



BC PNP Statistical Report 2017

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Application Intake

In 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) received 7,307 applications: 7,201 Skills Immigration (SI) applications (98.5 per cent) and 106 Entrepreneur Immigration¹ (EI) applications (1.5 per cent). This is a 36.2 per cent increase from 2016, when the program received 5,363 applications: 5,282 SI applications (98.5 per cent) and 81 EI applications (1.5 per cent).

Highlights

The category breakdown is in Table 1. Express Entry BC (EEBC) application intake accounted for 39.1 per cent of applications received in 2017, a decrease from 45.1 per cent in 2016.

The Skilled Worker and EEBC – Skilled Worker categories, combined, accounted for 42.5 per cent of applications received in 2017. This compares to 27.1 per cent in 2016.

International Graduate and EEBC – International Graduate categories, combined, decreased marginally to 37.8 per cent in 2017 from 39.9 per cent in 2016.

	2017	2016	2015
Skills Immigration			
International Graduate	1,555	908	525
Entry Level and Semi-Skilled	726	726*	560*
International Post-Graduate	360	570	85
Skilled Worker	1,612	536	964
Health Care Professional	89	126	133
EEBC - International Graduate	1,210	1,234	456
EEBC - Skilled Worker	1,494	918	766
EEBC - International Post-Graduate	147	252	65
EEBC - Healthcare Professional	8	12	21
SI Total	7,201	5,282	3,575
Entrepreneur Immigration			
Entrepreneur (Principal Applicant)	101	80	165
Key Staff	5	1	13
EI Total	106	81	178
	2017	2016	2015
BC PNP Applications Received Total	7,307	5,363	3,753

*Includes NEPP applications



¹ Strategic Projects and Key Staff are included in Entrepreneur Immigration

Registration Intake

Skills Immigration

Registration is required for all SI categories, except Health Care Professional, EEBC – Health Care Professional, International Post-Graduate, and EEBC – International Post-Graduate. There is no fee to register. After a registration is received, it is immediately placed in the SI pool of registrants, from which invitations to apply are issued.

Highlights

In 2017, SI received 11,551 registrations. The International Graduate and EEBC – International Graduate categories accounted for 40.3 per cent of registrations received.

Skills Immigration	2017	2016
Skilled Worker	3,147	2,412
International Graduate	2,693	3,395
Entry Level and Semi-Skilled	1,187	1,958
EEBC - Skilled Worker	2,557	2,471
EEBC - International Graduate	1,967	2,745
SI Registrations Received Total	11,551	12,981

2016 was the first full year with the current registration system for Skills Immigration.

Entrepreneur Immigration

Registration is required for EI categories and there is a \$300 fee. After a 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.

Entrepreneur Immigration	2017	2016
Qualified registrations	179	383
Disqualified registrations	72	120
Withdrawals/Pending assessment	37	
EI Registrations Received Total	288	503

In 2017, 288 registrations were received, and of these, 179 were qualified (62.2 per cent). In 2016, EI received 503 registrations, with 383 qualified (56.8 per cent).



Nominations

The BC PNP was allocated 6,000 nominations from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) for 2017. The 2016 allocation was initially 5,800, but there was a year-end reallocation allowing the BC PNP to nominate up to 6,004 applicants. There was no year-end re-allocation in 2017.

IRCC sets the maximum number of EEBC nominations in a calendar year. In 2017, this maximum was 2,350 nominations, and in 2016, it was 2,050 (1,850 plus 200 re-allocated at year-end).

Highlights

In 2017, 39.1 per cent of total nominations were from EEBC categories. This is an increase to the proportion of EEBC nominations in 2016 (34.2 per cent).

The proportion of Skilled Worker and EEBC – Skilled Worker categories combined was 40.0 per cent in 2017, up from 33.9 per cent in 2016.

Skills Immigration	2017	2016	2015
International Graduate	1,334	1,238	781
Skilled Worker	1,218	1,232	1,754
Entry Level and Semi-Skilled	600	756	1,180
International Post-Graduate	337	513	226
Healthcare Professional	92	132	121
EEBC - International Graduate	1,038	1,036	731
EEBC - Skilled Worker	1,181	799	831
EEBC - International Post-Graduate	126	209	64
EEBC - Healthcare Professional	5	6	23
SI Total	5,931	5,921	5,711
Entrepreneur Immigration	2017	2016	2015
Entrepreneur (Principal Applicant)	68	73	78
Key Staff	1	10	13
EI Total	69	83	91
	2017	2016	2015
BC PNP Nominations Total	6,000	6,004	5,802

There was a slight increase in nominations from the International Graduate and EEBC – International Graduate categories (39.5 per cent in 2017 from 37.9 per cent in 2016).

Entrepreneur Immigration Work Permits

EI applications 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. Applicants have approximately two years to establish their businesses before they are eligible for nomination.

Entrepreneur Immigration	2017	2016	2015
Work Permits Approved	111	113	84

In 2017, EI approved 111 work permits. This differs slightly from the 113 work permits that were approved in 2016.

Top Source Countries

A 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

The top countries for SI nominations stayed the same from 2016 to 2017. The order has changed, with the Philippines and the United States accounting for fewer nominees.

The proportion of SI nominations from outside these top ten countries continues to increase slightly, from 77 per cent in 2016 to 78 per cent in 2017.

Country	2017	2016	2015
India	32%	32%	27%
China	21%	22%	15%
Korea, South	5%	4%	8%
Australia	4%	2%	2%
United Kingdom	4%	3%	5%
Brazil	4%	2%	1%
Ireland	2%	2%	4%
United States	2%	3%	3%
Philippines	2%	4%	10%
Iran	2%	2%	1%
Other countries	22%	23%	24%

EI nominations

China continued to be the top source country for EI nominations. In 2017, the top 5 source countries accounted for 91 per cent of EI nominations, where these countries accounted for 80 per cent of nomination in 2016.

Egypt and Hong Kong were not included in the top five source countries in 2016 nor were they in the top five in 2015.

Country	2017	2016	2015
China	78%	76%	71%
Egypt	4%	0%	0%
United Kingdom	3%	1%	7%
Hong Kong	3%	0%	1%
Iran	3%	2%	4%
Other countries	9%	20%	16%

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

Top Occupations – Skills Immigration

The top ten occupations for SI nominations³ in 2017 showed a change in nomination composition. The proportion of restaurant and food service manager and administrative assistant nominations continued to grow in 2017 compared to previous years.

Four food service occupations were in the top ten (restaurant and food service managers, cooks, food service supervisors and food counter attendants, kitchen helpers and related) accounting for 18 per cent of all SI nominations in 2017. This is down from 20 per cent of SI nominations in 2016 and 35 per cent in 2015.

Occupation	2017	2016	2015
0631 - Restaurant and food service managers	7.3%	3.9%	2.1%
1241 - Administrative assistants	6.6%	3.1%	3.4%
6322 - Cooks	5.0%	6.1%	10.5%
0621 - Retail and wholesale trade managers	4.9%	6.6%	2.2%
7511 - Transport truck drivers	4.3%	6.8%	3.4%
6211 - Retail sales supervisors	3.8%	2.9%	4.0%
1221 - Administrative officers	3.3%	2.3%	2.1%
6311 - Food service supervisors	3.1%	6.2%	8.7%
1311 - Accounting technicians and bookkeepers	3.1%	2.3%	2.2%
6711 - Food counter attendants, kitchen helpers and related	2.8%	4.0%	13.7%

In 2017, administrative officers and accounting technicians and bookkeepers replaced professional occupations in advertising, marketing and public relations, and computer programmers and interactive media developers from the 2016 top ten occupations.

Highlights

The BC PNP is serving a broader range of occupations than in previous years. The top ten occupations represent 44.1 per cent of SI nominations in 2017. The top ten occupations accounted for 46 per cent in 2016 and 52 per cent in 2015.

The proportion of nominations in technology jobs in 2017 (16 per cent) was similar to 2016 (17 per cent). There was a marked shift towards technology jobs in 2016 from 2015 (10 per cent technology jobs).

Occupation Type	2017	2016	2015
Tech occupations	16%	17%	10%
Non-Tech occupations	84%	83%	90%

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

³ International Post-Graduates, EEBC – International Post-Graduates, Health Care Professionals and EEBC – Health Care Professionals 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	2017	2016	2015
Greater Vancouver	73%	69%	66%
Capital	4%	4%	4%
Squamish-Lillooet	4%	3%	3%
Fraser Valley	3%	4%	4%
Peace River	2%	3%	5%
Other Regions	14%	17%	18%

EI nominees

For EI nominees, the business location is used for determining the regional district. The Capital and Fraser Valley regional districts saw increases in EI nominees in 2017, while Greater Vancouver continued to experience a decrease.

Regional District	2017	2016	2015
Capital	30%	21%	23%
Greater Vancouver	17%	22%	29%
Fraser Valley	10%	5%	9%
Thompson-Nicola	7%	3%	3%
Comox Valley	7%	0%	1%
Other Regions	28%	49%	35%



Average Salary

The average salaries for SI nominees⁴ have increased across all categories from 2015 to 2017. The Skilled Worker and International Graduate categories saw an increase in average annual salary from 2016 to 2017, while there were decreases in the average annual salaries in the EEBC – Skilled Worker, Entry Level and Semi-Skilled, and EEBC – International Graduate categories.

Overall, salaries have increased since the implementation of the Skills Immigration Registration System.

Category	2017	2016	2015
EEBC - Skilled Worker	\$72,239	\$74,144	\$57,599
Skilled Worker	\$62,701	\$51,516	\$50,369
Entry Level and Semi-Skilled	\$40,775	\$43,269	\$29,582
EEBC - International Graduate	\$39,321	\$44,318	\$36,004
International Graduate	\$39,132	\$36,497	\$32,669

Highlights

Significant increases were notable in the Skilled Worker and the International Graduate categories, with nominee wages increasing 21.7 per cent and 7.2 per cent, respectively, from 2016 to 2017.



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