



# OECD Demographics Survey Canada

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Factsheet			
Fertility rate (births/woman)	Net migration rate (entering-leaving/1000)	Family policies	Attitude towards immigration
1.43 (30th in the OECD)	11.85 (11th in the OECD)	Generous	Friendly

## Immigration Policies

Canada is one of the most popular destinations for migrants due to its welcoming policies and its fondness for multiculturalism. The country has introduced a points based visa system for economic migrants (younger, skilled people have an easier time settling in the country), and it has invested comparatively large amounts of resources into integration programs. Despite the latter, the living standards of immigrants still lag behind the natives. Public sentiment has also been on the side of immigration due to its benefits for the economy, though it has soured recently due to a worsening housing crisis.

## Family Policies

Canada has an extensive welfare state which extends to childcare benefits, such as monthly payments to parents, generous parental leave periods and free dental care for people under the age of 18. There are even more benefit schemes in place for low-income households, for example housing support, specifically measures to alleviate the financial burden of rent and costs associated with owning a home. Despite these policies the country's fertility remains in the lower half of the OECD, and its economic success is largely thanks to large inflows of economic migrants.

**Potential allies:** Spain, Australia, Republic of Korea

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