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Educational Portrait of Canada

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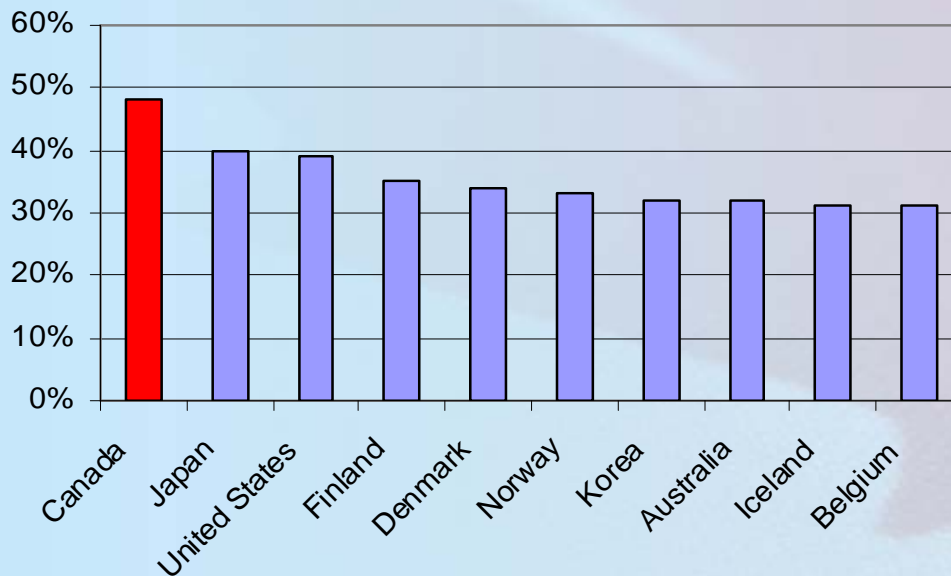


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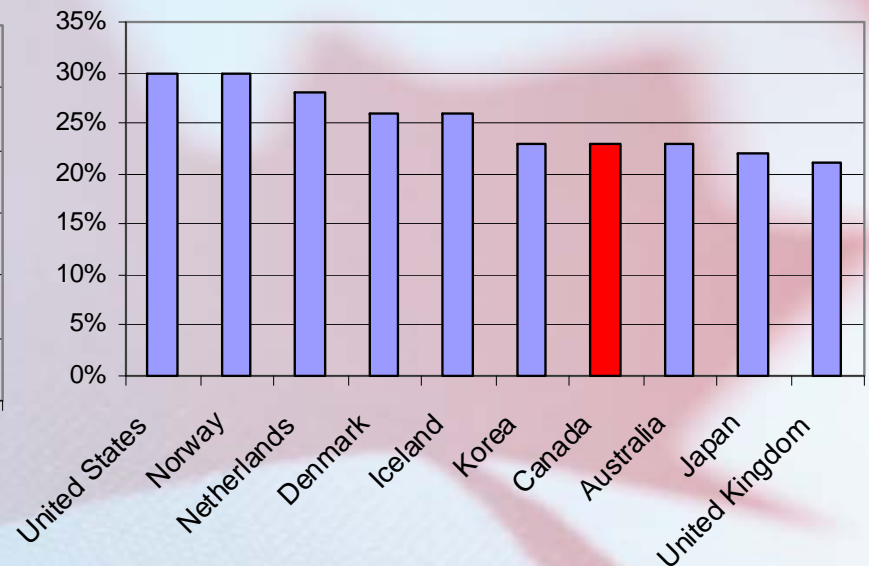
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Canada among top 10 OECD countries in terms of proportion of population having a postsecondary education

Proportion of 25 to 64 year olds having a college diploma or university degree



Proportion of 25 to 64 year olds having a university degree

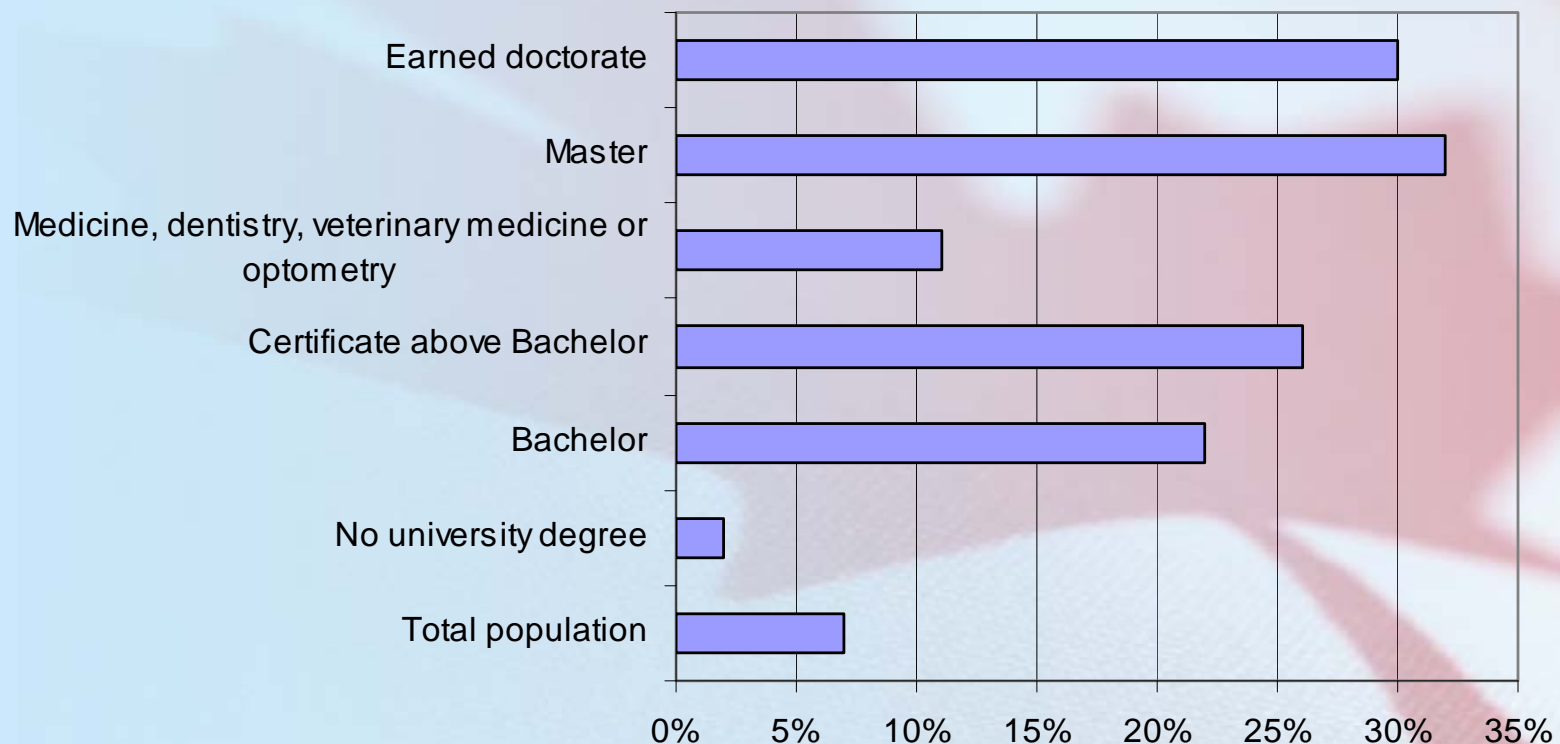


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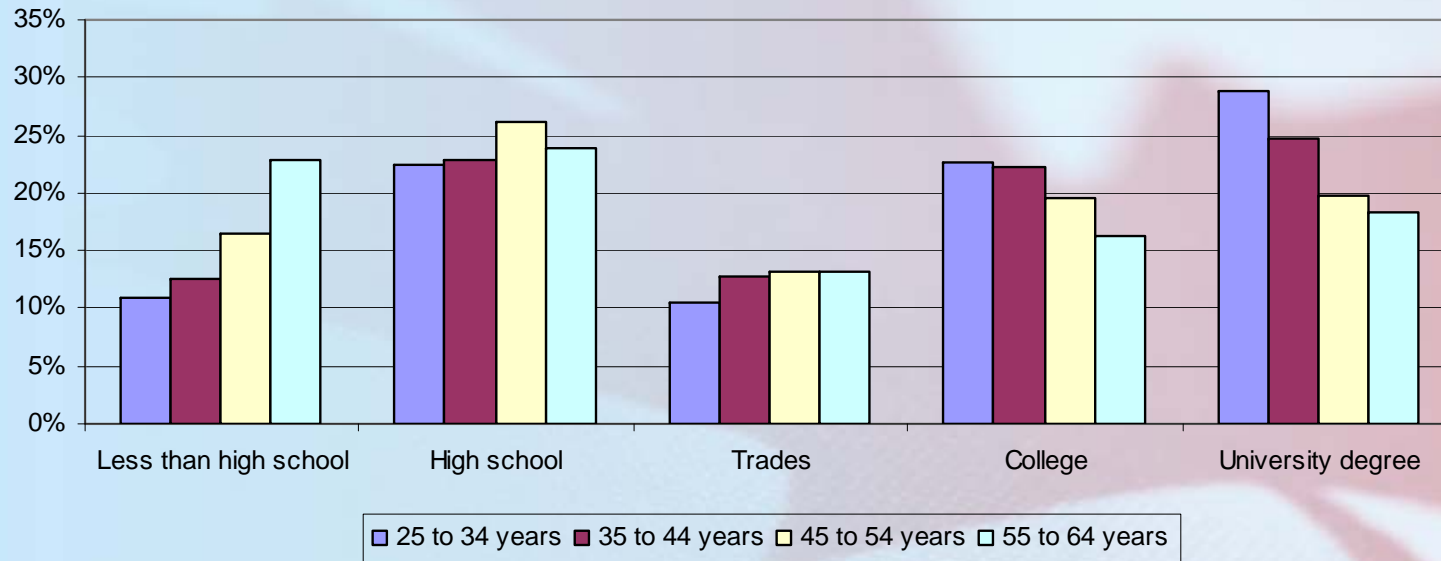
The number of Canadians between 25 and 64 years of age having a university degree grew 24% since 2001 – over three times the growth of the population as a whole

Percent increase from 2001 to 2006 of population between 25 and 64 years of age



A larger proportion of young Canadians obtained a college diploma or university degree; however, a smaller proportion acquired a trades certificate

Proportion of population by highest level of educational attainment and age groups

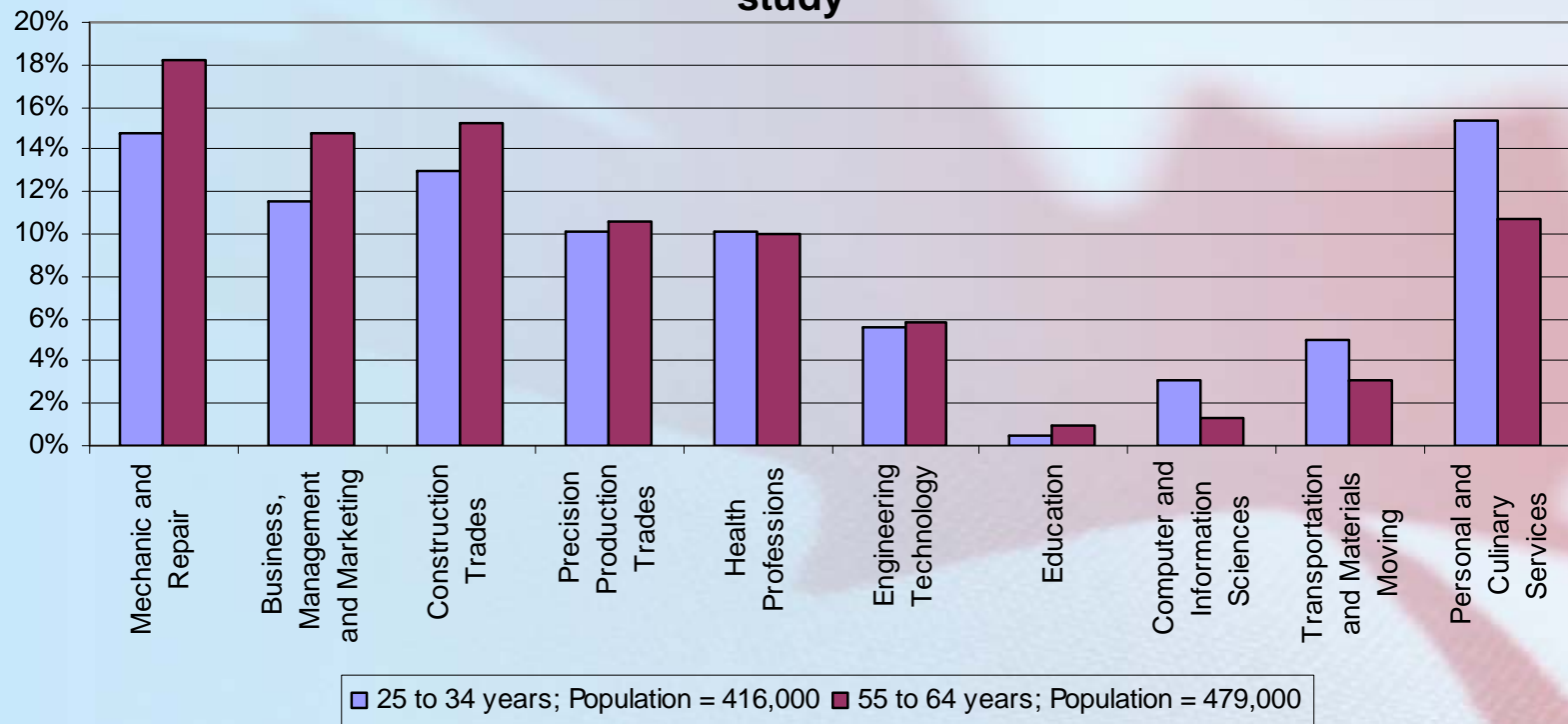


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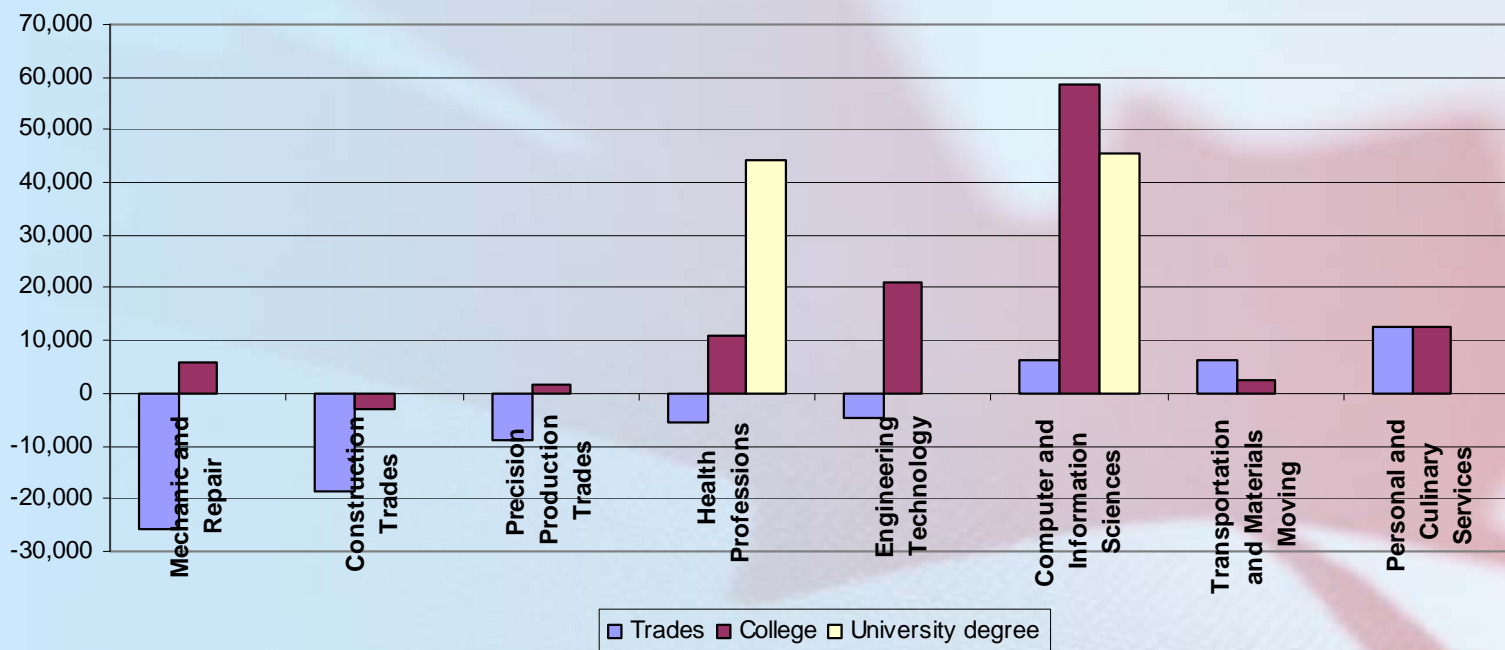
The types of trades acquired by younger Canadians were different from the ones acquired by older Canadians

Proportion of people with a trades certificate by selected field of study



Fewer young people studied mechanics, construction and precision production; regardless of the level of educational attainment

Difference between 55 to 64 and 25 to 34 year olds for selected fields of study by level of educational attainment



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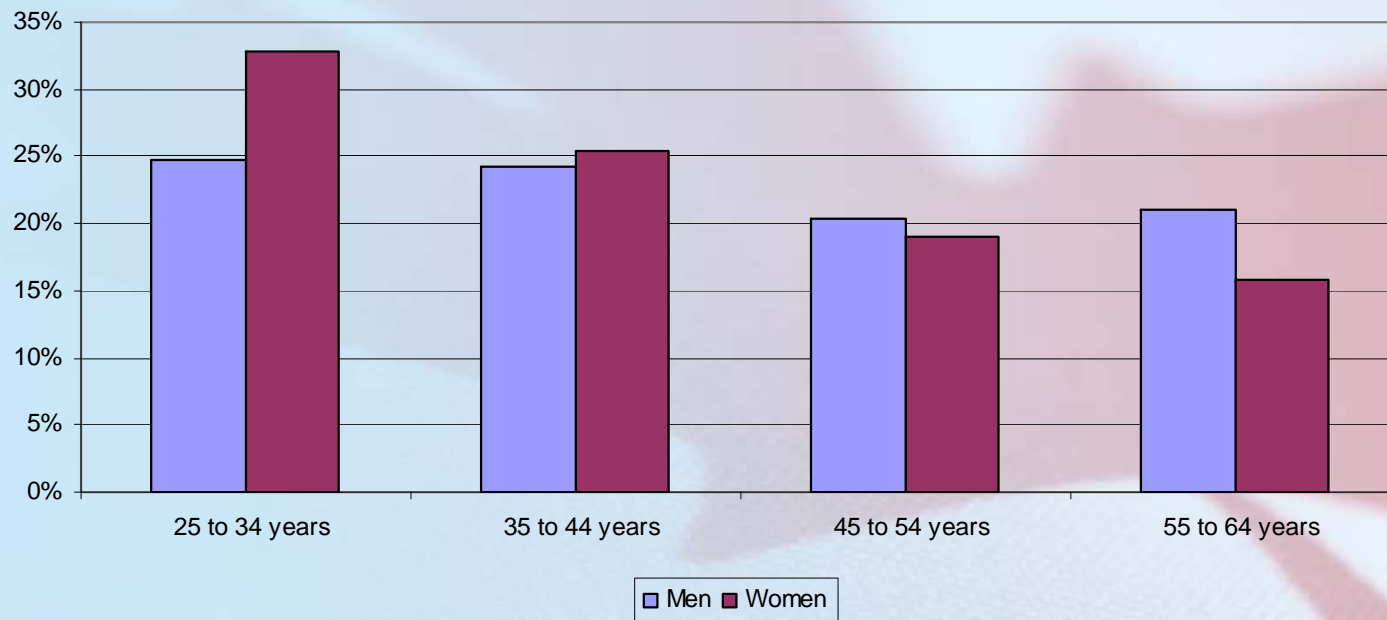
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Differences between men and women



A greater proportion of young women had a university degree than young men

Proportion of population having a university degree by age and sex



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A larger proportion of young men studied in business and engineering than young women while a larger proportion of young women studied in health and education

Percentage of 25 to 34 year olds having a university degree by selected field of study and sex



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Immigration

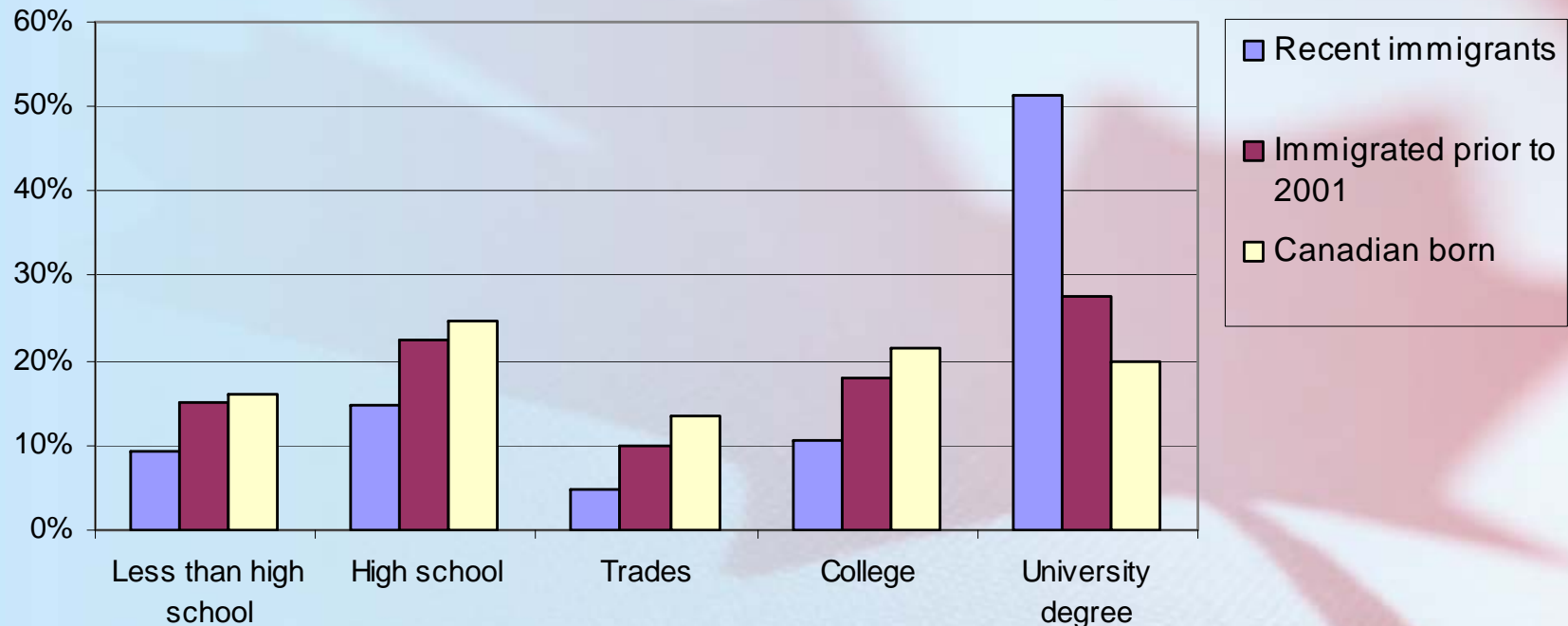


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Recent immigrants had higher levels of attainment than both immigrants who arrived prior to 2001 and people who were born in Canada

Proportion of population between 25 and 64 years of age by level of educational attainment and period of immigration

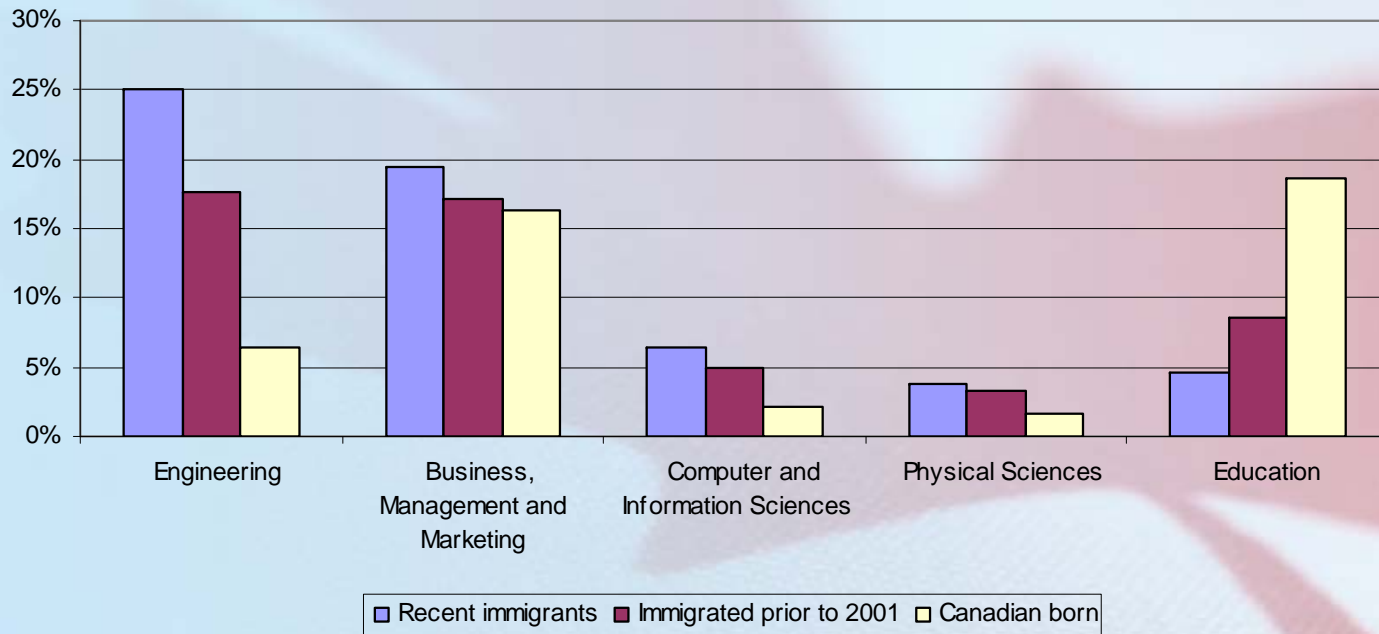


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A greater proportion of recent immigrants were trained in engineering, computer sciences and physical sciences than the rest of the population

Percentage of population between 25 and 64 years of age having a university degree by selected field of study

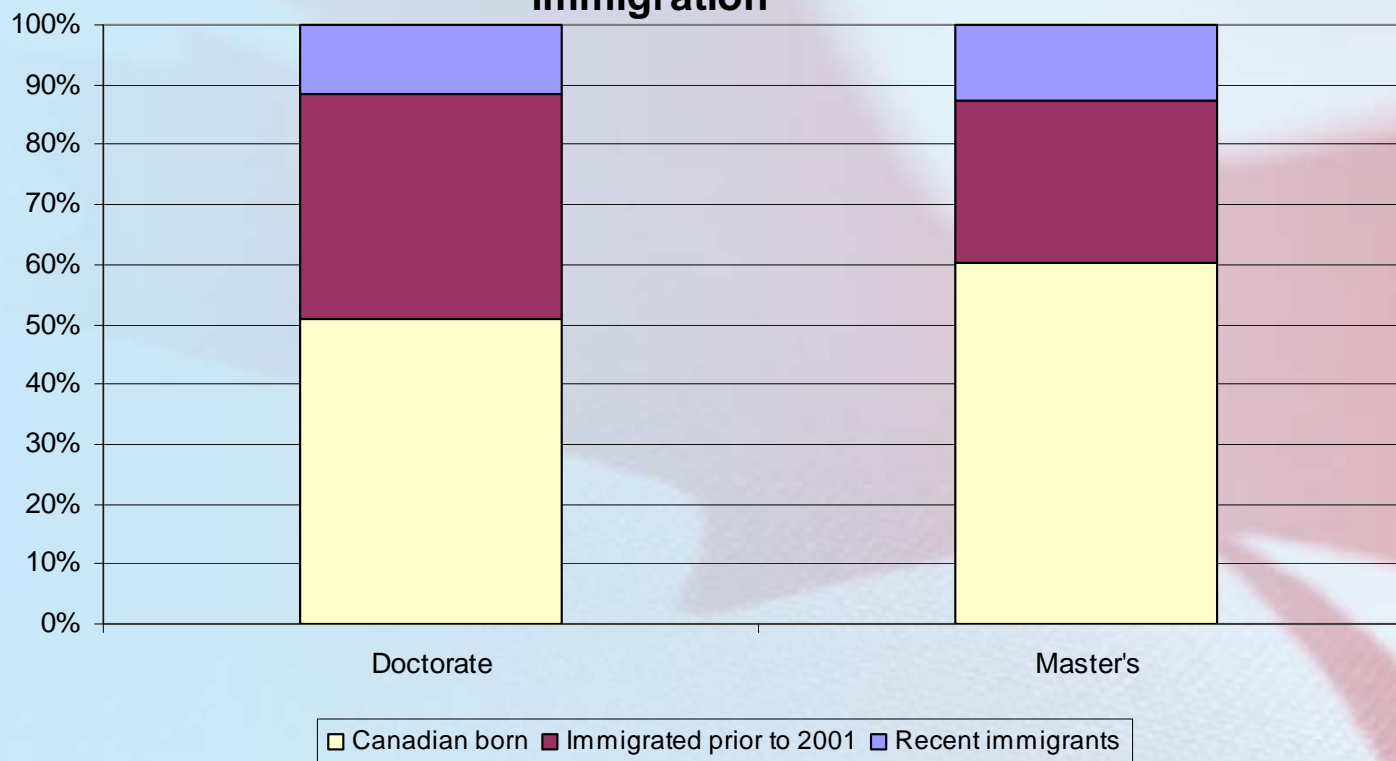


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Nearly half of residents having a doctorate and 40% having a master's degree were not born in Canada

Percentage of population between 25 and 64 years of age having a doctorate and master's degrees by period of immigration





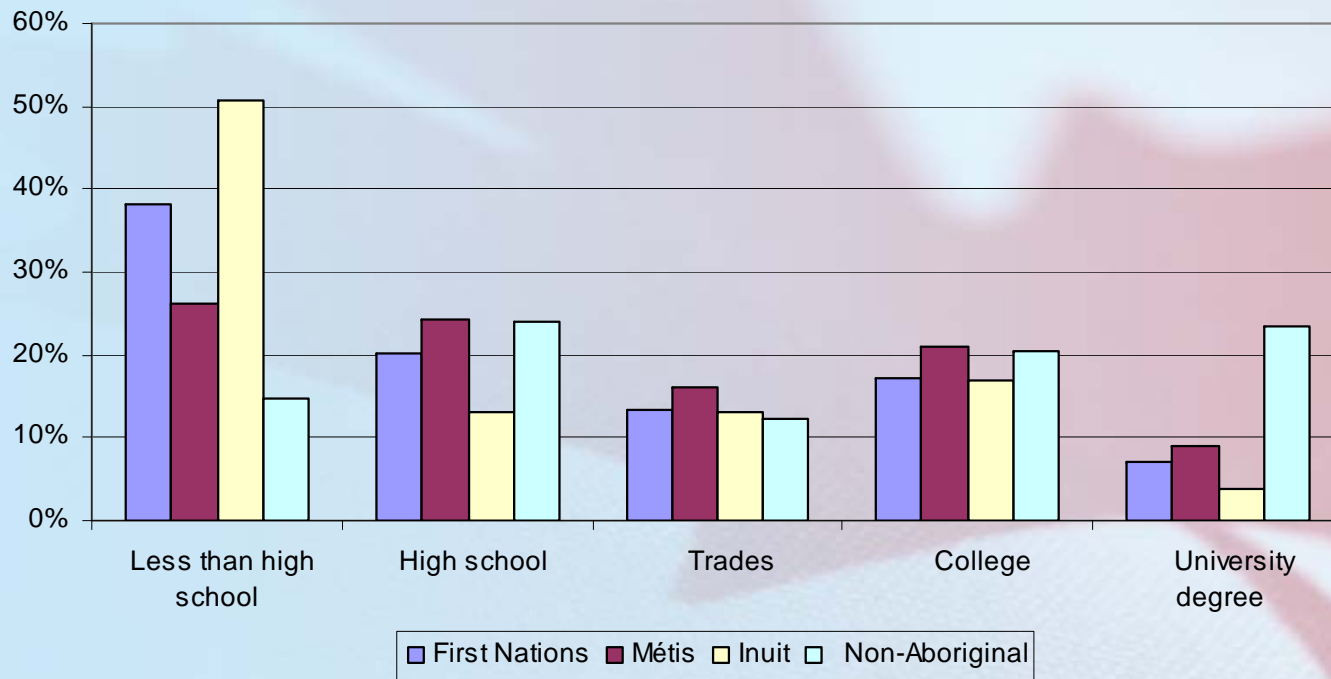
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Aboriginal population



A greater proportion of Aboriginal people had a trade certification than non-Aboriginals while the proportion with a college diploma were similar

Percentage of population between 25 and 64 years of age by level of educational attainment and Aboriginal identity

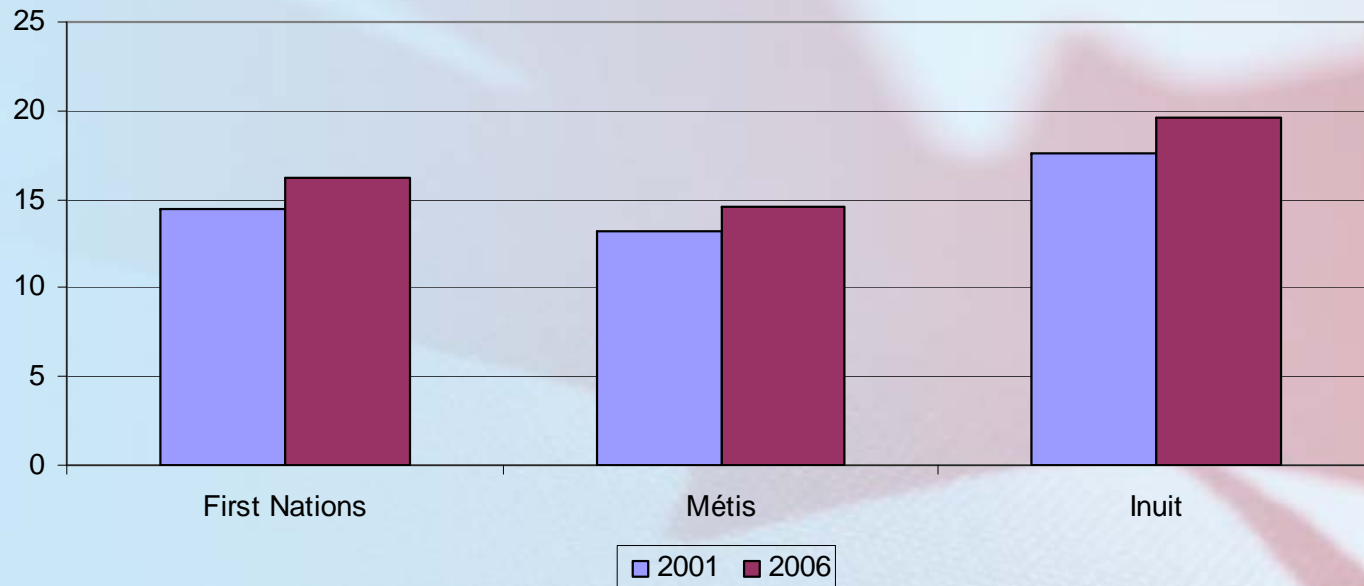


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The gap between the proportion of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal population having a university degree has increased between 2001 and 2006

Percentage-point difference between share of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal population with a university degree, 2001 and 2006¹



Note: 1. Only Indian reserves and settlements that participated in both censuses are included.

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Provinces and territories

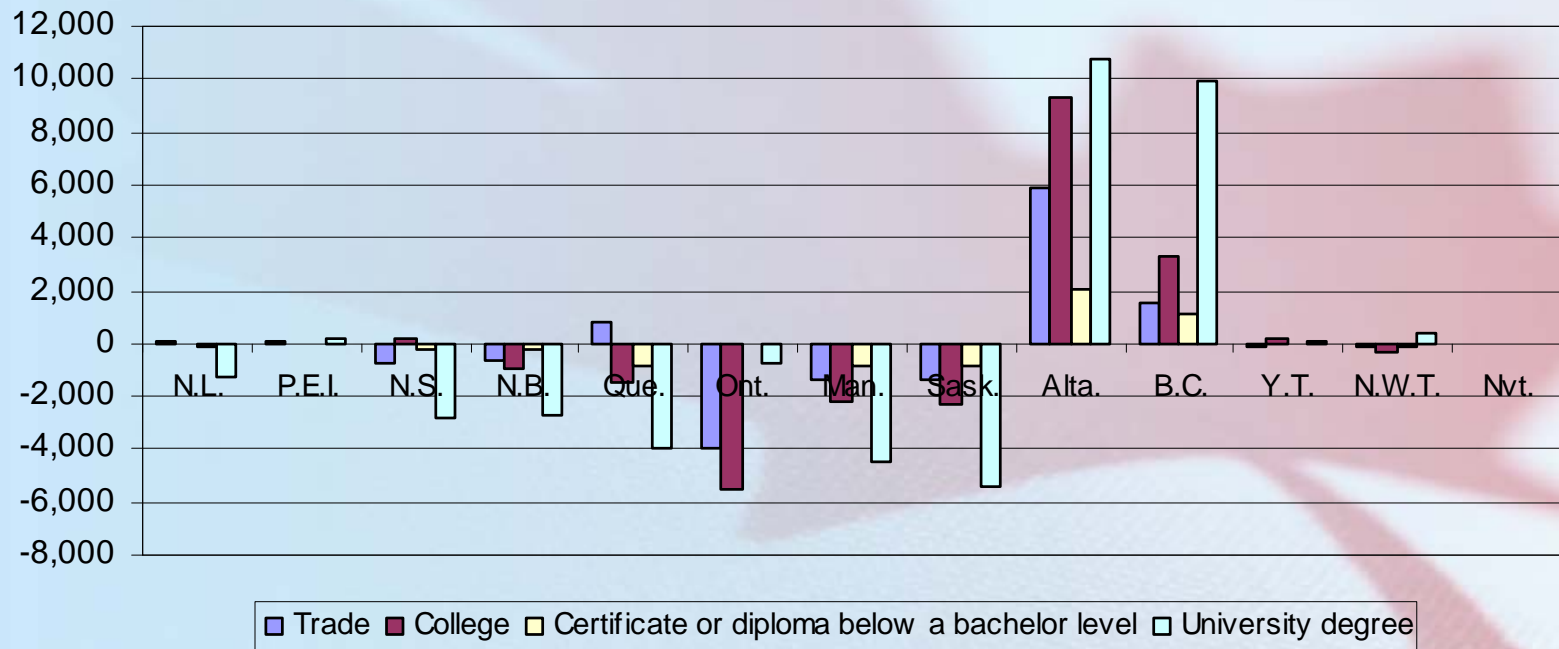


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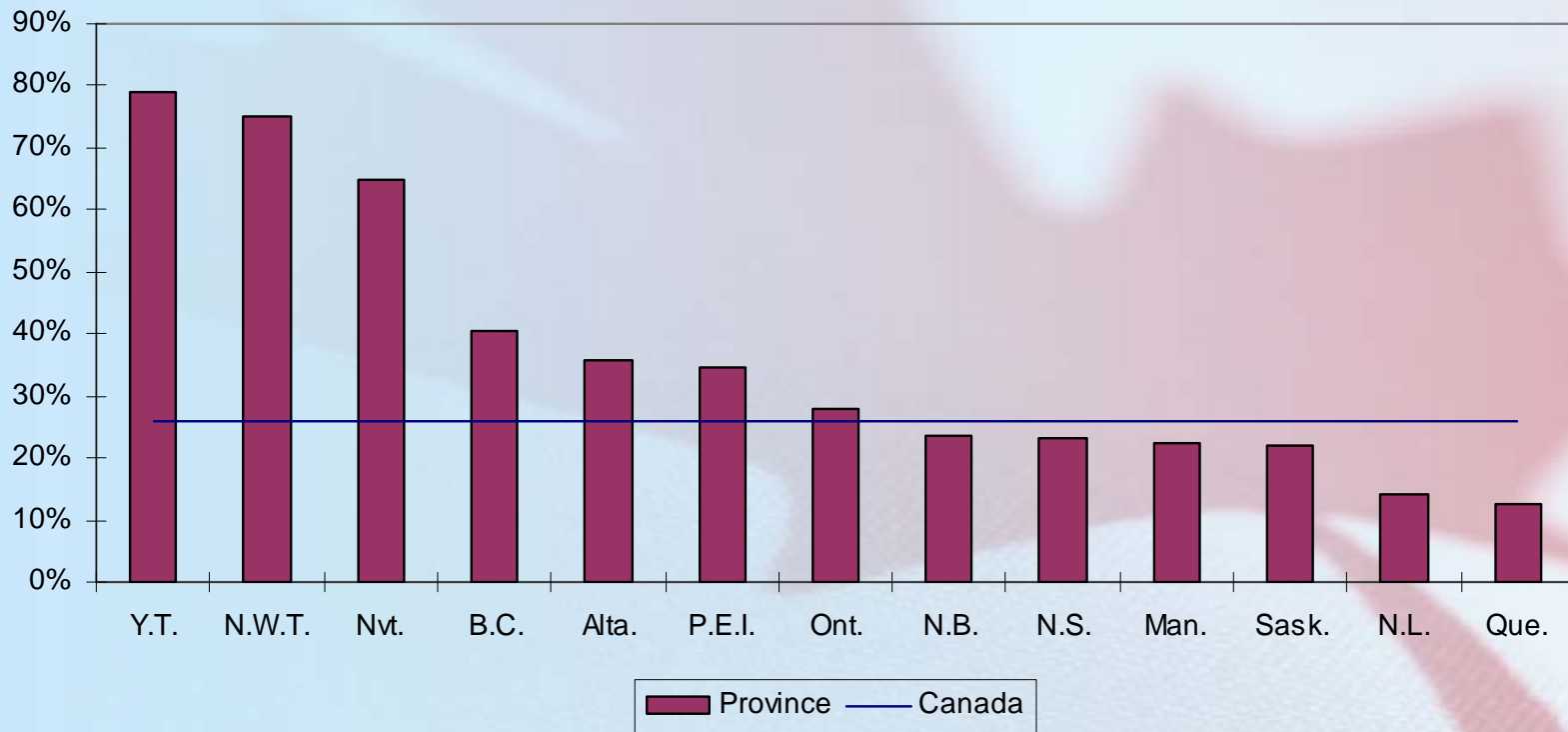
A net increase of postsecondary graduates had moved to Alberta or B.C. from other provinces or territories since 2001

Net number of people between 25 and 64 who moved into a province or territory from another province or territory by level of educational attainment



A large proportion of people had studied outside of the province or territory in which they resided in 2006 – especially in the territories

Percentage of people between 25 and 64 years of age having a postsecondary education who studied outside of their current province or territory of residence



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Upcoming 2006 Census releases

- **April 2, 2008:** Ethnic origin and visible minorities
- **May 1, 2008:** Income and earnings; Housing and shelter costs

