



Canadian Demographics Learning Centre (Immigrants)

How many immigrants came to Canada during 1945-1960?

Immigration to Canada, 1945-1960	
Year	# of Immigrants
1945	22 722
1946	71 719
1947	64 127
1948	125 414
1949	95 217
1950	73 912
1951	194 391
1952	164 498
1953	168 868
1954	154 227
1955	109 946
1956	164 857
1957	282 164

1958	124 851
1959	106 928
1960	104 111

Immigration has been and continues to be a major source of population growth for Canada. The number of immigrants to Canada in the years after World War II increased significantly.

Analysis Questions

1. Speculate why more immigrants came in the first decade of the 20th century.
2. Compare the rate of immigration in the two decades post-World War I with the two decades post-World War II. Why do you think it was different?
3. Why does the 1931-1941 decade have a negative number? What was happening in Canada?
4. Looking at the chart above, what does this suggest about the importance of immigration to Canada? Is this good or bad for Canada? Explain your answer.

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