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QUESTION:

Who are the self-employed immigrants and Canadian-born living in the Toronto CMA and Canada?

ANSWER:

Self-employed immigrants and non-immigrants by gender, Toronto CMA and Canada

| Toronto CMA | | | | Canada | | | |
|----------------|--------|------------|--------|----------------|---------|------------|---------|
| Non-immigrants | | Immigrants | | Non-immigrants | | Immigrants | |
| Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| 40,028 | 61,300 | 41,693 | 74,544 | 395,213 | 614,147 | 122,935 | 202,660 |

Age groups of self-employed immigrants and non-immigrants by gender, Toronto CMA and Canada

| | Toronto CMA | | | | Canada | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|--------|------------|--------|----------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | Non-immigrants | | Immigrants | | Non-immigrants | | Immigrants | |
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| 15 to 19 years | 2.2 % | 2.1 % | 0.6 % | 0.4 % | 1.8 % | 1.5 % | 0.7 % | 0.6 % |
| 20 to 24 years | 4.4 % | 5.3 % | 1.2 % | 1.9 % | 3.1 % | 3.0 % | 1.6 % | 1.6 % |
| 25 to 29 years | 5.8 % | 7.1 % | 4.6 % | 4.4 % | 6.4 % | 5.3 % | 3.4 % | 3.8 % |
| 30 to 34 years | 9.1 % | 9.2 % | 7.8 % | 7.6 % | 9.6 % | 7.5 % | 7.4 % | 6.1 % |
| 35 to 39 years | 12.8 % | 12.2 % | 12.2 % | 11.5 % | 11.7 % | 9.3 % | 11.4 % | 10.3 % |
| 40 to 44 years | 15.7 % | 13.6 % | 15.5 % | 14.7 % | 15.3 % | 12.8 % | 15.2 % | 13.8 % |
| 45 to 49 years | 15.5 % | 14.5 % | 16.1 % | 14.1 % | 14.8 % | 13.8 % | 15.4 % | 12.9 % |
| 50 to 54 years | 14.3 % | 12.1 % | 15.3 % | 14.2 % | 13.2 % | 13.1 % | 14.5 % | 13.7 % |
| 55 to 59 years | 8.6 % | 8.9 % | 12.6 % | 12.8 % | 10.2 % | 12.0 % | 12.6 % | 14.1 % |
| 60 to 64 years | 6.7 % | 6.1 % | 8.5 % | 8.1 % | 7.4 % | 9.3 % | 9.2 % | 9.9 % |
| 65 to 69 years | 2.3 % | 4.3 % | 3.1 % | 5.6 % | 3.4 % | 6.0 % | 4.6 % | 7.0 % |
| 70 to 74 years | 1.7 % | 2.8 % | 1.1 % | 2.2 % | 1.7 % | 3.4 % | 2.2 % | 3.3 % |
| 75 to 79 years | 0.8 % | 0.9 % | 0.7 % | 1.9 % | 0.8 % | 1.9 % | 1.0 % | 2.0 % |
| 80 yrs and over | 0.1 % | 0.7 % | 0.7 % | 0.4 % | 0.6 % | 1.1 % | 0.7 % | 0.8 % |
| Total | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % |

The majority of self-employed immigrants and non-immigrants are between the ages of 35-59 years old. In the Toronto CMA, self-employed immigrants tend to be slightly older than non-immigrants, with more immigrants being self-employed into their late 50s and early 60s than Canadian-born.

Marital status of self-employed immigrants and non-immigrants by gender, Toronto CMA and Canada

| | Toronto CMA | | | | Canada | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------|------------|--------|----------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | Non-immigrants | | Immigrants | | Non-immigrants | | Immigrants | |
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| Divorced | 11.6 % | 7.2 % | 10.6 % | 6.0 % | 11.6 % | 9.6 % | 10.8 % | 6.5 % |
| Legally married (and not separated) | 54.2 % | 54.7 % | 67.7 % | 75.9 % | 58.2 % | 58.4 % | 68.7 % | 76.0 % |
| Separated, but still legally married | 3.4 % | 4.0 % | 4.7 % | 3.0 % | 3.4 % | 2.9 % | 3.9 % | 2.8 % |
| Never legally married (single) | 27.9 % | 32.6 % | 13.0 % | 13.6 % | 23.4 % | 27.6 % | 12.3 % | 13.4 % |
| Widowed | 2.9 % | 1.4 % | 4.1 % | 1.4 % | 3.4 % | 1.5 % | 4.2 % | 1.2 % |
| Total | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % |

The majority of self-employed immigrants in the Toronto CMA are married (67.7% of women and 75.9% for men).

Presence of children among self-employed immigrants and non-immigrants by gender, Toronto CMA and Canada

| | Toronto CMA | | | | Canada | | | |
|-------------|----------------|---------|------------|---------|----------------|---------|------------|---------|
| | Non-immigrants | | Immigrants | | Non-immigrants | | Immigrants | |
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| None | 41.9 % | 42.5 % | 27.2 % | 27.8 % | 44.0 % | 50.6 % | 34.4 % | 35.0 % |
| One or more | 58.1 % | 57.5 % | 72.8 % | 72.2 % | 56.0 % | 49.4 % | 65.6 % | 65.0 % |
| Total | 100.0 % | 100.0 % | 100.0 % | 100.0 % | 100.0 % | 100.0 % | 100.0 % | 100.0 % |

Self-employed immigrants are more likely to have children than non-immigrants. In the Toronto CMA, 72.8% of self-employed immigrant women had at least one child, compared to 58.1% of non-immigrant women.

Mother tongue of self-employed immigrants and non-immigrants by gender, Toronto CMA and Canada

| | Toronto CMA | | | | Canada | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|--------|------------|--------|----------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | Non-immigrants | | Immigrants | | Non-immigrants | | Immigrants | |
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| English | 90.6 % | 87.4 % | 26.5 % | 23.3 % | 70.5 % | 70.2 % | 29.4 % | 25.4 % |
| Chinese languages | 0.6 % | 0.8 % | 16.6 % | 12.5 % | 0.3 % | 0.2 % | 13.9 % | 11.5 % |
| Indo-Iranian Languages | 0.3 % | 0.4 % | 8.9 % | 10.6 % | 0.0 % | 0.1 % | 5.7 % | 6.8 % |
| Polish | 0.3 % | 0.6 % | 4.6 % | 4.9 % | 0.1 % | 0.3 % | 3.4 % | 3.6 % |
| Spanish | n/a | n/a | 3.8 % | 3.7 % | 0.1 % | 0.1 % | 3.7 % | 3.4 % |
| Portuguese | 0.5 % | 0.8 % | 3.5 % | 3.3 % | 0.1 % | 0.1 % | 2.3 % | 2.2 % |
| Russian | n/a | n/a | 3.5 % | 4.7 % | 0.1 % | 0.1 % | 2.0 % | 2.4 % |
| Italian | 2.1 % | 3.6 % | 2.8 % | 5.8 % | 0.7 % | 0.8 % | 2.0 % | 4.7 % |
| Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino) | n/a | n/a | 2.5 % | 1.2 % | n/a | n/a | 2.6 % | 1.1 % |
| Punjabi (Punjabi) | n/a | n/a | 1.9 % | 4.7 % | 0.1 % | 0.1 % | 2.2 % | 4.5 % |

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|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Austro-Asiatic languages | n/a | n/a | 1.9 % | 1.5 % | n/a | n/a | 2.6 % | 2.0 % |
| Arabic | n/a | n/a | 1.8 % | 2.6 % | n/a | n/a | 2.8 % | 4.2 % |
| Finno-Ugric Languages | 0.2 % | 0.6 % | 1.6 % | 1.8 % | 0.2 % | 0.2 % | 1.7 % | 1.5 % |
| Greek | 0.7 % | 1.0 % | 1.3 % | 2.6 % | 0.2 % | 0.3 % | 0.9 % | 1.9 % |
| German | 0.5 % | 1.0 % | 1.3 % | 1.6 % | 1.5 % | 1.8 % | 4.4 % | 5.5 % |
| French | 3.3 % | 2.5 % | 0.7 % | 0.6 % | 25.0 % | 24.5 % | 4.2 % | 3.4 % |
| Total | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % |

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The most common mother tongues of self-employed immigrants in Toronto include English, Chinese languages and Indo-Iranian languages.

Industry of self-employed immigrants and non-immigrants by gender, Toronto CMA and Canada

| | Toronto CMA | | | | Canada | | | |
|--|----------------|--------|------------|--------|----------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | Non-immigrants | | Immigrants | | Non-immigrants | | Immigrants | |
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 1.3 % | 1.7 % | 0.3 % | 0.3 % | 7.8 % | 17.9 % | 4.1 % | 5.1 % |
| Mining and oil and gas extraction | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Utilities | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Construction | 1.4 % | 17.4 % | 2.1 % | 19.0 % | 2.2 % | 19.1 % | 1.8 % | 17.4 % |
| Manufacturing | 3.7 % | 3.4 % | 4.8 % | 5.5 % | 3.4 % | 4.4 % | 5.2 % | 5.2 % |
| Wholesale trade | 1.9 % | 2.3 % | 3.5 % | 3.5 % | 1.2 % | 2.3 % | 1.9 % | 2.8 % |
| Retail trade | 5.1 % | 4.0 % | 10.8 % | 7.8 % | 7.4 % | 4.8 % | 10.3 % | 7.6 % |
| Transportation and warehousing | 0.6 % | 3.6 % | 1.1 % | 11.0 % | 1.3 % | 6.0 % | 0.8 % | 10.1 % |
| Information and cultural industries | 3.5 % | 4.4 % | 1.6 % | 1.3 % | 1.5 % | 1.6 % | 1.3 % | 1.4 % |
| Finance and insurance | 2.7 % | 3.3 % | 2.0 % | 3.3 % | 1.5 % | 2.1 % | 1.7 % | 2.5 % |
| Real estate and rental and leasing | 3.2 % | 3.0 % | 3.3 % | 3.6 % | 2.6 % | 2.0 % | 3.5 % | 3.1 % |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 25.6 % | 28.7 % | 17.2 % | 18.6 % | 15.2 % | 14.7 % | 14.1 % | 15.9 % |
| Management of companies and enterprises | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Administrative and support, waste mgt and remediation services | 9.2 % | 7.1 % | 8.4 % | 4.6 % | 7.3 % | 6.2 % | 8.0 % | 5.2 % |
| Educational services | 5.5 % | 1.7 % | 5.1 % | 1.6 % | 4.4 % | 1.3 % | 4.7 % | 1.7 % |
| Health care and social assistance | 16.8 % | 7.5 % | 17.4 % | 6.2 % | 18.9 % | 4.7 % | 18.0 % | 6.3 % |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 9.5 % | 7.1 % | 2.4 % | 3.0 % | 5.2 % | 3.8 % | 3.9 % | 3.0 % |
| Accommodation and food services | 1.3 % | 0.9 % | 5.4 % | 3.8 % | 3.5 % | 1.8 % | 6.3 % | 5.0 % |
| Other services (except public administration) | 8.8 % | 3.4 % | 14.8 % | 6.8 % | 16.3 % | 6.7 % | 14.4 % | 7.5 % |
| Total | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % |

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Industry among self-employed varies by gender. Self-employed immigrant men in Toronto were more likely to work in construction (19%) and professional, scientific and technical services (18.6%), compared to 17.4% of self-employed immigrant women working in health care and social assistance, 17.2% in professional, scientific and technical services and 14.8% in other services (see definition of other services at: <http://stds.statcan.gc.ca/naics-scian/2002/ts-rt-eng.asp?criteria=81>).

Occupations of self-employed immigrants and non-immigrants by gender, Toronto CMA and Canada

| | Toronto CMA | | | | Canada | | | |
|--|----------------|--------|------------|--------|----------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | Non-immigrants | | Immigrants | | Non-immigrants | | Immigrants | |
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male |
| Managers | 8.5 % | 11.3 % | 12.1 % | 17.1 % | 8.8 % | 11.0 % | 12.8 % | 16.5 % |
| Professionals | 35.3 % | 38.0 % | 21.9 % | 23.3 % | 21.2 % | 19.8 % | 22.0 % | 21.9 % |
| Semi-professionals and technicians | 20.7 % | 11.2 % | 15.3 % | 7.6 % | 19.0 % | 7.1 % | 15.1 % | 7.5 % |
| Supervisors | 1.8 % | 3.1 % | 1.3 % | 2.0 % | 6.3 % | 15.4 % | 3.7 % | 5.4 % |
| Administrative and senior clerical personnel | 8.1 % | 1.9 % | 6.9 % | 1.7 % | 8.2 % | 1.4 % | 6.8 % | 1.8 % |
| Skilled sales and service personnel | 4.0 % | 2.6 % | 6.9 % | 6.0 % | 7.6 % | 2.2 % | 6.6 % | 5.0 % |
| Skilled crafts and trades workers | 1.0 % | 13.2 % | 1.9 % | 15.4 % | 2.0 % | 19.1 % | 2.2 % | 15.4 % |
| Clerical personnel | 4.9 % | 1.8 % | 3.3 % | 2.0 % | 3.6 % | 1.2 % | 3.1 % | 1.6 % |
| Intermediate sales and service personnel | 9.7 % | 4.7 % | 15.4 % | 5.2 % | 11.5 % | 3.6 % | 13.4 % | 4.5 % |
| Semi-skilled manual workers | 1.2 % | 5.5 % | 2.4 % | 13.6 % | 3.1 % | 11.7 % | 2.9 % | 13.5 % |
| Other sales and service personnel | 3.8 % | 3.3 % | 11.9 % | 3.3 % | 7.6 % | 3.8 % | 10.4 % | 4.1 % |
| Other manual workers | 0.9 % | 3.4 % | 0.6 % | 2.8 % | 0.9 % | 3.7 % | 1.0 % | 2.6 % |
| Total | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % | 100 % |

More than a fifth of self-employed immigrants in Toronto work as professionals (21.9% of women and 23.3% of men). Immigrant women are also working as intermediate sales and service personnel (15.4%) and semi-professional and technicians (15.3%), while immigrant men work as managers (17.1%) and skilled crafts and trades workers (15.4%).

NOTES:

Self-employed: Includes persons 15 years of age and over who worked since January 1, 2005, and for whom the job reported consisted mainly of operating a business, farm or professional practice, alone or in partnership. Self-employed persons who reported their farm or business as incorporated can be included with paid workers in certain types of analysis.

The data included in this fact sheet include self-employed with and without paid help (not incorporated).

Totals may differ due to weighting and/or respondents not answering every question.

DATA SOURCE:

Statistics Canada. Census of Canada, 2006: public use microdata file of individuals [computer file]. Ottawa, Ont.: Statistics Canada [producer]; Statistics Canada. Data Liberation Initiative [distributor], 2010-03-04. (STC cat. 95M0028XVB)