



BC PNP Statistical Report 2016

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Application Intake

In 2016, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) received 5,363 applications: 5,282 Skills Immigration (SI) applications (98.5 per cent) and 81 Entrepreneur Immigration¹ (EI) applications (1.5 per cent).

This compares to 2015², when the program received 3,753 applications: 3,575 SI applications (95.3 per cent), and 178 EI applications (4.7 per cent).

Highlights

The category breakdown is in Table 1. Express Entry BC (EEBC) application intake accounted for 45.1 per cent of applications received in 2016, an increase from 34.9 per cent in 2015.

Skills Immigration	2016	2015
International Graduate	908	525
Entry Level and Semi-Skilled	712	491
International Post-Graduate	570	85
Skilled Worker	536	964
Health Care Professional	126	133
Northeast Pilot Project (NEPP)	14	69
EEBC - International Graduate	1,234	456
EEBC - Skilled Worker	918	766
EEBC - International Post-Graduate	252	65
EEBC - Healthcare Professional	12	21
SI Total	5,282	3,575
Entrepreneur Immigration	2016	2015
Entrepreneur (Principal Applicant)	80	165
Key Staff	1	13
EI Total	81	178
	2016	2015
BC PNP Applications Received Total	5,363	3,753

The Skilled Worker and EEBC – Skilled Worker categories, combined, accounted for 27.1 per cent of applications received in 2016. This compares to 46.1 per cent in 2015. International Graduate and EEBC – International Graduate categories, combined, increased to 39.9 per cent in 2016 from 27.4 per cent in 2015.



¹ Strategic Projects and Key Staff are included in Entrepreneur Immigration

² The BC PNP was closed to various categories during multiple periods between April 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015, due to oversupply and new application system implementation

Registration Intake

Skills Immigration

Registration is required for all SI categories, except Healthcare Professional, EEBC – Healthcare Professional, International Post-Graduate and EEBC – International Post-Graduate. There is no fee for SI registrations, and once registered, it is immediately placed in the SI pool of registrants, from which invitations to apply are issued.

Table 2: SI Registration Intake	
Skills Immigration	2016
Skilled Worker	2,412
International Graduate	3,395
Entry Level and Semi-Skilled / NEPP	1,958
EEBC - Skilled Worker	2,471
EEBC - International Graduate	2,745
SI Registrations Received Total	12,981

Highlights

In 2016, SI received nearly 13,000 registrations. The International Graduate and EEBC – International Graduate categories accounted for 47.2 per cent of registrations received.

2016 is the only full year with registration intake.

Entrepreneur Immigration

Registration is required for EI categories and there is a \$300 fee. After the registration is received, it is assessed to determine if it qualifies for entry into the EI pool of registrants, from which invitations to apply are issued.

In 2016, EI received 503 registrations. Of these, 383 were qualified registrations.

Table 3: EI Registration Intake	
Entrepreneur Immigration	2016
Qualified registrations	383
Disqualified registrations	120
EI Registrations Received Total	503

Nominations

The BC PNP was initially allocated 5,800 nominations from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) for the calendar year 2016. Late in 2016, a re-allocation of available nominations allowed the BC PNP to nominate 6,004 workers and business owners.

Highlights

In 2016, 46.7 per cent of nominations were from EEBC categories. This is similar to the proportion of EEBC nominations in 2015 (48.8 per cent).

The proportion of Skilled Worker and EEBC – Skilled Worker categories combined was 33.8 per cent in 2016, from 44.6 per cent in 2015.

There was a substantial increase in nominations from the International Graduate and EEBC – International Graduate categories (increased to 37.9 per cent in 2016 from 26.1 per cent in 2015).

Skills Immigration	2016	2015
International Graduate	1,238	781
Skilled Worker	1,232	1,754
Entry Level and Semi-Skilled / NEPP	756	1,180
International Post-Graduate	513	226
Healthcare Professional	132	121
EEBC - International Student	1,036	731
EEBC - Skilled Worker	799	831
EEBC - International Post-Graduate	209	64
EEBC - Healthcare Professional	6	23
SI Total	5,921	5,711
Entrepreneur Immigration	2016	2015
Entrepreneur (Principal Applicant)	73	78
Key Staff	10	13
EI Total	83	91
	2016	2015
BC PNP Nominations Total	6,004	5,802

Entrepreneur Immigration Work Permits

Applications to EI require an additional step prior to nomination. Provided criteria are met, EI applicants receive a work permit supported by the BC PNP to manage the business being established or bought in B.C.

In 2016, EI approved 113 work permits. This compares to 84 in 2015, a 34.5 per cent increase.

Entrepreneur Immigration	2016	2015
Work Permits Approved	113	84



Top Source Countries

The nominee's country of citizenship is used to determine source country. Table 6 presents the top 10 source countries for SI nominations, and Table 4 shows the top 5 source countries for EI nominations².

SI nominations

Largely, the top countries for SI nominations stayed the same from 2015 to 2016. In 2015, Japan and Jamaica were in the top 10 source countries (with 3 per cent and 1 per cent of SI nominations, respectively). These two countries were replaced with Iran and Brazil in 2016.

Country	2016	2015
India	32%	27%
China	22%	15%
Philippines	4%	10%
Korea	4%	8%
United Kingdom	3%	5%
United States	3%	3%
Australia	2%	2%
Iran	2%	1%
Brazil	2%	1%
Ireland	2%	4%
Other countries	23%	24%

EI nominations

China continued to be the top source country for EI nominations. In 2016, the top 5 source countries accounted for 84 per cent of EI nominations, where the top 5 in 2015 accounted for 75 per cent.

In 2015, the United Kingdom represented 7 per cent of EI nominations, along with the Netherlands (3 per cent), India and Italy (each with 2 per cent). These were replaced by South Africa, Germany and Vietnam in 2016.

Country	2016	2015
China	76%	71%
South Africa	2%	0%
Iran	2%	4%
Germany	2%	0%
Vietnam	2%	0%
Other countries	16%	25%

² The Top 5 Source Countries is used for EI because of small numbers when compared to SI

Top Occupations – Skills Immigration

The top 10 occupations for SI nominations³ in 2016 showed a change in nomination composition. Previously, cooks and food counter attendants accounted for 23 per cent of nominations in 2015, but in 2016 this reduced to 10 per cent.

Occupation	2016	2015
7511 - Transport truck drivers	7%	3%
0621 - Retail and wholesale trade managers	6%	2%
6311 - Food service supervisors	6%	8%
6322 - Cooks	6%	10%
0631 - Restaurant and food service managers	4%	2%
6711 - Food counter attendants, kitchen helpers and related support occupations	4%	13%
1241 - Administrative assistants	4%	4%
6211 - Retail sales supervisors	3%	4%
1123 - Professional occupations in advertising, marketing and public relations	3%	1%
2174 - Computer programmers and interactive media developers	3%	1%

Highlights

Transport truck drivers became the top occupation in 2016. Increases were also seen in managerial and supervisory positions in food service.

There was a marked shift towards technology jobs in 2016, with a jump to 17 per cent of SI nominations 2016 from 10 per cent in 2015.

Occupation Type	2016	2015
Tech occupations	17%	10%
Non-Tech occupations	83%	90%

These tech jobs include engineering, technology and related sales and support occupations, and were industry-identified.



³ IPG, EEBC-IPG have been excluded.

Regional Distribution

SI nominees

The city of intended residence (or residential address) is used to determine the SI regional distribution, with the top 5 regional districts shown in table 10.

Greater Vancouver continues to be the primary destination for SI nominees.

Regional District	2016	2015
Greater Vancouver	69%	66%
Capital	4%	4%
Fraser Valley	4%	4%
Peace River	3%	5%
Squamish-Lillooet	3%	3%
Other Regions	17%	18%

EI nominees

For EI nominees, the business location is used for determining the regional district.

The Nanaimo and Fraser Valley regional districts saw increases in EI nominees in 2016, while Greater Vancouver experienced a decrease.

Regional District	2016	2015
Greater Vancouver	22%	29%
Capital	21%	23%
Nanaimo	11%	6%
Central Okanagan	8%	8%
Fraser Valley	5%	0%
Squamish-Lillooet	5%	9%
Sunshine Coast	5%	9%
Other Regions	22%	15%



Average Salary

The average salaries for SI nominees⁴ have increased across all categories from 2015 to 2016.

Category	2016	2015
EEBC - Skilled Worker	\$74,144	\$57,599
Skilled Worker	\$51,516	\$50,369
EEBC - International Graduate	\$44,318	\$36,004
Entry Level and Semi-Skilled / NEPP	\$43,269	\$29,582
International Graduate	\$36,497	\$32,669

Highlights

Significant increases were notable in the EEBC – Skilled Worker and the Entry Level and Semi-Skilled categories, with nominee wages increasing 28.7 per cent and 46.3 per cent, respectively.

The increase in transport truck drivers in the ELSS category appear to have contributed to the increased wages in that category, and the move from cooks and food service supervisors to more technical positions would drive higher EEBC – Skilled Worker wages.



⁴ For salary calculations, International Post-Graduates, EEBC – International Post-Graduates, Health Care Professionals and EEBC – Health Care Professionals have been excluded.

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