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QUESTION: How has the number of immigrants *planning to work*¹ as social workers in Canada changed between 1980 and 2009? What is the profile (gender, class of immigration, education, and city of destination) of recent immigrants² (landed between 2006 and 2009) planning to work as social workers and settle in Ontario?

ANSWER:

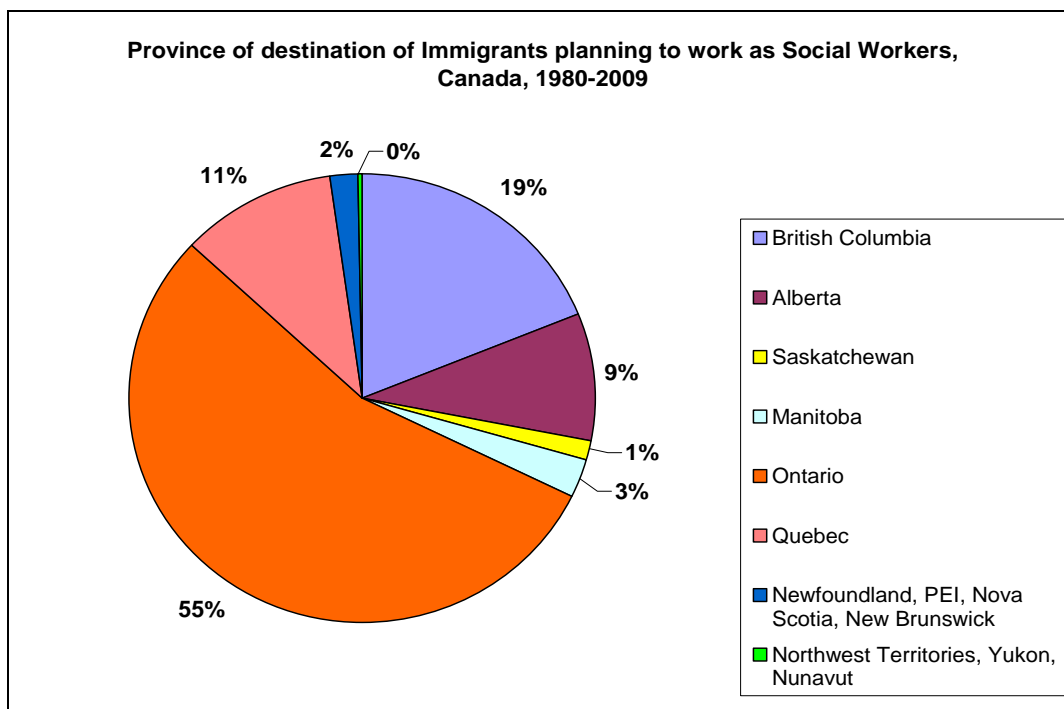
Between 1980 and 2009, 4,622 immigrants landing in Canada were planning to work as social workers.



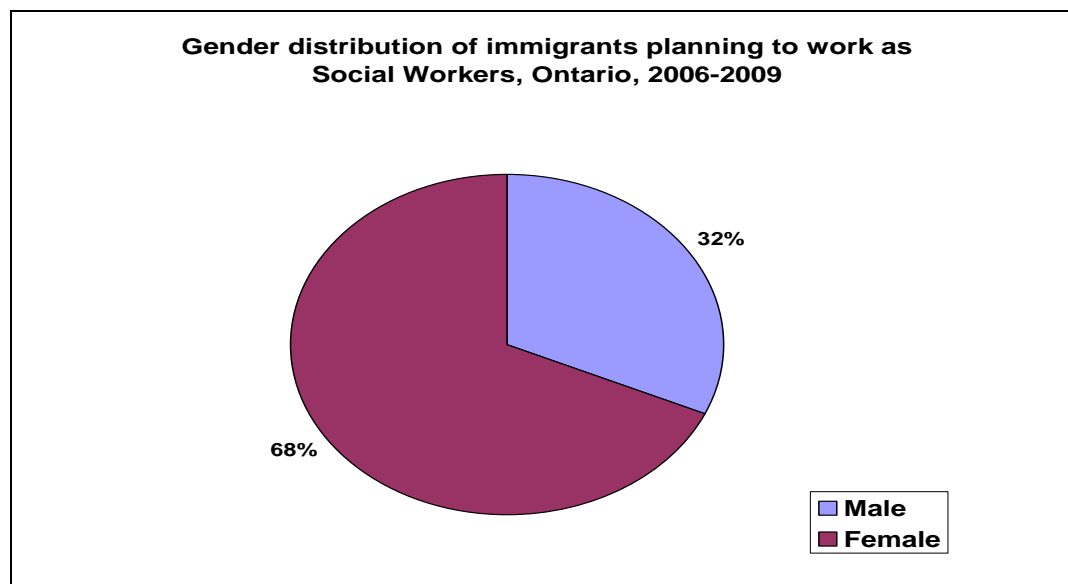
¹ Planning to work refers to 'intended occupation' for immigrants upon landing and applying for permanent residence status. Thus, it does not indicate that immigrants in fact have jobs in these occupations after they settle and does not take into account subsequent occupational changes. It should also be noted that these figures do not include those who have relevant qualifications at the time of immigration, but do not declare their intention to work in that field.

² This fact-sheet contains updated data of Fact sheet 09-07, <http://www.yorku.ca/tiedi/doc/TIEDIFactSheet0907.pdf> Fact-sheet 09-07 provided profile information about immigrants planning to work as social workers in Ontario, who landed between 1995 and 2005.

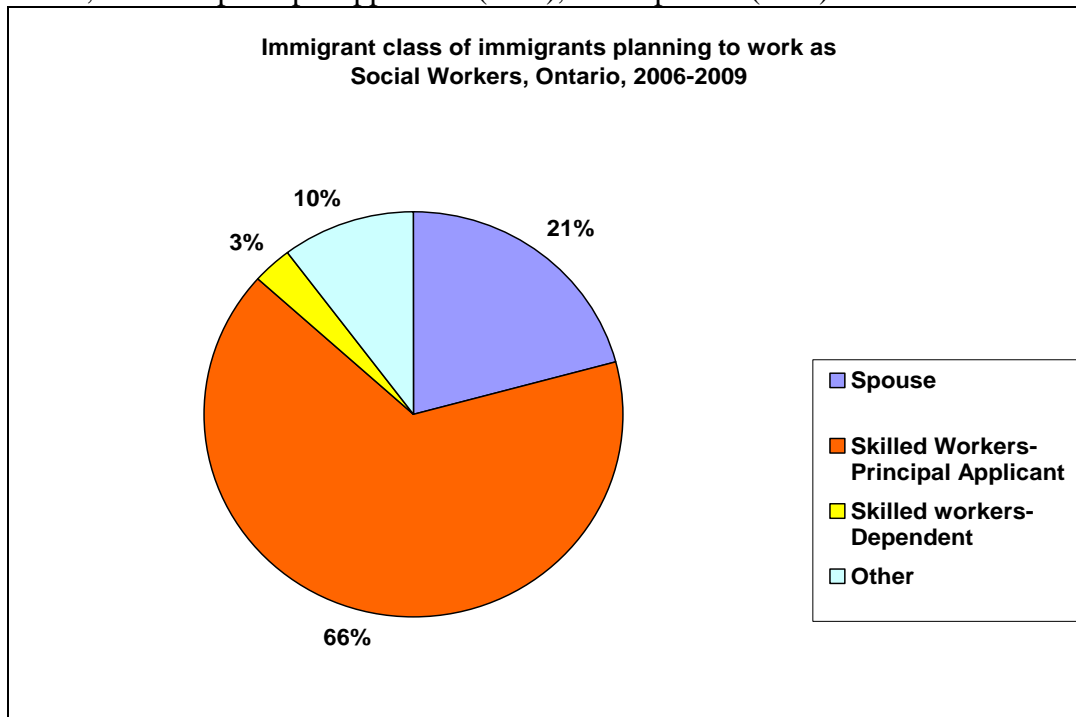
Between 1980 and 2009, more than half (55%) of immigrants planning to work as social workers planned to settle in Ontario, followed by British Columbia (19%) and Quebec (11%).



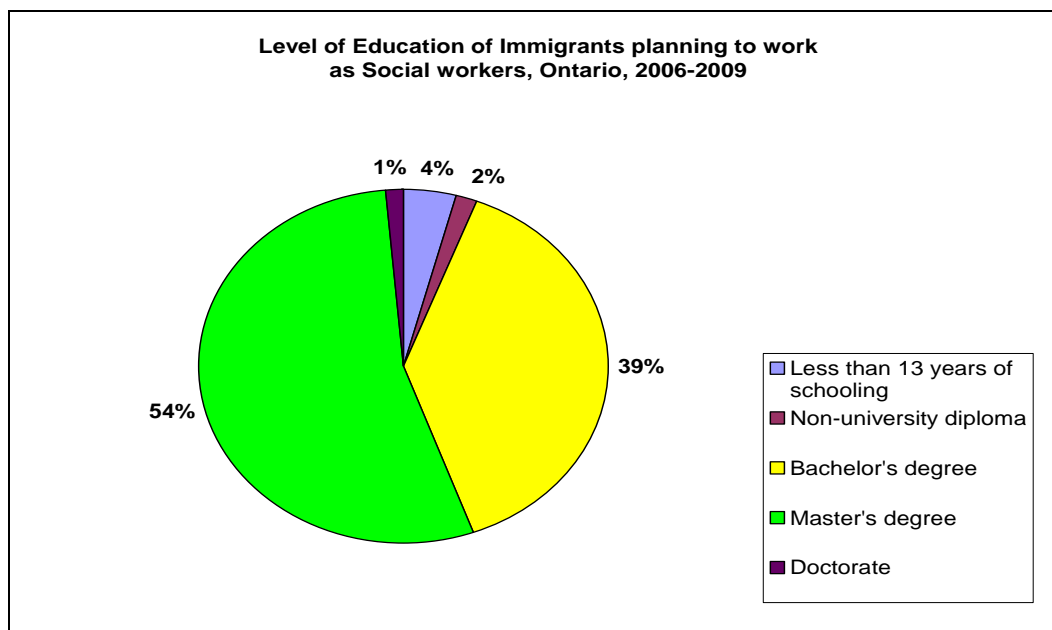
Between 2006 and 2009, 255 immigrants settling in Ontario were planning to work as social workers. Immigrants planning to work as social workers were predominantly women (68%).



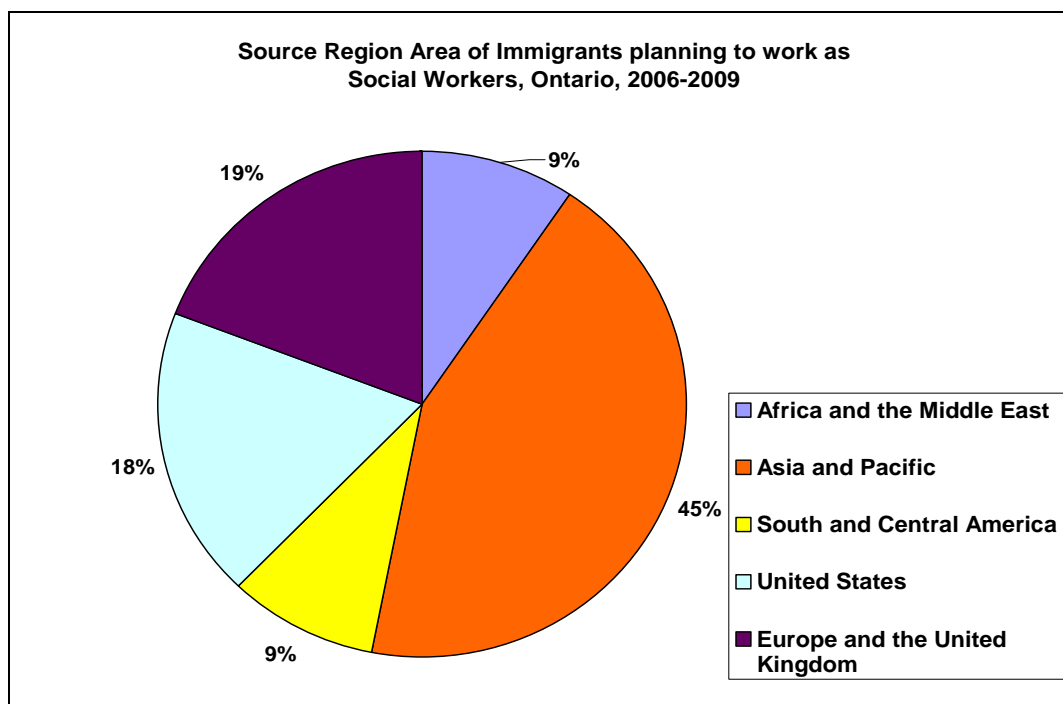
The majority of immigrants planning to work as social workers immigrated under the skilled worker class, either as principal applicants (66%), or as spouses (21%).



Immigrants planning to work as social workers and settle in Ontario are well-educated. Almost half of them hold a Bachelor's degree (39%) or a Master's degree (54%).



About half of immigrants who settle in Ontario between 2006 and 2009 and plan to work as social workers come from the Asian and Pacific region³ (45%). Europe and the United Kingdom is the next source region area (19%) followed by United States (18%).



About a quarter (26.7%) of immigrants who landed in Ontario between 2006 and 2009 and planned to work as social workers selected Toronto as their *city of destination*⁴. The second most popular city of destination was Mississauga (11.8%), followed by Scarborough (11.4%).

City of destination	Number	%
Toronto	68	26.7
Mississauga	30	11.8
Scarborough	29	11.4
Brampton	17	6.7
North York	14	5.5
Other cities in Ontario ^(a)	97	38.0
Total	255	100.0

(a) Number for each other individual city has been suppressed because it is less than 10 cases.

³ The specific number of cases for each country of birth cannot be released due to the small number of cases.

⁴ City indicated refers to 'intended city of destination' for immigrants upon landing and applying for permanent residence status. This may change over a period of time after immigrants may or may not remain in their initial city of settlement.

DEFINITIONS:

Immigrants are permanent residents, formerly called landed immigrants.

DATA SOURCE:

Canada. Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Permanent Resident Data System (PRDS), 1980-2009.

These data are collected on the application for permanent residency and at arrival. While the research and analysis are based on data from Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the opinions expressed do not represent the views of Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

This data request was made by [Internationally Educated Social Work \(IESW\) Professionals Bridging Program, Ryerson University](#).

The [Toronto Immigrant Employment Data Initiative \(TIEDI\)](#) seeks to assist organizations whose mandate includes the better integration of immigrants into Toronto's labour force. Such partner organizations include immigrant service agencies and advocacy groups, labour organizations, regulatory bodies, professional associations, training organizations, and credential assessment agencies. For further information, you can visit our website at, <http://www.yorku.ca/tiedi/> or contact the TIEDI Principal Investigator, Dr Philip Kelly (pfkelly@yorku.ca) or the TIEDI Research Analyst, Stella Park (pstella@yorku.ca).