

# From Newcomer to Citizen

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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.

# From Newcomer to Citizen: Roadmap 2030



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# Top Source Countries by Birth 2004-2008

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2. China	82,317	13.40%	12. Korea	10,084	1.60%
3. Pakistan	43,246	7.00%	13. Jamaica	9,315	1.50%
4. Philippines	40,179	6.50%	14. Iraq	8,371	1.40%
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# Language Ability 2004-2008

**Immigrant Landings to Ontario by Official language Ability - 2004 to 2008**  
(% of Ontario total)

Official language Ability	Year of Landing					Avg
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
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%
<b>Ontario Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

- 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
- OPS Internships for Internationally Trained Individuals
- Regional Immigrant Employment Networks



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# Local Immigration Initiatives



- [www.OntarioImmigration.ca](http://www.OntarioImmigration.ca)
- MIIO: Municipal Immigration Information Online
- Local Immigration Partnerships



Guiding Newcomers  
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온타리오 주에 오신 것을 환영합니다 ! مرحبا بك في أونتاريو !  
歡迎來到安大略！ Καλιώς ορίσαστε στο Οντάριο!  
Bem-vindo(a) ao Ontário! Witamy w Ontario!  
ਓਨਟਾਰੀਓ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੁਆਗਤ ਕਰੋ ! Welcome to Ontario!  
Benvenuti in Ontario! ओन्टारियो में आपका स्वागत है।  
اوتارينو میں خوش آمدید! ¡Bienvenido a Ontario!

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