

# Canadian Immigration Patterns



Immigration to Canada has had periods of boom and bust. These were caused by events that occurred both in Canada and in other countries.

<b>When?</b>	<b>What Happened?</b>	<b>Why?</b>
1840s	Arrival of thousands of Irish settlers	Irish potato crop fails; facing starvation, many Irish move to Canada and other countries
1905-1914	Massive immigration from Eastern Europe to the Canadian West	Canadian Government wanted to settle the Prairies; offered free land and other incentives to immigrants
1915-1919	Little immigration	World War I and worldwide influenza epidemic
1930 – 1945	Little immigration	Worldwide economic depression and World War II
1945-1950	Many Italians come to Canada	World War II devastated Italy; Italians searched for economic opportunities in Canada
1956	Many Hungarians come to Canada	Hungarian revolt against the Russians failed; refugees fled to Canada to avoid punishment
1980 – 1997	Arrival of thousands of Hong Kong Chinese	Resident of Hong Kong sought political stability before China took control of Hong Kong in 1997