

# IMMIGRATION MATTERS



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## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2010

### Canada remains popular!

When Gallup completed an international poll in late 2009, 16% of the world's population (700,000,000 people) indicated that they would move to another country on a permanent basis, if allowed. The top choices were the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and France. Approximately 45 million picked Canada as their first choice for immigration. Despite the recession, interest in immigration to Canada remained strong throughout 2009. If all

those who wished to immigrate to Canada did so, our population would increase to over 80 million.

Canada does not plan to deviate from the approximate 250,000 permanent residents and over 200,000 temporary foreign workers and international students that it accepts on an annual basis. Immigration numbers planned for 2010 are as follows:

Immigrant Category	2010 Ranges	
	Low	High
<b>ECONOMIC CLASS</b>		
Federal Selected	89,000	95,200
<i>Federal Skilled Workers</i>		75%
<i>Federal Business</i>		10%
<i>Canadian Experience Class</i>		3%
<i>Live-in Caregivers</i>		12%
Quebec-Selected Skilled Workers *	28,400	29,500
Quebec Business *	1,900	2,100
Provincial and Territorial Nominees	37,000	40,000
<b>Total Economic Class</b>	<b>156,300</b>	<b>166,800</b>
<b>FAMILY CLASS</b>		
Spouses, Partners and Children	42,000	45,000
Parents and Grandparents	15,000	18,000
<b>Total Family Class</b>	<b>57,000</b>	<b>63,000</b>
<b>PROTECTED PERSONS</b>		
Government-Assisted Refugees	7,300	8,000
Privately Sponsored Refugees	3,300	6,000
Protected Persons in Canada and Dependants Abroad	9,000	12,000
<b>Total Protected Persons</b>	<b>19,600</b>	<b>26,000</b>
<b>OTHERS</b>		
Humanitarian and Compassionate/Public Policy	7,000	9,000
Permit Holders	100	200
<b>Total Others</b>	<b>7,100</b>	<b>9,200</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>240,000</b>	<b>265,000</b>

With regards to source countries, the full numbers are now available for 2008 and the foreign nationals admitted as permanent residents during that full year were as follows:

Country	Number	Percentage	Rank
China, People's Republic of	29,336	11.87	1
India	24,549	9.93	2
Philippines	23,724	9.60	3
United States	11,216	4.54	4
United Kingdom	9,243	3.74	5
Pakistan	8,052	3.26	6
Korea, Republic of	7,245	2.93	7
France	6,384	2.58	8
Iran	6,010	2.43	9
Colombia	4,995	2.02	10
<b>Total - Top Ten</b>	<b>130,754</b>	<b>52.90</b>	
<b>All Other Source Countries</b>	<b>116,489</b>	<b>47.10</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>247,243</b>	<b>100</b>	

With regards to temporary residents, the total number of temporary foreign workers and foreign students in 2008 were as follows:

Category	Number Admitted in 2008
Temporary Foreign Workers	192,519
International Students	79,509
<b>Total</b>	<b>272,028</b>

The focus of the 2010 plan is specifically on economic immigration. The admissions for provincial and territorial nominees will be increased to accommodate growth of the Provincial Nominee programs. Refocusing its categories will allow the Immigration department to reduce the backlog of skilled worker applications which had built up to about 1 million applications in 2008. Admission ranges in the family class are expected to

be lower in 2010 due to lower number of sponsorship applications being submitted in the spouses and dependants category. However, the Government of Canada is increasing the admission range for government-assisted and privately-sponsored refugees in anticipation of a full complement of members at the Immigration Refugee Board.



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