

By the numbers

ASIAN HISTORY MONTH

Population

According to the 2021 Census of Population, **7,013,835 people** in Canada have Asian origins, representing

19.3%
of Canada's population.

Mother tongue

In 2021, the top four most reported mother tongues, after English and French, were **Punjabi** (Panjabi), **Mandarin**, **Arabic** and **Yue** (Cantonese).

Employment

In 2021, **the highest employment rates among Asian Canadians** were seen...

among **Filipino people** **70.1%**

among **South Asian people** **62.3%**

among **Southeast Asian people** **56.7%**

Immigration

For decades, Asia (including the Middle East) has accounted for the largest share of recent immigrants in Canada. This proportion has grown, with Asian-born immigrants making up a record

62.0% of recent immigrants admitted from 2016 to 2021.

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2021.