

- Last year, 173,000 immigrated to Canada. • In 2002, Quebec accepted approximately 21,600 Skilled Workers applicants and approximately 3,000 Business applicants. • 90% of new immigrants settle in population centers of at least 500,000 people

- Toronto attracted more than any other Canadian city by far, with 111,580 in 2002, or 48.7 per cent of the national total. • This year Montreal become 2nd most popular destination in Canada - receiving 33,004 immigrants in 2002, compared with 29,922 for Vancouver, according to numbers released in June by Immigration Canada. • A Statistics Canada study released recently found 7,800 immigrants came to Calgary between October 2000 and September 2001 -- making it the fourth most popular destination for new arrivals in the country. • Statistics Canada indicates that, on the average, declared immigrants' income is higher in their first year of life in Canada than that of Canadians. • Statistics Canada indicates that, on the average, immigrants collect less unemployment insurance in their first five years of life in Canada, than the average for Canadians. • In Toronto every 5th person you will meet on the street was not born in Canada.