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QUESTION: What is the most recent data available on the number of newcomers arriving in the Toronto CMA and planning to find work in the IT sector?

ANSWER:

Based on a list of occupations (see below), 4,987 immigrants landing in Canada in 2005 were planning to find work in the IT sector and settle in the Toronto CMA. The number of immigrants planning to work in the IT sector and settle in Toronto has been decreasing from 8,314 in 2001.

Number of immigrants planning to work in the IT sector and planning to settle in Toronto

Year	
2005	4,987
2004	4,957
2003	5,694
2002	6,661
2001	8,314
2000	7,348

When looking at immigrants arriving in Canada in 2005 only, 9,587 were planning to work in the IT sector, and 5,852 of them were planning to settle in Ontario.

Profession (NOC code)	Canada	Ontario
Information Systems and Data Processing Managers (0213)	313	186
Computer Operators (1421)	41	21
Computer Engineers (2147)	1,447	817
Computer Systems Analysts (2162)	1,350	831
Computer Programmers (2163)	3,568	2,383
Information Systems Analysts and Consultants (2171)	666	344
Database Analysts and Data Administrators (2172)	133	60
Software Engineers and Designers (2173)	684	435
Computer Programmers and Interactive Media Developers (2174)	934	558
Web Designers and Developers (2175)	70	43
Computer Network Technicians (2281)	301	138
User Support Technicians (2282)	45	21
Systems Testing Technicians (2283)	14	**
Software Development Worker Pilot Project (CIC) ¹	21	**
Total	9,587	5,852

** Data suppressed due to confidentiality issues.

¹ For more information on the pilot project for Software Development Workers (a Temporary Foreign Worker Program from CIC), see <http://www.cic.gc.ca/EnGLISH/work/special-tech.asp>
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The more recent data available is for 2005.

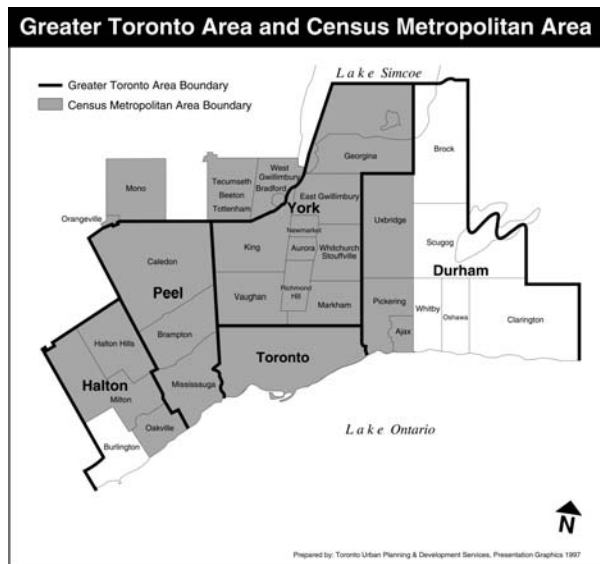
Immigrants were asked on arrival to Canada what was their intended occupation and their city of destination. Data do not take into account subsequent moves to or from Toronto as well as occupational changes.

DEFINITIONS:

Toronto CMA: Census Metropolitan Area of Toronto

The Toronto CMA is the grey-shaded area in the map below. It includes the City of Toronto, York Region, Peel Region and parts of Halton and Durham Regions. Other municipalities, such as New Tecumseth in southern Simcoe County and Mono Township in Dufferin County are also included in the Toronto CMA.

CMAs are geographical areas mainly used by Statistics Canada. For more information, see <http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/reference/dictionary/geo009.cfm>.



DATA SOURCE:

Canada. Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Permanent Resident Data System, 1980-2005.