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QUESTION: What is the most recent available data on the major occupations of immigrants arriving in the Toronto CMA?

ANSWER:

Computer programmers were the most numerous occupational group of immigrants planning to settle in the Toronto CMA in 2005 with 2,102 immigrants. Mechanical engineers and electrical and electronics engineers came in second and third places with 1,265 and 1,182 immigrants respectively. Babysitters, nannies and parent's helpers came in fourth with 1,001 immigrants.

The most common occupation represented well-educated professional groups. Engineers accounted for four out of the eight most common occupations: mechanical engineers, electrical and electronics engineers, civil engineers, and computer engineers. Computer-related occupations represented three of the most common occupations: computer programmers, computer systems analysts, computer engineers, and computer programmers and interactive media developers. Finally, three occupations were from the financial sector: financial auditors and accountants, financial managers, and financial and investment analysts.

	Frequency	Percent (%)
1- Computer Programmers	2,102	3.7
2- Mechanical Engineers	1,265	2.2
3- Electrical and Electronics Engineers	1,182	2.1
4- Babysitters, Nannies and Parent's Helpers	1,001	1.8
5- Financial Auditors and Accountants	971	1.7
6- Civil Engineers	934	1.6
7- Computer Systems Analysts	723	1.3
8- Computer Engineers	646	1.1
9- Sales, Marketing and Advertising Managers	628	1.1
10- Chemists	572	1.0
11- Professional Occupations in Business Services to Management	526	0.9
12- Technical Sales Specialists, Wholesale Trade	500	0.9
13- Computer Programmers and Interactive Media Developers (CIC software pilot program)	474	0.8
14- Financial Managers	455	0.8
15- Financial and Investment Analysts	450	0.8

Percentages were calculated based on the total number of immigrants *planning to enter the labour market after landing* and planning to settle in Toronto in 2005. Immigrants who intend to enter the labour market represent 57,150 of the 112,790 immigrants who landed in 2005 and were planning to settle in Toronto. Immigrants not planning to enter the labour market include students, homemakers, retirees, and other non-workers.

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.

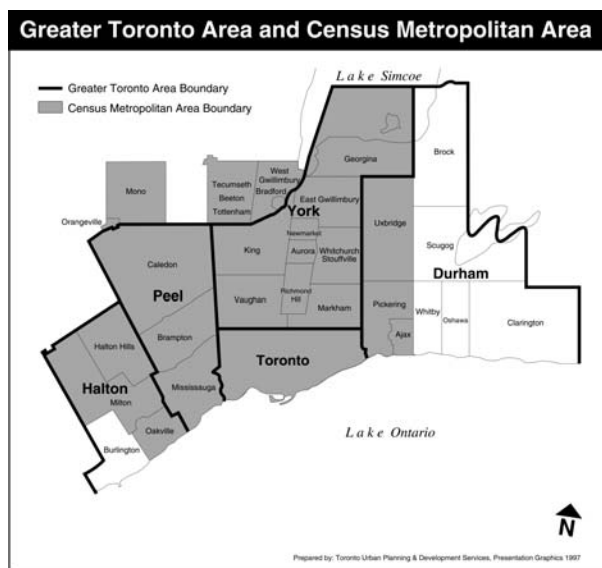
DEFINITIONS:

Immigrants are permanent residents, formerly called landed immigrants.

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.

APPENDIX:

Here are the major occupations of immigrants for the years 2001 to 2005.

2001		2002		2003		2004		2005	
Computer Programmers	4938	Computer Programmers	3837	Computer Programmers	3195	Computer Programmers	2406	Computer Programmers	2102
Mechanical Engineers	2798	Electrical and Electronics Engineers	2362	Mechanical Engineers	1765	Electrical and Electronics Engineers	1299	Mechanical Engineers	1265
Electrical and Electronics Engineers	2719	Mechanical Engineers	2195	Electrical and Electronics Engineers	1739	Mechanical Engineers	1291	Electrical and Electronics Engineers	1182
Computer Systems Analysts	2351	Computer Systems Analysts	1900	Computer Systems Analysts	1632	Computer Systems Analysts	973	Babysitters, Nannies and Parent's Helpers	1001
Civil Engineers	1913	Civil Engineers	1648	Civil Engineers	1189	Civil Engineers	931	Financial Auditors and Accountants	971
Financial Auditors and Accountants	1341	Financial Auditors and Accountants	1218	Financial Auditors and Accountants	866	Financial Auditors and Accountants	855	Civil Engineers	934
Computer Engineers	939	Computer Engineers	859	Computer Engineers	767	Computer Engineers	766	Computer Systems Analysts	723
Professional Occns in Business Services to Mgt	908	Professional Occns in Business Services to Mgt	836	Professional Occns in Business Services to Mgt	682	Babysitters, Nannies and Parent's Helpers	727	Computer Engineers	646
Financial and Investment Analysts	739	Technical Sales Specialists, Wholesale Trade	725	Babysitters, Nannies and Parent's Helpers	568	Professional Occns in Business Services to Mgt	633	Sales, Marketing and Advertising Managers	628
Technical Sales Specialists, Wholesale Trade	713	Financial and Investment Analysts	663	Financial and Investment Analysts	560	Technical Sales Specialists, Wholesale Trade	553	Chemists	572