

Immigrants of continental European origin comprised 63.1 p.c. of the influx during 1956, those of British origin 34.3 p.c. and of other origins 2.6 p.c. These percentages remained fairly constant during the three years 1954 to 1956.

7.—Origins of Immigrant Arrivals 1954-56

NOTE.—Figures from 1926 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1939 edition.

Origin	1954	1955	1956	Origin	1954	1955	1956
	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.
British—				Continental European—			
English.....	29,617	22,422	35,204	concl.			
Irish.....	7,748	4,910	8,242	Scandinavian—			
Scottish.....	11,534	7,289	11,987	Danish.....	1,499	1,496	3,713
Welsh.....	1,075	846	1,154	Icelandic.....	50	25	41
Totals, British.....	49,974	35,467	56,587	Norwegian.....	1,181	898	1,011
				Swedish.....	510	488	596
Continental European—				Spanish ¹	247	335	571
Albanian.....	26	21	6	Swiss ²	1,027	680	1,115
Austrian.....	3,877	1,835	2,982	Ukrainian.....	724	560	578
Belgian.....	1,346	1,015	2,143	Yugoslavic ¹	1,610	1,416	2,043
Bulgarian.....	48	41	33	Totals, Continental			
Czech.....	377	354	347	European.....	101,351	70,460	104,011
Estonian.....	294	194	166				
Finnish.....	717	652	1,128	Other—			
French.....	3,489	2,941	3,768	Arabian.....	15	56	87
German.....	31,106	19,625	27,843	Armenian.....	76	144	189
Greek.....	2,956	3,057	5,274	Chinese.....	1,958	2,602	2,103
Italian.....	24,857	20,545	30,064	East Indian.....	177	249	332
Jewish.....	2,036	1,660	2,190	Indian (American).....	20	28	31
Lettish.....	470	356	342	Japanese.....	73	102	124
Lithuanian.....	279	191	216	Mexican.....	11	11	27
Magyar.....	562	478	4,340	Negro.....	254	414	572
Maltese.....	939	355	381	Persian.....	11	15	11
Netherlander.....	16,691	7,328	8,257	Syrian.....	253	326	494
Polish.....	2,461	2,073	2,438	Turkish.....	26	20	56
Portuguese.....	1,337	1,439	1,984	Not stated.....	28	52	233
Romanian.....	230	105	153	Totals, Other.....	2,902	4,019	4,259
Russian.....	405	297	288	Grand Totals.....	154,227	109,946	164,857

¹ Includes a few minor groups, such as German, French, Italian, etc.

² Reported as Swiss origin but evidently one of the constituent races

Destination and Occupation.—Approximately 55 p.c. of the immigrants admitted to Canada in 1956 declared that they were destined to occupations in the labour force. The other 45 p.c. were wives, children, other dependants and retired persons. Of the workers, 11.4 p.c. were classed as professional and managerial, 8.2 p.c. were entering agricultural occupations, 15.2 p.c. were in service occupations, 32.1 p.c. were in manufacturing, mechanical and construction trades, and 13.7 p.c. were general labourers. Almost half of the gainfully occupied female immigrants were in service occupations.

Ontario absorbed 55.0 p.c. of the arrivals in 1956, Quebec 19.0 p.c., British Columbia and the Prairie Provinces 21.8 p.c. and the Atlantic Provinces 1.8 p.c. Destinations of 2.4 p.c. were not specified.