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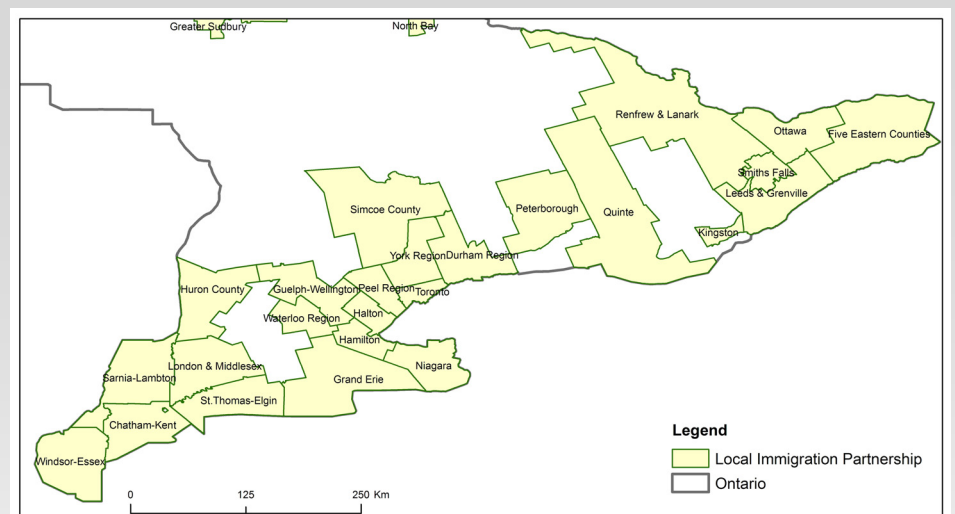


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Zenaida Ravanera is Coordinator of the Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster. She is also Research Associate at the Centre for Population, Aging and Health; and Information Officer of the Research Data Centre at the University of Western Ontario. She obtained her degree in Master in Business Administration from Xavier University, and her PhD in demography from Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Her research interests include integration of immigrants, timing and trajectories of life course events, social capital and family structures, childlessness, and interrelation of work and family life. She co-edited *Canada's Changing Families: Implications for Individuals and Society*, a book published in 2006 for the SSHRC-funded project, Family Transformation and Social Cohesion.

Developing Measures of Ability and Willingness of Communities to Welcome Newcomers

In 2011, Zenaida Ravanera with six faculty and graduate students affiliated with Migration and Ethnic Relations (Victoria M. Esses, Roderic Beaujot, Alexandra Bozheva, Jason Gilliland, Natalia Lapshina, Claudia Y. Rangel) worked on *Measurement of Outcomes of Local Immigration Partnerships: Baseline Indicators of Welcoming Communities*, a research project funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.



Unemployment Rate, By Immigration Status, Toronto						
Local Immigration Partnership	Total population	Non-immigrants	Immigrants	Established immigrants	Recent immigrants	Temporary entrants
Bathurst-Finch	8.9	9.0	8.9	7.6	11.5	8.4
Black Creek	9.0	9.4	8.9	7.9	13.0	10.2
Percent of Visible Minority Population						
Local Immigration Partnership	Total pop.	Non-immigrants	Immigrants	Established immigrants	Recent immigrants	Temporary entrants
Eglinton	30.0	23.4	32.0	31.5	33.1	41.1
Black Creek	63.2	50.7	70.4	64.9	92.3	86.5
Percent of Population with Bachelor Degree and Higher, By Immigration Status						
Local Immigration Partnership	Total population	Non-immigrants	Immigrants	Established immigrants	Recent immigrants	Temporary entrants
Bathurst-Finch	34.5	22.3	37.9	33.1	48.8	30.5
Black Creek	12.1	12.6	11.5	8.1	28.1	21.5
Percent of Population Whose Mother Tongue is Other than English or French, By Immigration Status, Toronto						
Local Immigration Partnership	Total pop.	Non-immigrants	Immigrants	Established immigrants	Recent immigrants	Temporary entrants
Bathurst-Finch	71.9	24.0	88.2	85.5	93.6	86.2
Black Creek	51.4	31.5	76.9	75.6	81.8	76.1
Percent of Immigrants, Recent Immigrants, First Generation Immigrants						
Local Immigration Partnership	Immigrants (%)	Recent immigrants (2001-2008) (% of total immigrants)	1st generation immigrants (%)			
Bathurst-Finch	71.3	33.6	80.1			
Black Creek	36.9	20.1	74.8			
Central South Etobicoke	55.7	18.8	49.6			
Don Valley	46.8	29.4	59.4			
East Downtown Toronto	52.6	57.7	51.3			
East Toronto	58.5	22.5	47.1			
Eglinton East - Kennedy P	55.8	21.0	67.8			
Lawrence Heights	51.4	16.4	63.5			
North Etobicoke	37.9	24.5	73.6			
North West Scarborough	28.7	22.8	80.2			
North York East	68.9	30.7	76.9			
South Scarborough	37.1	25.1	74.2			
South West Scarborough	49.6	24.3	57.3			
West Downtown Toronto	53.2	40.0	51.6			
York South-Weston	43.9	15.9	66.7			
Toronto	50.0	21.6	59.1			

For over a year, the team gathered and collated data from various sources – including the 2006 Census, the 2008 Canadian Community Health Survey, and the *211 Ontario* – for communities with Local Immigration Partnerships. Drawing upon her previous research on integration of individuals in society and on measuring social cohesion, Dr. Ravanera explores the possibilities of using the data as indicators of communities' ability to welcome newcomers.

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4:00 pm – SSC 5220

Refreshments 3:30pm – SSC 5230

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All Welcome!