

The Visible Minority Population in Peel, 2001 to 2006

| REGION OF PEEL | 2001 | | 2006 | | Rate of Change 2001 to 2006 | |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| | # | % | # | % | # | % |
| Total Population | 985,565 | 100.0 | 1,154,070 | 100.0 | 168,505 | 17.1 |
| Non-Visible Minority Population | 606,460 | 61.5 | 577,400 | 50.03 | -29,060 | -4.8 |
| Visible Minority Population ¹ | 379,105 | 38.5 | 576,665 | 49.97 | 197,560 | 52.1 |
| South Asian ² | 155,050 | 15.7 | 272,760 | 23.6 | 117,710 | 75.9 |
| Black | 70,695 | 7.2 | 95,565 | 8.3 | 24,870 | 35.2 |
| Chinese | 41,605 | 4.2 | 54,285 | 4.7 | 12,680 | 30.5 |
| Filipino | 31,625 | 3.2 | 42,900 | 3.7 | 11,275 | 35.7 |
| Latin American | 14,665 | 1.5 | 21,440 | 1.9 | 6,775 | 46.2 |
| Southeast Asian ³ | 13,055 | 1.3 | 20,470 | 1.8 | 7,415 | 56.8 |
| Arab | 13,340 | 1.4 | 19,510 | 1.7 | 6,170 | 46.3 |
| West Asian ⁴ | 5,465 | 0.6 | 8,935 | 0.8 | 3,470 | 63.5 |
| Korean | 5,835 | 0.6 | 7,515 | 0.7 | 1,680 | 28.8 |
| Japanese | 2,620 | 0.3 | 3,070 | 0.3 | 450 | 17.2 |
| Visible Minority n.i.e. ⁵ | 18,260 | 1.9 | 14,800 | 1.3 | -3,460 | -18.9 |
| Multiple Visible Minority | 6,905 | 0.7 | 15,400 | 1.3 | 8,495 | 123.0 |

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

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

Highlights:

- In 2006, there were 576,665 visible minority persons living in Peel (compared to 379,105 in 2001).
- In 2006, 49.97% of Peel's population was comprised of visible minorities (compared to 38.5% in 2001).
- The number of visible minorities in Peel increased by 52.1% between 2001 and 2006.
- In 2006, the three largest groups of visible minorities in Peel were South Asians (272,760), Blacks (95,565), and Chinese (54,285).
- From 2001 to 2006, the three fastest growing visible minority groups in Peel were the South Asians (75.9%), West Asians (63.5%) and Southeast Asians (56.8%).

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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.