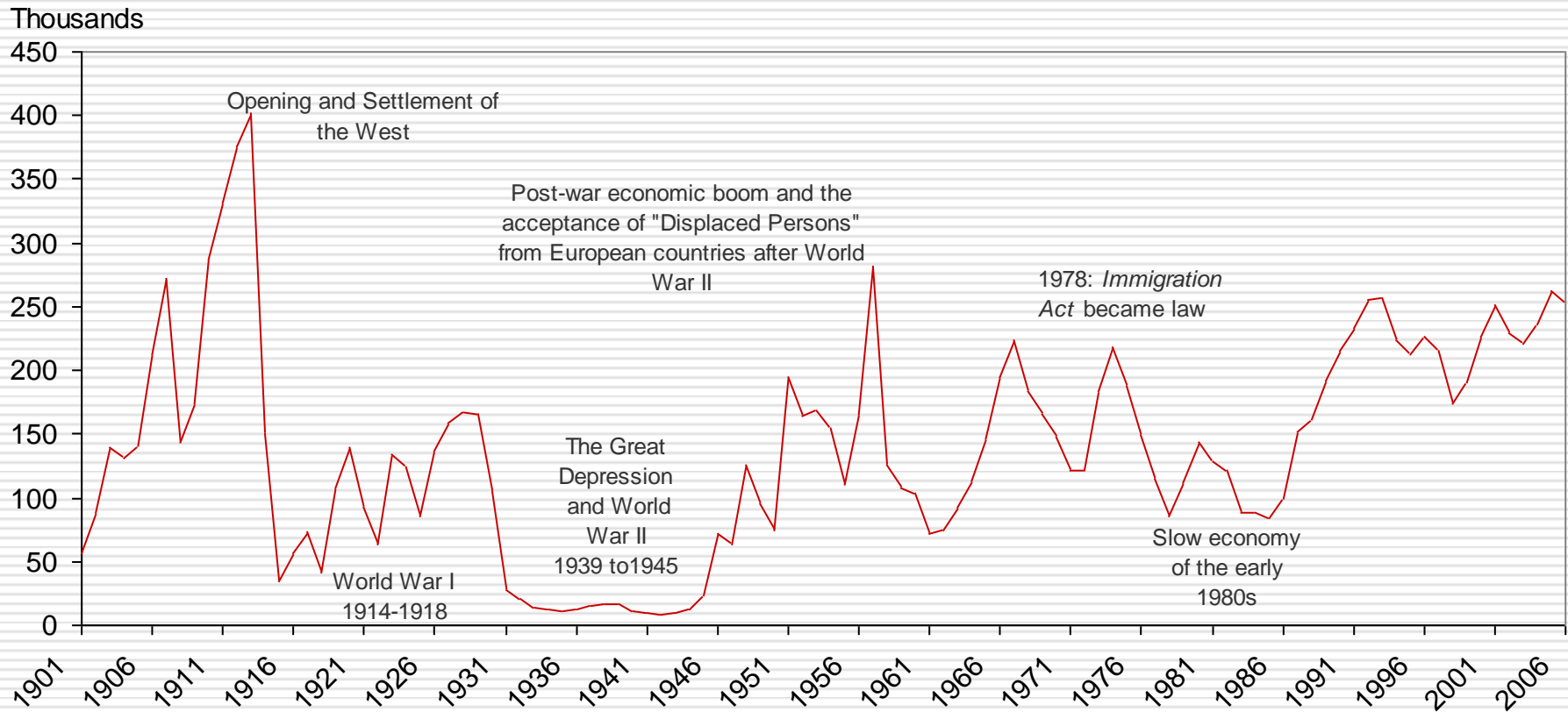




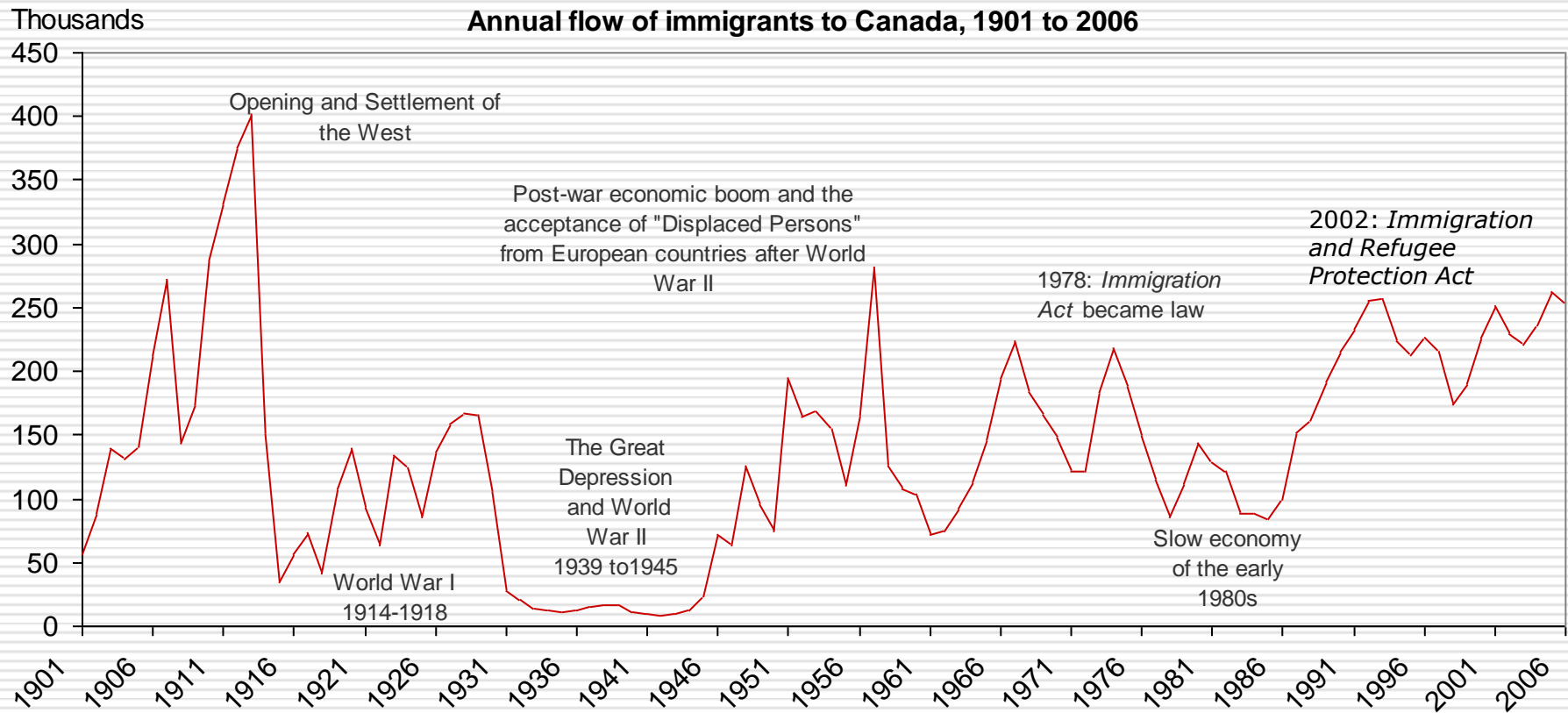
Celebrating multiculturalism and welcoming new immigrants? Preliminary findings from a survey of university students in Regina

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Annual Flow of Immigrants to Canada, 1901 to 2006



Canada has welcomed over 1 million immigrants during the first five years of the millennium



Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Canada – Permanent residents by top source countries

Source countries	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	Number									
China, People's Republic of	19,790	29,148	36,750	40,365	33,307	36,254	36,430	42,292	33,078	27,014
India	15,376	17,457	26,123	27,903	28,838	24,593	25,574	33,147	30,754	26,054
Philippines	8,184	9,205	10,119	12,928	11,011	11,988	13,303	17,525	17,718	19,064
United States	4,776	5,533	5,828	5,909	5,294	6,013	7,507	9,263	10,943	10,450
Pakistan	8,089	9,303	14,201	15,354	14,172	12,351	12,795	13,575	12,329	9,547
United Kingdom	3,899	4,478	4,649	5,360	4,724	5,199	6,062	5,864	6,542	8,128
Iran	6,775	5,909	5,617	5,746	7,889	5,651	6,063	5,502	7,073	6,663
Korea, Republic of	4,917	7,217	7,639	9,608	7,334	7,089	5,337	5,819	6,178	5,864
France	3,867	3,923	4,345	4,428	3,962	4,127	5,028	5,430	4,915	5,526
Colombia	922	1,296	2,228	2,967	3,226	4,273	4,438	6,031	5,813	4,833
Sri Lanka	3,329	4,728	5,849	5,520	4,968	4,448	4,135	4,690	4,490	3,934
Romania	2,976	3,468	4,431	5,589	5,689	5,466	5,658	4,964	4,393	3,770
Russia	4,304	3,782	3,523	4,073	3,677	3,520	3,685	3,607	2,850	2,854
Taiwan	7,193	5,483	3,535	3,114	2,910	2,126	1,992	3,092	2,823	2,780
Hong Kong	8,087	3,672	2,865	1,965	1,541	1,472	1,547	1,783	1,489	1,131
Yugoslavia (former)	1,172	1,492	4,744	2,802	1,623	940	708	272	126	49
Top 10 source countries	87,491	98,461	121,519	134,282	123,226	119,052	123,757	144,448	135,343	123,143
Other countries	86,706	91,494	105,939	116,356	105,823	102,297	112,066	117,792	116,300	113,615
Total	174,197	189,955	227,458	250,638	229,049	221,349	235,823	262,240	251,643	236,758



Figure 1. Saskatchewan Immigrant Landings, 1999-2008

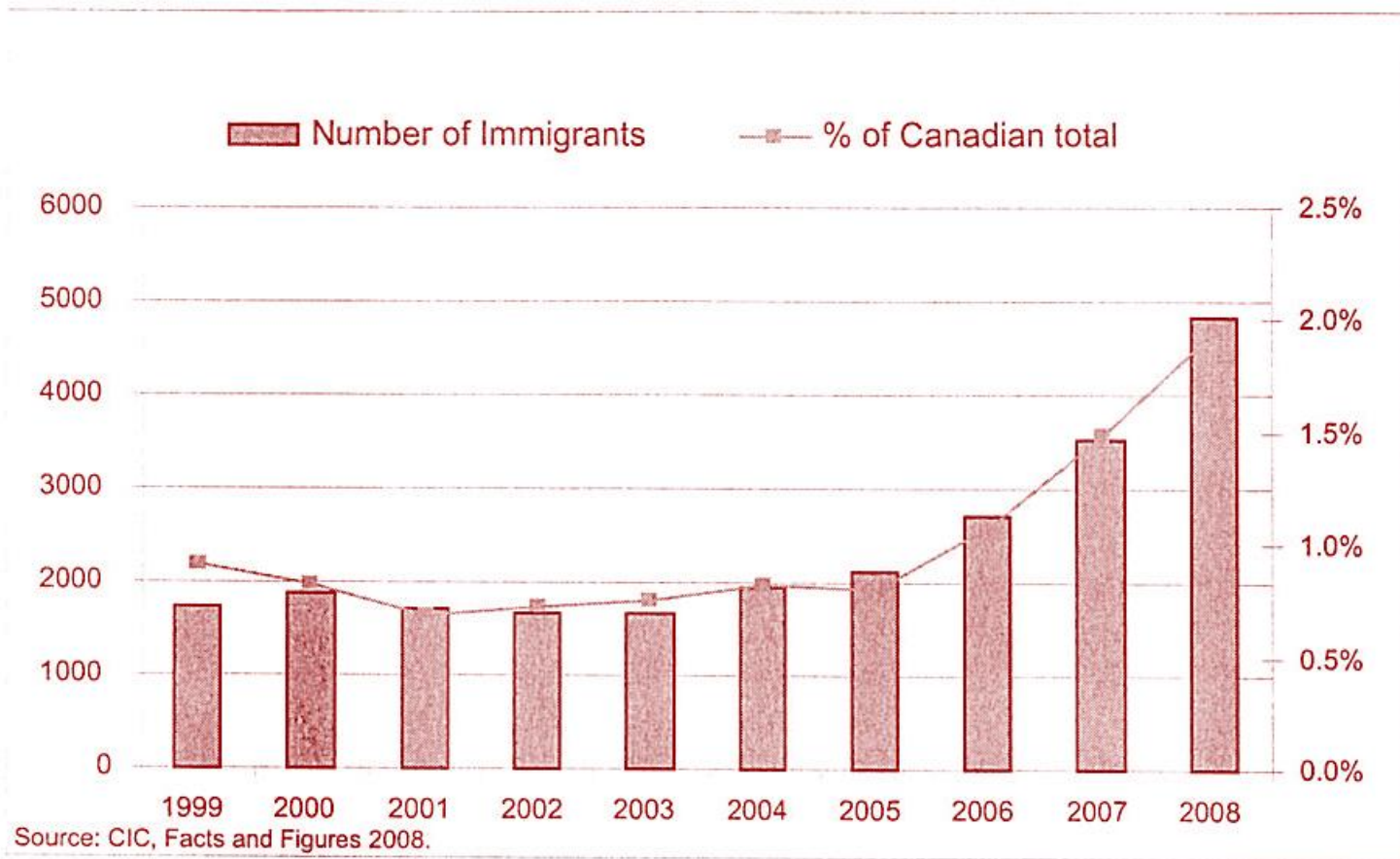




Figure 2. Saskatchewan Landings, 2006-2008

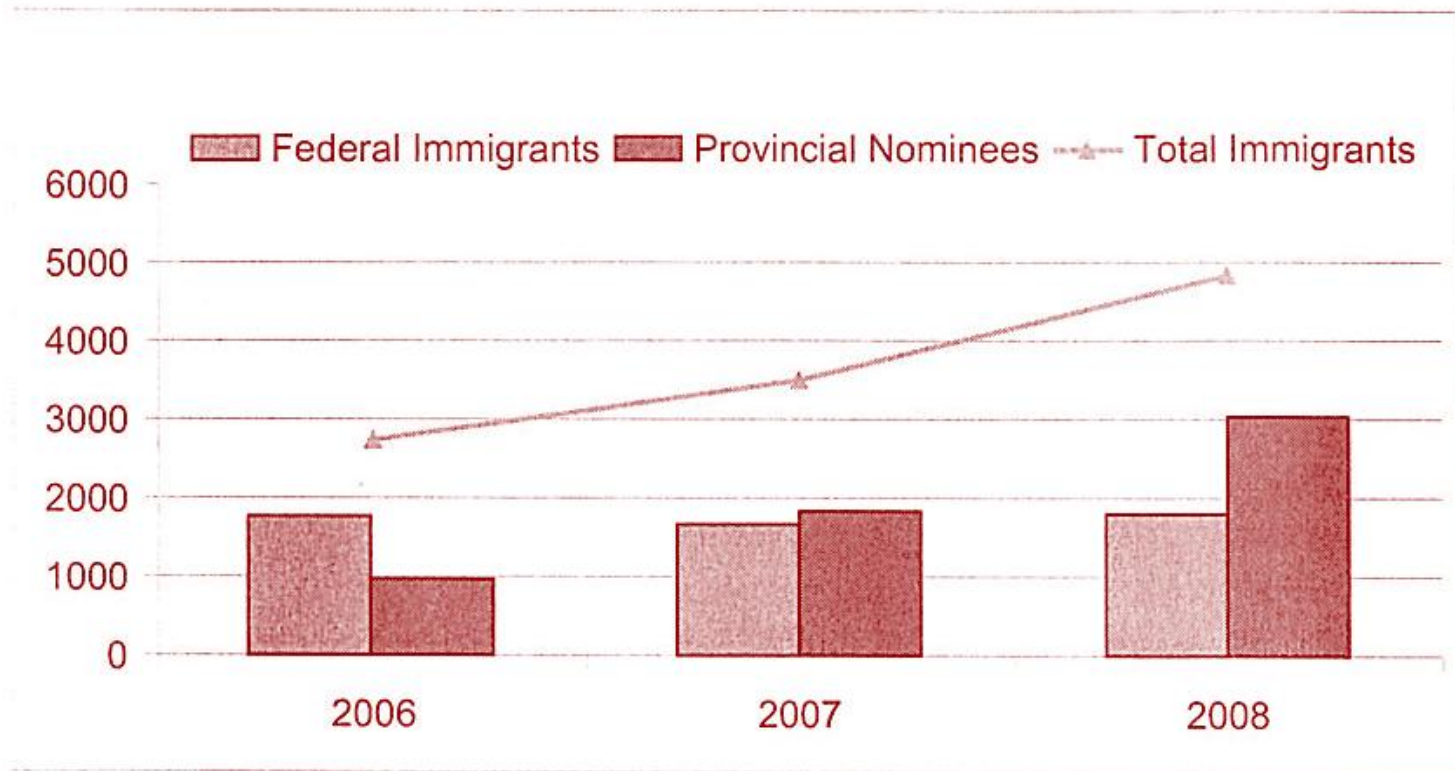




Table 7. Immigrants to Saskatchewan by Source Country (Top 10), 2006-2008

Source Country	2006			2007			2008		
	No.	%	Rank	No.	%	Rank	No.	%	Rank
Philippines	214	7.9%	3	724	20.6%	1	1,176	24.3%	1
China	289	10.6%	2	320	9.1%	3	404	8.4%	2
UK	337	12.4%	1	321	9.1%	2	261	5.4%	3
Ukraine	-	-	-	196	5.6%	5	240	5.0%	4
India	138	5.1%	6	110	3.1%	8	195	4.0%	5
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	162	3.4%	6
South Korea	-	-	-	83	2.4%	10	155	3.2%	7
USA	142	5.2%	5	133	3.8%	6	155	3.2%	8
South Africa	116	4.3%	7	130	3.7%	7	146	3.0%	9
Vietnam	-	-	-	-	-	-	108	2.2%	10
Myanmar (Burma)	155	5.7%	4	245	7.0%	4	-	-	-
Serbia	90	3.3%	9	110	3.1%	9	-	-	-
Colombia	96	3.5%	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iran	83	3.0%	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Afghanistan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iraq	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sudan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,660	60.9%	-	2,372	67.4%	-	3,002	62.1%	-

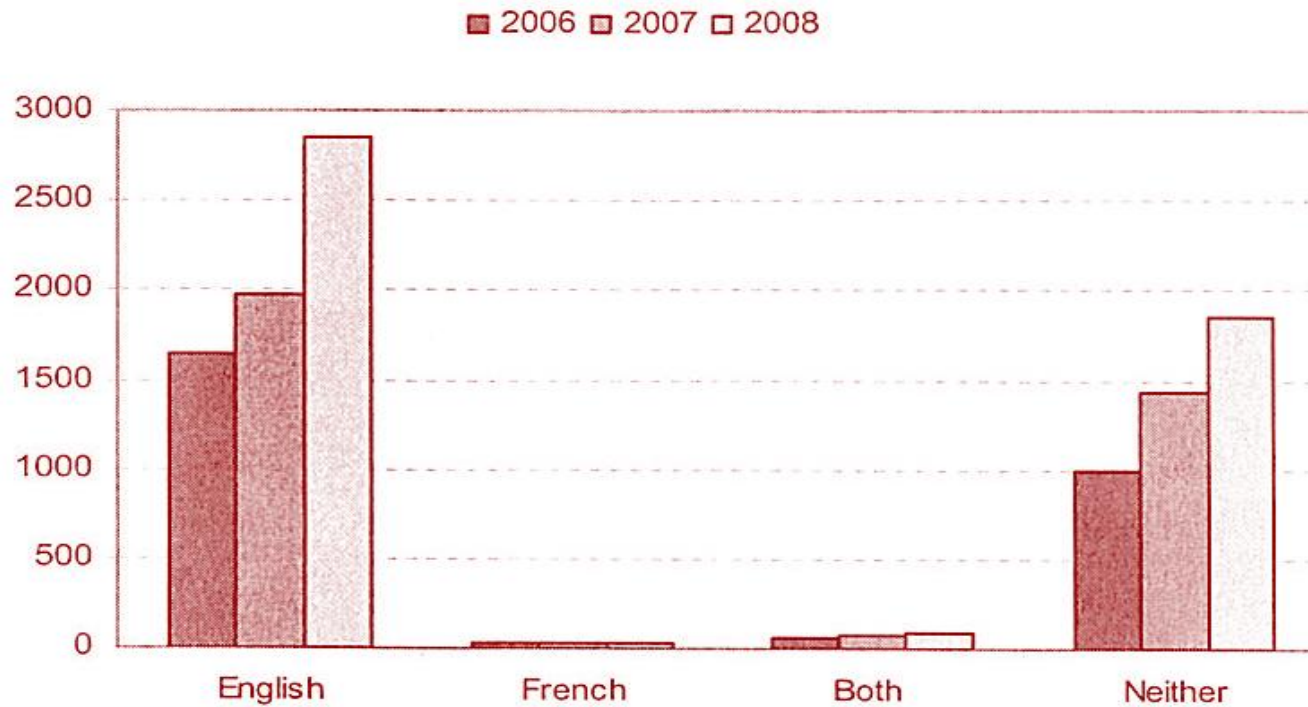
Source: CIC micro data.

Note: Percentages may not add to the total due to rounding.



Figure 3. Immigrants' Official Language Ability, 2006-2008

Figure 3. Official Language Ability of Immigrants, 2006-2008



Source: CIC micro data

Table 14. Immigrants to Saskatchewan by Educational Level (Ages 15+), 2006-2008

Educational Level	2006			2007			2008		
	Prov	Total	%	Prov	Total	%	Prov	Total	%
0-9 Years	64	371	18.6%	107	465	18.2%	191	516	14.8%
10-12 Years	210	445	22.3%	287	477	18.7%	443	684	19.6%
13+ Years	51	135	6.8%	79	152	5.9%	153	236	6.8%
Trade Certificate	101	145	7.3%	164	218	8.5%	328	383	11.0%
Non-University Diploma	101	213	10.7%	181	306	12.0%	281	420	12.1%
Bachelor's Degree	117	427	21.4%	391	673	26.3%	618	925	26.6%
Master's Degree	32	195	9.8%	60	215	8.4%	87	245	7.0%
Doctorate	19	67	3.4%	18	49	1.9%	32	74	2.1%
Grand Total	695	1,998	100.0 %	1,287	2,555	100.0 %	2,133	3,483	100.0 %

Source: CIC micro data.

Note: Percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

*This is an approximate value. The true value has been altered for privacy considerations.

Note: '%' reflects the total Education Level of all immigrants as a percentage of the total.

Table 11. Immigrants to Saskatchewan by Occupation (Top 10), 2006-2008

Occupation	2006			2007			2008		
	No.	%	Rank	No.	%	Rank	No.	%	Rank
Welders	61	8.6%	3	111	11.1%	1	137	9.4%	1
Truck Drivers	86	12.2%	1	70	7.0%	2	63	4.3%	2
Post-Secondary Teaching & Research Assistants	78	11.0%	2	55	5.5%	4	54	3.7%	3
Cooks	12	1.7%	10	29	2.9%	5	50	3.4%	4
Farm Supervisors and Specialized Livestock Workers	-	-	-	20	2.0%	7	48	3.3%	5
Physicians	52	7.4%	4	56	5.6%	3	47	3.2%	6
Babysitters, Nannies & Parent's Helpers	22	3.1%	5	-	-	-	41	2.8%	7
Motor Vehicle Mechanics	-	-	-	17	1.7%	8	39	2.7%	8
Registered Nurses	19	2.7%	7	-	-	-	33	2.3%	9
Financial Auditors and Accountants	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	2.1%	10
Labourers in Food, Beverage & Tobacco Processing	-	-	-	27	2.7%	6	-	-	-
Farmers & Farm Managers	20*	2.8%	7	16	1.6%	9	-	-	-
Elementary School & Kindergarten Teachers	-	-	-	16	1.6%	10	-	-	-
University Professors	22	3.1%	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ministers of Religion	13	1.8%	9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biologists	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nursery & Greenhouse Operators and Managers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electrical and Electronics Engineers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	385*	54.5%	-	417	41.6%	-	543	37.2%	-

Source: CIC micro data.

Note: Percentages may not add to the total due to rounding.

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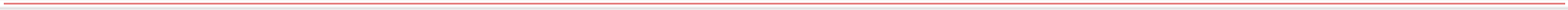


**CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP, IMMIGRATION,
AND MULTICULTURALISM:
A SURVEY OF POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS
IN SASKATCHEWAN**





**REGINA SUB-SAMPLE
N = 623**





Socio-demographic characteristics

- **Sex:** Male ($n = 231, 38.5\%$); Female ($n = 369, 65.1\%$)
 - **Age:** $M = 21.58, SD = 5.22$
 - **Ethnic origin:** White ($n = 496, 83.6\%$)
 - **Religion:** Catholic ($n = 199; 34.7\%$); Protestant ($n = 93, 16.2\%$)
 - **Family income:** \$ 60,001 to 80,000 ($n = 121, 21.8\%$)
\$ 80,001 to 100,000 ($n = 121, 21.8\%$)
\$ 100,001 or over ($n = 158, 28.5\%$)
 - **Marital status:** Single ($n = 509, 84.6\%$)
 - **Major area of study:** Business Administration ($n = 156, 26.0\%$);
Arts ($n = 98, 16.4\%$); Science ($n = 66, 11.0\%$)
Fine Art ($n = 50, 8.3\%$); Health Science
($n = 48, 8.0\%$); Social Work ($n = 47, 7.8\%$)
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Do you think the total number of new immigrants allowed to Canada each year should be ...

- Increased** ($n = 151, 24.4\%$)
- Decreased** ($n = 66, 10.7\%$)
- Kept about the same** ($n = 257, 41.6\%$)
- No opinion** ($n = 144, 23.3\%$)



Preference for source countries ...

1 (Decrease a lot) to 5 (Increase a lot)

1. United Kingdom

2. France

3. Columbia

4. The Philippines

5. India

6. Korea, Republic of

7. Iran

8. Pakinstan

9. USA

10. P.R. China

What do you think will happen as a result of more immigrants coming to this country?

(1 = *Not likely at all* to 5 = *Very likely*)

- Higher economic growth (52.1%)
 - Making it harder to keep the country united (24.5%)
 - High crime rates (22.7%)
 - People born in Canada losing their jobs (22.7%)
 - Increased threat to national security (19.3%)
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To what extent do you feel the following factors may have a negative impact on an immigrant's chance of obtaining a job in Canada?

(1 = No significant negative impact to 5 = Significant negative impact)

- English/French language proficiency (48.4%)**
- Accent (40.3%)**
- “Canadian” work experience (35.7%)**
- Foreign credential (27.5%)**
- Skin colour (21.2%)**



The extent to which you think individuals with the following characteristics should be given preference to immigrate to Canada

(1 = Least preferred to 5 = Most preferred)

- ... who are *highly educated* ($M = 4.09, SD = .815$)
 - ... who have *employment skills* ($M = 4.05, SD = .729$)
 - ... who have *family members in Canada* ($M = 3.83, SD = .957$)
 - ... who are *highly proficient in one of the two official languages*
($M = 3.79, SD = .901$)
 - ... who have a lot of *financial resources* ($M = 3.63, SD = .905$)
 - ... who are *physically healthy* ($M = 3.57, SD = .894$)
 - ... who are *younger* ($M = 3.51, SD = .846$)
 - ... who are *refugees* ($M = 3.47, SD = 1.124$)
 - ... who are *visible minorities* ($M = 3.08, SD = .858$)
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What do you think will happen as a result of more immigrants coming to this country? Is each of these possible results very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all?

(1 = Not likely at all to 5 = Very likely)

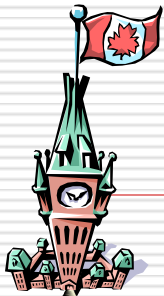
	1	2	3	4	5			
	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	M	SD	N
a. Higher economic growth	14 (2.3)	38 (6.2)	243 (39.4)	263 (42.7)	58 (9.4)	3.51	.836	616
b. Higher crime rates	56 (9.1)	179 (29.1)	241 (39.1)	120 (19.5)	20 (3.2)	2.79	.967	616
c. Increased threat to national security	88 (14.3)	204 (33.2)	204 (33.2)	96 (15.6)	23 (3.7)	2.61	1.030	615
d. Making it harder to keep the country united	96 (15.6)	172 (27.9)	197 (32.0)	113 (18.3)	38 (6.2)	2.72	1.120	616
e. People born in Canada losing their jobs	96 (15.6)	191 (31.0)	189 (30.7)	97 (15.7)	43 (7.0)	2.68	1.126	616

Cronbach's alpha reliability coefficient = .802

Table 1. Unstandardized and standardized regression coefficients for effects of socio-demographic and background variables on attitudes toward immigration

	b	β
1. Sex	1.033	.130 ***
2. Race/Ethnic background	.294	.028
3. Religion	.402	.051
4. SES (family income)	-.016	-.006
5. Political orientation	.484	.123 ***
6. Familiarity with multicultural policy	.275	.073*
7. Life satisfaction	.119	.115**
8. Attitudes toward multiculturalism	.558	.289***
9. National feelings	-.385	-.340 ***
10. Immigrant friends	.001	.052
(Constant)	12.098	
F	22.790	
R²	.271	
Adjusted R²	.259	
N	622	

** p < .05; ** p < .01; *** p < .001*



There are a number of different views on what impacts multicultural policies and programs have on Canadian society. Please indicate your degree of agreement with the following statements concerning the effects of multicultural policies. (1 = Strongly disagree to 5 = Strongly agree)

	1	2	3	4	5			
	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	M	SD	N
a. some groups getting more than their fair share of government funding	35 (5.7)	90 (14.7)	237 (38.6)	195 (31.8)	57 (9.3)	3.24	1.003	614
b. greater conflict between ethnic and racial groups in Canada	42 (6.9)	182 (29.7)	212 (34.6)	154 (25.1)	23 (3.8)	2.89	.981	613
c. greater national equality	9 (1.5)	62 (10.1)	247 (40.3)	261 (42.6)	34 (5.5)	3.41	.802	613
d. greater equality of opportunity for all groups in Canada	18 (2.9)	69 (11.3)	218 (35.6)	258 (42.1)	50 (8.2)	3.41	.899	613
e. greater understanding among different groups in Canada	14 (2.3)	43 (7.0)	165 (26.9)	301 (49.0)	91 (14.8)	3.67	.892	614

Cronbach's alpha reliability coefficient = .745

Table 2. Unstandardized and standardized regression coefficients for effects of socio-demographic and background variables on attitudes toward multiculturalism

	b	β
1. Sex	.134	.020
2. Race/Ethnic background	-.791	-.089*
3. Religion	.457	.069
4. SES (family income)	.118	.052
5. Political orientation	.653	.196 ***
6. Familiarity with multicultural policy	-.029	-.009
7. Life satisfaction	.076	.087 *
8. Attitudes toward immigrants	.294	.391 ***
9. National feelings	-.131	-.137 ***
10. Immigrant friends	.006	.042
(Constant)	9.231	
F	23.169	
R²	.275	
Adjusted R²	.263	
N	622	

** p < .05; ** p < .01; *** p < .001*

