

The United Kingdom was the largest source area for immigrants with 34,978 in 1975, followed by the United States with 20,155.

Destination of immigrants. Upon arrival in Canada, immigrants are asked to state their intended destinations. According to these records, Ontario absorbed by far the highest proportion of arrivals during 1975 — 52.5% of both the males and the females. British Columbia was the second most-favoured province of destination, receiving 15.1% of the males and 16.1% of the females, followed by Quebec with 15.6% of the males and 14.3% of the females. The proportions intending to settle in the Prairie provinces were 14.3% for males and 13.6% for females, and in the Atlantic provinces, 3.0% for both males and females. The provincial distribution as shown in Table 4.59 for 1975 and 1974 has changed little from year to year over the past two decades.

Sex, age and marital status. The sex distribution of immigrants for 1970-75 is shown in Table 4.60. In the period 1973-75 adult males constituted 36.8% of the immigrants, adult females 36.4%, and children under 18 years of age the remaining 26.8%. The number of female immigrants coming into Canada was higher than the number of male immigrants in every year from 1957 to 1964; since then, with the exception of 1969, 1971, 1972 and 1975 the trend has been in favour of males. There was an excess of 5,336 males over females in 1973 and 3,779 in 1974. In 1975, females exceeded males by 2,515. Single males as shown in Table 4.61 surpassed single females by 8,225 in 1975, but in all ever-married categories women outnumbered men: married females exceeded married males by 5,665; there were 5,591 widows compared to 925 widowers; divorcees outnumbered divorced men by 352; and there were 501 separated females, compared to 392 males. Of the total immigration for 1975, persons under 15 years of age totalled 27.2% and of those over 14 years, 24.4% were single, 43.5% married, and 4.9% were widowed, divorced or separated.

Intended occupations. Some 81,189 persons were added to the labour force in 1975 compared with 106,083 in 1974. The remainder, those not destined to the labour force were largely dependents of immigrants or close relatives sponsored by individuals in Canada. Persons employed in the product, fabricating and assembling occupations represented the largest occupational group with 11,936 workers. Other major groups were professional and technical with 8,928, service with 7,082 and construction with 5,893.

Emigration

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Emigration from Canada tends to offset to some extent present and past immigration activities. The major outward movement has been to the United States, both of native-born Canadians and of Europeans who originally migrated to Canada, and has attained considerable proportions at certain periods. No Canadian statistics on emigration are available but Table 4.63 gives figures taken from the annual reports of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States Department of Justice. These figures show the numbers of persons entering the United States from Canada during the years ended June 30, 1966-75 with the expressed intention of establishing permanent residence. They do not include persons travelling for pleasure, even for extended periods of time, holders of border-crossing cards (normally issued to persons living in border areas but working in the United States) or casual tourist crossings in these same areas.

Of the 7,654 Canadian-born persons entering the United States in the year ended June 30, 1974 with the intention of remaining permanently, 3,360 were males and 4,294 females. Approximately one fifth, or 1,563, of the native-born emigrants were males in the productive age group, 20-59 years. By occupation, the largest group of the total of 7,654 native-born persons was the professional or technical group which numbered 904; clerical and kindred workers numbered 383; and craftsmen and kindred workers numbered 307. On the other hand 5,057 persons, or 66.1% of the total, were classed as housewives, children and others