

The Visible Minority Population in Mississauga, 2001 to 2006

CITY OF MISSISSAUGA	2001		2006		Rate of Change 2001 to 2006	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Population	610,815	100.0	665,655	100.0	54,840	9.0
Non-Visible Minority Population	364,490	59.7	339,230	51.0	-25,260	-6.9
Visible Minority Population ¹	246,325	40.3	326,425	49.0	80,100	32.5
South Asian ²	91,150	14.9	134,750	20.2	43,600	47.8
Chinese	35,955	5.9	46,120	6.9	10,165	28.3
Black	37,850	6.2	41,365	6.2	3,515	9.3
Filipino	24,615	4.0	30,705	4.6	6,090	24.7
Arab	11,415	1.9	16,785	2.5	5,370	47.0
Southeast Asian ³	10,015	1.6	14,160	2.1	4,145	41.4
Latin American	9,265	1.5	12,410	1.9	3,145	33.9
Korean	5,175	0.8	6,865	1.0	1,690	32.7
West Asian ⁴	4,200	0.7	6,015	0.9	1,815	43.2
Japanese	1,980	0.3	2,425	0.4	445	22.5
Visible Minority n.i.e. ⁵	9,950	1.6	5,715	0.9	-4,235	-42.6
Multiple Visible Minority	4,755	0.8	9,100	1.4	4,345	91.4

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada, 2001; 2006.

Note: All percentages are calculated using total population as the denominator.

Highlights:

- In 2006, there were 326,425 visible minority persons living in Mississauga (compared to 246,325 in 2001).
- In 2006, 49.0% of Mississauga's population was comprised of visible minorities (compared to 40.3% in 2001).
- The number of visible minorities in Mississauga increased by 32.5% between 2001 and 2006.
- In 2006, the three largest groups of visible minorities in Mississauga were South Asians (134,750), Chinese (46,120), and Blacks (41,365).
- From 2001 to 2006, the three fastest growing visible minority groups in Mississauga were South Asians (47.8%), Arabs (47.0%) and West Asians (43.2%).

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1. The Employment Equity Act defines Visible Minorities as 'persons, other than Aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour.'
 2. South Asian: for example, East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.
 3. Southeast Asian: for example, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Malaysian, Laotian, etc.
 4. West Asian: for example, Iranian, Afghan, etc.
 5. n.i.e. means not included elsewhere and includes respondents who reported a write-in response such as Guyanese, West Indian, Kurd, Tibetan, Polynesian, Pacific Islander, etc.