



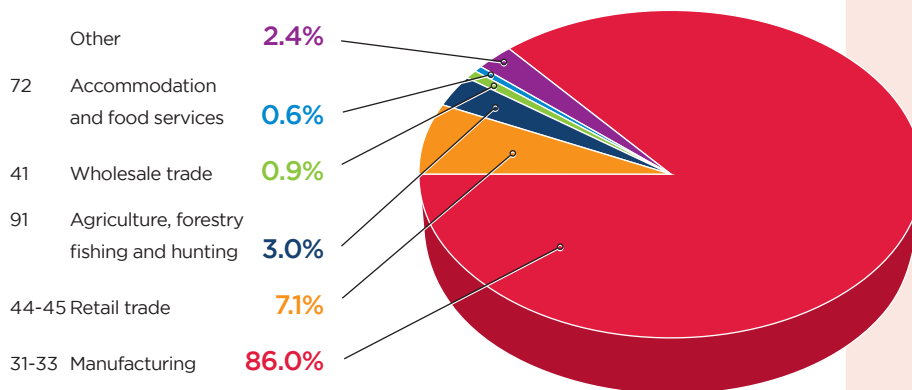
Occupational Profile

Industrial Butchers and Meat Cutters, Poultry Preparers, and Related Workers

Workforce Composition

Industrial butchers work primarily in the manufacturing industry, accounting for 86.0% of the workforce. Approximately 8 in 10 industrial butchers work in the food and beverage manufacturing industry. The retail trade industry has the second-highest share (7.1%) of the industrial butcher workforce, followed by the agriculture forestry, fishing and hunting industry (3.0%).

Figure 1 – Workforce Composition by Industry, 2021



Source: Statistics Canada, Custom Tabulation 2021 Census



Profile Summary

Women
28.3%
of the workforce

Visible Minorities
60.8%
of the workforce

Immigrants
53.1%
of the workforce

Education
70.4%
of the workforce
are lower-skilled workers¹

Indigenous People
2.2%
of the workforce

People with Disabilities
9.9%
of the workforce

Age (55+)
20.0%
of the workforce

Age (15-24 years)
8.7%
of the workforce

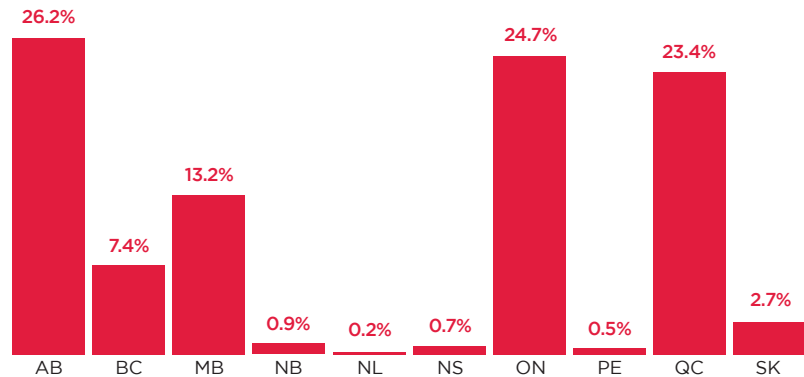
¹ The lower-skill labour force is the portion of the total labour force with no education beyond a high school diploma.



Provincial Distribution

More than a quarter (26.2%) of the industrial butcher workforce is concentrated in Alberta. Ontario and Quebec each account for approximately a quarter of the workforce. Manitoba also comprises a notable share of the workforce, accounting for 13.2% of the occupation.

Figure 2 - Distribution of Industrial Butchers by Province, 2021

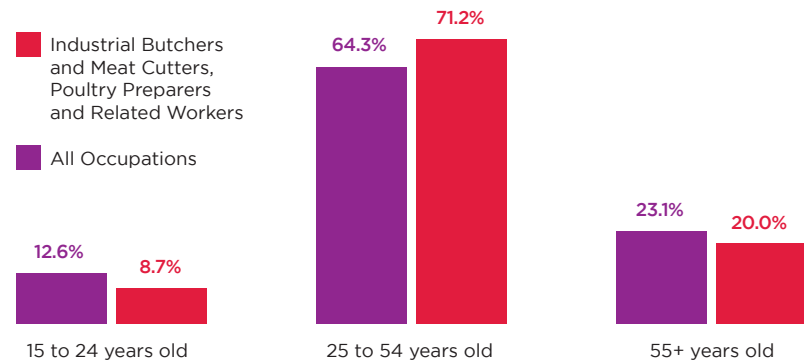


Source: Statistics Canada, Custom Tabulation 2021 Census

Age Profile

The industrial butcher occupation has a comparable age distribution to the overall workforce. However, the occupational workforce has fewer youth and workers aged 55 and older than the overall workforce. The core age group (aged 25 to 54) accounts for nearly three-quarters of the industrial butcher workforce, which is higher than the share across all occupations.

Figure 3 - Age Composition (All Occupations and Industrial Butcher Workforce, 2021)

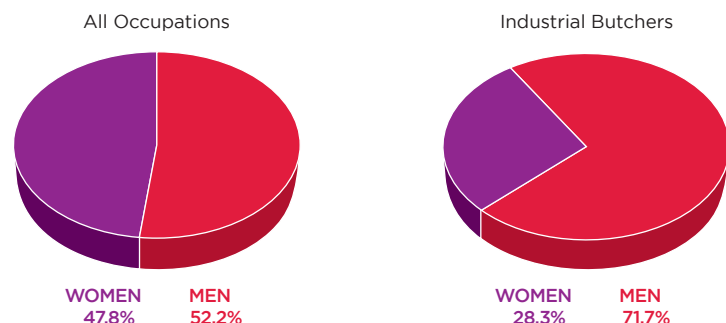


Source: Statistics Canada, Custom Tabulation 2021 Census

Gender

Men comprise the majority (71.7%) of the industrial butcher workforce, while women comprise 28.3%. This figure is notably lower than the share of women across all industries (47.8%).

Figure 4 - Gender Composition (All Occupations and Industrial Butcher Workforce), Canada, 2021



Source: Statistics Canada, Custom Tabulation 2021 Census

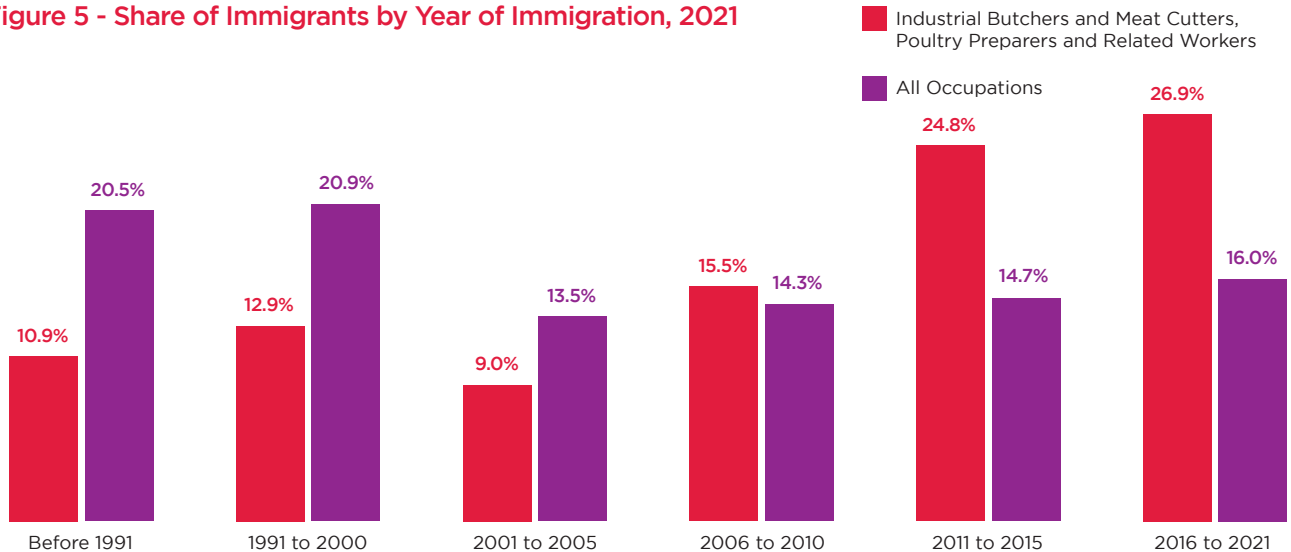


Immigration Status

Immigrants are a significant part of the industrial butcher workforce, comprising more than half (53.1%) of the workforce. This figure is more than double the share of 25.8% across all occupations.

The industrial butcher occupation has successfully attracted recent immigrants (those who landed between 2016 and 2021). As shown in Figure 5, industrial butchers have a significantly higher share of recent immigrants than the overall workforce (26.9% versus 16.0%).

Figure 5 - Share of Immigrants by Year of Immigration, 2021



Source: Statistics Canada, Custom Tabulation 2021 Census

Indigenous Peoples

In 2021, Indigenous People accounted for 2.2% of the industrial butcher workforce. This figure is approximately half of the share of 4.1% reported across all occupations.

Figure 6 - Share of Indigenous People in the Industrial Butcher Workforce, 2021



Source: Statistics Canada, Custom Tabulation 2021 Census

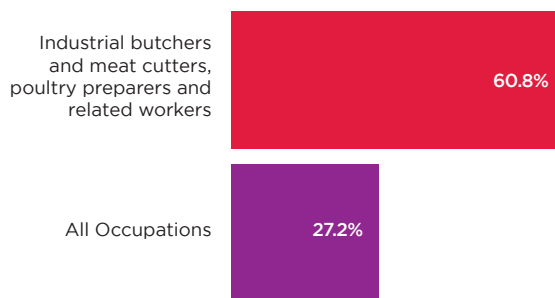




Visible Minorities

In 2021, visible minorities accounted for more than half (60.8%) of the industrial butcher workforce. This figure is more than double the share of visible minorities reported across all occupations.

Figure 7 - Share of Visible Minorities in the Industrial Butcher Workforce, 2021



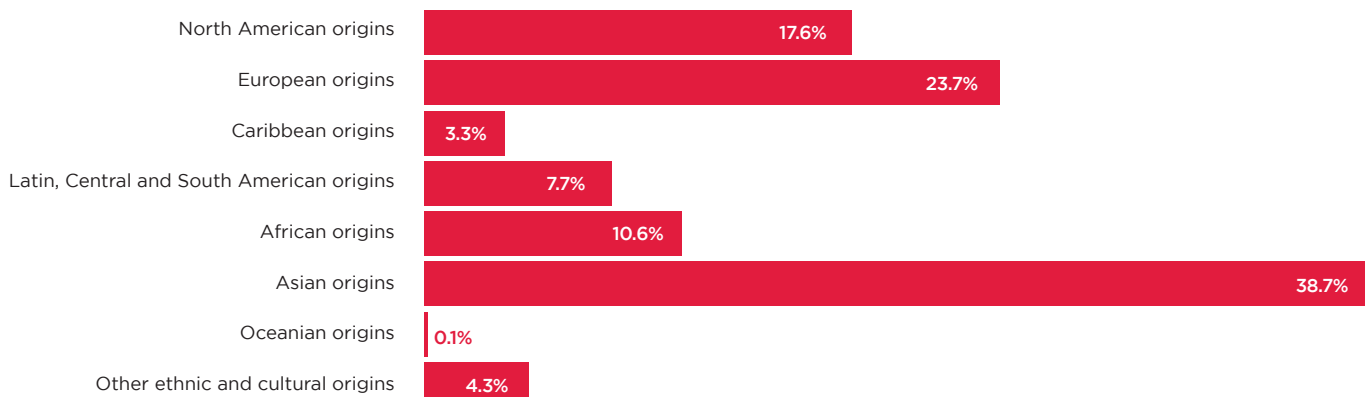
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Ethnic Origin

In 2021, the predominant ethnicity identified among industrial butchers in the workforce was “Asian Origins,” with approximately 40% of workers reporting this origin. “European Origins,” the second most frequently cited origin, was reported by 23.7% of the workforce.

Figure 8 - Most Common Ethnic or Cultural Origin Reported, 2021



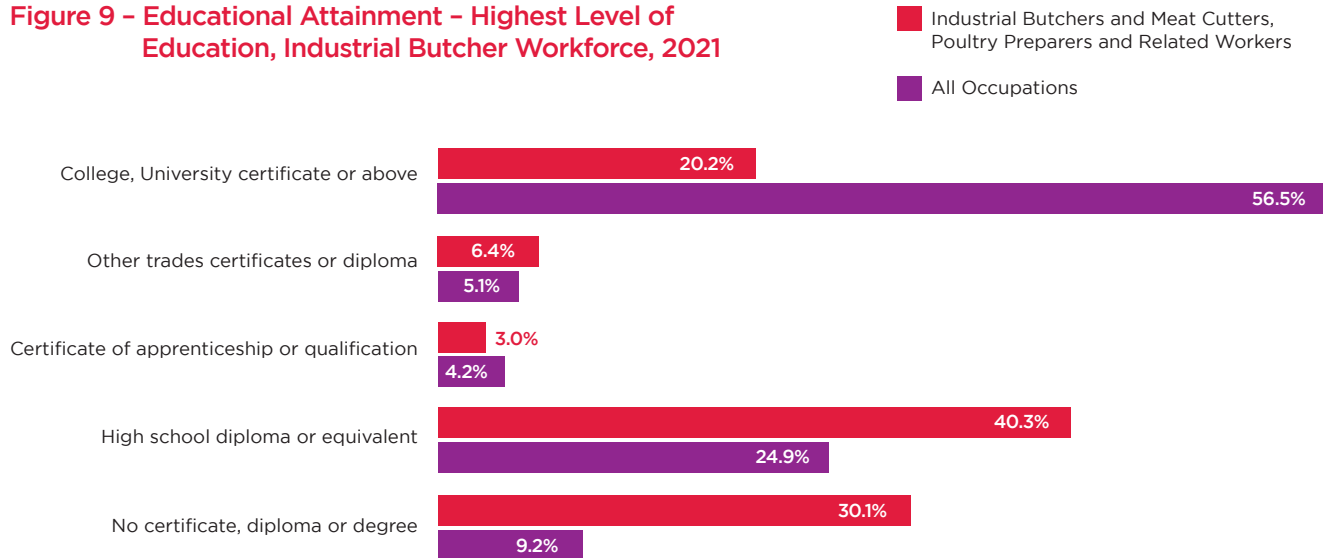
Source: Statistics Canada, Custom Tabulation 2021 Census



Education

In 2021, less than a quarter of the industrial butcher workforce had a college or university-level education. Most workers (70.4%) reported having a high school diploma or no certificate, diploma, or degree. This figure is significantly above the share of 34.1% across all occupations.

Figure 9 – Educational Attainment – Highest Level of Education, Industrial Butcher Workforce, 2021



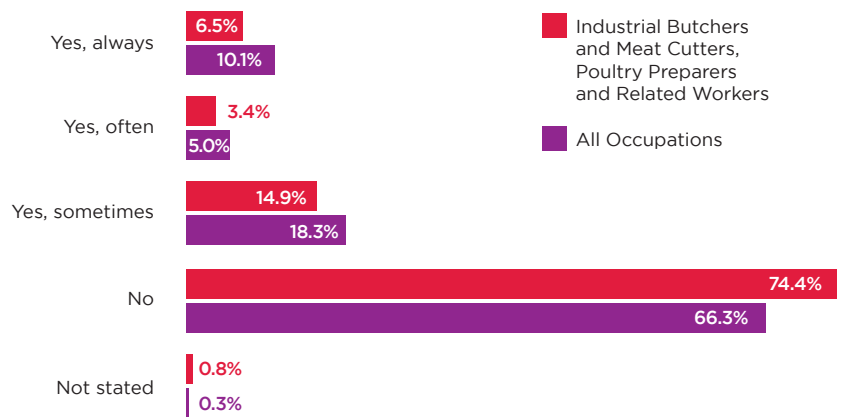
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People with Disabilities

For this report, people with disabilities are defined as individuals in the workforce who report they ‘often’ or ‘always’ have difficulties with the activities of daily living (e.g., seeing, hearing, walking, learning, etc.) because of physical, mental, or other health-related issues.

In 2021, people with disabilities accounted for 9.9% of the industrial butcher workforce. This figure is approximately five percentage points lower than the share across all occupations.

Figure 10 - Difficulties with Activities of Daily Living, Industrial Butcher Workforce, 2021



Source: Statistics Canada, Custom Tabulation 2021 Census