



“VIVRE ENSEMBLE” AVEC LA DIVERSITÉ, NOT THE CASE FOR MANY MUNICIPALITIES: THE COUNTRY’S LEAST DIVERSE PLACES AND CANADIAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS PLURALISM


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INTRODUCTION

- It is a truism to say that the presence of visible minorities and immigrants is not spread evenly across the country.
- Immigrants tend to settle in larger cities thus leaving some smaller municipalities in the country with relatively few thus making for virtually no contact with visible minorities.
- Based on census 2016 census data, that which follows will look at those parts of the country that are least and most likely to be diverse.
- Polling data for the Association for Canadian Studies conducted by Leger Marketing in November 2017 reveals that some one in four Canadians have rarely or never had contact with someone identifying as Black and nearly one in two have never had contact with someone identifying as aboriginal.



ROQ (QUEBEC OUTSIDE OF THE MONTREAL METROPOLITAN REGION) 3.2 OF THE POPULATION IS VISIBLE MINORITY WITH 96.8% NOT IDENTIFYING AS VISIBLE MINORITY... SEVERAL QUEBEC MUNICIPALITIES HAVE ONE TENTH OF ONE PERCENT OF THEIR VISIBLE MINORITY POPULATION

QUEBECERS HAVE LEAST CONTACT WITH ABORIGINALS AND BRITISH COLUMBIANS LEAST CONTACT WITH PERSONS IDENTIFYING AS BLACK

I have rarely or never had contact with...	Total	Aboriginals / First Nations	FR	EN	Others	BC+TERRI	Prairies	ON	QC	Atl.
Black	25%	30%	32%	21%	34%	34%	31%	17%	28%	25%
Aboriginal	47%	5%	65%	39%	62%	33%	25%	53%	66%	39%

QUEBEC MUNICIPALITIES FILL MUCH OF LIST OF 20 WITH LOWEST VISIBLE MINORITY POPULATION

20 municipalities in Canada with lowest percentage of persons reporting visible minorities 2016	Total Population	Total Visible Minorities	%
Campbellton Quebec (has high aboriginal population)	2590	15	0.005792
Dolbeau-Mistassini	14880	130	0.008737
Alma	31800	285	0.008962
Bay Roberts, NFLD	11030	110	0.009973
Lachute	12405	125	0.010077
Thetford Mines	27065	275	0.010161
Corner Brook	31285	335	0.010708
Saint-Georges	31450	350	0.011129
Baie-Comeau	27000	305	0.011296
Rivière-du-Loup	27720	330	0.011905
Sept-Îles	28070	335	0.011934
Matane	17245	210	0.012177
Shawinigan	52180	665	0.012744
Saguenay	157165	2010	0.012789
Miramichi	27060	360	0.013304
Rimouski	53345	820	0.015372
Gander, NFLD	12965	200	0.015426
Ingersoll, Ontario	12575	200	0.015905
Salaberry-de-Valleyfield	38910	675	0.017348
Grand Falls-Windsor, NFLD	13865	245	0.01767

QUEBEC MUNICIPALITIES TOP LIST WITH LOWEST SHARE OF IMMIGRANTS IN CANADA

Cities with lowest percentage of immigrants 2016	Total Population	Number of Immigrants	Percentage of Immigrants
Dolbeau-Mistassini	14880	100	.00672
Alma	31800	300	.009434
Bay Roberts, NFLD	11030	115	.010426
Baie-Comeau	27000	305	.011296
Thetford Mines	27065	340	.012562
Saguenay	157165	2035	.012948
Rivière-du-Loup	27720	405	.01461
Saint-Georges	31450	480	.015262
Matane	17245	270	.015657
Shawinigan	52180	830	.015906
Gander, NFLD	12965	215	.016583
Grand Falls-Windsor, NFLD	13865	230	.016589
Sept-Îles	28070	500	.017813
Cape Breton	96985	1735	.017889
Rimouski	53345	960	.017996
Corner Brook, NFLD	31285	580	.018539
Rouyn-Noranda	41165	765	.018584
Campbellton Québec	2590	50	.019305
Miramichi	27060	545	.02014

QUEBEC AND NEWFOUNDLAND MUNICIPALITIES TOP LIST WITH LOWEST SHARE OF BLACK MINORITIES IN CANADA

20 cities in Canada with lowest percentage of persons reporting visible minorities Black 2016	Total	Black	Percentage
Bay Roberts NFLD	11030	0	0
Hawkesbury Quebec	1710	0	0
Grand Falls-Windsor NFLD	13865	10	0.000721
Corner Brook NFLD	31285	65	0.002078
Gander NFLD	12965	30	0.002314
Quesnel	22940	60	0.002616
Parksville	27985	75	0.00268
Penticton	42105	115	0.002731
Vernon	59715	165	0.002763
Port Alberni	24715	70	0.002832
Arnprior	15680	45	0.00287
Kenora	14790	45	0.003043
Rivière-du-Loup	27720	90	0.003247
Canmore	13580	45	0.003314
Swift Current	17895	60	0.003353
Campbell River	37105	135	0.003638
Duncan	43165	160	0.003707
Saint-Georges	31450	120	0.003816
Thetford Mines	27065	105	0.00388
Kawartha Lakes	73375	285	0.003884

TORONTO, VANCOUVER AND CALGARY: TOP LIST OF MUNICIPALITIES WITH HIGHEST VISIBLE MINORITY POPULATION

12 municipalities with highest percentage of visible minorities in Canada	Total Population	Visible Minority Population	Percentage
Toronto	5862855	3011905	51.3
Vancouver	2426235	1185680	48.9
Calgary	1374650	463450	33.7
Abbotsford - Mission	176330	51230	29.0
Edmonton	1297280	363990	28.0
Wood Buffalo	73210	19075	26.0
Winnipeg	761540	195370	25.6
Ottawa	973345	243115	24.9
Brooks	23410	5355	22.8
Montreal	4009790	904840	22.5
Windsor	325005	66480	20.4
Kitchener - Cambridge - Waterloo	516080	99735	19.3
Lloydminster	14840	2650	17.8

TORONTO, VANCOUVER AND CALGARY HAVE HIGHEST SHARE OF IMMIGRANTS IN CANADA

12 municipalities with highest share of immigrants in Canada	Total Population	Number of Immigrants	Percentage of Immigrants
Toronto	5862855	2705545	46.1
Vancouver	2426235	989545	40.7
Calgary	1374650	404700	29.4
Winkler	29930	7935	26.5
Abbotsford – Mission	176330	43775	24.8
Hamilton	734880	177075	24.1
Winnipeg	761540	181960	23.9
Edmonton	1297280	308605	23.8
Montreal	4009790	936305	23.3
Kitchener - Cambridge – Waterloo	516080	118610	23.0
Windsor	325005	74495	22.9
Ottawa	973345	219705	22.5
Brooks	23410	5240	22.3
Wood Buffalo	73210	15875	21.7

BROOKS (AB) HAS HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS IDENTIFYING AS VISIBLE MINORITY BLACK FOLLOWED BY TORONTO, MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Municipalities in Canada with highest percentage of persons reporting visible minority Black	Total	Black	%
Brooks, AB	23410	1995	8.5
Toronto	5862855	442015	7.5
Montreal	4009790	270940	6.7
Ottawa	973345	60975	6.2
Wood Buffalo, AB	73210	4175	5.7
Oshawa	375605	21295	5.6
Gatineau	327385	17020	5.2
Edmonton	1297280	57815	4.4
Calgary	1374650	54190	3.9
Halifax	397635	15090	3.8
Windsor	325005	12310	3.8
Winnipeg	761540	27370	3.6

QUEBEC MUNICIPALITIES WITH LOWEST PERCENTAGE OF ABORIGINALS

	Total - Aboriginal identity	Aboriginal identity	%
Canada	34460065	1673785	4.8
Victoriaville	46985	300	.006385
Sainte-Marie	13015	95	.007299
Toronto	5862850	46320	.007901
Montreal	4009795	34750	.008666
Thetford Mines	27060	235	.008684
Saint-Hyacinthe	56440	510	.009036
Saint-Georges	31445	300	.00954
Granby	82745	895	1.0816
Rivière-du-Loup	27715	305	1.1
Sorel-Tracy	40140	455	1.1
Drummondville	92875	1075	1.1
Hawkesbury, Quebec	1715	20	1.1
Salaberry-de-Valleyfield	38910	455	1.1
Sherbrooke	205735	2425	1.17
Summerside	16215	235	1.44
Lachute	12405	180	1.45
Québec	779085	11515	1.47
Trois-Rivières	150165	2280	1.518
Guelph	150025	2280	1.519
Shawinigan	52180	830	1.59

AREAS WITH HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF ABORIGINAL IDENTITY IN CANADA

	Total - Aboriginal identity	Aboriginal identity	%
Canada	34460065	1673785	4.8
Nunavut	35580	30550	85.8
Northwest Territories	41135	20860	50.7
Campbellton, Quebec	2595	1280	49.3
Thompson, Manitoba	13475	5870	43.52
Prince Albert, Saskatchewan	42380	16825	39.7
Prince Rupert, BC	12515	4855	38.7
Portage la Prairie, Manitoba	12765	3990	31.2
North Battleford, Saskatchewan	18945	4990	26.3
Corner Brook	31290	7935	25.3
Terrace	15460	3635	23.5
Yukon	35110	8195	23.3
Yellowknife	19285	4460	23.1
Kenora	14790	3155	21.3
Williams Lake	17835	3620	20.3
Sept-Îles	28070	5250	18.7

QUEBECERS MOST LIKELY TO PREFER TO LIVE IN AN AREA WHERE MOST SHARE THEIR CULTURAL BACKGROUND

	For each statement below, please indicate whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree. I prefer to live in an area where the majority of people share my cultural background									
	Total	Aboriginals / First Nations	FR	EN	Others	BC+TERRI	Prairies	ON	QC	Atl.
Weighted Totals	2344	113	488	1582	268	322	413	900	550	159
Unweighted Totals	2344	310	663	1459	217	198	381	839	714	212
NET AGREE	45%	47%	57%	43%	40%	40%	45%	42%	55%	45%
Strongly agree	12%	18%	16%	11%	10%	6%	12%	12%	15%	11%
Somewhat agree	34%	29%	40%	32%	29%	34%	32%	30%	40%	33%

QUEBECERS MOST LIKELY TO AGREE THAT MOST FRIENDS SHARE THEIR CULTURAL BACKGROUND

	Most of my friends share the same cultural background as me								
	Total	Aboriginals / First Nations	FR	EN	Others	BC+TERRI	Prairies	ON	QC
Weighted Totals	2344	113	488	1582	268	322	413	900	550
Unweighted Totals	2344	310	663	1459	217	198	381	839	714
NET AGREE	65%	51%	77%	63%	54%	59%	64%	59%	75%
Strongly agree	20%	19%	23%	20%	17%	19%	20%	18%	22%
Somewhat agree	45%	32%	54%	43%	37%	40%	44%	42%	54%

QUEBECERS MOST WORRIED ABOUT THE DEGREE OF DIVERSITY IN PROVINCE

...the degree of ethnic and religious diversity in your province											
November 2016	Total	Aboriginals / First Nations	FR	EN	Other	BC+ TERRI	Prairies	ON	QC	Atl.	ROC
Weighted Totals	2344	113	488	1582	268	322	413	900	550	159	1794
Unweighted Totals	2344	310	663	1459	217	198	381	839	714	212	1630
NET WORRIED	36%	45%	45%	34%	26%	28%	32%	36%	45%	25%	33%
Very worried	11%	19%	20%	10%	5%	8%	9%	10%	18%	6%	9%
Somewhat worried	24%	26%	25%	25%	21%	21%	23%	26%	26%	19%	24%

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