



Canadian Demographics Learning Centre: Birthplace of Immigrants

Prior to World War II most immigrants to Canada came from Western Europe. After World War II many immigrants and “displaced persons” (refugees) came from Southern and Eastern Europe. Use the following table to see the changes in the birthplace of immigrants to Canada.

Immigration to Canada by Birthplace			
Birthplace	1946-1957	1958-1967	1971-1980
Europe	87.9%	75.4%	35.8%
United States	6.7%	10.6%	7.4%
Asia (including Middle East)	2.0%	6.0%	32.9%
Central and South America and Caribbean	1.4%	4.0%	16.4%
Australia and Pacific	1.5%	2.1%	1.5%
Africa	0.5%	1.9%	5.8%

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Canada: Our Century, Our Story. Scarborough, ON: Nelson Thompson Learning, 2001.

1. Create a bar graph using the information in the table above. Immigration to Canada by Region of Origin