

## **Canada's Demo-Religious Revolution: 2017 will bring considerable change to the profile of the Mosaic / Révolution démo-religieuse du Canada : changements considérables dans le profil de la mosaïque en 2017**

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Once considered a predominantly Christian country, Canada is in for a dramatic shift in the religious composition of its population when it reaches its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. Statistics Canada forecasts major changes to the religious landscape of the country by 2017. Projections of the size of religious groups suggest potentially important challenges for the future as governments across the country examine issues associated with the place of religion in schools and in public institutions.

*Autrefois perçu comme un pays à prédominance chrétienne, le Canada d'aujourd'hui connaît un changement dramatique quant à la composition religieuse de sa population à l'aube de son 150<sup>e</sup> anniversaire. Statistiques Canada prévoit des changements majeurs sur la sphère religieuse du Canada en 2017. Les projections sur la grosseur des groupes religieux donnent une idée des futurs défis de taille qui se pointeront au même moment où les gouvernements à travers le pays explorent les questions relatives à la place de la religion dans les écoles et les institutions publiques.*

### **Highlights:**

Of the scenarios issued by Statistics Canada, it is scenario B that is considered to most likely. As observed below it foresees an increase of approximately 160% in the numbers of Muslims in Canada, 35% in the number of Buddhists, 65% in the number of Sikhs and 10% in the number of Jews. Moreover, if the proportion of youth from these groups is any indication-as indicated in Table 1a then the composition of schools in many parts of Canada will change fundamentally with considerably higher rates of non-Christians than is actually the case. As other tables reveal much of the concentration of these groups is in Canada's largest cities. In the greater Toronto area, approximately one out of six residents will be either Muslim or Hindu and the two groups combined will pass the one million mark. In the nation's capital, much like in Montreal the Muslim population will be greater than all other religious groups combined as it will near the 100 000 mark. Calgary will see growth in all non-Christian groups while in Vancouver, the Sikh population will remain the largest non-Christian group.

### **Faits saillants**

*Parmi les scénarios proposés par Statistiques Canada, le scénario B est le plus plausible. Tel qu'observé ci-dessous, on prévoit une augmentation de 160% de musulmans au Canada, 35% de bouddhistes, 65% de sikhs et 10% de juifs. Si la proportion de jeunes provenant de ces groupes est un indice – tel qu'on le constate dans le tableau 1 - la composition des écoles dans plusieurs parties du Canada connaîtra des changements fondamentaux si l'on considère le taux hautement plus élevé de non-chrétiens. Tel que l'on peut l'observer dans d'autres tableaux, la ces groupes se concentrent surtout dans les plus grandes villes du Canada. Dans la région métropolitaine de Toronto, environ un résident sur six sera soit musulman ou hindou et ces deux groupes combinés représenteront plus d'un million de personne. Dans la région de la capitale nationale, tout comme à Montréal, la population musulmane dépassera tous les autres groupes religieux combinés, avec près de 100 000 personnes. La ville de Calgary verra une augmentation des groupes non chrétiens alors qu'à Vancouver, la population sikhe restera le plus gros groupe non chrétien.*

Table 1  
Scenario B-Evolution of Canada's Major Religious Groups, 2001-2017

	2001	2006	2011	2017
Muslim	579.7	783.7	1 101.8	1421.4
Jews	340.8	343.9	360.8	375.1
Buddhist	304.2	330.2	374.5	413.9
Hindu	303.6	372.5	480.3	583.9
Sikh	289.0	340.1	419.9	495.7
Other	105.0	113.2	125.2	135.2
Total	1922.0	2 283.6	2 862.0	3425.3
Rest of Population	28 694.0	29 199.5	30 338.1	31 157.0
Total	30 616.0	31 483.0	33 200.2	34 582.0

Source: Statistics Canada, Projections 2001-2017

Table 2  
Canada, 2001

	Total - Age groups	Under 15 years
Total - Religion	29 639 030	5 737 670
Catholic	12 936 910	2 447 370
Protestant	8 654 845	1 463 840
Christian Orthodox	479 615	75 610
Christian, n.i.e.	780 450	193 260
Muslim	579 645	168 120
Jewish	329 995	61 085
Buddhist	300 345	46 615
Hindu	297 200	69 955
Sikh	278 410	71 710
Eastern religions	37 545	6 185
Other religions	63 975	13 670
No religious affiliation	4 900 090	1 120 255

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada, 2001

Table 3  
Scenario B-Evolution of Montreal's Major Religious Groups, 2001-2017

	2001	2006	2011	2017
Muslim	96.2	128.6	179.4	227.4
Jews	92.2	84.7	81.3	76.7
Buddhist	38.4	39.3	41.6	42.8
Hindu	24.0	26.4	31.8	36.6
Sikh	7.1	9.1	12.5	15.3
Other	4.6	5.0	5.5	5.9
Total	262.4	293.1	352.2	404.8
Rest of Population	3 205.8	3 269.9	3 403.4	3 492.9
Total	3 468.2	3 563.0	3 755.6	3 897.7

Source: Statistics Canada, Projections 2001-2017

In Montreal by 2017 there will be more Muslims than all other non-Christian groups combined and it is very likely that there will be more Muslims in the metropolitan area than Protestants of school age-that is under the age of 15

Table 4  
Montréal-2001 Religious Groups by Age

	Total - Age groups	Under 15 years
Total - Religion	3380640	619430
Catholic	2518940	437400
Protestant	207940	38560
Christian Orthodox	94685	15335
Christian, n.i.e.	37440	8145
Muslim	100190	29220
Jewish	88765	17065
Buddhist	37835	6640
Hindu	24075	6115
Sikh	7935	1660
Eastern religions	2295	360
Other religions	2255	265
No religious affiliation	258290	58665

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada, 2001

Table 5  
Scenario B-Evolution of Toronto's Major Religious Groups, 2001-2017

	2001	2006	2011	2017
Muslim	258.5	382.7	505.7	657.0
Jews	170.0	161.5	156.7	151.5
Buddhist	98.7	111.3	123.6	138.3
Hindu	196.6	255.5	311.4	378.6
Sikh	94.2	121.8	148.5	180.7
Other	17.1	20.6	23.9	27.5
Total	835.0	1 053.4	1 269.8	1 533.6
Rest of Population	3 962.2	4 228.8	4 481.8	4 782.1
Total	4 797.2	5 282.2	5 751.6	6 315.7

Source: Statistics Canada, Projections 2001-2017

Table 6  
Toronto-2001

	Total - Age groups	Under 15 years
Total - Religion	4 647 955	918 980
Catholic	1 578 875	315 915
Protestant	1 131 060	178 430
Christian Orthodox	178 695	28 595
Christian, n.i.e.	160 420	37 555
Muslim	254 110	73 790
Jewish	164 510	31 400
Buddhist	97 170	15 230
Hindu	191 305	47 245
Sikh	90 590	24 565
Eastern religions	10 990	1 855
Other religions	5 540	800
No religious affiliation	784 695	163 590

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada, 2001

Table 7  
Scenario B-Evolution of Ottawa-Gatineau Major Religious Groups, 2001-2017

	2001	2006	2011	2017
Muslim	39.2	53.5	74.4	96.2
Jews	11.5	12.1	13.8	14.2
Buddhist	9.3	11.2	13.3	15.5
Hindu	8.1	11.3	16.2	20.8
Sikh	2.6	4.0	5.8	7.9
Other	3.1	3.4	3.8	4.4
Total	73.8	95.5	126.7	159.0
Rest of Population	748.3	815.0	896.1	971.4
Total	822.0	910.5	1 022.9	1 130.3

Source: Statistics Canada, Projections 2001-2017

Table 8  
Ottawa

	Total - Age groups	Under 15 years
Total - Religion	795255	153890
Catholic	354930	70425
Protestant	215525	32230
Christian Orthodox	15835	3085
Christian, n.i.e.	14340	3255
Muslim	39375	13530
Jewish	11175	1975
Buddhist	9225	1505
Hindu	8095	1325
Sikh	2465	475
Eastern religions	1535	285
Other religions	1445	115
No religious affiliation	121320	25680

Table 9  
Scenario B-Evolution of Calgary's Major Religious Groups, 2001-2017

	2001	2006	2011	2017
Muslim	25.9	35.0	43.7	54.7
Jews	6.6	7.0	7.6	8.4
Buddhist	16.9	18.2	19.3	20.6
Hindu	7.2	10.0	12.5	15.7
Sikh	13.6	17.7	21.4	26.4
Other	3.9	4.9	5.7	6.5
Total	74.0	92.7	110.3	132.4
Rest of Population	890.4	968.6	1 037.5	1 119.0
Total	964.4	1 061.3	1 147.8	1 251.4

Source: Statistics Canada, Projections 2001-2017

Table 10  
Calgary

	Total - Age groups	Under 15 years
Total - Religion	943 315	187 185
Catholic	248 515	53 630
Protestant	331 905	55 615
Christian Orthodox	11 265	1 815
Christian, n.i.e.	40 600	9 295
Muslim	25 920	6 950
Jewish	6 530	1 225
Buddhist	16 640	2 910
Hindu	7 260	1 420
Sikh	13 320	3 650
Eastern religions	1 365	245
Other religions	2 410	355
No religious affiliation	237 575	50 080

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada, 2001

Table 11  
Vancouver  
Scenario B-Evolution of Vancouver's Major Religious Groups, 2001-2017

	2001	2006	2011	2017
Muslim	53.6	67.9	92.1	116.1
Jews	17.8	17.5	17.8	18.1
Buddhist	75.7	84.3	99.9	113.1
Hindu	28.2	33.2	41.0	48.6
Sikh	104.0	117.2	138.9	156.8
Other	12.2	13.0	14.8	16.1
Total	291.4	333.1	404.6	468.8
Rest of Population	1 745.5	1 811.0	1 965.2	2 091.5
Total	2 036.9	2 144.0	2 369.8	2 560.3

Source: Statistics Canada, Projections 2001-2017

Table 12  
Vancouver-2001

	Total - Age groups	Under 15 years
Total - Religion	1 967 480	346 560
Catholic	364 790	61 315
Protestant	499 185	67 370
Christian Orthodox	26 515	4 365
Christian, n.i.e.	101 620	22 100
Muslim	52 590	11 860
Jewish	17 270	2 675
Buddhist	74 550	9 550
Hindu	27 405	6 210
Sikh	99 005	25 735
Eastern religions	5 580	840
Other religions	6 200	745
No religious affiliation	692 765	133 785

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada, 2001

Table 13  
Share of Non-Christian Religious Groups by Province, 2001 and 2017  
Jewish Population of Canada, 2001-2017

Jewish	2001	2017
Canada	340.8	375.1
Atlantic Provinces	2.9	7.3
Quebec	93.4	85.5
Ontario	197.0	223.1
Manitoba	13.5	11.7
Saskatchewan	0.9	1.8
Alberta	11.2	17.9
British Columbia	21.8	27.6

Source: Statistics Canada, Projections 2001-2017

Table 14  
Muslim Population of Canada, 2001-2017

Muslim Population	2001	2017
Canada	579.7	1 421.4
Atlantic Provinces	5.3	14.5
Quebec	103.9	247.6
Ontario	356.7	910.6
Manitoba	4.9	12.1
Saskatchewan	2.0	4.7
Alberta	49.3	100.3
British Columbia	57.2	131.1

Source: Statistics Canada, Projections 2001-2017

Table 15  
Sikh, 2001-2017

Population	2001	2017
Canada	269.0	443.6
Atlantic Provinces	0.5	1.4
Quebec	7.4	14.3
Ontario	108.9	191.6
Manitoba	5.7	9.1
Saskatchewan	0.5	1.1
Alberta	24.0	41.0
British Columbia	141.9	185.0

Source: Statistics Canada, Projections 2001-2017

Table 16  
Hindu Population

Hindu Population	2001	2017
Canada	303.6	515.1
Atlantic Provinces	2.2	3.3
Quebec	24.4	34.4
Ontario	223.4	392.5
Manitoba	3.9	5.1
Saskatchewan	1.4	1.5
Alberta	15.9	27.9
British Columbia	32.4	50.1

Source: Statistics Canada, Projections 2001-2017

Table 17  
Gender, Religion and Workforce Participation

Geography: Canada (01) 20000	Selected Participation rate		
	Total - Sex	Male	Female
Total - Selected religions	66.4	72.7	60.5
Roman Catholic	66.1	72.3	60.5
No Religion	72.5	76.6	67.5
United Church	63.4	69.7	58.1
Anglican	62.1	68.6	56.5
Christian not included elsewhere	71.7	78.4	65.7
Baptist	63.6	71.0	57.4
Lutheran	63.2	69.3	57.8
Muslim	61.3	72.2	49.1
Presbyterian	60.3	67.0	54.8
Jewish	65.8	72.6	59.4
Buddhist	60.9	67.8	54.9
Hindu	69.0	77.0	60.8
Sikh	69.5	76.2	62.9
Greek Orthodox	64.4	70.2	58.6

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada, 2001

Table 18

Geography: Canada (01) 20000	Selected Cultur: Unemployment rate	Age Groups (5A): Total - Age groups	
	Total - Sex	Male	Female
Total - Selected religions	7.4	7.6	7.2
Roman Catholic	7.4	7.8	6.9
No Religion	8.1	8.1	8.0
United Church	5.7	6.0	5.4
Anglican	7.4	7.8	7.0
Christian not included elsewhere	8.1	7.7	8.5
Baptist	7.1	7.1	7.2
Lutheran	5.0	5.0	5.0
Muslim	14.4	13.1	16.5
Protestant not included elsewhere	6.8	6.7	7.0
Presbyterian	5.2	5.0	5.3
Jewish	5.3	5.0	5.8
Buddhist	8.9	8.2	9.6
Hindu	9.5	7.4	12.2
Sikh	9.4	8.4	10.7
Greek Orthodox	6.3	6.2	6.4

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada, 2001