From Newcomer to Citizen

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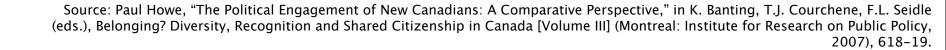


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- Those who report that they possess a strong ethnic attachment are more likely to vote.

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Citizenship acquisition has never been about the wholesale adoption of a clearly defined Canadian identity but instead constitutes "a mid-point in the integration process, not ... the end-point." Will Kymlicka, "Immigration, Citizenship, Multiculturalism: Exploring the Links" (2003), 199.

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Immigrant Landings to Ontario by Offial Language Abi lility - 2004 to 2008 (% of Ontario total)

Offial Language Ability	Year of Landing						
Oluai Laiguage Au i ity	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Avg	
Both French and English	4.3%	4.0%	3.8%	4.2%	4.4%	4.1%	
English	57.8%	60.0%	62.5%	64.2%	67.1%	62.1%	
French	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%	1.2%	1.3%	1.0%	
Neither	37.0%	35.1%	32.8%	30.4%	27.3%	32.7%	
Ontario Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

- In 2008, 73% of arriving immigrants had a working knowledge of at least one of Canada's official languages.
- Immigrants to Ontario speak more than 250 languages, but more than 50% of immigrants arriving speak at least one of: English, Mandarin, Urdu, Arabic, Punjabi, Tagalog or Spanish.

(note: language proficiency is self-reported)

Immigration Policy and Programs

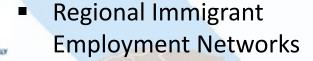






- Fair Access to Regulated Professions Act
- Bridge Training Programs











Local Immigration Initiatives



- www.OntarioImmigration.ca
- MIIO: Municipal Immigration Information Online
- Local Immigration Partnerships





Promoting Canadian Citizenship



- abcGTA DiverseCity onBoard
- Newcomer Youth Volunteerism
- Volunteerism for Boomers
- Volunteer Readiness, Cultural
 Competency and Involvement





