
- Halton: 22.4%
- Durham: 18.9%
- GTA: 41.7%

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Background

Population Growth in Peel by Source

Source: Statistics Canada
Background

Population Growth in GTA by Source

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<th>Period</th>
<th>Natural Increase</th>
<th>Net Migration</th>
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<td>1987-1991</td>
<td>27.9%</td>
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<td>1992-1996</td>
<td>48.2%</td>
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Source: Statistics Canada
GTA Immigration

Approximately 250,000 immigrants arrive in Canada each year.
Ontario receives approximately one-half of these.
Of this one-half, about 75% come to the GTA.
Immigrant Population by Original GTA H Destination
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Percentage of All GTAH Immigrant Destinations (1985 - 2004)

Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada – July 2005
Toronto remains as the primary original destination for most immigrants.

Peel’s share of GTAH immigrants was at 10-12% in the 1990’s.

Recently Peel’s share of GTAH immigrants has rapidly increased beyond 20%.

This recent sharp increase in Peel’s attraction to immigrants began after the 2001 Census.

Peel’s sharp increase in immigrants will need to be monitored over time as it may impact on the delivery of regional services.
Immigrant Population by Place of Settlement
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All Immigrants as Share of Population

Source: Statistics Canada
Peel’s immigrant population is the second highest in the GTA (43%).

In 1996, Peel’s immigrant population was 39.8%, and by 2001 this figure has increased to 43%.

With the exception of the 1981-86 period, recent immigrant population has been growing in Peel.

Peel is becoming a place where immigrants settle. They either arrive here and stay or select Peel as a second settlement destination.
Immigrant Headed Households
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Population in Households Headed by Immigrants

Share of Total Population

Source: Statistics Canada
Immigrant Headed Households

- A different perspective of immigration is represented by immigrant headed households.
- These figures are higher than total immigrant population because children of immigrants who were born in Canada are not immigrants.
- The share of Peel’s population living in households headed by immigrants exceeded 60% in Peel in 2001.
- The population of immigrant headed households has been growing in Peel.
Origins of Immigrants
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1996-2001 Peel's Immigrants by Place of Birth

Source: Statistics Canada – 2001 Census
Origins of Immigrants

2000-2004 Peel's Immigrants By Place of Birth

Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada – July 2005
Recent immigrants to Peel are most likely to come from Asian countries.

34.6% of all immigrants arriving in Peel between 2000 and 2004 were born in India. (Citizenship and Immigration Canada – July 2005)

India was also the leading birth country for immigrants arriving between 1996 and 2001 – 26.8%. (Statistics Canada – Census 2001)

India, Pakistan and the Philippines are the 3 leading countries of origin for immigrants who immigrated between 1996 and 2001 as well as between 2000 and 2004.

Immigrants from these 3 countries make up over 50% of all immigrants coming to Peel Region.
Age Structure, Living Arrangements and Income Status of Immigrants
Age Structure of Immigrants

Shares of Immigrants by Age Group

2000 2001 2002 2003 2004

Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada – July 2005
Age Structure of Immigrants

- Immigrants of all age groups have been choosing Peel as their destination.
- Immigrants of the 26-35 age group are the most represented among people immigrating between 2000 and 2004.
- Almost 59% of these immigrants are people between 18 and 45.
- This immigrant population will feed into our labour force and result in its growth.
## Living Arrangement

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*Source: Statistics Canada; 2001 Census*
Living Arrangement

- The average household sizes for Peel’s recent immigrants, immigrants and non-immigrants are 3.9, 3.7 and 2.8 people per household respectively.

- 18.0% of immigrant families live in a shared dwelling. This number is slightly lower than for recent immigrants (21.2%) but much higher than for non-immigrants (7.8%).
LICO

Income levels at which the proportion of a person’s income that goes toward purchasing necessities (food, shelter and clothing) is 20% higher than the proportion that the average Canadian spends on necessities. It varies by family and community size.
Income Status

Population Living Below Low Income Cut-Off by Immigration Status

Source: Statistics Canada (Urban Poverty Project) - 2001
Incidence of Low Income by Period of Immigration in Peel, 2001

- **Percentage with Low Income**
- **Peel**
- **Mississauga**
- **Brampton**
- **Caledon**

- **Non-Immigrants**
- **Total Immigrants**
- **Immigrated before 1986**
- **Immigrated 1986-1990**
- **Immigrated 1991-1995**
- **Immigrated 1996-2001**
Proportion of population living below Low Income Cut-Off is higher among immigrants (15.1%) than non-immigrants (8.7%).

This ratio is even higher among recent immigrants (23.9%).

Recent immigrants probably contribute to a very high ratio (33.7%) among non-permanent residents.
GT AH

Immigrant Forecasts
GTAH Immigration Forecasts

GTAH Forecast Scenarios - Annual Average Net International Migration

Source: Hemson Consulting
MAPS
Percent of the Population with No Knowledge of English or French, 2001 Census

Census Tracts in Peel Region

Legend
Percent of the Population with No Knowledge of English or French

- 0%
- 0.1% - 1.1%
- 1.2% - 2.0%
- 2.1% - 3.0%
- 3.1% - 4.4%
- 4.5% - 11.0%

Road
Ward Boundary

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 Census
Non-Immigrants Living in Low Income as a Percent of All Non-Immigrants, 2001 Census

Legend
Non-Immigrants Living in Low income as a Percent of All Non-Immigrants
- 0.7% - 4.9%
- 5.0% - 8.9%
- 7.0% - 9.8%
- 9.9% - 13.8%
- 13.9% - 36.2%

Road
Ward Boundary

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 Census
Immigrants Living in Low Income as a Percent of All Immigrants, 2001 Census

Census Tracts in Peel Region

Legend

- 1.2% - 7.7%
- 7.8% - 11.4%
- 11.5% - 14.3%
- 14.3% - 21.3%
- 21.7% - 38.2%

Road

Ward Boundary

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 Census
What Attracts Immigrants to Peel?

- There are now sizeable ethnic communities established in Peel, where new immigrants will find relatives, cultural centres and religious congregations.
- More affordable housing prices than in Toronto.
- Housing mix suitable for household composition and living arrangements.
- Peel now has ethnically identifiable services that are well established.
Conclusions

- Total Immigrant population makes up over 43% of Peel’s population
- Population of households headed by immigrants makes up over 60% of Peel’s population
- Recent trends show that Peel is attracting more immigrants arriving directly or moving from other places in Canada
- Recent immigrants to Peel are most likely to be from Asian countries.
Conclusions

Since 2000, 34.6% of immigrants came from India.

Immigrants will account for the growth of Peel’s labour force.

Recent immigrants are more than twice as likely to live below the low income cut off compared to the total population.

Immigration will continue to drive growth in Peel.