

Canadian Century Research Infrastructure Project

YEAR_OF_IMMIGRATION

Definition: Refers to the year of immigration to Canada for those persons born outside of Canada, and to the year of re-entry for those Canadian-born persons previously domiciled in a foreign country.

Source: Census Question

The table below indicates, for each census year, the numbers of the census questions corresponding to this variable. Click on the question number of the chosen schedule to view more details.

Census Years	Schedule 1a	Schedule 1b	Schedule 1c	Schedule 2	Schedule 2a
1911	12				
1921	18	18			
1931	18	18			
1941					
1951					

Census Guide, 1911

A. Census Question	Year of immigration to Canada, if an immigrant.
B. Question Number	12 on Schedule 1.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	YEAR_OF_IMMIGRATION
D. Reference Point	Exact Year
E. Total Target Population	1,566,446
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each person born returned as having been born outside of Canada (in Column 11).
H. Enumerators' Instructions	98. Year of immigration to Canada. This question, in column 12; applies to all persons, irrespective of age or sex, who were born outside of Canada, and also to Canadian born persons who had formerly become domiciled in a foreign country but have returned to their native soil. For those of foreign birth the year of their first entry into Canada should be given, and for those of Canadian birth the year of their returning home to remain permanently should be given.
I. Remarks	

Census Guide, 1921

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18. Year of immigration to Canada

A. Census Question	Year of immigration to Canada
B. Question Number	Column 18 of Forms 1A and 1B.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	YEAR_OF_IMMIGRATION
D. Reference Point	For those of foreign birth the year of their first entry into Canada should be given, and for those of Canadian birth the year of their returning home to remain permanently should be given.
E. Total Target Population	8 788 483
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	All persons, irrespective of age or sex, who were born outside of Canada, and also Canadian-born persons who had formerly become domiciled in a foreign country but have returned to their native soil.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	91. This question, in column 18, applies to all persons, irrespective of age or sex, who were born outside of Canada, and also to Canadian-born persons who had formerly become domiciled in a foreign country but have returned to their native soil. For those of foreign birth the year of their first entry into Canada should be given, and for those of Canadian birth the year of their returning home to remain permanently should be given (See " <i>Specimen Schedule</i> ," lines 6 to 9 and 12 to 20.)
I. Remarks	

Census Guide, 1931

A. Census Question	Year of immigration to Canada.
B. Question Number	18 on schedules 1A and 1B.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	YEAR_OF_IMMIGRATION
D. Reference Point	As of census day, June 1, 1931.
E. Total Target Population	2,317,497
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each person born outside of Canada (as indicated in Column 15).
H. Enumerators' Instructions	113. The facts regarding immigration, nationality, and racial origin of the people of a country are closely related. Therefore, any analysis of the movement of population, its composition and structure require that the information under these headings shall be gathered with the greatest care and the instruction which follow not only studied

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	<p>carefully, but followed implicitly. The information is of special value in a study of the foreign born population, its habitat, its tendency to assume Canadian citizenship, etc. It is also essential in dealing with questions relating to education, occupation and unemployment that these basic facts should be carefully ascertained.</p> <p>114. Immigration. Information concerning the immigrant population at the date of the census is required under two headings (1) "The year of Immigration to Canada" and (2) "The year of Naturalization." Both of these questions are necessary to give a picture of the extent to which Canada is absorbing into its citizenship the immigrant population of alien nationality.</p> <p>115. Column 18: Year of Immigration to Canada. This inquiry applies to all persons irrespective of age or sex who were born outside of Canada. It also applies to Canadian born persons who had either through their own action or that of their parents become residents of a foreign country, but who have now returned to their native soil. For immigrants not of Canadian birth the year of their first entry into Canada should be given and for those born in Canada the year of their returning home to remain permanently should be given.</p>
I. Remarks	

Codes:

99999001 "Blank"
99999002 "Damaged"
99999003 "Illegible"
99999004 "In Error"
99999005 "Suspicious"
99999006 "Missing -- Mandatory Field"
99999007 "Not Applicable"
99999008 "Not Mapped"
99999009 "Correction"
99999010 "Suggestion"
99999011 "Unknown - Suggestion"
99999012 "Multiple Response - Suggestion"
99999901 "None"
99999902 "Not Given"

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99999903 "Unknown"

99999904 "Invalid Value"

99999999 "Uncodable"

Remarks: "Domiciled" Canadian-born persons in foreign countries were considered those residing in another country for more than one year.