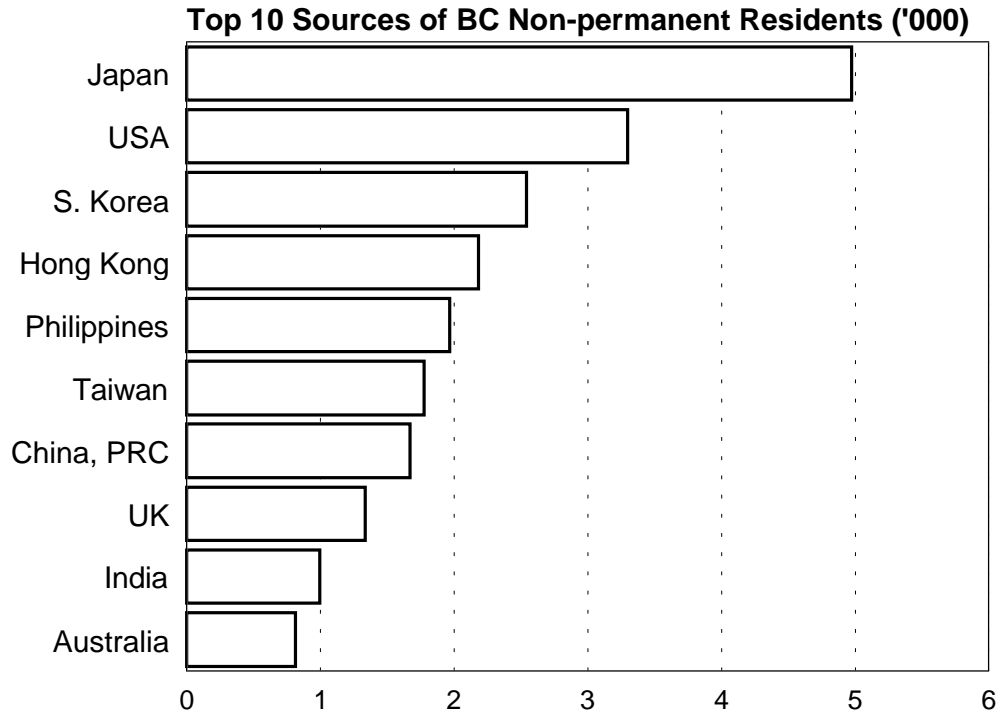


Focus on BC Non-permanent Residents & Citizenship

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Non-Permanent Residents

Non-permanent residents are persons who hold a student or employment authorization, a minister's permit, or who are refugee claimants, as well as family members living with them. According to the 1996 Census, there were 30,035 non-permanent residents living in BC, representing slightly less than one per cent of the total provincial population.

Most BC non-permanent residents were foreign students studying in the province or foreign workers. Asian non-permanent residents, who represented eight of the top ten origins, accounted for about 72 per Cent

of the non-permanent resident population in the province.

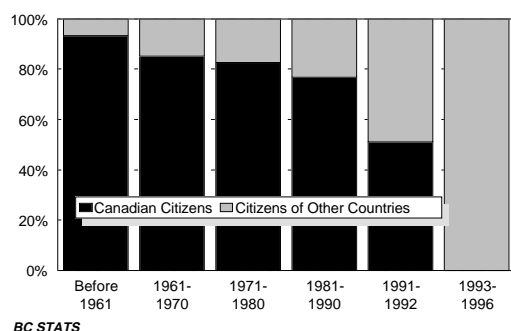
The number of BC non-permanent residents reported by the 1996 Census is believed to under-represent the actual number living in BC. The reasons for this are two fold. First, it is likely that some non-permanent residents might have incorrectly recorded their status on the Census form as landed immigrants. Second, the level of census undercount (i.e. those persons missed by the census) is likely to be high for this transient population.



Canadian Citizenship

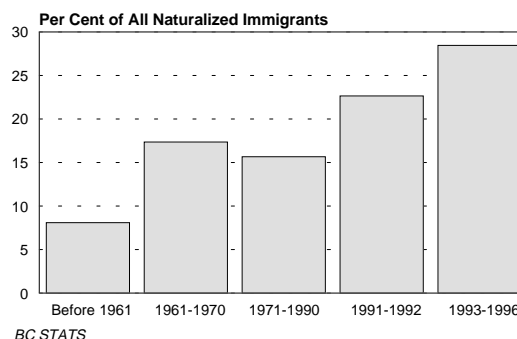
Most immigrants become Canadian citizens after living in Canada for a length of time. Since the enactment of the Canadian Citizenship Act in 1947, more than 4.2 million people who immigrated to Canada have become Canadian Citizens. Prior to that time, people from Canada were legally classified as British subjects living in Canada. A person can become a Canadian citizen either by birth or naturalization. The 1996 Census reports that there were 3,373,970 Canadian Citizens living in BC, representing 91 per cent of the provincial population. Of those, 617,435 or 18 per cent were immigrants who became Canadian citizens through naturalization.

BC Immigrant Population By Citizenship
By period of Immigration



Among the BC immigrant population, about two in every three have been naturalized to become Canadian citizens. Of those, 86 per cent hold only Canadian citizenship, 14 per cent maintain Canadian citizenship and citizenship of one other country, and a small number hold three citizenships including Canadian citizenship.

BC Naturalized Immigrants Having Other Citizenship
By Period of Immigration



Due to the residence requirement for obtaining Canadian citizenship by naturalization, most BC immigrants who arrived between 1993 and 1996 had not obtained Canadian citizenship. Also, the longer that naturalized immigrants have been in Canada, the less likely it is for them to hold citizenship of other countries.

BC Population By Top 20 Citizenship

Country(ies) of Citizenship	Single Citizenship	Multiple Citizenship With Canada	Multiple Citizenship No Canada
Canada	3,264,780	109,190	-
United Kingdom	28,430	34,380	585
Hong Kong	50,470	6,820	155
United States	32,175	13,255	555
India	33,150	1,670	10
Taiwan	23,120	3,295	60
Philippines	16,110	2,135	25
China, PRC	15,700	1,405	140
Germany	10,070	2,620	180
Korea, South	10,555	220	10
Japan	8,960	740	60
Italy	3,915	3,645	70
Poland	3,400	4,040	10
Iran	4,330	2,370	25
Australia	4,765	1,575	105
Netherlands	4,595	935	20
Switzerland	1,295	4,140	100
Portugal	3,880	1,430	25
Viet Nam	4,240	905	15
Fiji	4,095	890	-

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Source: 1996 Census