Immigrant Population in Alberta, 2016

In 2016, there were 845,215 immigrants in Alberta, representing 21% of the population.

Period of Immigration

- Before 1981: 163,460
- 1981 to 1990: 86,345
- 1991 to 2000: 131,560
- 2001 to 2010: 256,055
- 2011 to 2016: 207,790

Admission Category of Recent Immigrants*

- Immigrants sponsored by family: 46,220
- Refugees: 18,925
- Other immigrants: 1,790
- Economic immigrants, 140,855

Top Home Languages (Not English or French)

- Recent Immigrants:
  - Tagalog: 15.1%
  - Punjabi: 5.6%
  - Arabic: 4.7%
- All Immigrants:
  - Tagalog: 6.6%
  - Punjabi: 5.3%
  - Cantonese: 4.6%

Unable to Speak English or French

- Recent Immigrants:
  - Tagalog: 7%
- All Immigrants:
  - Tagalog: 5%

Highest Level of Education

- No Certificate: 9%
- Completed Post Secondary: 66%

Top Countries of Birth

- Recent Immigrants:
  - Philippines: 29%
  - India: 14%
  - China: 5%
- All Immigrants:
  - Philippines: 15%
  - India: 11%
  - United Kingdom: 7%

Number of Non-Permanent Residents: 70,155

* Recent immigrants arrived in Canada in the five-year period between 2011 and 2016.

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### Labour Force Participation

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### Income

- **Median Income**
  - Recent Immigrants*: $31,291
  - All Immigrants: $37,446
  - Total Population: $42,708

- **Prevalence of Low Income (LICO-BT)**
  - Recent Immigrants*: 18.0%
  - All Immigrants: 11.7%
  - Total Population: 9.3%

### Tenure

- **Living in an Owner Household**
  - Recent Immigrants*: 51%
  - All Immigrants: 73%
  - Total Population: 75%

- **Living in a Renter Household**
  - Recent Immigrants*: 49%
  - All Immigrants: 27%
  - Total Population: 25%

### Housing Indicators

- **Living in Unsuitable Housing²**
  - Recent Immigrants*: 27%
  - All Immigrants: 15%
  - Total Population: 8%

- **Living in Unaffordable Housing³**
  - Recent Immigrants*: 26%
  - All Immigrants: 21%
  - Total Population: 18%

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² Refers to dwellings that do not have enough bedrooms for the size and composition of the household. Also known as ‘crowding’.
³ Refers to households that spend 30 per cent or more of their total income on shelter costs.

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