

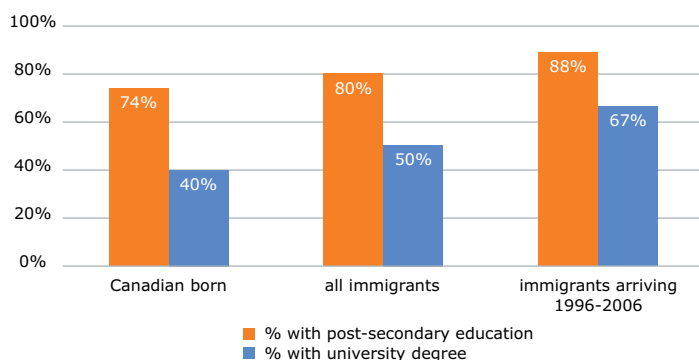
## HIO FACT SHEET

## Skilled Immigrants are coming to Ottawa

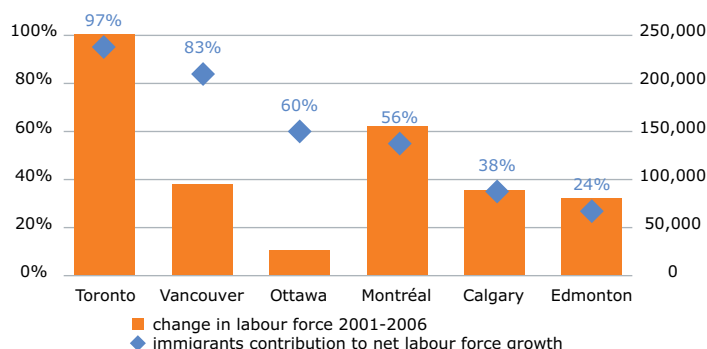
Over the next ten years, Ottawa is projected to receive between sixty- and seventy-thousand new immigrants<sup>1</sup>. These new Canadians will come from a variety of countries around the globe, and will represent an incredibly rich and diverse set of cultures, languages, skills and experiences. They will constitute an impressive pool of new and diverse talent. Among newcomers who are of working age, a large majority will have completed some form of post-secondary education, whether a university degree, a college diploma or a skilled trades certificate.

Ottawa's employers derive great benefit from having one of the most skilled workforces in the country. Census data show that of Canada's 33 largest metropolitan areas, Ottawa ranks first in terms of the percentage of the employed population with a university degree. Like other large cities in Canada, immigration represents a large and growing component of Ottawa's net labour force growth.

## Percent of Ottawa's Employed Residents age 25 and over with Post-secondary Credentials, Ottawa, 2006



Source: Prepared by Hire Immigrants Ottawa using Statistics Canada, 2006 Census, Topic Based Tabulations

Contribution of immigration to labour force growth  
2001-2006, Canada's six largest cities

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## What Employers Should Know

Ottawa receives about 3,000 immigrants with post-secondary credentials each year. One-third of these highly educated newcomers have graduate-level university degrees. Ottawa's employers need to know how to reach these potential job candidates, and what tools and resources are available to more effectively hire and leverage the talents of newcomers.

## Find out how we can help:

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<sup>1</sup> Projection by Hire Immigrants Ottawa based on current immigration settlement patterns.