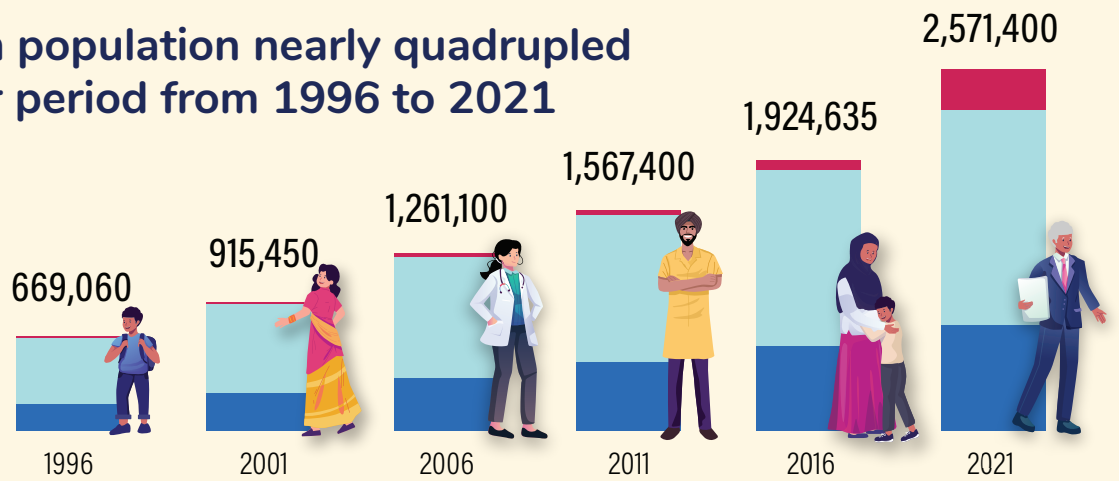


South Asian immigration to Canada

The South Asian population nearly quadrupled over the 25-year period from 1996 to 2021

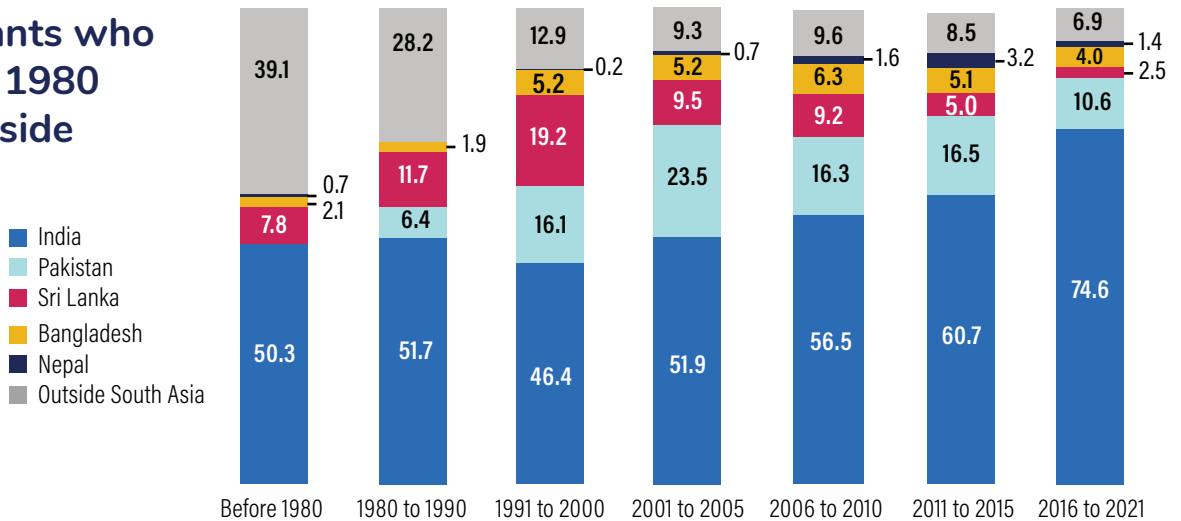
Size of the South Asian population, by immigrant status, Canada, 1996 to 2021

- Non-permanent residents
- Immigrants
- Non-immigrants



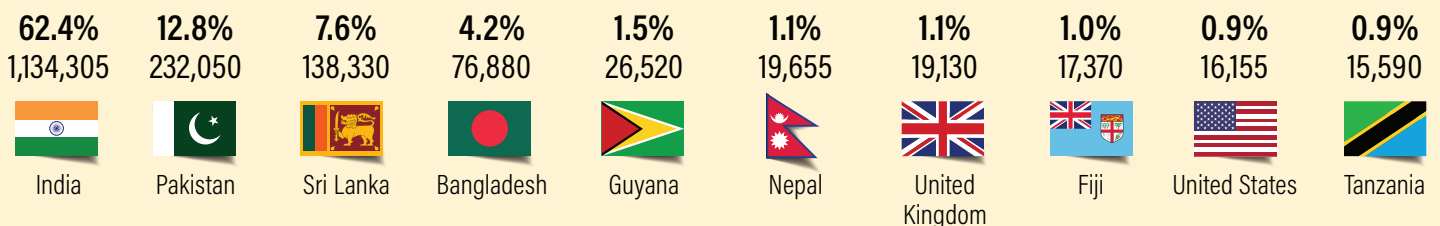
Nearly 4 in 10 South Asian immigrants who landed before 1980 were born outside South Asia

Country of birth of selected South Asian immigrant populations, by period of immigration, Canada, 2021 (percentage)¹



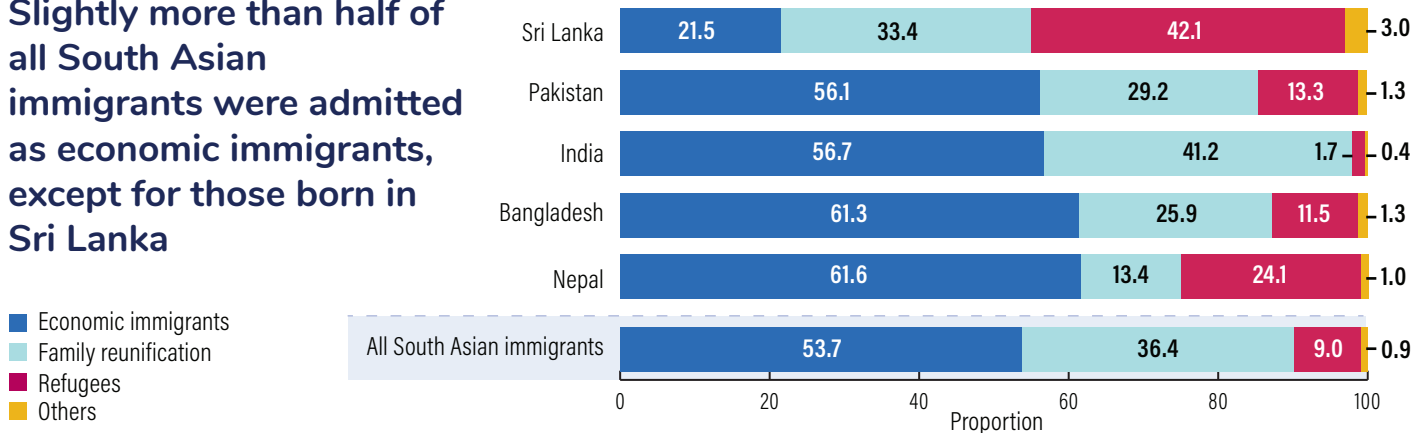
In 2021, the majority of first-generation² South Asians were born in India, Pakistan or Sri Lanka

Top 10 source countries of first-generation South Asian immigrants and non-permanent residents, Canada, 2021



Slightly more than half of all South Asian immigrants were admitted as economic immigrants, except for those born in Sri Lanka

Admission category of selected South Asian immigrants,³ by country of birth, Canada, 2021



1. Not all categories are shown due to sample size. Therefore, not all bars add up to 100%.

2. Refers to immigrants and non-permanent residents born outside Canada.

3. Excludes immigrants admitted before 1980.

Sources: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2016, 2021, and National Household Survey, 2011.