

CIMII SIMPLIFIED

A Canadian resource for policymakers, researchers, settlement service provider organizations and local immigration partnerships

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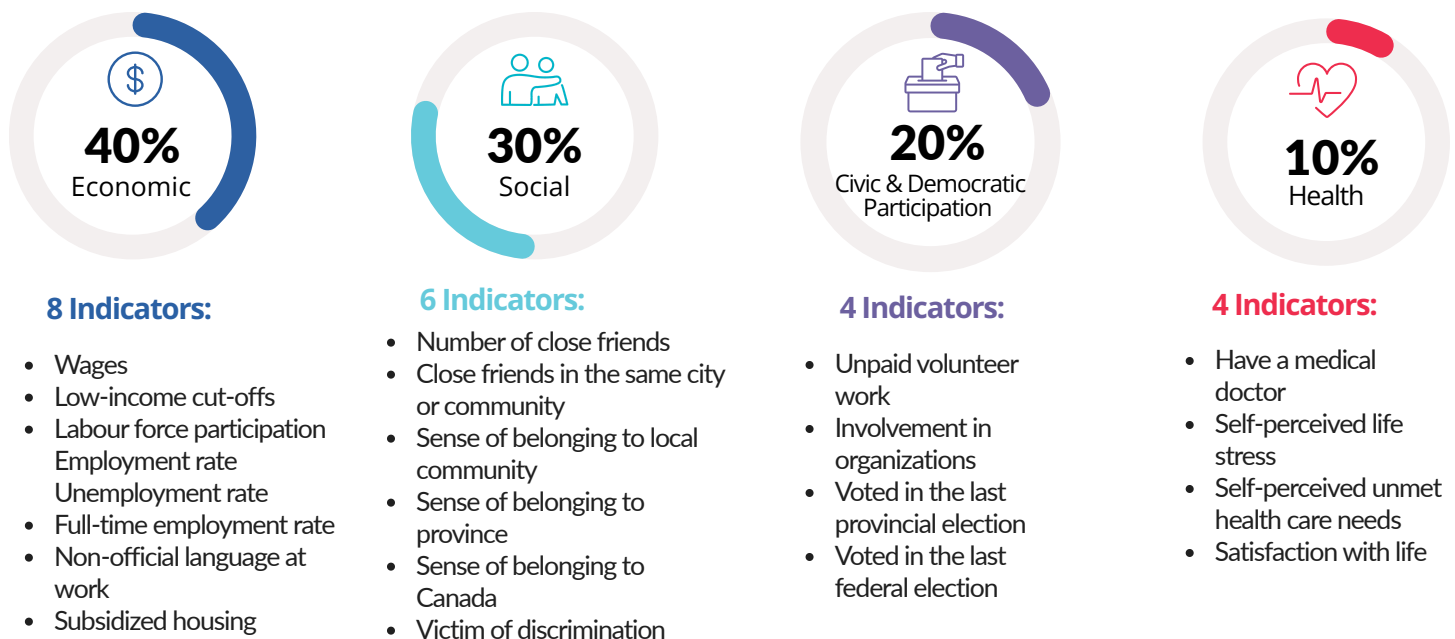


WHAT'S THE CIMII?

The Canadian Index for Measuring Integration and Inclusion (CIMII) is an interactive tool that evaluates the extent to which relative parity is achieved between immigrants and non-immigrants across Canada. It allows you to compare integration outcomes across Canadian cities, provinces, and demographic groups.

It provides a composite measure based on four dimensions of integration — Economic, Social, Civic & Democratic Participation, and Health using Statistics Canada datasets from 1991 to 2026. Data is available at the national, provincial, and city (CMA) level.

INTEGRATION DIMENSIONS & INDICATORS

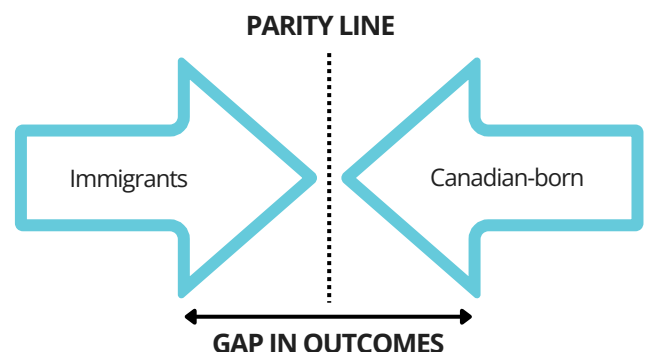


HOW DO YOU INTERPRET THE CIMII RANKS?

The CIMII provides rankings based on the gap in outcomes between immigrants and the Canadian-born. **The smaller the gap, the better the region performs relative to the rest of Canada.**

Each rank comes from a score assigned to a region, determined by a regression model. This model ensures that immigrants and the Canadian-born share similar characteristics like age, sex, gender, language, education, occupation, full-time work, and visible minority status.

Note: All rankings should be interpreted with caution. Differences in scores can be minimal in some instances. See the [resources page](#) for detailed indicator scores per dimension.



EXPLORING THE CIMII WEBSITE

Regional Profiles

View the performance of any geography across all four dimensions and 22 indicators at various points in time. Each profile shows adjusted data (ranks) plus unadjusted data. Best for comprehensive snapshots, funding proposals, or any analysis requiring a full indicator breakdown for a specific region.

Rankings

Shows the overall CIMII composite score for all provinces and cities/CMAs, from largest to smallest using the standard weighting. Adjust the weights of each dimension to meet your objectives and re-order the ranking. Best for benchmarking and exploring weight scenarios.

Compare Provinces

Side-by-side provincial comparison on any indicator, dimension, and overall score. Use it to understand regional variation across Canada or benchmark one province against others.

Compare Cities

The same comparison functionality at the Census Metropolitan Area (CMA) level. Useful for settlement-sector organizations, municipal governments, and researchers studying urban variation in integration outcomes.

Labour Force Survey 2006–2025

A household survey covering employment rate, unemployment rate, labour force participation, and mean hourly wage. Three groups: recent immigrants (≤ 10 yrs), established immigrants (> 10 yrs), and non-immigrants. Filter by province or CMA.

Wage Gap Predictor

Input demographic characteristics — age, education, occupation, sex, gender, language, and immigrant or Canadian-born status — and receive a predicted wage outcome based on CIMII's regression model.

RESEARCH STUDIES

Social Inclusion & Civic Participation

Civic participation, volunteering, organizational membership, social trust, sense of belonging, and barriers to civic integration across Canada by city and immigration status.

Mental Health Outcomes

Self-perceived health, stress, access to mental-health services, and how outcomes vary by time in Canada and region. Connected to the “healthy immigrant effect.”

COVID-19 Impacts

Labour-market disruption, employment losses, and economic recovery during and after COVID-19. Disproportionate impacts on recent immigrants and visible-minority groups.

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU FIND ONLINE?

Data Sources

CIMII draws on multiple Statistics Canada surveys and administrative datasets which include:

- Labour Force Survey (LFS)
- Census of Population
- General Social Survey (GSS)
- Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS)

Resources & Initiatives + FAQs

Be sure to check out these pages for downloadable content and further clarification. For questions about [methodology](#), data access, custom analysis, or research partnership, please visit our [FAQs page](#) or the [Contact page](#) on our website.

