

Statistics Canada and Business Vancouver present Mobility & Migration across B.C. and Canada in 2021

INTRODUCTION

2021 proved to a record-breaking year for migration both in B.C. and across Canada.

Here is a glimpse of the key mobility and migration trends to emerge in 2021 as well as the expected immigration levels for the next few years.

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RECORDING BREAKING POPULATION GROWTH IN B.C.

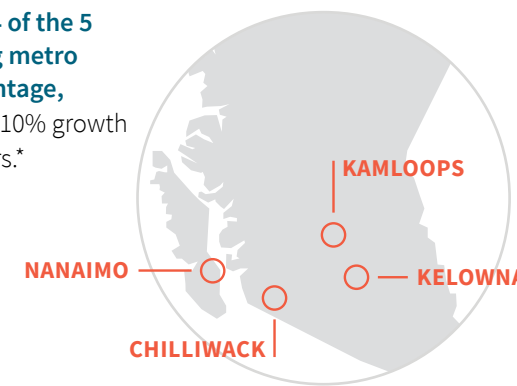
In 2021, 100,000 people moved to B.C., setting a record for the province.*



NET INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION TO B.C. INCREASED IN 2021

+22,819 → +59,665
2020 → 2021
More than a two-fold increase + 30% higher than the previous peak of 45,749 in 1996.*

BC is home to 4 of the 5 fastest growing metro areas by percentage, each showing a 10% growth in the last 6 years.*



*(Santvoort, A.V., 2022)

B.C. VS OTHER PROVINCES

According to Statistics Canada: "In-migrants are persons who did not live in the specified geographic area one year before the reference date, but did live there on the reference date."

Top 3 provinces with in-migrants in (2021)

1. ONTARIO 178,525
2. BRITISH COLUMBIA 123,035
3. QUEBEC 80,615

Top 3 provinces with interprovincial in-migrants (2021)

1. BRITISH COLUMBIA 63,250
2. ONTARIO 53,850
3. ALBERTA 45,475

Interprovincial in-migrants (migrants that moved into one province from another)

Top 3 provinces with external in-migrants in (2021)

1. ONTARIO 124,670
2. BRITISH COLUMBIA 59,785
3. QUEBEC 52,530

External in-migrants (migrants that moved to a province from outside Canada)

Top 3 provinces with interprovincial out-migrants (2021)

1. ONTARIO 88,720
2. ALBERTA 57,200
3. BRITISH COLUMBIA 36,985

Interprovincial out-migrants in 2021 (migrants that moved out of one province into another)

MIGRATION STATISTICS AT A GLANCE: CANADA



highest amongst the G7!

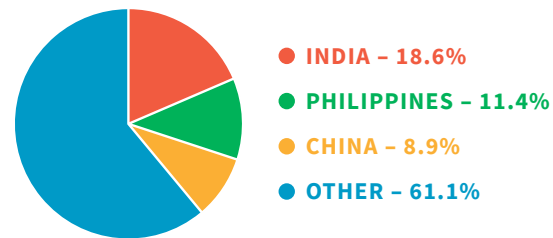
1/4 of Canada's Population or 8.3 million people (23%) = landed immigrants or permanent residents in 2021

If we continue to follow expected immigration trends, immigrants could represent 29.1% to 34% of the population by 2041.

1.3 MILLION+ 2016-2021
New immigrants came to Canada, the highest amount of new immigrant arrivals ever recorded in a Canadian census.

Over half, 748,120 came as economic immigrants with 34.5% being admitted through the skilled worker programs and 33.6% being admitted through the Provincial Nominee Program.

Country of birth for recent immigrants to Canada



62% of immigrants that had settled into Canada since 2016 had previously resided in the country either for work, study or as an asylum seeker.

Canada's 3 biggest urban centres continued to welcome the most immigrants in 2021: Toronto - 29.5%, Montreal - 12.2% & Vancouver - 11.7%, but the overall share of immigrants fell from 56% in 2016 to 53.4% in 2021.

MIGRATION STATISTICS AT A GLANCE: B.C.

4,915,945

Total Population

1,425,715

Immigrants

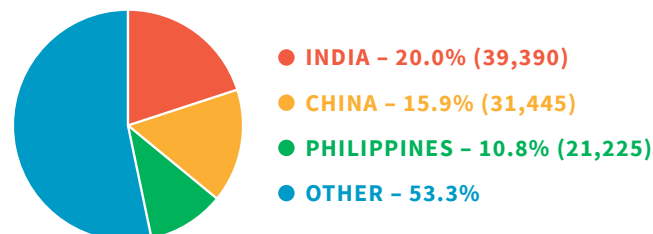
29%

of B.C.'s total population are immigrants according to the 2021 Census

197,420

Travel documents were provided to students, temporary foreign workers & visitors in 2021

Country of birth for recent immigrants (2016-2021) to B.C.



IMMIGRATION LEVELS PLAN: A COMPARISON

CATEGORY		2022-2024 LEVELS PLAN	2023-2025 LEVELS PLAN	INCREASE(+)/DECREASE(-)
Overall Planned Permanent Resident Admissions 2023		447,055	465,000	+ 17,945
Overall Planned Permanent Resident Admissions 2024		451,000	485,000	+ 34,000
Economic	Total Economic 2023	253,000	266,210	+ 13,210
	Total Economic 2024	267,750	281,135	+ 13,385
Family	Spouses, Partners & Children 2023	81,000	78,000	- 3,000
	Spouses, Partners & Children 2024	81,000	80,000	- 1,000
	Total Family 2023	109,500	106,500	- 3,000
	Total Family 2024	113,000	114,000	+ 1,000
Refugees & Protected Persons	Total Refugees & Protected Persons 2023	74,055	76,305	+ 2,250
	Total Refugees & Protected Persons 2024	62,500	76,115	+ 13,615
	Total Humanitarian, Compassionate & Other 2023	10,500	15,985	+ 5,485
	Total Humanitarian, Compassionate & Other 2024	7,750	13,750	+ 6,000