

Immigrant Population Increases in New Brunswick

Foreign-born population (also known as the **immigrant population**) is defined in the 2006 Census as persons who are, or who have been, landed immigrants in Canada.

The foreign-born population does not include non-permanent residents, who are persons in Canada on employment or student authorizations, or are refugee claimants.

The foreign-born population also excludes persons born outside Canada who are Canadian citizens by birth. This group is considered part of the Canadian-born or non-immigrant population.

- Each of the Atlantic provinces saw an increase in their immigrant population between 2001 and 2006.
- New Brunswick was home to 26,400 immigrants in 2006, an increase of almost 4,000 individuals or 17.5% from 2001. This was higher than the 13.6% growth rate in the foreign-born population for the entire country during this period.
- The immigrant population in New Brunswick accounted for 3.7% of the provincial population in 2006, the second largest percentage among the four Atlantic provinces. Nova Scotia was first with 5.0% of its population being foreign-born.
- Almost one-third (32.8%) of New Brunswick's total immigrant population was born in the United States. Of the 4,300 recent immigrants to the province (those who arrived between 2001 and 2006), 18.0% hailed from the United States, 10.7% from the People's Republic of China and 6.7% from South Korea.

