# Immigration: Transforming Cities and Urban Lives

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#### Migration and Its Impact on Cities



October 2017

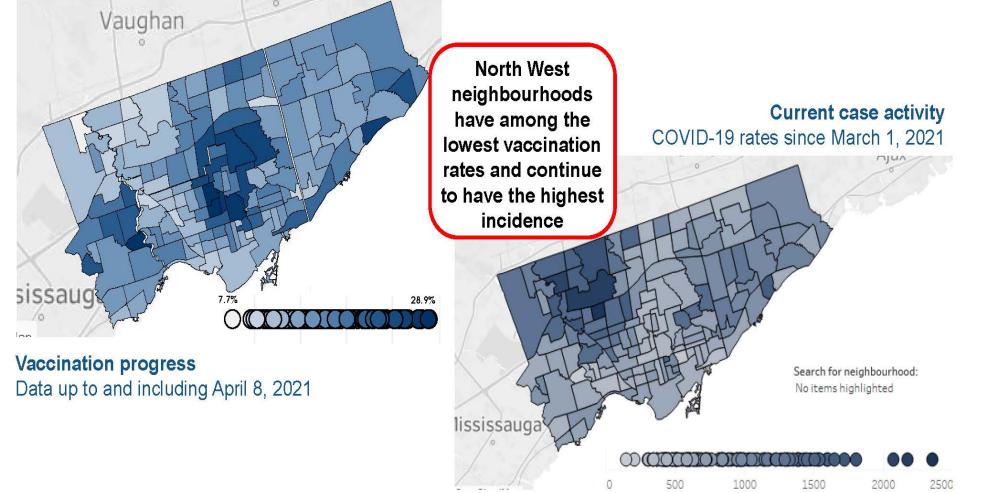


#### Purpose

- Immigration is transforming cities in Canada and around the world.
- Immigration in cities is relevant to all of us, Canadian-born and immigrant alike.
- Examining immigration and cities reveals societal inequalities and inequities.

# Vaccination by neighbourhood - percentage vaccinated



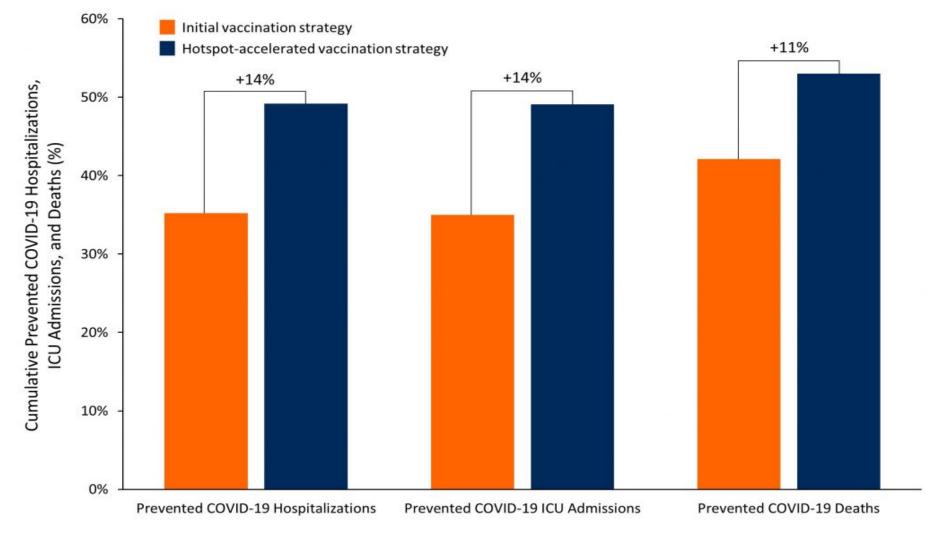


North West neighbourhoods home to many immigrants, e.g., 63% in York University Heights.

- Frontline workers
- Large households in rental units
- Isolated, long commutes on transit
- Policy failures

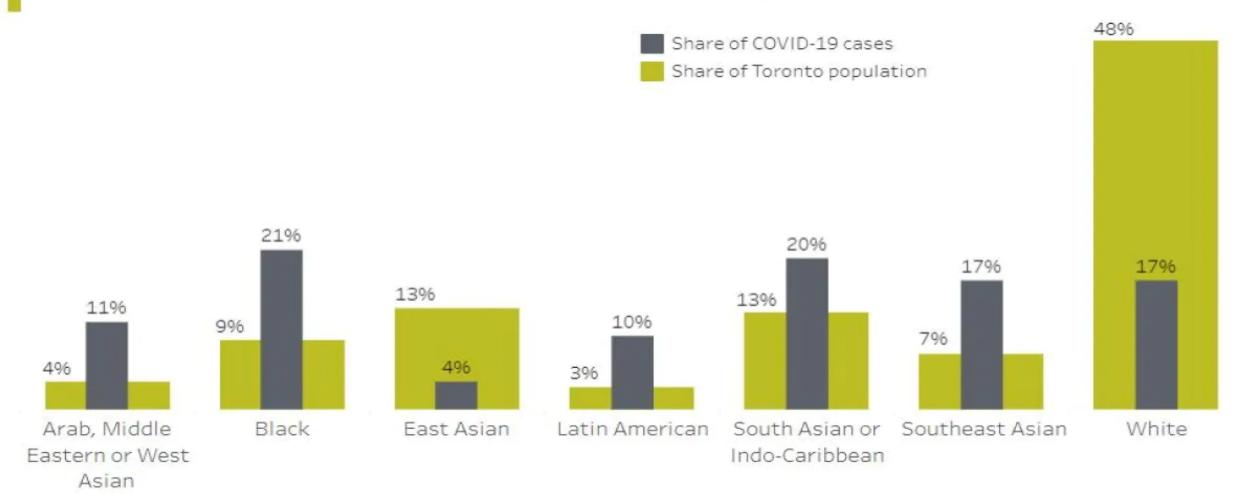
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### Vaccination by Neighbourhood and Age



Brown et al. 2021, https://covid19-sciencetable.ca/sciencebrief/covid-19-vaccination-strategy-for-ontario-using-age-and-neighbourhood-based-prioritization/

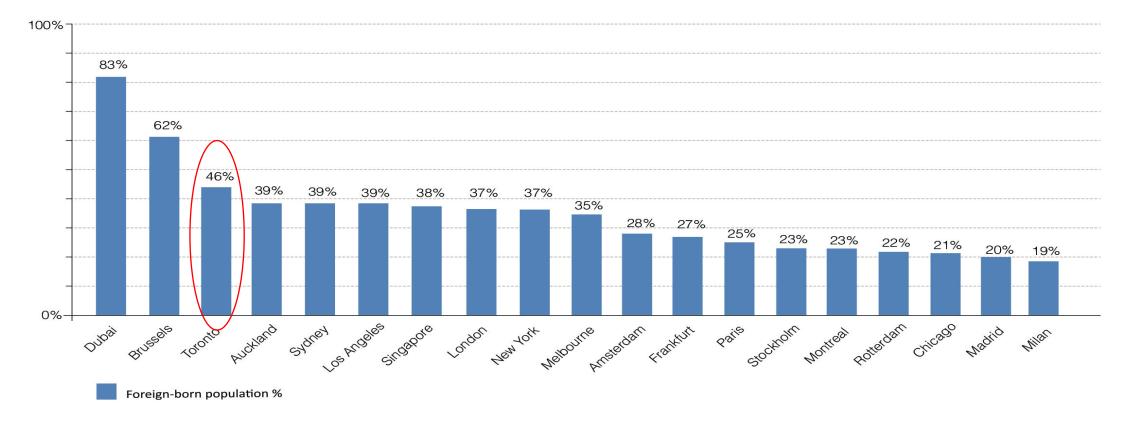
Share of COVID-19 cases among ethno-racial groups compared to the share of people living in Toronto, with valid data up to July 16, 2020 (N=3,861)



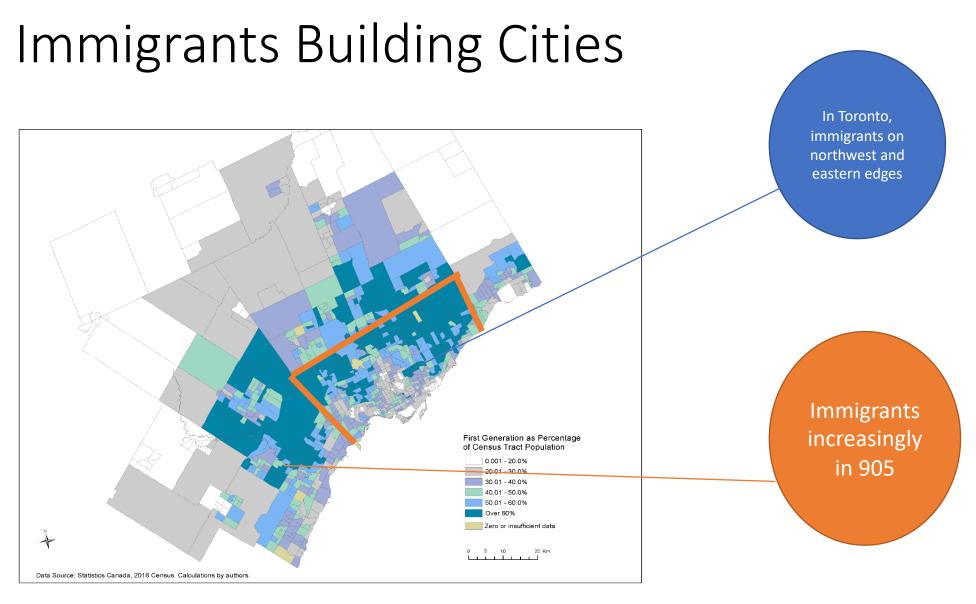
City of Toronto, 2022, https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-pandemic-data/



#### **Immigration and Cities: Global Perspectives**



World Economic Forum, 2017.



Preston and Ray 2019.



#### Immigrants in a Pandemic: TASS



- Established by Ahmadiyya immigrants
- Services for all ages & ethnicities in Vaughan and York Region
- Emphasis on IT solutions
- Technology, Access, and Support for Seniors (TASS)



#### Immigrants in a Pandemic: Vaccination



### February Vaccine Clinics

Yorkgate Mall (next to Dollarama)	EarlyON Centre Jane Finch Mall	North York Sheridan Mall
	- KIDS CLINIC	(next to Walmart)
Wednesdays	Thursdays	Saturdays
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4 pm - 8 pm	Whity Matters	10 am - 4 pm
	3 pm - 7 pm	

Pfizer and Moderna available

First & second doses available for anyone 5 years + Third doses available for anyone 12 years +

No appointments needed. OHIP is not required.

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