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GREEK ETHNIC ORIGIN – STATISTICS CANADA, CENSUS 2016

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Ethnic Origin is the best measure of Greeks in Canada as recorded by the Census. It is better than Mother Tongue or Languages Spoken because it is less ambiguous and allows for multiple answers and therefore captures more people.

The data is broken down by Province, Census Metro Area (CMA) such as Greater Montreal, Census Divisions (CD), Federal Election Ridings, etc.

It captures people who respond with one Ethnic background, but also multiple responses. It also breaks down results by First, Second, and Third, and more generations.

It yields the largest number of Greeks in Canada because it is the most flexible and inclusive measure.

I have included all Cypriots (< 6,000 across Canada) as Greeks, even though some may be Turkish, but the total number of Cypriots is only 2% of all Greeks and therefore the error factor is immaterial.

Any errors, omissions or comments should be directed to me.

These numbers presented below may not add exactly due to rounding.

The data is extracted from StatCan Tables 2016 Census Ethnic Origin (279):

<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/dt-td/Rp-eng.cfm?LANG=E&APATH=3&DETAIL=0&DIM=0&FL=A&FREE=0&GC=0&GID=0&GK=0&GRP=1&PID=110528&PRID=10&PTYPE=109445&S=0&SHOWALL=0&SUB=0&Temporal=2017&THEME=1&VID=0&VNAMEE=&VNAMEF=>

Observations are included at end of paper.

Greek Ethnic Origin - Canada Total Results (thousands)

	Total	Single Ethnicity	Multiple Ethnicities
1 st Generation	86	64	22
2 nd Generation	108	61	47
3 rd or More Gen.	83	18	65
Total Canada	277	143	134

Total Canadian Population was 35.2 million (2016); Greeks were 0.8%.

(Canada's population by April 1, 2018 was up to 37.1 Million, but the numbers here are based on Census 2016 held in mid- 2016.)

Quebec Total 72 45 26

26% of Greek Canadian Total; Greeks represent 0.9% of Quebec's 8.2 million

	Total	Single Ethnicity	Multiple Ethnicities
Greater Montreal Total			
1 st Generation	24	19	5
2 nd Generation	28	19	9
3 rd or More Gen.	16	6	10
Total	67	44	23

24% of Greek Canadian Total; Greeks represent 1.6% of Greater Montreal's 4.1 million

Greater Montreal by Region (including Ville de Montreal which is spread over the Island's Core and the West Island)

Montreal Core 28.6 (East, Centre, & Western Inner Suburbs, e.g. TMR, Lachine)

West Island 7.5 (Western Suburbs, e.g. Dorval, DDO, Pierrefonds)

Total Montreal Island 36.1

Montreal Island's population is 1.9 million of which 1.9% are Greek

Laval **20.4**

Laval's population is 0.4 million of which 4.8% are Greek

North Shore 2.6 (St. Eustache, Terrebonne, etc.)

South Shore 6.4

Vaudreuil-Soulanges 1.6

Total 67

Total Greater Montreal Population is 4.1 million; Greeks are 1.6%

Ville de Montreal 29.3 (included above – do not double count)

The City of Montreal (Municipality) includes all its 19 boroughs covering most of the Island from east to west, but not the On Island suburbs such as Westmount, TMR, DDO, etc.

Ville de Montreal Population 1.7 Million of which 1.7% are Greek

	Total	Single Ethnicity	Multiple Ethnicities
Ontario Total	153	79	74

(55% of Greek Canadian Total)

Total Ontario Population 13.4 Million; Greeks are 1.1%

Greater Toronto	102	59	43
(37% of Greek Canadian Total)			

Total GreaterToronto Population 5.9 million; Greeks are 1.7%

	Total	Single Ethnicity	Multiple Ethnicities
British Columbia Total	25	9	16
(9% of Canadian Total)			

Total Population of B.C. 4.6 million; Greeks represent 0.5%

Vancouver	16	7	10
(6% of Canadian Total)			

Total Population of Vancouver 2.5 Million; Greeks represent 0.6%

Rest of Canada	27	10	18
Population 9.0 million; 10% of Greek Canadian Total; and 0.3% of the population			

Other Major Canadian Cities With Close to (minimum) 1,000 Greeks

Total	60.0 (22% of Greek Canadian Total)
Victoria	2.0
Calgary	6.8
Edmonton	5.1
Regina	1.5
Saskatoon	0.8

Winnipeg	3.6
Windsor	2.8
London	5.5
St. Cath. /Nia Falls	2.6
Hamilton	7.1
Kitchener/Waterloo	4.5
Oshawa	4.8
Kingston	1.0
Ottawa/Gatineau	8.2 (7.3 Ont/0.9 Que)
Quebec City	1.0
Halifax	2.5

Observations:

- Ontario and Quebec represent 225,000 Greeks or 81% of Canadian total
- B.C. another 9% (25,000) for a total of 90%
- Montreal and Toronto represent 61% of Greeks (169,000) in Canada
- Vancouver another 6% (16,000), for a total of 67%.
- The next 16 cities represent only 60,000 Greeks or 22%
- Greater Toronto represents 67% of Ontario's Greeks whereas Greater Montreal represents 93% of Quebec's
- Montreal Island represents 54% of Greater Montreal's Greeks
- Of these, 43% are in the Core of the Island (Central and East) and 11% are in the West Island
- Greater Montreal and Toronto's Total population is close to 1.7% Greek
- Laval represents 30% of Montreal Greeks but probably has the highest ratio and density in Canada
- The South Shore of Montreal only 10% or 6,400
- The rest of greater Montreal another 6% (North Shore, Vaudreuil-Soulanges)
- 66% of Montreal Greeks report single Ethnicity while only 47% of the rest of Canada do so, (excluding Montreal)
- 36% of Montreal Greeks are 1st Generation while 30% in the rest of Canada (excluding Montreal) are 1st generation



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