

Principal Source Countries

The top five source countries for immigration in 1993 were Hong Kong, India, Philippines, Taiwan, and People's Republic of China.

Provincial Destinations

Ontario is the original destination of about half the immigrants to Canada followed by Quebec and British Columbia; the Prairies; and the Atlantic region and the Territories. Ontario is also an important secondary destination; up to eight percent of immigrants who first go to other provinces eventually move to Ontario.

Metropolitan Destinations

About 60 percent of immigrants settle in three cities: Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. Ottawa-Hull, Edmonton and Calgary account for almost another 10 percent. In all provinces but Ontario, the major metropolitan area receives some 90 percent of the province's newcomers. Toronto receives about 57 percent of immigrants destined to Ontario.

Immigrant Integration

An essential part of a successful immigration program is the effective integration of newcomers into Canadian society. Integration is a two-way process that requires adaptations on the part of newcomers and acceptance and accommodation by Canadians. In 1993, an exercise was initiated to examine the best ways to achieve integration. This work will continue, and more opportunities for involvement of interested and affected parties will be provided. Preliminary feedback from the many partner groups that were approached as part of the review exercise has resulted in a number of new policy directions, which will be pursued over the coming years.

For its part, the Quebec government has introduced the concept of the "social contract," an expression of the reciprocal obligations of immigrants and the society. Immigrants and members of cultural communities are expected to adhere to the democratic values of Quebec society on the one hand, and on the other, to be willing to understand their host society and to develop a sense of belonging to it. The society and its government must in turn recognize each person's right to live in accordance with his or her own values. They undertake to promote attitudes favourable to immigration and to the diverse