Recent Shifts in Canadian Demographics and Possible Future Trends

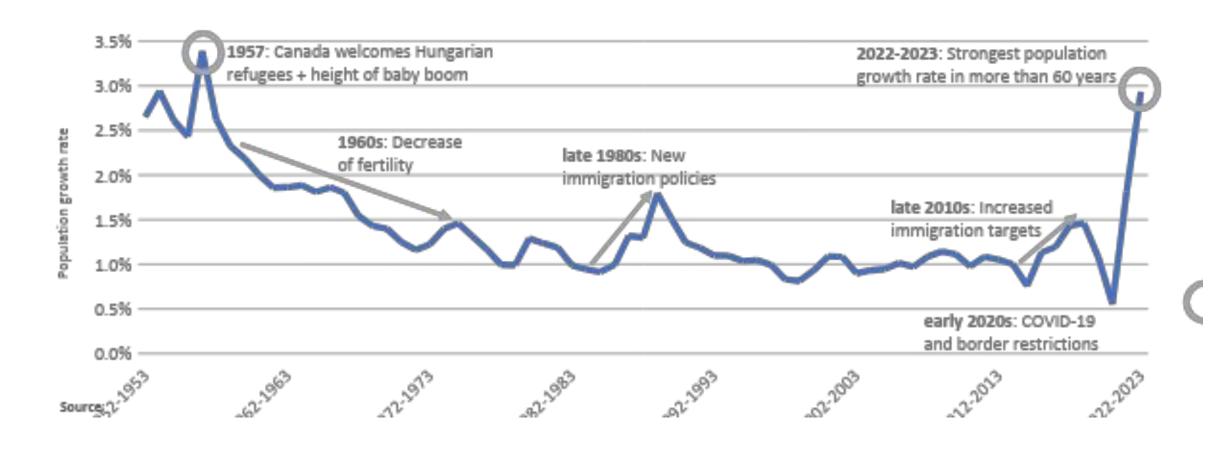
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Population growth just skyrocketed



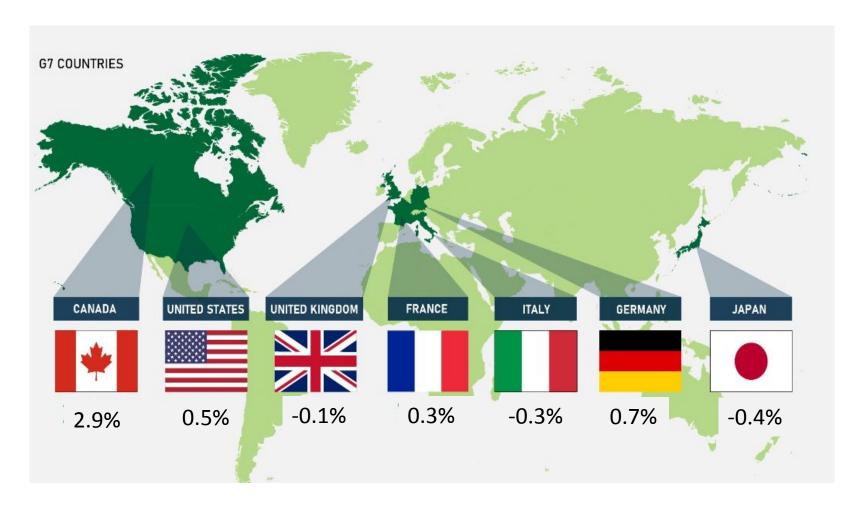


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Canada is among the top-20 countries with highest population growth

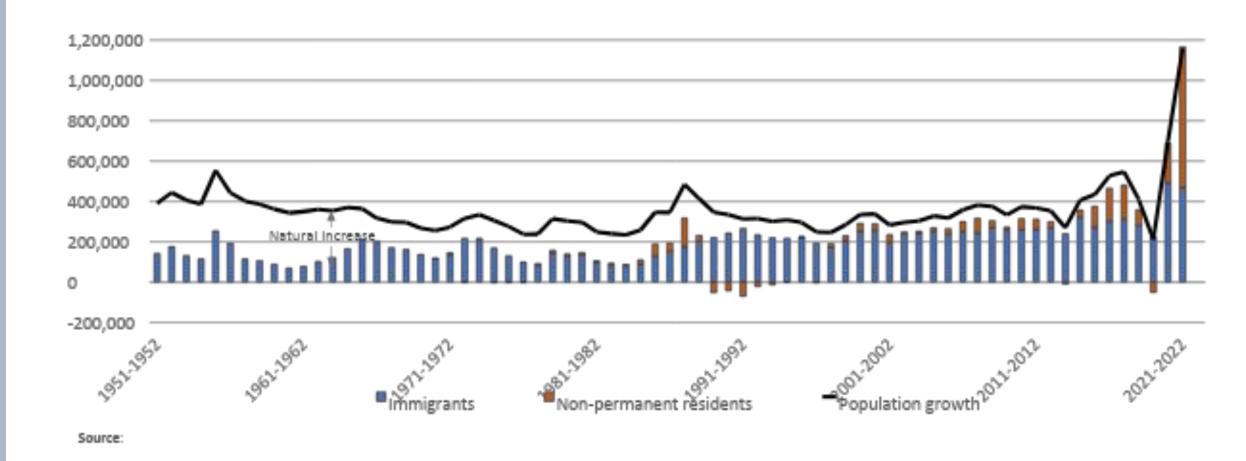


World #1:



Nigeria: 3.7%

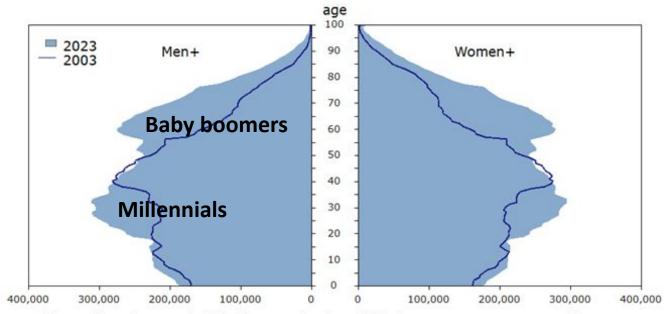
98% of Canada's population growth is now coming either from permanent or temporary immigration







Millennials now outnumber baby boomers



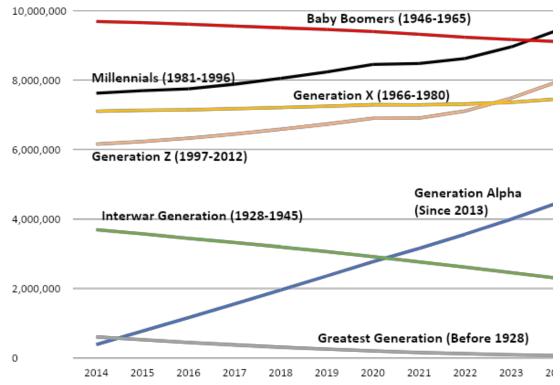
Note(s): Gender refers to an individual's personal and social identity as a man, woman or non-binary person (a person who is not exclusively a man or a woman). The gender category "**Men+**" includes men (and/or boys), as well as some non-binary persons. The gender category "**Women+**" includes women (and/or girls), as well as some non-binary persons.

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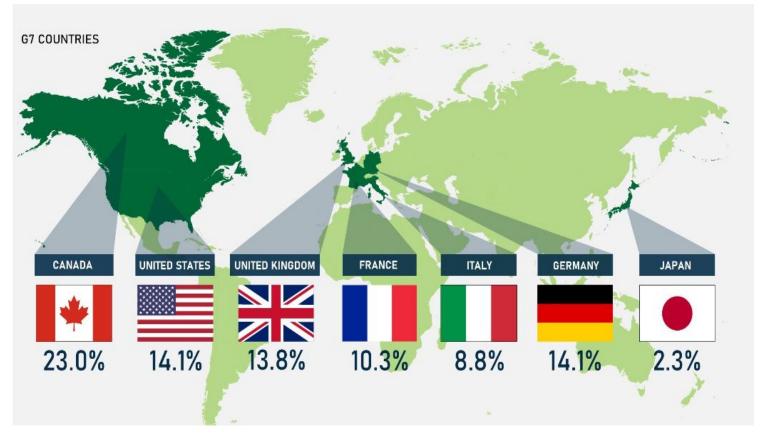
Source(s): Table 17-10-0005-01.

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Source: Statistics Canada, Demographic Estimates Program

Highest proportion of foreign-born population among G7 countries



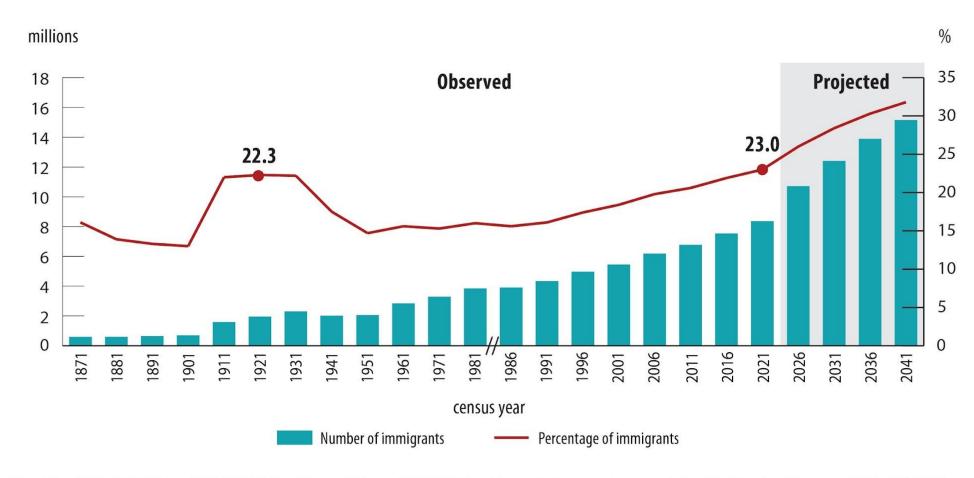
Notes: For Japan, data on foreign citizens was used.

Sources: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2021; Statistics Bureau of Japan, Monthly report, 2022; Italian Statistics, Permanent Census of Population and housing, 2021; Institut national de la statistique et des études économiques, Estimations de population, 2020; Federal Statistical Office of Germany, Central Register of Foreigners, 2020. Office for National Statistics, Annual Population Survey (APS); 2020; U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2019.





In less than 20 years (2041), one in three Canadians could be foreign-born



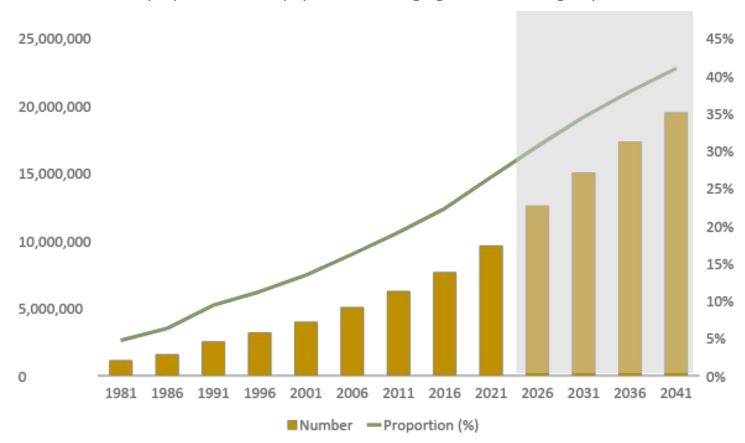
Source(s): Census of Population, 1871 to 2006, 2016 and 2021 (3901); National Household Survey, 2011 (5178); *Population projections on immigration and diversity for Canada and its regions*, 2016 to 2041 (5126); The presented data are based on the reference scenario.

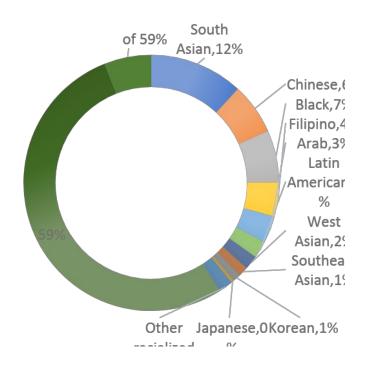




By 2041, more than 2 in 5 Canadians could be part of a racialized group

Number and proportion of the population belonging to a racialized group in Canada





Sources: Recensements de la population et Projections démographiques pour le Canada et ses régions sur les thèmes de l'immigration et de la diversité (scénario de référence).









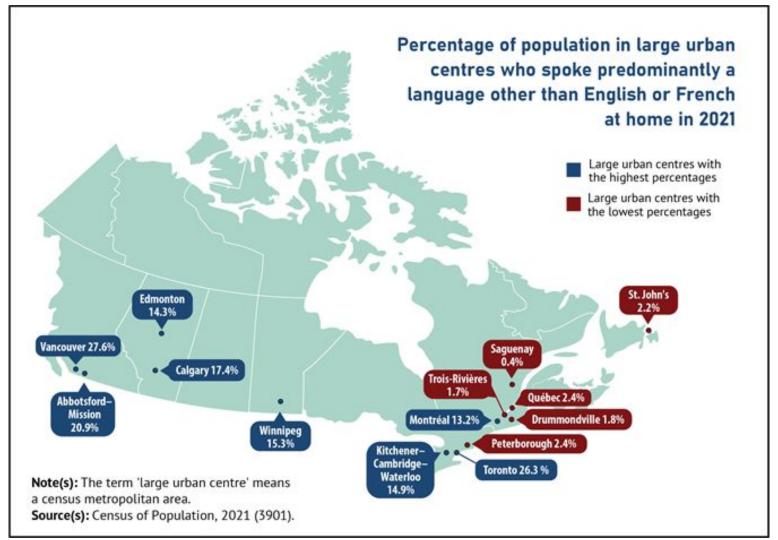
The population of non-permanent residents in Canada now surpass that of Indigenous people







Increasing diversity of languages, other than English or French, spoken at home







Western Canada's outlook

Western provinces are in an envious position on some fronts:

- Growing above national average,
- Destination of choice for international migrants,
- Attractive to internal movers,
- More affordable housing in Alberta,
- Completion of the Trans Mountain pipeline expected to open markets for Canadian oil.

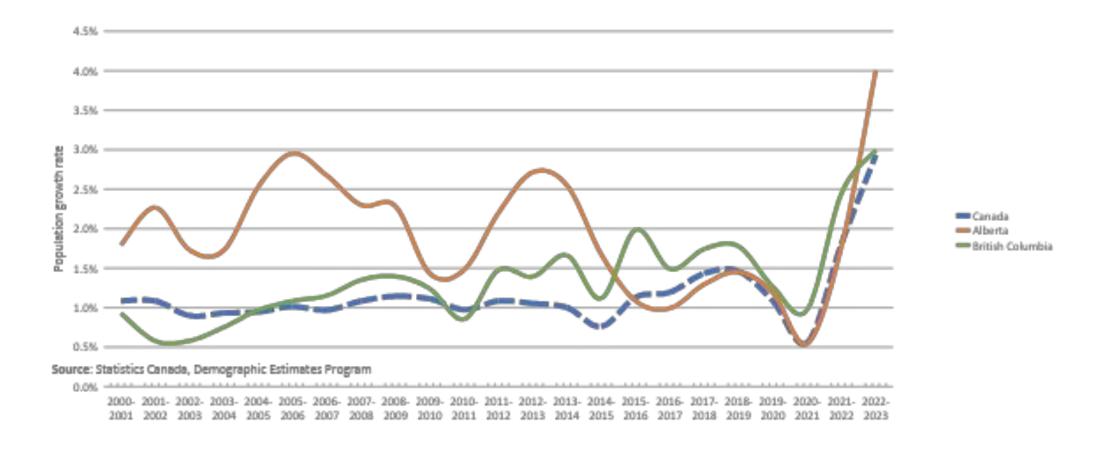
But are facing challenges on others:

- Boom-and-bust cycles in Alberta's economic activity,
- Older population and lower fertility in British Columbia,
- Unaffordable housing in British Columbia,
- Canadian Government planning to cap the number of non-permanent residents,
- Growing impacts of natural disasters caused by climate change (e.g. forest fires)





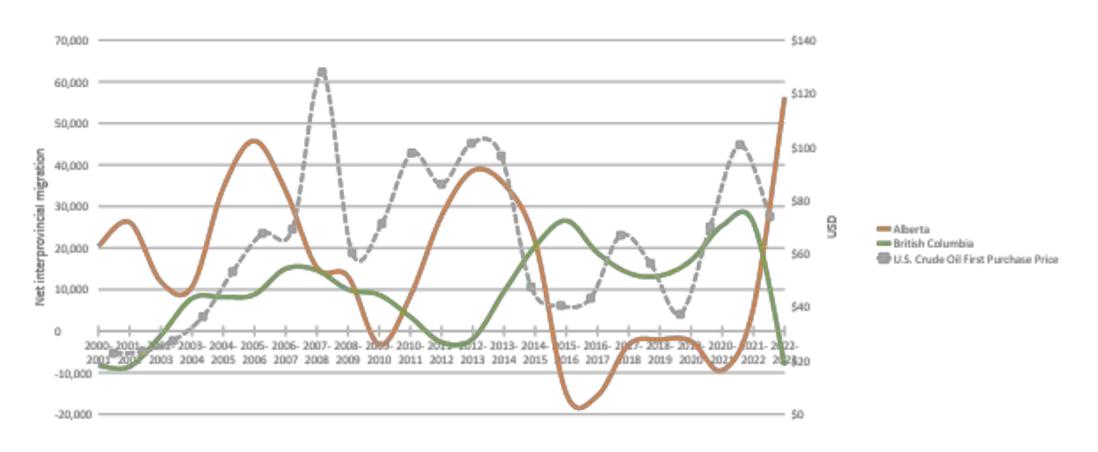
Western Canada's population growth







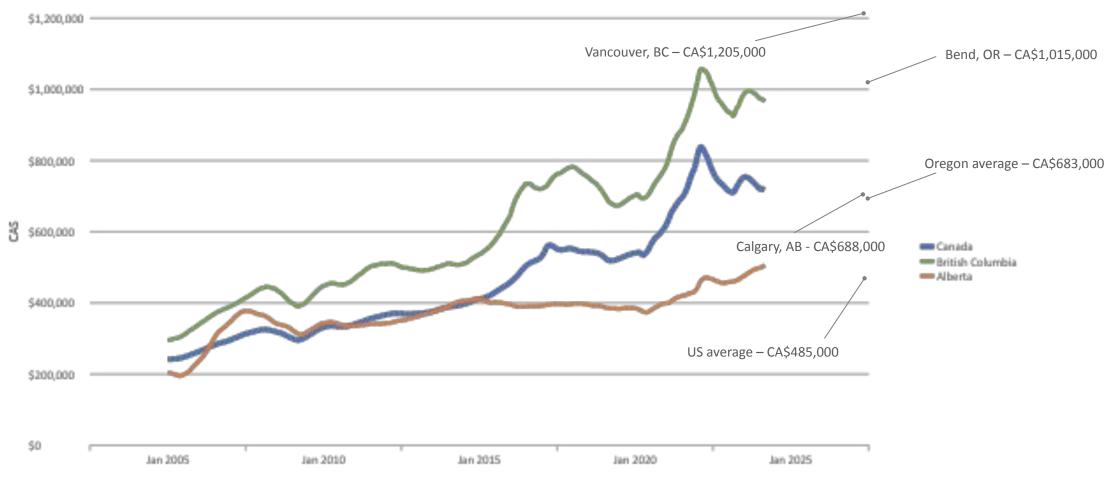
Closely tied migratory dynamics between Alberta and British Columbia



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Home prices in British Columbia almost double those of Alberta

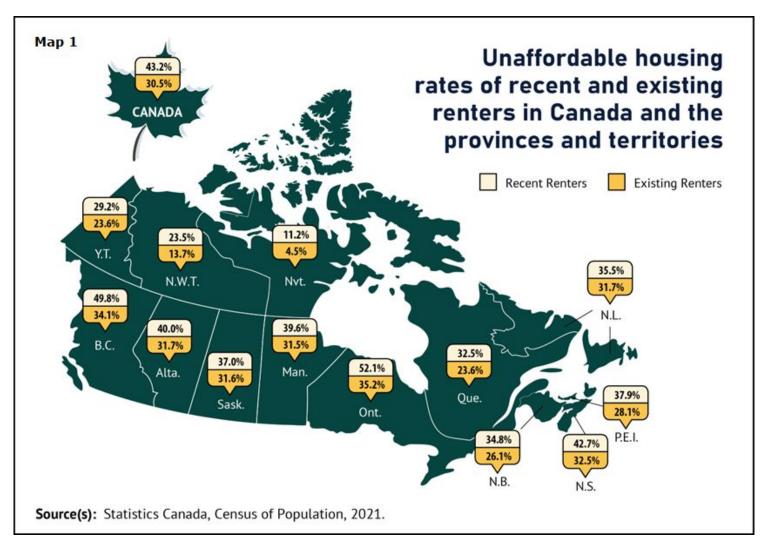


Sources: Canadian Real Estate Association; Zillow





Affordability deteriorating for renters across Canada, Ontario and British Columbia being the least affordable







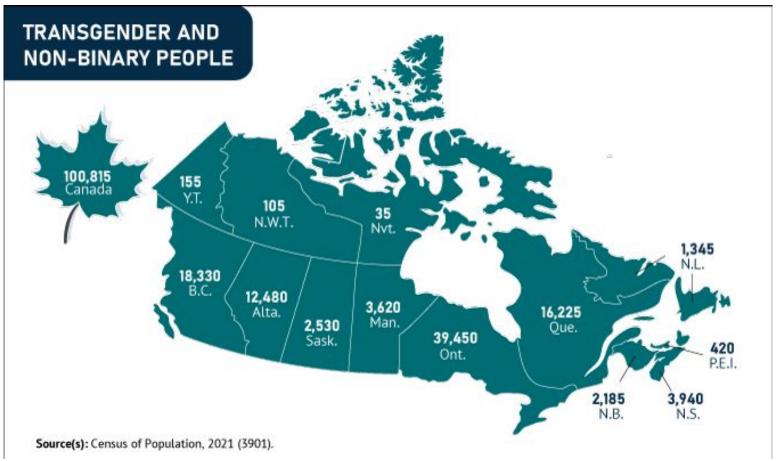
Changing demographics, increasing diversity, and significant regional differences

- Canada's population growth has accelerated in recent years due to international migration
- As a result, Canada is becoming more diverse, especially in urban areas
- The rapid growth is showing signs of improving labour shortages, but is putting upward pressure on housing cost
- Impact of upcoming policy changes regarding NPRs, beyond reduced population growth, are not fully understood
- Alberta is particularly well positioned with more affordable housing and improving economic outlooks
- British Columbia is facing significant affordability challenges, but remains an attractive destination for international migrants





Canada is the first country to provide census data on transgender and non-binary people



Note: Total number of transgender and non-binary people aged 15 and older living in a private household in 2021





Thank you! For more information:

Canadian demographics

- Population and Demography web portal on Statistics Canada's web site
- 2021 Census
- **Demographic estimates**
- **Population projections**

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- **Statistics Canada Website**
- The Daily (released at 8:30 am every weekday)
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