

## HIO FACT SHEET

# Ottawa Attracts Skilled Immigrants

Over the next 10 years, Ottawa is projected to receive between 60,000 and 70,000 immigrants.<sup>1</sup> These immigrants will come from a variety of countries around the globe, and will represent an incredibly rich and diverse set of cultures, languages, skills and experiences. They will constitute an impressive pool of new and diverse talent. Among newcomers who are of working age, eight in 10 will have completed some form of post-secondary education — a university degree, a college diploma or a skilled trades certificate.

Ottawa's employers derive great benefit from having one of the most skilled workforces in the country. Statistics Canada's 2011 National Household Survey shows that of Canada's 33 largest metropolitan areas, Ottawa ranks first in terms of the percentage of the employed population with a university degree. Like other large cities in Canada, immigrants coming to Ottawa make a significant contribution to net labour force growth.

### Immigrant Landings 2003-2012, Ontario's 5 Largest Cities

	immigrant landings 2003 to 2012	as % of all immigrants going to Ontario
Toronto	913,606	79.0%
Ottawa	63,031	5.4%
Hamilton	39,041	3.4%
London	24,920	2.2%
Kitchener-Waterloo	28,514	2.5%
<b>Ontario total</b>	<b>1,157,012</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada

### Quick Facts

- Ottawa has received about 60,000 immigrants in the past 10 years.
- Ottawa receives about 3,000 immigrants with post-secondary credentials each year. One-thousand have graduate-level university degrees.
- Immigrants make up 27% of Ottawa's labour force with post-secondary education, 37% of Ottawa's labour force with a Master's degree, and 57% of Ottawa's labour force with an earned Doctorate.
- Immigrants represented 51% of Ottawa's net labour force growth between 2001 and 2011.

### DID YOU KNOW?

HIO helps employers connect with skilled immigrants through sector-based *coaching and networking events*, and referrals to community partners.

HIO delivers *cross-cultural competency workshops* to equip employers, HR professionals, and people managers with the practical skills and tools needed to prepare workplaces for a culturally diverse employee base.

Find out how we can help:  
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<sup>1</sup> Projection by Hire Immigrants Ottawa based on current immigration settlement patterns.  
 \* Unless otherwise cited, all statistics shown are derived from Statistics Canada data.