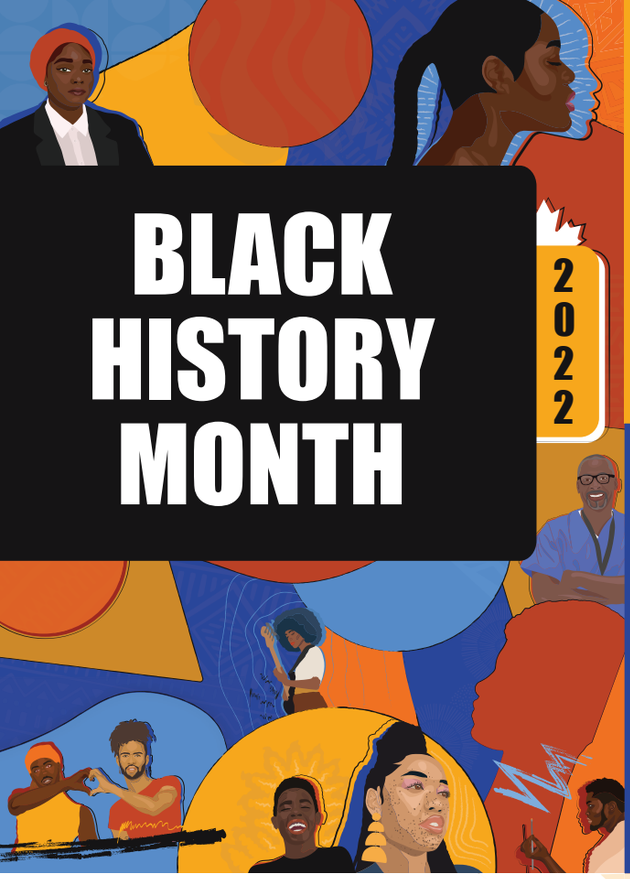

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2022

Black History Month is an opportunity to highlight the contributions and accomplishments of Black Canadians and their communities, today and every day.

Fighting COVID-19 on the front lines

In 2016, one-third of female Black workers aged 25 to 59 in Canada worked in the health care and social assistance sector. No other sector has such **high proportions of female Black workers**.

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Population.

A positive outlook

Among Canada's Black population, **76%** of immigrants and **85%** of non-immigrants felt that their life opportunities would improve within the next five years. Among the rest of the population, these proportions were significantly lower (**57%** and **46%** respectively).

Source: Statistics Canada, General Social Survey – Canadians at Work and Home, 2016.

More likely to hold a bachelor's degree or higher

In 2021, Black Canadians in the core age group (25 to 54 years) were more likely to hold a bachelor's degree or higher **(41.1%)** than people in the same age group who did not belong to a visible minority and were not Indigenous **(34.2%)**.

Source: Statistics Canada. Labour Force Survey Supplement, custom tabulation.

Contributions to the scientific community

In 2016, there were 71,365 Black Canadians 25 years and older that had a postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 37-10-0171-01 Postsecondary qualification holders aged 25 years and over by highest certificate, diploma or degree, STEM and BHASE (non-STEM) groupings for major field of study, sex and selected demographic characteristics.

Looking for more disaggregated data on this topic?

Stay tuned as we will provide a detailed portrait of Canada's diverse ethnocultural population later this year in our 2021 Census data releases: **census.gc.ca**.