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## **Bulgarian Immigration to Canada, Late Nineteenth –Mid-Twentieth Centuries**

(Abstract)

Abstract: The article aims at studying the first generations of the Bulgarian immigrants to Canada through the methods of historical demography. The ethno-demographic phenomena and processes that took place among them are characterized by quantitative analysis mainly of Canadian and partly of Bulgarian official statistical sources (population censuses and current demographic statistics), considering the volume, dynamics and ethnic composition of immigration flow, its structure by gender and age, marital and literacy status. An attempt has been made to clarify the relationship between immigration with a starting point Bulgaria and the one coming from among the Bulgarians abroad (who originated mainly from Macedonia), to identify those who contributed more to the replenishment of the Bulgarian diaspora in Canada and to shed light on the ethnic composition of these immigration flows. The level of integration processes is presented by studying the role of citizenship, intermarriage and spoken language, using indicators such as relative shares of Bulgarian immigrants that got naturalized, were Canadian-born, adopted the official languages of the country as well as kept speaking their mother tongue and declared belonging to Bulgarian ethnicity/origin, lived in ethnically mixed marriages.

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