

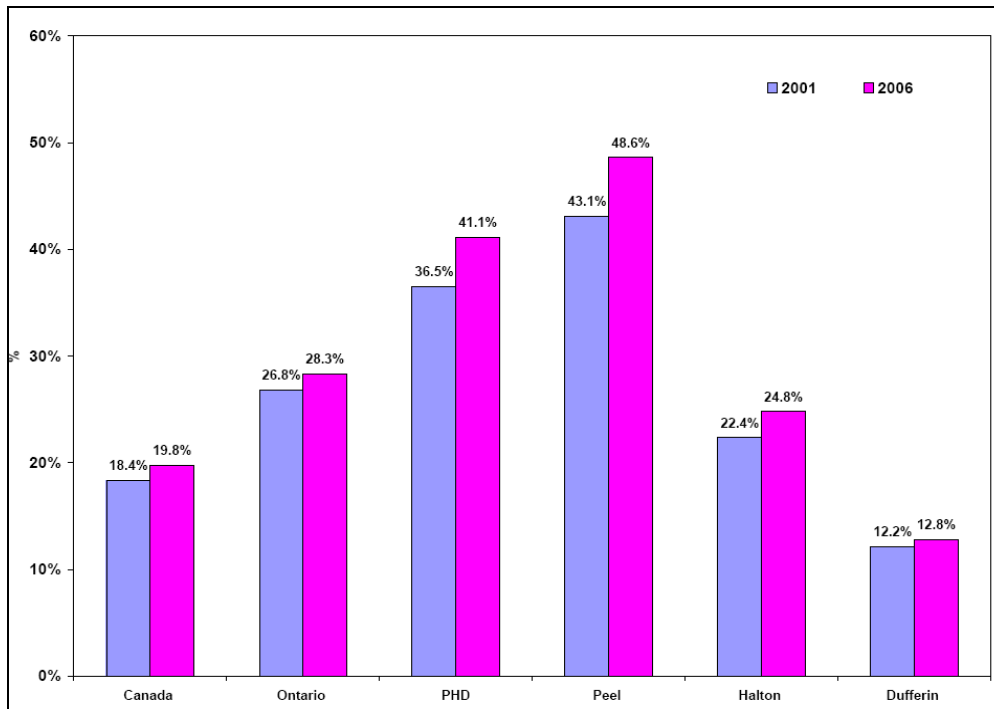
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Immigrant Status & Period of Immigration

Information on immigrants is important for planning and delivery of services. This newsletter provides information on the immigrant status and period of immigration by using official data from the 2001 & 2006 Census (Statistics Canada). 68% of the growth of the Peel-Halton-Dufferin (PHD) population between 2001 and 2006 was due to immigration.

According to Statistics Canada, "immigrant population" refers to persons who are, or have ever been, landed immigrants in Canada. A landed immigrant is a person who has been granted the right to live in Canada permanently by immigration authorities. Some immigrants have resided in Canada for a number of years, while others have arrived recently. This category also excludes non-permanent residents in Canada.

**Figure 1. Immigrants:
Canada, Ontario, PHD, Peel, Halton & Dufferin, 2006**



Source: Statistics Canada, Census 2001; 2006.

Highlights for the Peel-Halton-Dufferin Area

- ◆ In 2006, PHD had a significantly higher proportion of immigrants within its population than Ontario and Canada (41.1% versus 28.3% & 19.8%, respectively).
- ◆ The immigrant population in PHD is growing at a faster rate than the Canadian-born population.
- ◆ The highest percentage of PHD's immigrant population had arrived before 1991.

Implications for Human Services Sector

- ◆ Increased demand for culturally appropriate services for immigrants.

Did you know?

What proportion of PHD's population was comprised of immigrants in 2006?

- ◆ 676,080 or 41.1% of PHD's total population was comprised of immigrants.
- ◆ PHD had a significantly higher proportion of immigrants within its population than Ontario (26.8%) and Canadian (18.4%).

Has the number of immigrants in PHD increased between 2001 and 2006?

Yes, between the 2001 and 2006, the number of immigrants in PHD increased by 31.5%, a growth of 161,880 immigrants (from 514,200 to 676,080). This rate of growth outstripped that of the general rate of population growth in PHD in the same period, which was only 16.8%.

Table 1. Population by Immigrant Status and Period of Immigration: PHD, 2006

	#	%
Total population	1,643,395	100.0%
Non-immigrants	953,040	58.0%
Immigrants	676,080	41.1%
<i>Before 1991</i>	338,830	20.6%
<i>1991 to 2000</i>	205,260	12.5%
<i>2001 to 2006</i>	131,980	8.0%
Non-permanent Residents	14,260	0.9%

Figure 2. Distribution of Immigrants by Period of Immigration: PHD, 2006

