

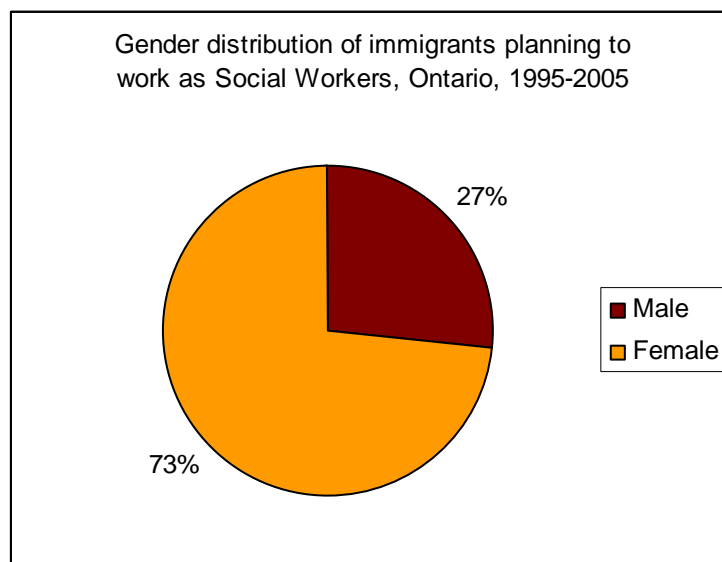
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QUESTION: Where are immigrant social workers coming from and where do they settle in Ontario?

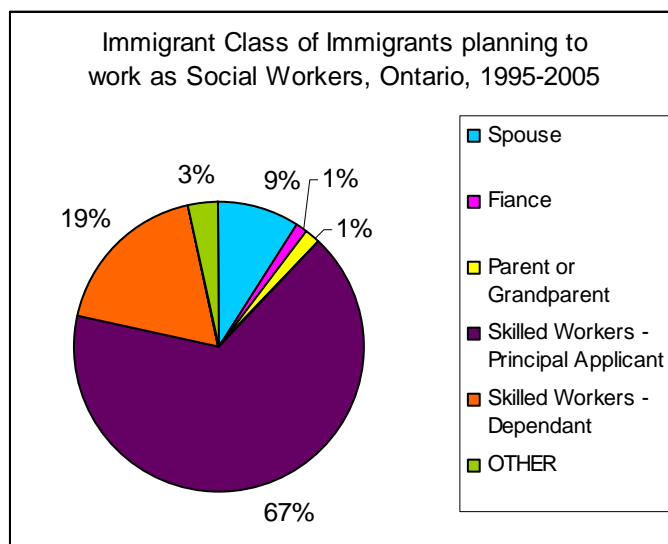
ANSWER:

Between 1995 and 2005, 2,008 immigrants landing in Canada were planning to work as social workers, and 1,097 of them were planning to settle in Ontario.

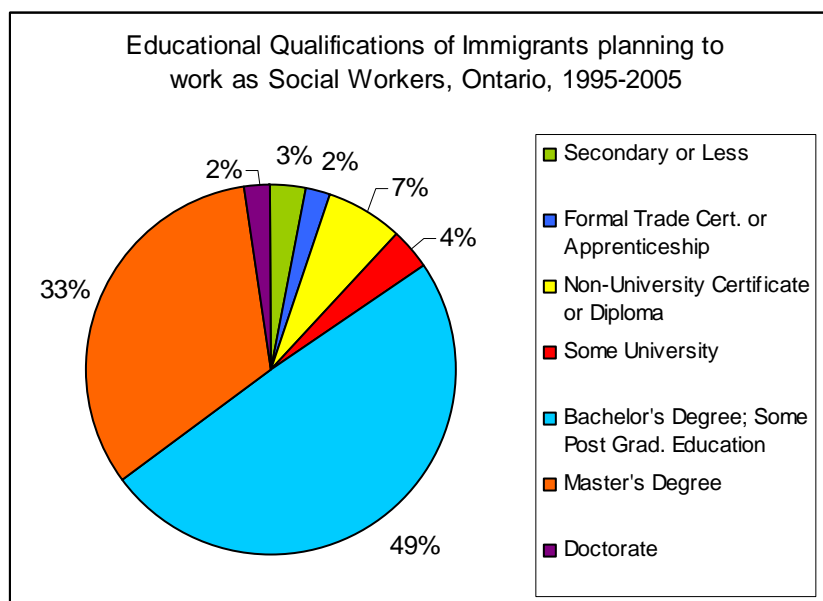
Three out of four immigrants (73%) planning to work as social workers were women.



The majority of immigrants (67%) planning to work as social workers were principal applicants under the skilled workers class. A fifth (19%) were dependants of the skilled worker class. Eleven percent of immigrants arrived under the family class as spouse, fiancé, parents or grandparents.



The educational qualifications of immigrants planning to work as social workers are diverse. About half (49%) had a bachelor's degree or incomplete post-graduate education. Another third had a masters' degree, while 7% had a non-university degree.



A fifth (15%) of immigrants planning to work as social workers and settle in Ontario were born in India. Hong Kong comes second with 10% of immigrants, followed by the United States with 8%.

Country of birth	N	%
India	160	14.6
Hong Kong	105	9.6
United States of America	88	8.0
Pakistan	75	6.8
Philippines	56	5.1
Bangladesh	51	4.6
China, People's Republic of	40	3.6
Iran	38	3.5
Albania	36	3.3
England	31	2.8
TOTAL	1,097	

In Ontario, more than half (53%) of immigrants planning to work as social workers were planning to settle in Toronto. The second most popular city of destination was Mississauga (7%), followed by Scarborough (5%).

Except for Ottawa, Hamilton, and Windsor, all of the main cities were immigrants planning to work as social workers were in the Greater Toronto Area.

City of destination	N	%
Toronto	579	52.8
Mississauga, including Malton, Port Credit, and Streetsville	80	7.3
Scarborough	56	5.1
Ottawa	40	3.6
North York, including Willowdale, Don Mills, and Downsview	39	3.6
Brampton	30	2.7
Etobicoke	28	2.7
Hamilton	22	2.2
Markham	22	2.0
Windsor	19	1.7
TOTAL	1,097	

NOTES:

The data is for 1995-2005. 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.

DATA SOURCE:

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