Immigration and Ethno-Cultural Diversity

On October 25, 2017 Statistics Canada released the 2016 Census data on Immigration and Ethno-Cultural Diversity. This summary highlights data for the City of London.

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Highlights

- London is home to 83,770 immigrants representing 22% of the total population.
- Almost 14% (11,595) of London’s immigrants arrived recently between 2011 and 2016.
- The top places of birth of recent immigrants are Syria, India, and China.
- 20% (75,130) of Londoners reported being a visible minority.

Percentage of immigrants, non-immigrants, and non-permanent residents in London and Ontario - 2016

Immigration

According to the 2016 Census, London is home to:
- 83,770 immigrants, a 9% increase from 2011 (76,585).
- 286,305 non-immigrants, a 2.4% increase from 2011 (279,580).
- 7,970 non-permanent residents (refugee claimants, work/study permits and any non-Canadian born family member living with them), a 75% increase from 2011 (4,555).
- 351,685 residents who are Canadian citizens where almost 80% of them are age 18 and over.

Compared to Ontario, London has fewer immigrants, and more non-immigrants and non-permanent residents.
Ethnic Origin

- 70% of Londoners have European origins.
- English comprise 28% of ethnic origin which is higher than Ontario (21%) and Canada (18%).
- 26% of London residents identify as having Canadian origins compared to 23% of Ontario’s residents and 32% nationally.
- 21% of people identified as Scottish which is greater than Ontario (16%) and Canada (14%).
The 2016 data reveal that the top 3 immigrants' places of birth in London are United Kingdom, Poland, and China.

In 2016, the top 3 recent immigrants' places of birth in London are Syria, India, and China.
In 2016, 20% (75,125) Londoners reported being a visible minority. This is lower than Windsor (27%), Waterloo (26%), Toronto (51%) and Ottawa (26%), Ontario (29%) and Canada (22%).

The visible minority population percentage increase (2006 to 2016) in London was almost similar to Ontario and Canada; noting that London’s increase between 2011 and 2016 was slightly higher than Ontario’s and Canada’s.
Immigrant Population by age demographic and migration characteristics, 2011 and 2016

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<td>All Immigrants</td>
<td>Recent Immigrant (2006-2011)</td>
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<td>Population in private households</td>
<td>76,585</td>
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<td>Age groups</td>
<td>76,580</td>
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<td>Less than 15 years</td>
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<td>25 to 64 years</td>
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<td>Median age</td>
<td>49.8</td>
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Immigrant Population by admission categories for immigrants admitted since 1980

Since 1980, there were 58,075 immigrants admitted to the City of London; of those 11,595 were recent immigrants (arriving between 2011 and 2016). Almost 45% of recent immigrants were admitted as economic immigrants, 20% were sponsored by family, and 33.5% were admitted as refugees.

Data Sources


For further detailed information visit Statistics Canada website at www.statcan.gc.ca