

*The Geography of Immigration in Canada: Settlement, Education and Labour Activity, and Occupation Profiles*

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The study does the following:

- Examines immigrant settlement patterns across Canada
- Uses university degrees as the yardstick to measure how immigrants and the Canadian-born select places to live

The paper concludes that although immigrants in Canada are well-educated, their labour market outcomes are worse than their Canadian-born counterparts. It illustrates that after many years in Canada, immigrants still have lower labour market participation rates and remarkably lower average incomes; the most recent arrivals have the most difficult time.

Key Facts and Statistics:

1. Immigration is currently the largest driver of population growth; two-thirds of population growth attributed to net migration in 2007
2. Canada is an aging society; 13% of the population is 65 and over in 2008, and growing at a rate which more than doubles the overall population
3. Canada has a growing demand for a high-skilled and well-educated labour force as regions shift from more traditional to knowledge intensive industries