

## Almost two-thirds of recent immigrants admitted under the economic category

The [admission category](#) was added to the 2016 Census and provides information on the conditions under which immigrants have been granted the right to permanently live in Canada. Data are available for immigrants admitted since 1980. There are four major categories: economic immigrant, immigrant sponsored by family, refugee and other immigrant. A **recent immigrant** refers to a person who obtained a landed immigrant or permanent resident status up to five years prior to the census. For the 2016 Census, this period is January 1, 2011, to May 10, 2016.

- New Brunswick had 9,330 new immigrants who permanently settled in the province from 2011 to 2016. The majority (65.1%) of these recent immigrants were admitted under the economic category when principal applicants, spouses and dependants were taken into account. Of these recent economic immigrants, 85.3% were admitted through the Provincial Nominee Program.
- In addition, 1 in 5 (21.2%) recent immigrants were admitted as refugees and 1 in 10 (13.3%) recent immigrants were admitted under the family class to join family already in the country. Only 0.4% of recent immigrants were granted permanent resident status under other programs.
- The situation is different for immigrants who were admitted to Canada during the 1980s and were living in New Brunswick in 2016. Smaller proportions were economic immigrants (44.5%) and refugees (10.4%), while a larger proportion were immigrants sponsored by family (44.3%).

Admission category and applicant type	Period of immigration				
	Total	1980 to 1990	1991 to 2000	2001 to 2010	2011 to 2016
Total	22,665	3,125	2,970	7,235	9,330
Economic immigrants	13,205	1,390	1,320	4,420	6,070
Principal applicants	5,115	555	605	1,720	2,235
Secondary applicants	8,090	835	725	2,700	3,835
Immigrants sponsored by family	6,105	1,385	1,285	2,190	1,240
Refugees	3,245	325	355	590	1,975
Other immigrants	110	25	10	35	35
<b>% distribution</b>					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Economic immigrants	58.3	44.5	44.4	61.1	65.1
Principal applicants	22.6	17.8	20.4	23.8	24.0
Secondary applicants	35.7	26.7	24.4	37.3	41.1
Immigrants sponsored by family	26.9	44.3	43.3	30.3	13.3
Refugees	14.3	10.4	12.0	8.2	21.2
Other immigrants	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.4

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Population, Catalogue no. 98-400-X2016202