This bulletin summarizes the Ethnic Diversity and Religion portion of the 2011 Immigration, Etnocultural Diversity, and Aboriginal Peoples data release from the National Household Survey (NHS) for Peel Region and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). In 2011 Peel's residents accounted for 27.6% (732,805) of the GTA's 2,654,140 total visible minority residents. Christian religions were the most reported religious affiliations in Peel at 733,790 people, which was consistent with the rest of the GTA.

66.4% of Brampton's population is made up of visible minorities.
87.0% of Peel's population identified a religious affiliation, the highest percentage in the GTA.
Catholics represent 46.3% of Caledon's total population.
Mississauga residents have an average of 3.7 ethnicities.
At 56.8%, Peel has the highest proportion of visible minorities in the GTA.

South Asian is the number one reported visible minority in Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon...

Peel’s Sikh population is the highest in the GTA (122,960)...

One percent of Peel’s residents (12,580 people) are of Aboriginal ancestry...

TOP 10 VISIBLE MINORITIES IN AREA MUNICIPALITIES

MISSISSAUGA
- South Asian: 40.5%
- Chinese: 13.2%
- Filipino: 10.4%
- Arab: 6.5%
- South East Asian: 4.1%
- West Asian: 3.3%
- Latin American: 4.0%
- Multiple Visible Minority: 2.7%
- Visible Minority: *n.i.e.: 2.4%

BRAMPTON
- South Asian: 35.0%
- Black: 21.1%
- Arab: 1.9%
- South East Asian: 2.9%
- Multiple Visible Minority: 3.2%
- West Asian: 3.3%
- Latin American: 10.4%
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* n.i.e. stands for “not included elsewhere”.

TOP SUB-CONTINENTAL ETHNIC ORIGIN WITHIN THE GTA

- Peel: 20.9%
- York: 18.7%
- Toronto: 12.9%
- Durham: 31.0%
- Halton: 28.8%

DID YOU KNOW?
One question on the subject of religion was asked as part of the 2011 NHS survey. While it also appeared in the 2001 Census, this question was not included in the 2006 Census.

DID YOU KNOW?
The NHS survey allowed respondents to enter up to four ethnicities, and responses could be broad or specific. For example, a respondent with French ancestry could indicate “French” or “European”.

DID YOU KNOW?
Data contained in this bulletin were collected by the voluntary 2011 National Household Survey (NHS), which replaced the mandatory long-form Census. This change in methodology may affect the comparability of this data to data from previous long-form Censuses.

Peel residents have an average of 3.6 ethnicities.

**TOP 10 SUB-CONTINENTAL ETHNICITIES IN PEEL**
- Canadian: 12.1%
- East Indian: 20.9%
- Jamaican: 4.7%
- Filipino: 4.8%
- Portuguese: 4.7%
- Scottish: 7.5%
- Irish: 7.5%
- Italian: 7.0%
- English: 11.2%

**COMPOSITION OF PEEL’S ABORIGINAL IDENTITY**
- Métis: 6.4%
- First Nations: 32.0%
- Inuit: 1.8%

**RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION WITHIN THE GTA**
- Christian: 56.9%
- Hindu: 9.5%
- Muslim: 9.4%
- Other Religions: 2.4%
- No Religious Affiliation: 8.8%

**PEEL’S TOTAL POPULATION BY RELIGIOUS Affiliation**
- Traditional (Aboriginal) Spirituality: 69.40%
- No Religious Affiliation: 6.47%
- Sikh: 5.63%
- Hindu: 3.83%
- Buddhist: 2.85%
- Christian: 2.68%
- Muslim: 1.70%
- Other Religions: 1.74%
- Not Included Elsewhere: 0.22%
- Aboriginal Identities: 0.32%
- Aboriginal Identities: 0.39%

**Source:** Statistics Canada, National Household Survey 2011.
SUMMARY OF FACTS

In 2011, Peel had the highest percentage of visible minorities within the GTA (56.8%). This majority was further reflected in Brampton and Mississauga with 66.4% and 53.7% of their populations respectively, identifying as a visible minority. Caledon’s visible minorities comprised 9.7% of the population. Close to half of Peel’s residents reported belonging to the South Asian visible minority group (48.6%), which was the most commonly identified visible minority group within all three municipalities. The remaining top four visible minority groups in Peel were Black (15.9%), Chinese (8.0%), Filipino (7.9%), and Arab (4.0%).

Peel’s residents reported an average of 3.6 ethnicities per person. In Peel, the top three sub-continental ethnic origins were East Indian, Canadian, and English with 20.9%, 12.1% and 11.2% respectively. East Toronto was the top ethnicity reported by Mississauga (15.1%) and Brampton (30.6%) residents, while English was the top ethnicity reported in Caledon (27.0%).

In Peel, 0.5% of the population reported having an Aboriginal identity. Within this group, 57.7%, 32.0%, 1.8% of respondents identified as a First Nations, Métis, and Inuit identity respectively. The remaining proportion of the population reported multiple Aboriginal identities (2.0%) or Aboriginal identities not included elsewhere (6.4%).

In 2011, 56.9% of Peel’s population was affiliated with the Christian religion, a majority identified across the GTA. Rounding out the top five religious affiliations elsewhere (6.4%).

TOP 5 SUB-CONTINENTAL ETHNICITIES BY MUNICIPALITY

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