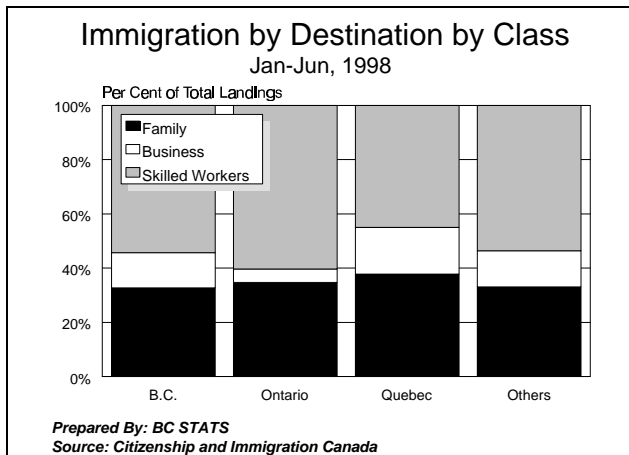


Immigration Highlights For the First Half of 1998

During the first six months of 1998, B.C. received 18,491 immigrants, down 27% from 25,190 persons recorded during the same period of 1997. Total Canadian landings were 88,253 persons, down 17% from 105,906 persons landed during the first half of 1997.

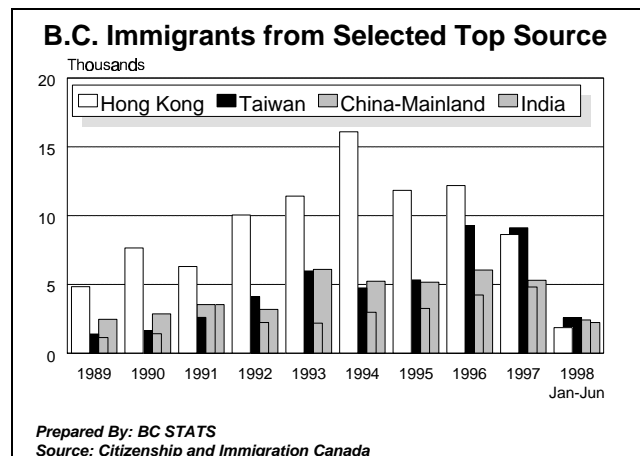
During the first half of 1998, B.C.'s share of total Canadian immigrants was 21%, which was similar to the 22% share observed over the 1994 to 1997 period. However, the share has dropped when compared to the 23.8% recorded in the first half of 1997. B.C. was the second largest immigration destination and its immigrant share was still considerably larger than its total population share. Compared to other provinces, B.C. receives a relatively higher share of immigrants in the business classes and a lower share in the Refugee/Designated classes.

ness classes and skilled worker classes has declined sharply by a respective 38% and 25%, when compared to the first half of last year. However, this trend is by no means unique to B.C. as the nation-wide decline in business and skilled worker immigrants was 32% and 15%, respectively. It is expected that no more immigrants will be landing under the Retired Class as all immigrants who applied prior to the removal of this class in 1991 have been processed.



Of all B.C. landings in the first half of 1998, the economic classes represented 63%. Most economic immigrants were in the skilled worker, Entrepreneur and Investor classes. Family classes accounted for 30% and Refugee/Designated classes represented 7% of the total landings.

While B.C. still attracted the majority of immigrants under the Investor Class, the overall number of immigrants in the busi-



Asian countries continued to be the dominant source of B.C. immigration. The top ten immigrant sources, of which seven were Asian countries, accounted for 73% of all B.C. landings. Hong Kong, which for many years had been the leading source of immigrants to B.C., is now the fourth on the top-10 list. Taiwan, India, and China-Mainland were the top three sources of immigrants during the first half of 1998. (Table 4)

More than 85% of immigrants who came to B.C. during the first six months of 1998 settled in the Greater Vancouver area. Less than 2% of the immigrants intended to settle in the Greater Victoria area. A relatively higher proportion of immigrants from the United States and India settled outside the Greater Vancouver or Victoria areas.

Table 1: Immigrant Landings by Selected Origins and Destinations**Immigrant Landings to B.C. and Canada - 1996**

SOURCE	Vancouver Area	Victoria Area	Rest of B.C.	Total B.C.	Canada	B.C. as a % of Canada
Europe	3,847	167	1,715	5,729	39,945	14.3%
Africa	1,166	43	143	1,352	14,836	9.1%
Asia	37,783	519	3,216	41,518	143,997	28.8%
Hong Kong	12,158	90	272	12,520	29,924	41.8%
Taiwan	9,157	69	142	9,368	13,184	71.1%
India	4,150	97	1,837	6,084	21,198	28.7%
Australasia	298	24	122	444	1,228	36.2%
North & Central America	1,252	102	530	1,884	9,489	19.9%
U.S.A.	789	77	415	1,281	5,854	21.9%
Caribbean	111	7	70	188	9,299	2.0%
South America	312	13	56	381	6,116	6.2%
Oceania	393	1	46	440	832	6.2%
Not Stated	42	0	8	50	326	52.9%
All Areas	45,204	876	5,906	51,986	226,068	23.0%

Immigrant Landings to B.C. and Canada - 1997

SOURCE	Vancouver Area	Victoria Area	Rest of B.C.	Total B.C.	Canada	B.C. as a % of Canada
Europe	3,734	151	1,315	5,200	38,840	13.4%
Africa	1,339	62	132	1,533	14,498	10.6%
Asia	33,770	412	3,380	37,562	138,148	27.2%
Hong Kong	8,362	52	217	8,631	22,236	38.8%
Taiwan	8,949	22	157	9,128	13,313	68.6%
India	3,463	112	1,728	5,303	19,584	27.1%
Australasia	335	16	122	473	1,408	33.6%
North & Central America	1,179	75	535	1,789	8,676	20.6%
U.S.A.	649	51	409	1,109	5,032	22.0%
Caribbean	109	6	45	160	8,199	2.0%
South America	365	7	77	449	5,693	7.9%
Oceania	296	0	49	345	621	55.6%
Not Stated	26	0	8	34	218	15.6%
All Areas	41,153	729	5,663	47,545	216,301	22.0%

Immigrant Landings to B.C. and Canada - Jan to June, 1998

SOURCE	Vancouver Area	Victoria Area	Rest of B.C.	Total B.C.	Canada	B.C. as a % of Canada
Europe	1,623	70	493	2,186	18,399	11.9%
Africa	553	13	62	628	6,572	9.6%
Asia	12,037	150	1,455	13,642	51,529	26.5%
Hong Kong	1,756	12	100	1,868	5,198	35.9%
Taiwan	2,561	5	33	2,599	3,747	69.4%
India	1,488	33	717	2,238	7,912	28.3%
Australasia	147	5	54	206	648	31.8%
North & Central America	569	28	263	860	3,646	23.6%
U.S.A.	294	21	195	510	1,752	29.1%
Caribbean	47	3	17	67	3,269	2.0%
South America	188	5	35	228	2,564	8.9%
Oceania	141	-	25	166	300	55.3%
Not Stated	455	9	44	508	1,326	38.3%
All Areas	15,760	283	2,448	18,491	88,253	21.0%

Source: **BC STATS,**Data Provided By:
Citizenship and Immigration CanadaDate: **October, 1998**

Table 2: Immigrant Landings by Class

- British Columbia -

Year	Social & Humanitarian			Economic					Retired	Total	
	Family	Refugee & Designated	Total	Assisted Relatives	Other Independents	Entrepreneurs	Self Employed	Investor			Total
1985	6,357	1,866	8,223	804	1,299	986	251	-	3,340	676	12,239
1986	6,481	1,978	8,459	626	1,416	1,239	211	11	3,503	590	12,552
1987	7,750	2,213	9,963	1,227	4,405	1,773	242	195	7,842	1,108	18,913
1988	7,608	2,425	10,033	1,451	6,698	2,964	288	516	11,917	1,254	23,204
1989	8,525	2,635	11,160	1,600	6,755	3,189	288	950	12,782	1,393	25,335
1990	10,379	2,579	12,958	2,176	6,092	3,498	429	1,965	14,160	1,390	28,508
1991	12,607	3,207	15,814	2,142	6,162	2,889	323	2,748	14,264	1,945	32,023
1992	15,019	2,972	17,991	2,423	4,844	3,908	478	4,482	16,135	2,572	36,698
1993	18,233	1,454	19,687	3,248	6,901	4,037	652	6,781	21,619	3,715	45,021
1994	17,307	1,476	18,783	5,936	8,955	4,109	729	6,192	25,921	3,825	48,529
1995	15,300	1,992	17,292	7,825	11,797	3,502	955	3,040	27,119	159	44,570
1996	14,276	3,038	17,314	8,547	16,786	4,222	1,561	3,449	34,565	107	51,986
1997	12,849	2,502	15,351	7,197	18,171	3,300	1,265	2,243	32,176	18	47,545
Jan-Jun 1997	6,744	1,113	7,857	4,139	9,533	1,748	666	1,229	17,315	18	25,190
1998	5,633	1,272	6,905	2,081	7,266	975	397	867	11,586	0	18,491

- Canada -

Year	Social & Humanitarian			Economic					Retired	Total	
	Family	Refugee & Designated	Total	Assisted Relatives	Other Independents	Entrepreneurs	Self Employed	Investor			Total
1985	38,514	16,760	55,274	7,396	13,051	4,959	1,522	-	26,928	2,100	84,302
1986	42,197	19,147	61,344	5,890	22,634	5,866	1,629	23	36,042	1,833	99,219
1987	53,598	21,565	75,163	12,283	50,921	8,440	2,313	316	74,273	2,662	152,098
1988	51,331	26,836	78,167	15,567	49,906	11,372	2,712	1,028	80,585	3,177	161,929
1989	60,774	37,004	97,778	21,520	51,574	12,984	2,309	2,271	90,658	3,565	192,001
1990	72,988	39,490	112,478	25,265	53,065	12,074	1,963	4,120	96,487	3,446	212,411
1991	86,378	53,401	139,779	22,247	47,497	9,901	1,953	5,189	86,787	4,215	230,781
1992	99,960	51,875	151,835	19,880	47,505	15,697	2,818	9,628	95,528	5,479	252,842
1993	111,178	30,193	141,371	22,191	48,369	16,571	3,345	12,585	103,061	7,705	252,137
1994	92,263	18,507	110,770	26,939	45,697	13,964	2,690	10,319	99,609	7,384	217,763
1995	77,322	28,535	105,857	29,322	57,917	11,433	2,854	5,167	106,693	304	212,854
1996	68,304	32,193	100,497	28,883	74,078	11,913	4,375	6,175	125,424	147	226,068
1997	59,888	27,923	87,811	25,499	83,021	10,404	3,926	5,594	128,444	46	216,301
Jan-Jun 1997	29,995	12,212	42,207	13,592	39,932	5,358	2,029	2,751	63,662	37	105,906
1998	25,630	13,695	39,325	7,974	34,028	3,405	1,367	2,151	48,925	3	88,253

- British Columbia as a Percent of Canada -

Year	Social & Humanitarian			Economic					Retired	Total	
	Family	Refugee & Designated	Total	Assisted Relatives	Other Independents	Entrepreneurs	Self Employed	Investor			Total
1985	16.5%	11.1%	14.9%	10.9%	10.0%	19.9%	16.5%	-	12.4%	32.2%	14.5%
1986	15.4%	10.3%	13.8%	10.6%	6.3%	21.1%	13.0%	47.8%	9.7%	32.2%	12.7%
1987	14.5%	10.3%	13.3%	10.0%	8.7%	21.0%	10.5%	61.7%	10.6%	41.6%	12.4%
1988	14.8%	9.0%	12.8%	9.3%	13.4%	26.1%	10.6%	50.2%	14.8%	39.5%	14.3%
1989	14.0%	7.1%	11.4%	7.4%	13.1%	24.6%	12.5%	41.8%	14.1%	39.1%	13.2%
1990	14.2%	6.5%	11.5%	8.6%	11.5%	29.0%	21.9%	47.7%	14.7%	40.3%	13.4%
1991	14.6%	6.0%	11.3%	9.6%	13.0%	29.2%	16.5%	53.0%	16.4%	46.1%	13.9%
1992	15.0%	5.7%	11.8%	12.2%	10.2%	24.9%	17.0%	46.6%	16.9%	46.9%	14.5%
1993	16.4%	4.8%	13.9%	14.6%	14.3%	24.4%	19.5%	53.9%	21.0%	48.2%	17.9%
1994	18.8%	8.0%	17.0%	22.0%	19.6%	29.4%	27.1%	60.0%	26.0%	51.8%	22.3%
1995	19.8%	7.0%	16.3%	26.7%	20.4%	30.6%	33.5%	58.8%	25.4%	52.3%	20.9%
1996	20.9%	9.4%	17.2%	29.6%	22.7%	35.4%	35.7%	55.9%	27.6%	72.8%	23.0%
1997	21.5%	9.0%	17.5%	28.2%	21.9%	31.7%	32.2%	40.1%	25.1%	39.1%	22.0%
Jan-Jun 1997	22.5%	9.1%	18.6%	30.5%	23.9%	32.6%	32.8%	44.7%	27.2%	48.6%	23.8%
1998	22.0%	9.3%	17.6%	26.1%	21.4%	28.6%	29.0%	40.3%	23.7%	0.0%	21.0%

Source: BC STATS,

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Table 3: Immigrant Landings by Province by Class

1996

Province	Social & Humanitarian			Economic						Retired	Total
	Family	Refugee & Designated	Total	Assisted Relatives	Other Independents	Entrepreneurs	Self Employed	Investor	Total		
Nfld	89	180	269	39	268	7	0	0	314	1	584
P.E.I.	18	69	87	7	17	8	20	9	61	0	148
N.S.	299	236	535	160	810	1,466	128	112	2,676	1	3,212
N.B.	187	188	375	36	233	56	8	4	337	0	712
Que	9,226	9,381	18,607	502	8,065	1,069	228	1,184	11,048	6	29,661
Ont	38,012	16,368	54,380	17,003	41,401	4,011	1,804	1,086	65,305	32	119,717
Man	1,180	687	1,867	487	1,349	110	119	6	2,071	0	3,938
Sask	434	552	986	146	603	40	47	6	842	0	1,828
Alta	4,447	1,351	5,798	1,936	4,473	913	457	319	8,098	0	13,896
B.C.	14,276	3,038	17,314	8,547	16,786	4,222	1,561	3,449	34,565	107	51,986
Yukon-NWT	90	12	102	15	49	10	3	0	77	0	179
Not Stated	46	131	177	5	24	1	0	0	30	0	207
Canada	68,258	32,062	100,320	28,878	74,054	11,912	4,375	6,175	125,394	147	226,068

1997

Province	Social & Humanitarian			Economic						Retired	Total
	Family	Refugee & Designated	Total	Assisted Relatives	Other Independents	Entrepreneurs	Self Employed	Investor	Total		
Nfld	74	143	217	30	168	20	2	0	220	0	437
P.E.I.	23	64	87	25	16	4	5	22	72	0	159
N.S.	289	211	500	125	922	1,119	73	123	2,362	1	2,863
N.B.	138	178	316	82	294	22	11	0	409	0	725
Que	8,142	8,382	16,524	306	7,534	1,071	243	1,884	11,038	0	27,562
Ont	32,677	14,053	46,730	15,472	49,382	4,036	1,743	983	71,616	24	118,370
Man	1,163	641	1,804	442	1,269	96	186	14	2,007	0	3,811
Sask	400	556	956	105	553	37	63	25	783	0	1,739
Alta	4,024	1,170	5,194	1,694	4,640	685	325	299	7,643	3	12,840
B.C.	12,849	2,502	15,351	7,197	18,171	3,300	1,265	2,243	32,176	18	47,545
Yukon-NWT	89	9	98	14	51	7	10	0	82	0	180
Not Stated	20	14	34	7	21	7	0	1	36	0	70
Canada	59,868	27,909	87,777	25,492	83,000	10,397	3,926	5,593	128,408	46	216,301

January to June, 1998

Province	Social & Humanitarian			Economic						Retired	Total
	Family	Refugee & Designated	Total	Assisted Relatives	Other Independents	Entrepreneurs	Self Employed	Investor	Total		
Nfld	32	50	82	12	101	13	-	-	126	0	208
P.E.I.	5	35	40	5	9	-	5	8	27	0	67
N.S.	108	130	238	78	328	410	16	25	857	1	1,096
N.B.	70	82	152	11	146	7	12	4	180	2	334
Que	3,222	3,298	6,520	121	3,713	522	108	838	5,302	0	11,822
Ont	13,620	7,516	21,136	4,914	18,790	1,073	608	264	25,649	0	46,785
Man	464	277	741	114	379	39	62	2	596	0	1,337
Sask	190	249	439	31	209	-	7	13	260	0	699
Alta	1,766	648	2,414	527	2,007	315	129	91	3,069	0	5,483
B.C.	5,633	1,272	6,905	2,081	7,266	975	397	867	11,586	0	18,491
Yukon-NWT	27	0	27	0	28	3	4	0	35	0	62
Not Stated	493	138	631	80	1,052	48	19	39	1,238	0	1,869
Canada	25,630	13,695	39,325	7,974	34,028	3,405	1,367	2,151	48,925	3	88,253

Source: **BC STATS,**

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Table 4: B.C. Immigrant Landings by Origin by Class - Jan to Jun, 1998

World Area

World Area	Social & Humanitarian			Economic						Retired	Total	% of B.C. Total
	Family	Refugee & Designated	Total	Assisted Relatives	Other Indep.	Entrepreneurs	Self Employed	Investor	Total			
Europe	582	393	975	141	931	60	64	15	1,211	-	2,186	11.8%
Africa	100	79	179	109	313	10	13	4	449	-	628	3.4%
Asia	4,033	690	4,723	1,690	5,361	808	268	792	8,919	-	13,642	73.8%
Australasia	86	1	87	5	114	-	-	-	119	-	206	1.1%
N. & C. America	441	76	517	35	252	34	16	6	343	-	860	4.7%
Caribbean	42	3	45	5	17	-	-	-	22	-	67	0.4%
S. America	47	12	59	6	126	27	1	9	169	-	228	1.2%
Oceania	135	9	144	11	8	3	-	-	22	-	166	0.9%
Not Stated	167	9	176	79	144	33	35	41	332	-	508	2.7%
Total	5,633	1,272	6,905	2,081	7,266	975	397	867	11,586	-	18,491	100.0%

B.C. Top 10 Source Country of Last Permanent Residence

Country	Social & Humanitarian			Economic						Retired	Total	% of B.C. Total
	Family	Refugee & Designated	Total	Assisted Relatives	Other Indep.	Entrepreneurs	Self Employed	Investor	Total			
Taiwan	120	-	120	438	1,401	168	111	361	2,479	-	2,599	14.1%
China	623	124	747	169	1,303	72	23	105	1,672	-	2,419	13.1%
India	1,881	147	2,028	55	140	15	-	-	210	-	2,238	12.1%
Hong Kong	408	1	409	510	376	302	74	197	1,459	-	1,868	10.1%
The Philippines	409	5	414	191	830	4	4	4	1,033	-	1,447	7.8%
South Korea	70	-	70	72	427	160	35	93	787	-	857	4.6%
Iran	58	202	260	136	339	32	11	7	525	-	785	4.2%
U.S.A.	309	5	314	21	144	12	13	6	196	-	510	2.8%
England	161	-	161	64	183	12	6	2	267	-	428	2.3%
S Africa	37	-	37	89	231	4	13	4	341	-	378	2.0%
Top 10 Total	4,076	484	4,560	1,745	5,374	781	290	779	8,969	-	13,529	73.2%
BC Total	5,633	1,272	6,905	2,081	7,266	975	397	867	11,586	-	18,491	100.0%
Top 10 BC Share	72.4%	38.1%	66.0%	83.9%	74.0%	80.1%	73.0%	89.9%	77.4%	-	73.2%	

Source: BC STATS,

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Table 5. B.C. Business Immigrants Visaed Abroad

Entrepreneur Program

Country of Last Permanent Residence	1995	
	No. of Cases	Total Funds (\$'000) **
Hong Kong	436	561,075
Taiwan	224	499,019
South Korea	120	155,939
Germany W	51	57,067
China-Mainland	19	32,946
England	18	25,204
Switzerland	15	11,375
U.S.A.	14	6,107
Iran	12	6,430
Japan	11	21,363
S. Africa Rep.	11	5,212
Indonesia	8	11,997
Others	51	51,591
Total	990	1,445,325

Country of Last Permanent Residence	1996	
	No. of Cases	Total Funds (\$'000) **
Hong Kong	457	534,029
Taiwan	257	395,508
South Korea	79	117,775
Iran	36	22,782
China-Mainland	29	26,507
Germany	22	19,247
Indonesia Rep.	19	33,202
England	17	12,041
Mexico	17	16,361
Japan	16	12,249
U.S.A.	14	16,379
Macao	11	22,388
Switzerland	9	5,700
Singapore	9	24,721
Pakistan	7	4,090
India	6	2,296
Netherlands	5	1,805
S. Africa	5	1,831
Philippines	5	1,461
Others	45	61,067
Total	1,065	1,331,439

Country of Last Permanent Residence	1997	
	No. of Cases	Total Funds (\$'000) **
Hong Kong	246	300,535
Taiwan	175	240,176
South Korea	60	84,852
China-Mainland	46	36,318
Iran	44	39,729
Germany	29	25,375
Mexico	12	9,470
England	11	6,533
Macao	9	8,844
Singapore	8	18,182
U.S.A.	7	5,050
Italy	6	2,200
Pakistan	5	7,109
Indonesia	5	6,291
India	5	1,900
Others	50	65,955
Total	718	858,519

Investor Program

Country of Last Permanent Residence	1995	
	No. of Cases	Total Funds (\$'000) **
Taiwan	395	895,016
Hong Kong	339	822,494
South Korea	31	103,167
Macao	14	22,847
China-Mainland	14	17,690
Others	36	84,618
Total	829	1,945,832

Country of Last Permanent Residence	1996	
	No. of Cases	Total Funds (\$'000) **
Hong Kong	305	516,846
Taiwan	249	676,774
China-Mainland	31	33,663
South Korea	25	80,971
Macao	15	16,229
Germany	11	90,450
Iran	10	15,950
Switzerland	5	4,535
Japan	5	25,000
Others	26	52,439
Total	682	1,512,857

Country of Last Permanent Residence	1997	
	No. of Cases	Total Funds (\$'000) **
Taiwan	203	564,063
Hong Kong	182	393,710
China-Mainland	48	80,181
South Korea	28	77,399
Germany	9	13,397
Iran	7	5,100
Macao	6	6,916
Others	24	67,970
Total	507	1,208,736

NOTE: THIS TABLE WILL NOT BE UPDATED AS DATA ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE FROM CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA

** Total funds are total money declared by the immigrants during the application process, they do not necessarily represent the net worth of the immigrants, or money to be brought into B.C. by the immigrants.

Source:
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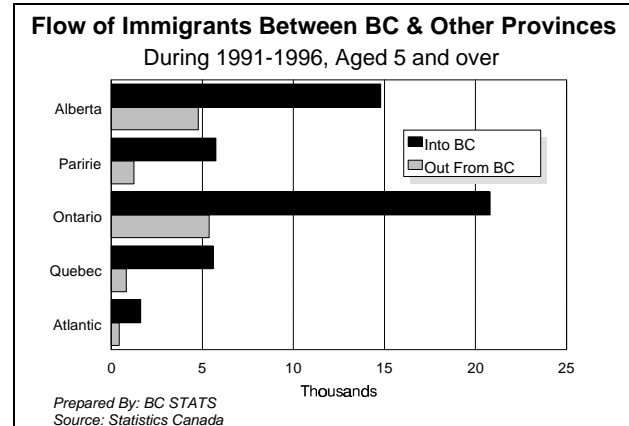
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Special Feature: Interprovincial Mobility of Immigrants

Immigrants do not always stay in the same province where they initially settled after they landed in Canada. According to the 1996 Census, during the period 1991 to 1996, 49,245 immigrants moved into B.C. from other provinces while 12,990 immigrants moved out of B.C. to live in another province, resulting a net gain of 36,255 immigrants. During that period, B.C. was the only province which had a net gain of immigrant population. All other provinces recorded a net loss of immigrant population to the rest of Canada.

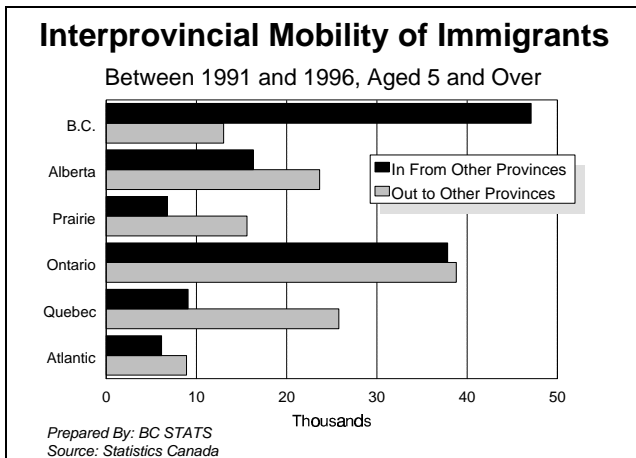
The interprovincial mobility of the immigrant population during 1991-96 can be determined using information from the 1996 Census on the province of residence in 1991. An immigrant is considered an interprovincial mover if his/her province of residence in 1996 differs from that during the 1991 Census. However, under this method, multiple movements of immigrants during the period cannot be traced. Also, an immigrant would not be detected as a mover if he/she moved to another province after the 1991 Census but returned to the original province before the 1996 Census.

and that between B.C. and Alberta was 10,005 persons (gained 14,790 and lost 4,785).



Half of the immigrants who migrated to B.C. from other provinces arrived in Canada prior to 1981, whereas 60 per cent who left B.C. for other provinces were in the same period of immigration. For recent immigrants who moved between B.C. and other provinces, a relatively higher proportion arrived in Canada during 1986-1990 than after 1991.

Immigrants who moved between B.C. and other provinces tended to be concentrated in the 15 to 44 year old age group. When compared to in-movers, a relatively higher proportion of the out-movers were aged 65 and over.



The net gain of 36,255 immigrant population in B.C. represented 22% of the total net interprovincial migrants to B.C. during that period. The majority of immigrants who moved into B.C. were from Ontario and Alberta. Also, most immigrants who left B.C. moved to Ontario and Alberta. The net exchange of immigrant population between B.C. and Ontario was 15,435 persons (gained 20,810 and lost 5,375),

