

University-Educated Immigrants, Toronto, 2006

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Understanding the Effects of Education

- Recent immigrants are well educated
 - Approximately half of recent immigrants in 2006 had at least one university degree
 - Higher percentages than for Canadian-born
- How does university education affect immigrants' economic experiences?
 - Earnings
 - Effects of age, gender, and country of birth
 - Recent immigrants: 2001-2006



Census Data

- The Good
 - Comprehensive
 - Detailed information
 - Statistically valid
- The Bad
 - Dated
 - Disclosure limitations



University Graduates, Toronto CMA

AGE	CANADIAN-BORN	IMMIGRANT			
		ALL	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2006
25-34	151,605	130,300	22,450	40,470	57,520
35-44	123,835	182,235	20,505	75,760	60,280
45-64	148,595	206,665	42,080	60,555	27,855



University Graduates by Country of Birth, Toronto, 2006

	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2006
1. PR China	5, 550	26, 025	25, 670
2. India	7, 630	26, 750	33, 225
3. Philippines	8, 230	15, 590	13, 190
4. Hong Kong	13, 690	13, 070	775
5. Sri Lanka	2, 710	5, 235	1, 780
6. Pakistan	1, 395	13, 505	13, 780
7. Jamaica	2, 125	1, 930	985
8. Iran	3, 460	7, 480	6, 140
9. Poland	7, 585	3, 695	820
10. Guyana	1, 795	960	535

Earnings of University Graduates by Gender

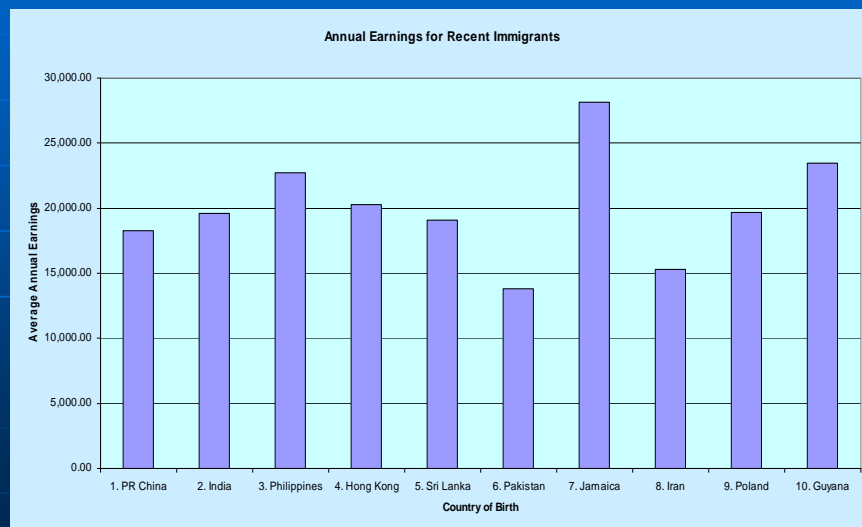
	CANADIAN-BORN	IMMIGRANT			
		ALL IMMIGRANTS**	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2006
Women	44,278.30	28,346.00	35,777.40	27,656.30	14,861.60
Men	81,416.10	44,908.00	49,609.70	41,782.00	25,417.30



Earnings by Period of Arrival and Age

Age	Canadian-born	Immigrant			
		ALL immigrants **	1981-1990	1991-2000	2001-2006
25-34	45,067.30	29,208.40	38,711.80	32,709.00	19,595.50
35-44	78,917.10	41,091.20	51,236.80	42,726.70	23,305.80
45-64	86,070.90	46,238.50	49,218.30	34,735.30	19,707.20

Earnings of Recent Immigrants by Selected Countries of Birth



Conclusions

- A university degree does not ensure high earnings.
- Well educated immigrants have lower annual earnings than Canadian-born counterparts.
- The gap in annual earnings is larger for recent immigrants.
- Female immigrants with at least one university degree have lower earnings.
- Labour market outcomes are generally better for recent immigrants who are 35 to 44 years old.
- University graduates born in Pakistan and Iran report the lowest annual earnings of countries of birth that we studied.

