
Finding a place in Vancouver: Immigrants in (and out) of the housing market

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- Basis for this presentation
 - 2006 CMHC/HHB study of immigration and Vancouver (2001 census and LSIC)
 - 2005 HHB/CMHC study of immigration and homelessness in Vancouver (primary data collection)
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1. Immigrants and the housing market of Vancouver

■ The Vancouver context

- ❑ Highest real estate prices in Canada
- ❑ Second highest rent levels

■ Housing market

- ❑ Nearly all housing is in the private market
 - ❑ Amount of state-provided housing is tiny
 - ❑ No rent controls
 - ❑ New construction: single-family, detached houses and condominiums ... static supply of rental units
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Table 1.1 :
Importance of Immigration, Canada and Three Metropolitan Areas

Immigrant population (%)	2001	1996	1991
CANADA	18.4	17.4	16.1
Montréal	18.4	17.8	16.4
Toronto	43.7	41.9	38.0
Vancouver	37.5	34.9	30.1