



BC PNP Statistical Report 2018

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Registration Intake

Skills Immigration

Registration is required for all BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) Skills Immigration (SI) categories, except Healthcare Professional, EEBC – Healthcare 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 pool of registrants, from which invitations to apply are issued.

2016 was the first full year with the current registration system.

Skills Immigration	2018	2017	2016
Skilled Worker	4,455	3,147	2,412
International Graduate	2,013	2,693	3,395
Entry Level and Semi-Skilled	1,791	1,187	1,958
EEBC - Skilled Worker	4,230	2,557	2,471
EEBC - International Graduate	2,676	1,967	2,745
SI Registrations Received Total	15,165	11,551	12,981

In 2018, SI received 15,165 registrations, a 31.3 per cent increase over registrations received in 2017. The International Graduate and EEBC – International Graduate categories accounted for 30.9 per cent of registrations received.

Entrepreneur Immigration

Registration is required for Entrepreneur Immigration (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	2018	2017	2016
Qualified registrations	196	211	383
Disqualified registrations	105	77	120
Withdrawn	61		
EI Registrations Received Total	362	288	503

In 2018, 362 EI registrations were received, and of these, 196 were qualified (54.1 per cent). In 2017, 288 EI registrations were received, with 211 qualified (73.2 per cent).



Application Intake

In 2018, the BC PNP received 7,507 applications: 7,412 SI applications (98.7 per cent) and 95 EI applications (1.3 per cent). This is a 2.7 per cent increase from 2017, when the program received 7,307 applications, and a 40 per cent increase from 2016 (5,363 applications received).

The category breakdown is in Table 1. Express Entry BC (EEBC) application intake accounted for 46.6 per cent of applications received in 2018, an increase from 39.1 per cent in 2017.

The Skilled Worker and EEBC – Skilled Worker categories, combined, accounted for 57.9 per cent of applications received in 2018. This compares to 42.5 per cent in 2017.

International Graduate and EEBC – International Graduate categories, combined, decreased to 21.0 per cent in 2018 from 37.8 per cent in 2017.

Skills Immigration	2018	2017	2016
Skilled Worker	2,025	1,612	536
Entry Level and Semi-Skilled	794	726	726*
International Graduate	611	1,555	908
International Post-Graduate	388	360	570
Healthcare Professional	95	89	126
EEBC - Skilled Worker	2,321	1,494	918
EEBC - International Graduate	965	1,210	1,234
EEBC - International Post-Graduate	197	147	252
EEBC - Healthcare Professional	16	8	12
SI Total	7,412	7,201	5,282
Entrepreneur Immigration	2018	2017	2016
Entrepreneur (Principal Applicant)	92	101	80
Key Staff	3	5	1
EI Total	95	106	81
	2018	2017	2016
BC PNP Applications Received Total	7,507	7,307	5,363

* Includes North East Pilot Project applications

Nominations

The BC PNP was initially allocated 6,250 nominations from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) for 2018. At year-end, there was a re-allocation of nominees across the provinces allowing the BC PNP to nominate an additional 250 applications, raising the total allocation for the year to 6,500. In 2017, 6,000 nominations were allocated to B.C., and there was no year-end re-allocation.

Skills Immigration	2018	2017	2016
Skilled Worker	1,607	1,218	1,232
International Graduate	636	1,334	1,238
Entry Level and Semi-Skilled	633	600	756
International Post-Graduate	371	337	513
Healthcare Professional	92	92	132
EEBC - Skilled Worker	1,987	1,181	799
EEBC - International Graduate	936	1,038	1,036
EEBC - International Post-Graduate	165	126	209
EEBC - Healthcare Professional	12	5	6
SI Total	6,439	5,931	5,921
Entrepreneur Immigration	2018	2017	2016
Entrepreneur (Principal Applicant)	58	65	73
Key Staff	3	4	10
EI Total	61	69	83
	2018	2017	2016
BC PNP Nominations Total	6,500	6,000	6,004

The proportion of Skilled Worker and EEBC – Skilled Worker categories combined was 55.3 per cent in 2018, up from 40.0 per cent in 2017 and 33.9 per cent in 2016.

Student categories (International Graduate, International Post-Graduate, EEBC – International Graduate and EEBC – International Post-Graduate) accounted for 32.4 per cent of nominations in 2018, down from 47.3 per cent in 2017 and 49.9 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.

In 2018, EI approved 73 work permits, compared to approving 111 in 2017 and 113 in 2016.

Entrepreneur Immigration	2018	2017	2016
Work Permits approved	73	111	113

Top Source Countries

A nominee's country of citizenship is used to determine source country. Table 6 presents the top ten source countries for SI nominations, and Table 7 shows the top five source countries for EI nominations. These top countries differ from year to year.

SI nominations

The top countries for SI nominations are similar across years. The proportion of SI nominations from outside these top ten countries decreased slightly, from 77 per cent in 2017 to 76 per cent in 2018.

Country	2018	2017	2016
India	29%	32%	32%
China	15%	21%	22%
Korea, South	7%	5%	4%
Brazil	6%	4%	2%
United Kingdom	5%	4%	3%
Australia	4%	4%	2%
United States	3%	2%	3%
Ireland	2%	2%	2%
Philippines	2%	2%	4%
Italy	2%	1%	1%
Other countries	24%	23%	25%
Total SI Nominations	6,439	5,931	5,921

Country	2018	2017	2016
China	70%	78%	76%
Iran	7%	3%	2%
India	5%	1%	1%
United States	3%	0%	1%
Vietnam	3%	0%	2%
Other countries	11%	17%	17%
Total EI Nominations	61	69	83

EI nominations

China continued to be the top source country for EI nominations. In 2018, the top five source countries accounted for 88 per cent of EI nominations, where these same countries accounted for 82 per cent of nominations in 2017.



Top Occupations – Skills Immigration

The top ten occupations for SI nominations in 2018 showed a change in nomination composition. In 2018, software engineers and designers, carpenters, graphic designers, and illustrators replaced administrative officers, food service supervisors, and accounting technicians and bookkeepers as top occupations from 2017.

NOC Level	Occupation	2018	2017	2016
0	0631 - Restaurant and food service managers	397	393	232
B	6322 - Cooks	345	267	311
B	1241 - Administrative assistants	318	352	183
0	0621 - Retail and wholesale trade managers	261	261	335
A	2173 - Software engineers and designers	220	119	132
C	7511 - Transport truck drivers	201	233	343
B	7271 - Carpenters	184	122	59
D	6711 - Food counter attendants, kitchen helpers and related	180	152	204
B	5241 - Graphic designers and illustrators	179	87	38
B	6211 - Retail sales supervisors	152	202	147
	Total Top 10 Occupations	2,437	2,188	1,984

Three food service occupations were in the top ten (restaurant and food service managers, cooks, food counter attendants) accounting for 14.2 per cent of all BC PNP nominations in 2018. This compares to four food service occupations (including food service supervisors) that were top ten occupations in 2017, accounting for 16.3 per cent.

NOC Level	Occupation	2018	2017	2016
0	0631 - Restaurant and food service managers	6.1%	6.6%	3.9%
B	6322 - Cooks	5.3%	4.5%	5.2%
B	1241 - Administrative assistants	4.9%	5.9%	3.0%
0	0621 - Retail and wholesale trade managers	4.0%	4.4%	5.6%
A	2173 - Software engineers and designers	3.4%	2.0%	2.2%
C	7511 - Transport truck drivers	3.1%	3.9%	5.7%
B	7271 - Carpenters	2.8%	2.0%	1.0%
D	6711 - Food counter attendants, kitchen helpers and related	2.8%	2.5%	3.4%
B	5241 - Graphic designers and illustrators	2.8%	1.5%	0.6%
B	6211 - Retail sales supervisors	2.3%	3.4%	2.4%
	Total Top 10 Occupations	37.5%	36.5%	33.0%

* As a proportion of total BC PNP nominations



Tech Pilot

The proportion of nominations in technology jobs in 2018 (19.7 per cent) was larger than in 2017 (17.2 per cent) and in 2016 (17.9 per cent).

Occupation Type	2018	2017	2016
Tech occupations	1,141	922	906
Non-Tech occupations	4,658	4,449	4,155

Includes Skilled Worker and International Graduate categories

*Tech Pilot launched May 2017

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

At year-end 2018, there were 29 identified tech occupations. These occupations can be found at: <https://www.welcomebc.ca/Immigrate-to-B-C/B-C-Provincial-Nominee-Program/Documents>.



Regional Distribution

Regional District	2018	2017	2016
Greater Vancouver	73%	73%	69%
Capital	4%	4%	4%
Squamish-Lillooet	4%	4%	3%
Fraser Valley	4%	3%	4%
Central Okanagan	2%	2%	3%
Other Regions	13%	14%	17%
Total SI Nominations	6,439	5,931	5,921

*Excludes those with undeclared intended residential addresses

SI nominees

The city of intended residence (or residential address) is used to determine the SI regional distribution, with the top five regional districts shown in table 10. Greater Vancouver continues to be the primary destination for SI nominees.

EI nominees

For EI nominees, the business location is used for determining the regional district. The Capital and Comox Valley regional districts saw increases in EI nominee percentages in 2018, while Greater Vancouver continued to experience a decrease. Thompson-Nicola and Fraser Valley regional districts had the same number of nominees and are thus both included in table 11.

Regional District	2018	2017	2016
Capital	31%	30%	18%
Greater Vancouver	15%	17%	31%
Comox Valley	8%	7%	0%
Nanaimo	7%	4%	10%
Thompson-Nicola	7%	7%	2%
Fraser Valley	7%	10%	5%
Other Regions	26%	23%	34%
Total EI Nominations	61	69	83

**Comox Valley:
continued increase in
percentage of EI nominees**



Average Salary

The average salaries for SI nominees¹ remained similar to the previous year.

The Skilled Worker, International Graduate, and EEBC – International Graduate categories saw an increase in average annual salary from 2017 to 2018, while there were decreases in the average annual salaries in the EEBC – Skilled Worker and Entry Level and Semi-Skilled categories.

Overall, salaries have increased since the implementation of the Skills Immigration Registration System in 2015.

Category	2018	2017	2016
EEBC - Skilled Worker	\$69,946	\$72,239	\$74,144
Skilled Worker	\$65,210	\$62,701	\$51,516
EEBC - International Graduate	\$42,213	\$39,321	\$44,318
International Graduate	\$39,675	\$39,132	\$36,497
Entry Level and Semi-Skilled	\$39,081	\$40,775	\$43,269

Increases were notable in the Skilled Worker and the EEBC - International Graduate categories, with nominee wages increasing 4.0 per cent and 7.4 per cent, respectively, from 2017 to 2018.



¹ 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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