

An Overview of Immigration to Alberta

2004



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Request Description:

- 1) Provide annual counts of immigrants to Canada broken down by top five provinces of destination, 2004
- 2) Provide annual counts of immigrants to Alberta broken down by given cities of destination, 2004
- 3) Provide annual counts of immigrants to Alberta broken down by top ten source countries, 2004
- 4) Provide annual counts of immigrants to Alberta broken down by immigrant class, 2004
- 5) Provide annual counts of immigrants to Alberta broken down by gender, 2004
- 6) Provide annual counts of immigrants to Alberta broken down by given age groups, 2004
- 7) Provide annual counts of immigrants to Alberta broken down by top five native languages, 2004
- 8) Provide annual counts of immigrants to Alberta broken down by knowledge of English, 2004
- 9) Provide annual counts of immigrants to Alberta broken down by given age groups and knowledge of English, 2004
- 10) Provide annual counts of immigrants to Alberta broken down by top ten native languages and knowledge of English, 2004
- 11) Provide annual counts of immigrants to Alberta broken down by knowledge of French and French/English bilingual ability, 2004
- 12) Provide annual counts of immigrants (20 years of age and older) to Alberta broken down by educational attainment, 2004

For tables 1, 2, 3, 4, and 12, provide data for each year from 1995-2004

Data Source: IMM Immigration Data from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC)

Data Elements Provided:

Destination province	Age Groups
Destination City	Native Language
Source Country	Knowledge of English
Immigrant Class	Knowledge of French
Gender	Educational Attainment

Selection Criteria / Filters:

Province = Alberta (except for table 1)

Usage Considerations:

- Destination cities given in table 2 are not the top ten destination cities in Alberta
- Data in table 12 will not match data from the table called Immigration (19 years of age and older) to Alberta by Educational Attainment in "Overview of Immigration to Alberta" for the following reasons:
 - The data provided to AHRE does not allow us to distinguish immigrants 19 years of age or older. Instead, we have provided data for immigrants 20 years of age and older.
 - A row called "13 or more years of schooling (No University)" was required for accurate reporting. This row is not present in "Overview of Immigration to Alberta".
- Historical data given to AHRE does not exactly match historical data cited in the "Overview of Immigration to Alberta"
- Slight discrepancies in percentages are due to the rounding of numbers.
- Differences between this data and data provided previously are due to the finalization of 2004 data.

Table 1 - Immigration To Canada By Top Five Provinces of Destination, 2004

Province	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
Ontario	125,110	53.1
Quebec	44,239	18.8
British Columbia	37,020	15.7
Alberta	16,469	7.0
Manitoba	7,427	3.1
Other	5,559	2.4
Total	235,824	100.0

Table 2 - Immigration To Alberta By Given Cities of Destination, 2004

City	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
Calgary	9,308	56.5
Edmonton	4,810	29.2
Red Deer	254	1.5
Lethbridge	177	1.1
Medicine Hat	146	0.9
Fort McMurray	128	0.8
Brooks	83	0.5
Grande Prairie	126	0.8
Sherwood Park	72	0.4
Banff	54	0.3
Subtotal	15,158	92.0
Other	1,311	8.0
Total	16,469	100

Table 3 - Immigration To Alberta By Top Ten Source Countries, 2004

2004		
Country	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
China	2,195	13.3
Philippines	1,969	12.0
India	1,629	9.9
Pakistan	1,098	6.7
British Citizen	879	5.3
United States	700	4.3
Sudan	428	2.6
Korea, Republic of	368	2.2
Colombia	328	2.0
Russia	322	2.0
Subtotal	9,916	60.2
Others	6,553	39.8
Total	16,469	100

Table 4 - Immigration To Alberta By Immigrant Class, 2004

Class	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
Independent	8,752	53.1
Family	5,346	32.5
Refugee	2,210	13.4
Other	161	1.0
Total	16,469	100

Table 5 - Immigration To Alberta By Gender, 2004

Gender	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
Male	7,781	47.2
Female	8,688	52.8
Total	16,469	100

Table 6 - Immigration To Alberta By Age Groups, 2004

Age	<i>Number</i>	%
0 - 4	1,006	6.1
5 - 9	1,294	7.9
10 - 14	1,279	7.8
15 - 19	1,180	7.2
20 - 24	1,542	9.4
25 - 29	2,309	14.0
30 - 34	2,531	15.4
35 - 39	1,940	11.8
40 - 44	1,344	8.2
45 - 49	737	4.5
50 - 54	423	2.6
55 - 59	288	1.7
60 - 64	225	1.4
65+	371	2.3
Total	16,469	100.0

Table 7 - Immigration To Alberta By Native Language, 2004

Language	<i>Number</i>	%
English	2,219	13.5
Mandarin	1,881	11.4
Tagalog	1,691	10.3
Punjabi	1,173	7.1
Spanish	893	5.4
Other	8,612	52.3
Total	16,469	100.0

Table 8 - Immigration To Alberta By Knowledge Of English, 2004

Knowledge of English	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
English	10,004	60.7
No English	6,465	39.3
Total	16,469	100.0

Table 9 - Immigration To Alberta By Age Groups And Knowledge Of English, 2004

Age	English	No English	Total
0-4	154	852	1,006
5-9	487	807	1,294
10-14	587	692	1,279
15-19	631	549	1,180
20-24	992	550	1,542
25-29	1,789	520	2,309
30-34	1,881	650	2,531
35-39	1,339	601	1,940
40-44	943	401	1,344
45-49	535	202	737
50-54	257	166	423
55-59	149	139	288
60-64	95	130	225
65+	165	206	371
Total	10,004	6,465	16,469
%	60.7	39.3	100

Table 10 - Immigration To Alberta By Top Ten Native Languages (Excluding English) And Knowledge Of English, 2004

Language	English	No English	Total
Mandarin	273	1,608	1,881
Tagalog	1,227	464	1,691
Punjabi	654	519	1,173
Spanish	556	337	893
Urdu	492	318	810
Arabic	454	292	746
Russian	282	352	634
Other African	233	326	559
Korean	139	232	371
Hindi	269	62	331
Total	4,579	4,510	9,089
%*	50.4	49.6	100

* Percentages given in this table refer only to immigrants whose native language is in the indicated top ten

Table 11 - Immigration To Alberta By Knowledge Of French And French/English Bilingual Ability, 2004

Knowledge of French	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
French	155	0.9
Bilingual	689	4.2
No French	15,625	94.9
Total	16,469	100.0

Table 12 - Immigration (20 years of age and older) to Alberta by Educational Attainment, 2004

Class	<i>Number</i>	<i>%*</i>
0 - 9 Years	1,376	11.8
10 - 12 Years	1,711	14.6
13 or more years of schooling (No University)	300	2.6
Some University	718	6.1
Trade Certificate	614	5.2
Non-University Diploma	1,328	11.3
Bachelor's Degree	4,136	35.3
Master's Degree	1,275	10.9
Doctorate	252	2.2
Total	11,710	100

* Percentages given in this table refer only to immigrants 20 years old and older

Table 1 - Immigration To Canada By Top Five Provinces of Destination, 1995 - 2004

Year	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999	
Province	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Ontario	115934	54.5%	119710	53.0%	117724	54.5%	92388	53.0%	104167	54.8%
British Columbia	44575	20.9%	52036	23.0%	47844	22.1%	35979	20.7%	36131	19.0%
Quebec	27215	12.8%	29798	13.2%	27936	12.9%	26622	15.3%	29160	15.4%
Alberta	14383	6.8%	13892	6.1%	12836	5.9%	11189	6.4%	12087	6.4%
Manitoba	3584	1.7%	3934	1.7%	3704	1.7%	2999	1.7%	3725	2.0%
Other	7177	3.4%	6703	3.0%	5994	2.8%	5022	2.9%	4696	2.5%
Total	212868	100.0%	226073	100.0%	216038	100.0%	174199	100.0%	189966	100.0%

Year	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004	
Province	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Ontario	133511	58.7%	148643	59.3%	133598	58.3%	119723	54.1%	125,110	53.1%
British Columbia	37430	16.5%	38469	15.3%	34060	14.9%	35240	15.9%	37,020	15.7%
Quebec	32500	14.3%	37595	15.0%	37586	16.4%	39558	17.9%	44,239	18.8%
Alberta	14363	6.3%	16409	6.5%	14755	6.4%	15834	7.2%	16,469	7.0%
Manitoba	4636	2.0%	4596	1.8%	4619	2.0%	6500	2.9%	7,427	3.1%
Other	5025	2.2%	4925	2.0%	4424	1.9%	4500	2.0%	5,559	2.4%
Total	227465	100.0%	250637	100.0%	229042	100.0%	221355	100.0%	235,824	100.0%

Table 2 - Immigration To Alberta By Given Cities of Destination, 1995 - 2004

Year	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999	
Province	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
Calgary	7012	48.8%	7009	50.5%	6928	54.0%	5957	53.2%	6768	56.0%
Edmonton	5447	37.9%	4793	34.5%	4332	33.7%	3695	33.0%	3690	30.5%
Red Deer	218	1.5%	234	1.7%	201	1.6%	170	1.5%	210	1.7%
Lethbridge	206	1.4%	227	1.6%	196	1.5%	172	1.5%	159	1.3%
Medicine Hat	107	0.7%	109	0.8%	79	0.6%	77	0.7%	67	0.6%
Grande Prairie	104	0.7%	98	0.7%	73	0.6%	58	0.5%	35	0.3%
Fort McMurray	90	0.6%	103	0.7%	71	0.6%	54	0.5%	52	0.4%
Banff	74	0.5%	70	0.5%	75	0.6%	58	0.5%	72	0.6%
Sherwood Park	66	0.5%	33	0.2%	22	0.2%	29	0.3%	47	0.4%
Brooks	7	0.0%	5	0.0%	12	0.1%	27	0.2%	21	0.2%
Subtotal	13331	92.7%	12681	91.3%	11989	93.4%	10297	92.0%	11121	92.0%
Other	1052	7.3%	1211	8.7%	847	6.6%	892	8.0%	966	8.0%
Total	14383	100.0%	13892	100.0%	12836	100.0%	11189	100.0%	12087	100.0%

Year	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004	
Province	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%</i>
Calgary	8431	58.7%	10094	61.5%	8987	60.9%	9153	57.8%	9308	56.5%
Edmonton	4156	28.9%	4411	26.9%	4048	27.4%	4566	28.8%	4810	29.2%
Red Deer	213	1.5%	230	1.4%	163	1.1%	204	1.3%	254	1.5%
Lethbridge	175	1.2%	175	1.1%	149	1.0%	169	1.1%	177	1.1%
Medicine Hat	119	0.8%	159	1.0%	88	0.6%	136	0.9%	146	0.9%
Grande Prairie	76	0.5%	70	0.4%	82	0.6%	66	0.4%	126	0.8%
Fort McMurray	57	0.4%	85	0.5%	67	0.5%	130	0.8%	128	0.8%
Banff	57	0.4%	61	0.4%	51	0.3%	48	0.3%	54	0.3%
Sherwood Park	60	0.4%	49	0.3%	58	0.4%	73	0.5%	72	0.4%
Brooks	53	0.4%	50	0.3%	51	0.3%	80	0.5%	83	0.5%
Subtotal	13397	93.3%	15384	93.8%	13744	93.1%	14625	92.4%	15158	92.0%
Other	966	6.7%	1025	6.2%	1011	6.9%	1209	7.6%	1311	8.0%
Total	14363	100.0%	16409	100.0%	14755	100.0%	15834	100.0%	16469	100.0%

Table 3 - Immigration To Alberta By Top Ten Source Countries, 1995- 2004

Year	Country	Number	%
1995	Philippines	1680	11.7%
	India	1333	9.3%
	China	1193	8.3%
	British Dependent Territories Citizen	1054	7.3%
	Stateless	1030	7.2%
	British Citizen	724	5.0%
	British National Overseas	568	3.9%
	Korea, Republic of	540	3.8%
	Vietnam, Socialist Republic of	489	3.4%
	United States of America	438	3.0%
	Subtotal	9049	62.9%
	Other	5334	37.1%
	Total	14383	100.0%
	1996	India	1655
China, People's Republic of		1274	9.2%
Philippines		1207	8.7%
British National Overseas		776	5.6%
Stateless		715	5.1%
British Citizen		612	4.4%
United States of America		571	4.1%
British Dependent Territories Citizen		513	3.7%
Pakistan		507	3.6%
Taiwan		450	3.2%
Subtotal		8280	59.6%
Other		5612	40.4%
Total		13892	100.0%

Year	Country	Number	%
2000	India	1635	11.4%
	China, People's Republic of	1601	11.1%
	Philippines	1360	9.5%
	Pakistan	857	6.0%
	British Citizen	659	4.6%
	Korea, Republic of	644	4.5%
	United States of America	526	3.7%
	Yugoslavia	434	3.0%
	Ukraine	279	1.9%
	Afghanistan	278	1.9%
	Subtotal	8273	57.6%
	Other	6090	42.4%
	Total	14363	100.0%
	2001	India	1834
Philippines		1746	10.6%
China, People's Republic of		1723	10.5%
Pakistan		936	5.7%
Korea, Republic of		884	5.4%
British Citizen		786	4.8%
United States of America		560	3.4%
Afghanistan		348	2.1%
Vietnam, Socialist Republic of		330	2.0%
South Africa, Republic of		309	1.9%
Subtotal		9456	57.6%
Other		6953	42.4%
Total		16409	100.0%

Table 3 - Immigration To Alberta By Top Ten Source Countries, 1995- 2004 (cont'd)_

Year	Country	Number	%
1997	India	1444	11.2%
	China, People's Republic of	1182	9.2%
	Philippines	1135	8.8%
	British National Overseas	817	6.4%
	British Citizen	685	5.3%
	Pakistan	546	4.3%
	Stateless	542	4.2%
	United States of America	447	3.5%
	Taiwan	424	3.3%
	Korea, Republic of	354	2.8%
	Subtotal	7576	59.0%
	Other	5260	41.0%
	Total	12836	100.0%
	1998	China, People's Republic of	1226
India		1205	10.8%
Philippines		969	8.7%
Pakistan		528	4.7%
United States of America		471	4.2%
British Citizen		465	4.2%
Stateless		428	3.8%
Korea, Republic of		387	3.5%
Iran		331	3.0%
British National Overseas		320	2.9%
Subtotal		6330	56.6%
Other		4859	43.4%
Total		11189	100.0%
1999		China, People's Republic of	1492
	India	1295	10.7%
	Philippines	1174	9.7%
	Pakistan	567	4.7%
	British Citizen	540	4.5%
	United States of America	513	4.2%
	Korea, Republic of	500	4.1%
	Bosnia-Herzegovina	294	2.4%
	Stateless	274	2.3%
	Russia	259	2.1%
	Subtotal	6908	57.2%
	Other	5179	42.8%
	Total	12087	100.0%

Year	Country	Number	%
2002	India	1914	13.0%
	China, People's Republic of	1534	10.4%
	Philippines	1342	9.1%
	Pakistan	876	5.9%
	Korea, Republic of	651	4.4%
	British Citizen	630	4.3%
	United States of America	464	3.1%
	Iran	461	3.1%
	Afghanistan	369	2.5%
	Colombia	322	2.2%
	Subtotal	8563	58.0%
	Other	6192	42.0%
	Total	14755	100.0%
	2003	China, People's Republic of	2157
Philippines		1947	12.3%
India		1828	11.5%
Pakistan		905	5.7%
British Citizen		693	4.4%
Korea, Republic of		598	3.8%
United States of America		535	3.4%
Afghanistan		449	2.8%
Colombia		426	2.7%
Sudan, Democratic Republic of		359	2.3%
Subtotal		9897	62.5%
Other		5937	37.5%
Total		15834	100.0%
2004		China, People's Republic of	2195
	Philippines	1969	12.0%
	India	1629	9.9%
	Pakistan	1098	6.7%
	British Citizen	879	5.3%
	United States of America	700	4.3%
	Sudan, Democratic Republic of	428	2.6%
	Korea, Republic of	368	2.2%
	Colombia	328	2.0%
	Russia	322	2.0%
	Subtotal	9916	60.2%
	Other	6553	39.8%
	Total	16469	100.0%

Table 4 - Immigration To Alberta By Immigrant Class, 1995 - 2004

Year	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999	
Class	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Independent Clas	7753	53.9%	8088	58.2%	7591	59.1%	6124	54.7%	6599	54.6%
Family Class	5190	36.1%	4471	32.2%	4064	31.7%	3771	33.7%	4176	34.5%
Refugee Class	1414	9.8%	1320	9.5%	1158	9.0%	1275	11.4%	1289	10.7%
Other	26	0.2%	13	0.1%	23	0.2%	19	0.2%	23	0.2%
Total	14383	100.0%	13892	100.0%	12836	100.0%	11189	100.0%	12087	100.0%

Year	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004	
Class	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Independent Clas	8000	55.7%	9565	58.3%	7989	54.1%	7847	49.6%	8752	53.1%
Family Class	4482	31.2%	4970	30.3%	4965	33.6%	5916	37.4%	5346	32.5%
Refugee Class	1875	13.1%	1874	11.4%	1792	12.1%	1979	12.5%	2210	13.4%
Other	6	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	0.1%	92	0.6%	161	1.0%
Total	14363	100.0%	16409	100.0%	14755	100.0%	15834	100.0%	16469	100.0%

Table 12 - Immigration (20 years of age and older) to Alberta by Educational Attainment, 1995 - 2004

Year	1995		1996		1997		1998		1999	
Class	<i>Number</i>	<i>%*</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%*</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%*</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%*</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%*</i>
0 - 9 Years	1847	18.1%	1573	16.0%	1382	15.1%	1042	13.1%	1046	12.0%
10 - 12 Years	2524	24.8%	2160	22.0%	1847	20.2%	1462	18.4%	1419	16.2%
13 or more years	304	3.0%	302	3.1%	245	2.7%	182	2.3%	200	2.3%
Some University	719	7.1%	600	6.1%	516	5.6%	484	6.1%	573	6.6%
Trade Certificate	1059	10.4%	1079	11.0%	922	10.1%	779	9.8%	782	8.9%
Non-University Di	798	7.8%	882	9.0%	903	9.9%	898	11.3%	995	11.4%
Bachelor's Degree	2196	21.6%	2324	23.7%	2511	27.4%	2294	28.8%	2746	31.4%
Master's Degree	559	5.5%	671	6.8%	649	7.1%	620	7.8%	753	8.6%
Doctorate	182	1.8%	226	2.3%	180	2.0%	195	2.5%	227	2.6%
Total	10188	100.0%	9817	100.0%	9155	100.0%	7956	100.0%	8741	100.0%

Year	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004	
Class	<i>Number</i>	<i>%*</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%*</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%*</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%*</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>%*</i>
0 - 9 Years	1371	13.4%	1541	13.4%	1523	14.3%	1631	14.1%	1376	11.7%
10 - 12 Years	1637	15.9%	1687	14.7%	1608	15.1%	1730	15.0%	1711	14.6%
13 or more years	268	2.6%	293	2.5%	285	2.7%	319	2.8%	300	2.6%
Some University	713	6.9%	709	6.2%	664	6.3%	790	6.8%	718	6.1%
Trade Certificate	703	6.8%	613	5.3%	533	5.0%	559	4.8%	614	5.2%
Non-University Di	1070	10.4%	1253	10.9%	1089	10.3%	1344	11.6%	1328	11.3%
Bachelor's Degree	3306	32.2%	4145	36.0%	3710	34.9%	4041	34.9%	4163	35.5%
Master's Degree	963	9.4%	1013	8.8%	991	9.3%	973	8.4%	1275	10.9%
Doctorate	237	2.3%	252	2.2%	218	2.1%	182	1.6%	252	2.1%
Total	10268	100.0%	11506	100.0%	10621	100.0%	11569	100.0%	11737	100.0%

* Percentages given in this table refer only to immigrants 20 years old and older