
The Chinese Canadian Migration Project

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Project goals:

1. Dynamics of migration between China and Canada (Yu)
2. Biological standard of living in south China (Ward)
3. Public access database for research purposes

Register of Chinese Immigration.

Port of *China* *Victoria*

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No. of Passes	NAME	No. of Passes	No. of Passes		Sex	Age	No. of Passes	No. of Passes	No. of Passes	PLACE OF BIRTH			No. of Passes	Last Place of Residence	ARRIVAL IN CANADA			No. of Passes	No. of Passes	No. of Passes
			S.S.	S.S.						City or Village	Province	Country			Port of Arrival	Ship	Date			
73	Lang Lee	1001	6261	150	male	28	Canton	China	Laundryman	San Francisco	Victoria	Port George	Apr 1881	Height 5ft 3 inches Weight about 140 lbs Left eye	74	Returned June 1881				
74	Sip Tong	11	6262	150	male	34	"	"	Black	Hongkong	"	"	June 1881	Height 5ft 7 1/2 inches Thin build Dark eyes No teeth	75	Returned Nov. 1881				
75	Wah Fook	12	6263	150	"	25	"	"	Labourer	"	"	"	July 1881	Height 5ft 5 1/2 inches Average build Dark eyes No teeth	76	"				
76	Wah Shau	"	6264	150	"	20	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Height 5ft 5 1/2 inches Thin build Dark eyes No teeth	77	"				
77	Wah Hui	16	6265	150	"	31	Hongkong	"	Laundryman	"	"	"	July 1881	Height 5ft 8 inches Thin build Dark eyes No teeth	78	Returned from Hongkong No teeth				
78	Wah Sing	"	6266	150	"	25	"	"	"	"	"	"	June 1881	Height 5ft 8 inches Thin build Dark eyes No teeth	79	"				
79	Tong Lee	"	6267	150	"	22	"	"	Labourer	"	"	"	July 1881	Height 5ft 7 1/2 inches Thin build Dark eyes No teeth	80	Returned from Hongkong No teeth				
80	Wah Shau	29	6268	150	"	26	Canton	China	Merchant	"	"	"	July 1881	Height 5ft 7 1/2 inches Thin build Dark eyes No teeth	81	Returned July 1881				
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81	Hai Tang	1590	6269	150	Male	35	Hongkong	China	Labourer	Hongkong	Victoria	Port George	June 1881	Height 5ft 9 inches Thin build Dark eyes No teeth	82	Returned from Hongkong No teeth				
82	Lee Hui	"	6270	150	"	30	"	"	"	"	"	"	July 1881	Height 5ft 8 inches Thin build Dark eyes No teeth	83	"				
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83	Yeh Fook	2622	6271	150	Male	45	Canton	China	Labourer	Canton	Victoria	Port George	June 1881	Height 5ft 7 inches Thin build Dark eyes No teeth	84	Returned from Hongkong No teeth				
84	Wah Fook	10110	6272	150	Male	22	Canton	China	Merchant	China	Victoria	Port George	June 1881	Height 5ft 10 inches Thin build Dark eyes No teeth	85	Returned March 1881				
85	Wah Fook	10110	6273	150	"	26	"	"	"	"	"	"	July 1881	Height 5ft 5 inches Thin build Dark eyes No teeth	86	Returned Sept 1881				
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86	Lee Ding	186	6274	50	male	26	Canton	China	Labourer	Hongkong	Victoria	Port George	Apr 1881	Height 5ft 10 inches Thin build Dark eyes No teeth	87	Returned July 1881				
87	Wah Lee	10110	6274	150	"	25	Canton	China	Laundryman	San Francisco	Victoria	Port George	Apr 1881	Height 5ft 5 inches Thin build Dark eyes No teeth	87	Returned July 1881				
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88	Wah Lee	10110	6275	50	male	21	Hongkong	China	Labourer	Hongkong	Victoria	Port George	Apr 1881	Height 5ft 7 inches Thin build Dark eyes No teeth	88	Returned July 1881				
89	Wah Fook	10110	6275	150	Male	30	Canton	China	Labourer	San Francisco	Victoria	Port George	June 1881	Height 5ft 8 inches Thin build Dark eyes No teeth	88	Returned July 1881				

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THIS CERTIFIES THAT

OTTAWA, August 17th 1918.

Jeeb Chee Kee of #332 Victoria St., Kamloops, B.C.
whose photograph is hereto attached claims to be
Jeeb Chee Kee who arrived at
Vancouver on the 18th day of October 1911.
who was registered at Ottawa under No. 9080 and Vancouver
under No. 26443 and to whom  No. 63348 was issued.

This certificate is given in exchange for  above men-
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whom it is issued, was ever legally admitted into Canada,
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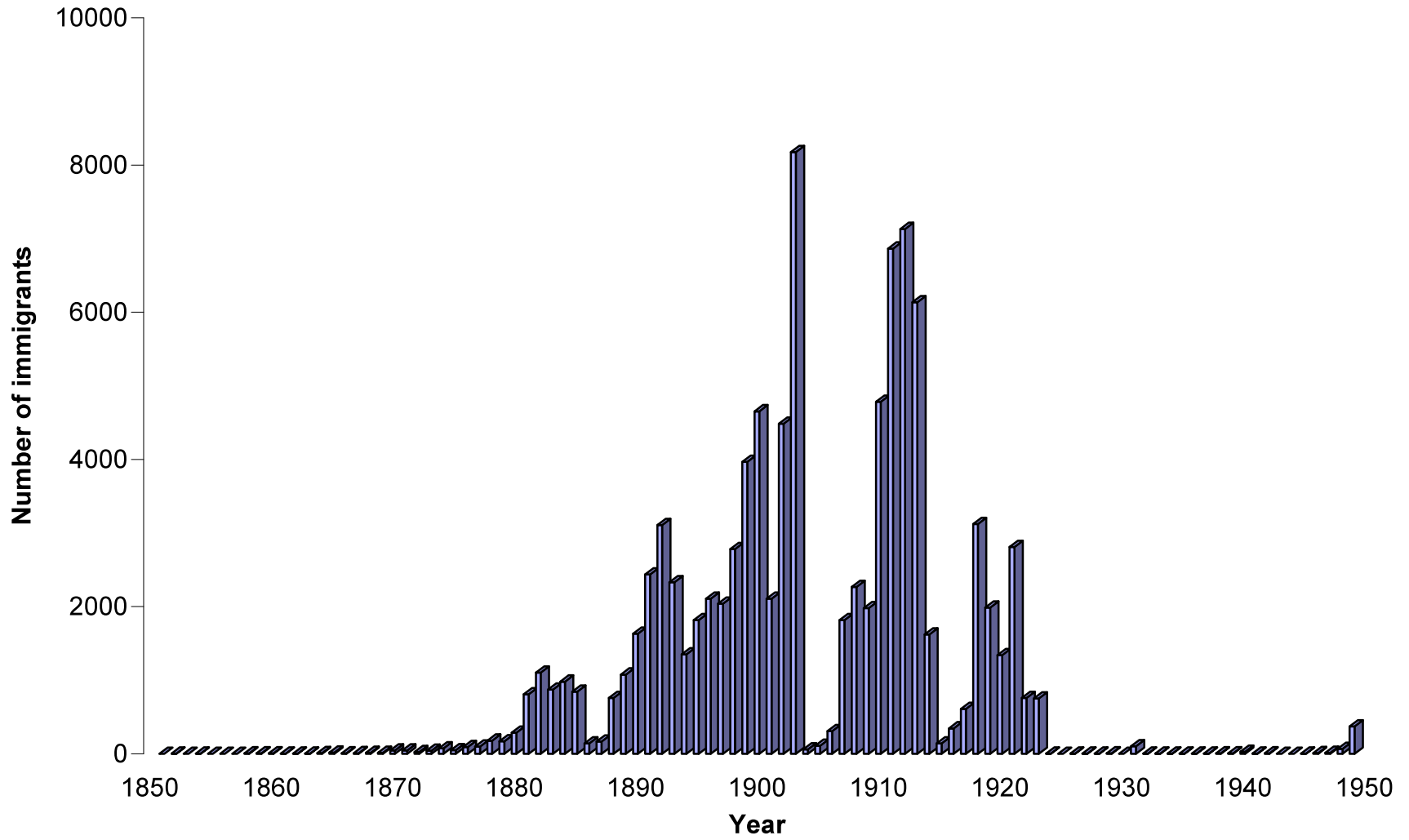
Canada's Chinese immigration restriction legislation:

- 1885 - \$50 head tax
- 1900 - \$100 head tax
- 1903 - \$500 head tax
- 1923 - limited entry (exclusion)
- 1949 - exclusion legislation repealed

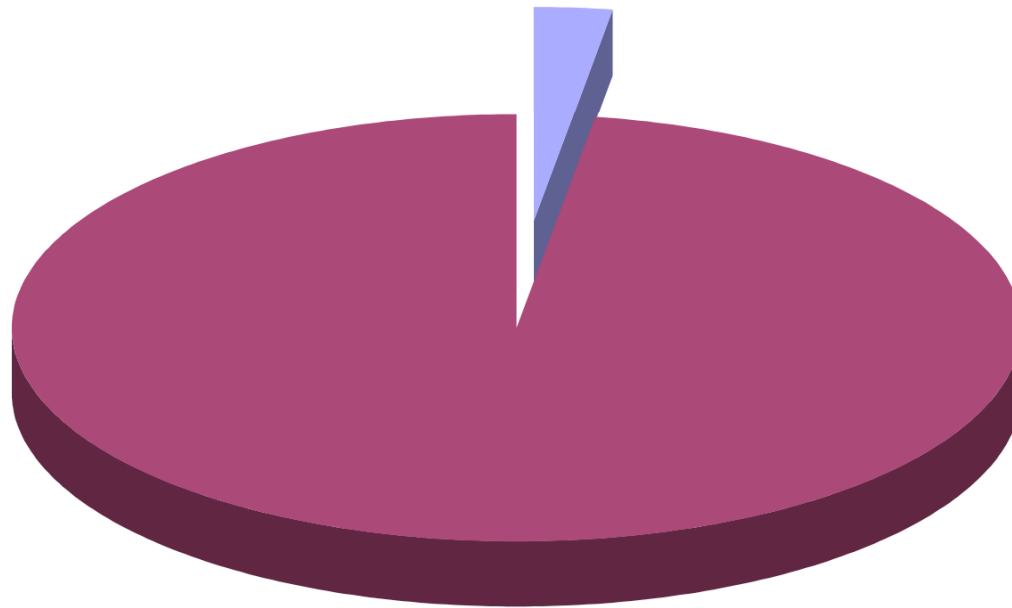
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- Age
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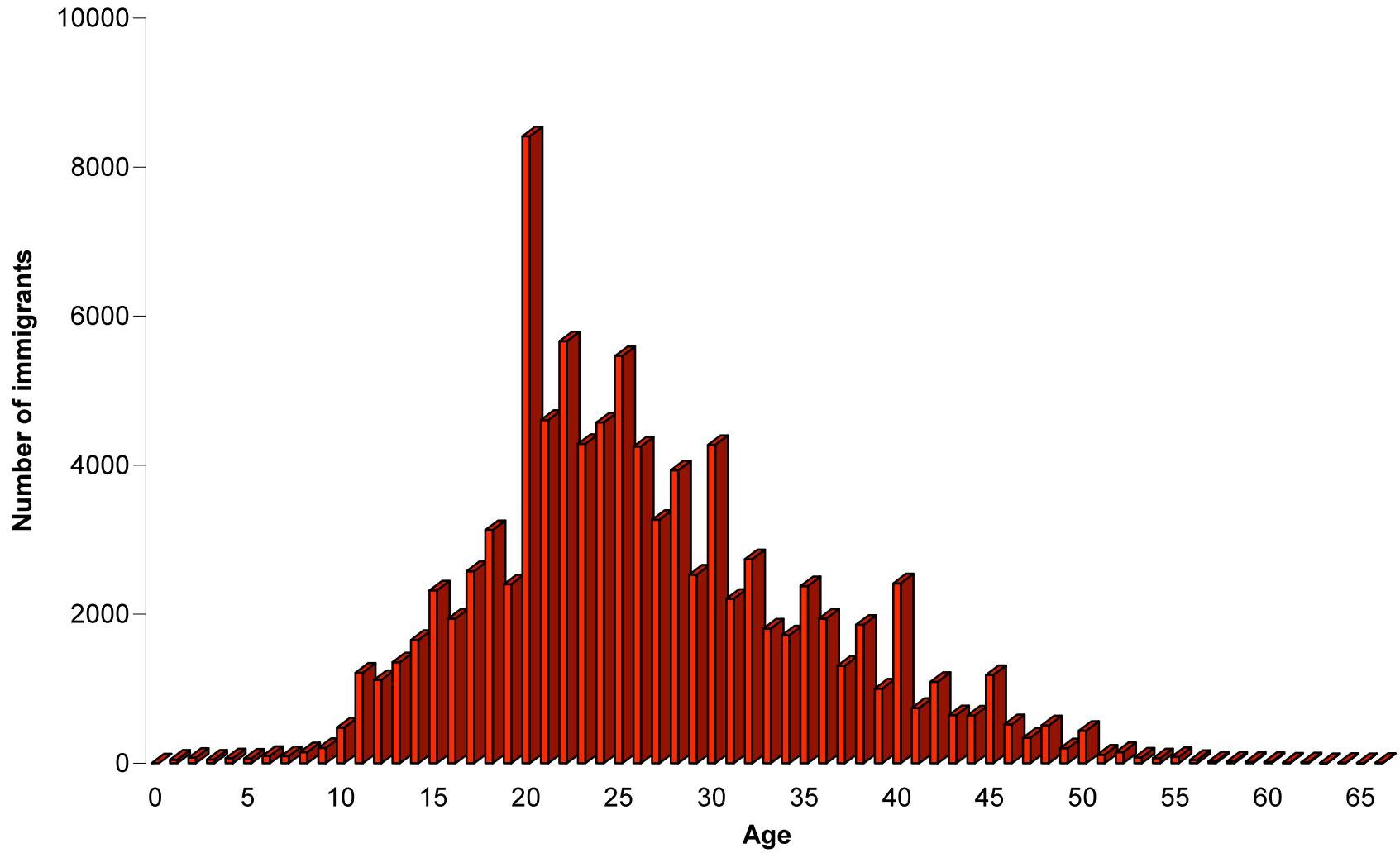
Chinese immigrants to Canada 1851-1949



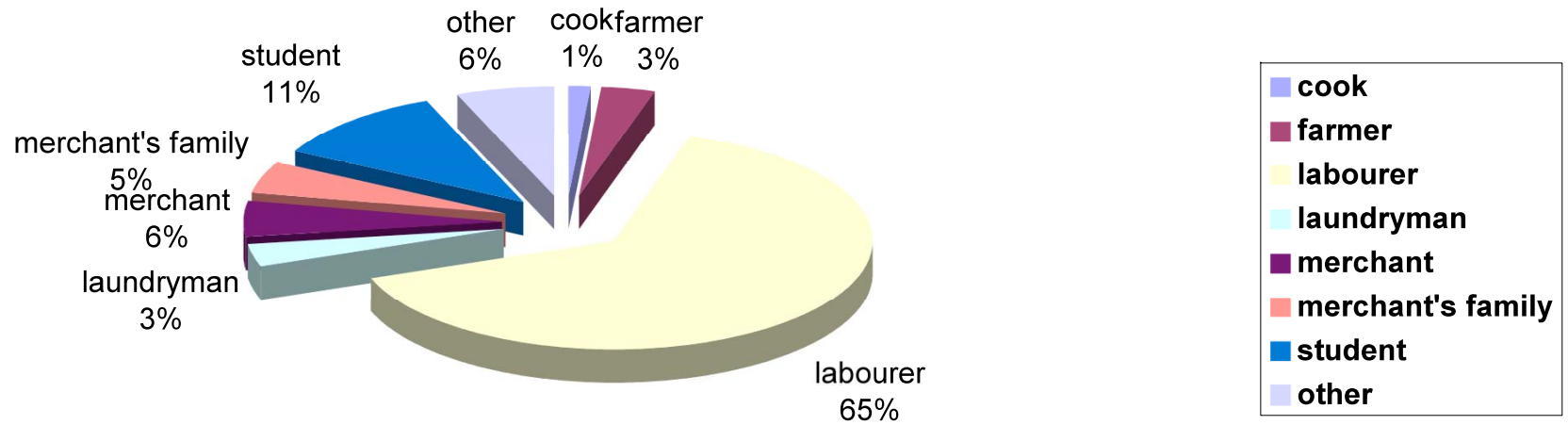
Chinese immigrants to Canada by sex



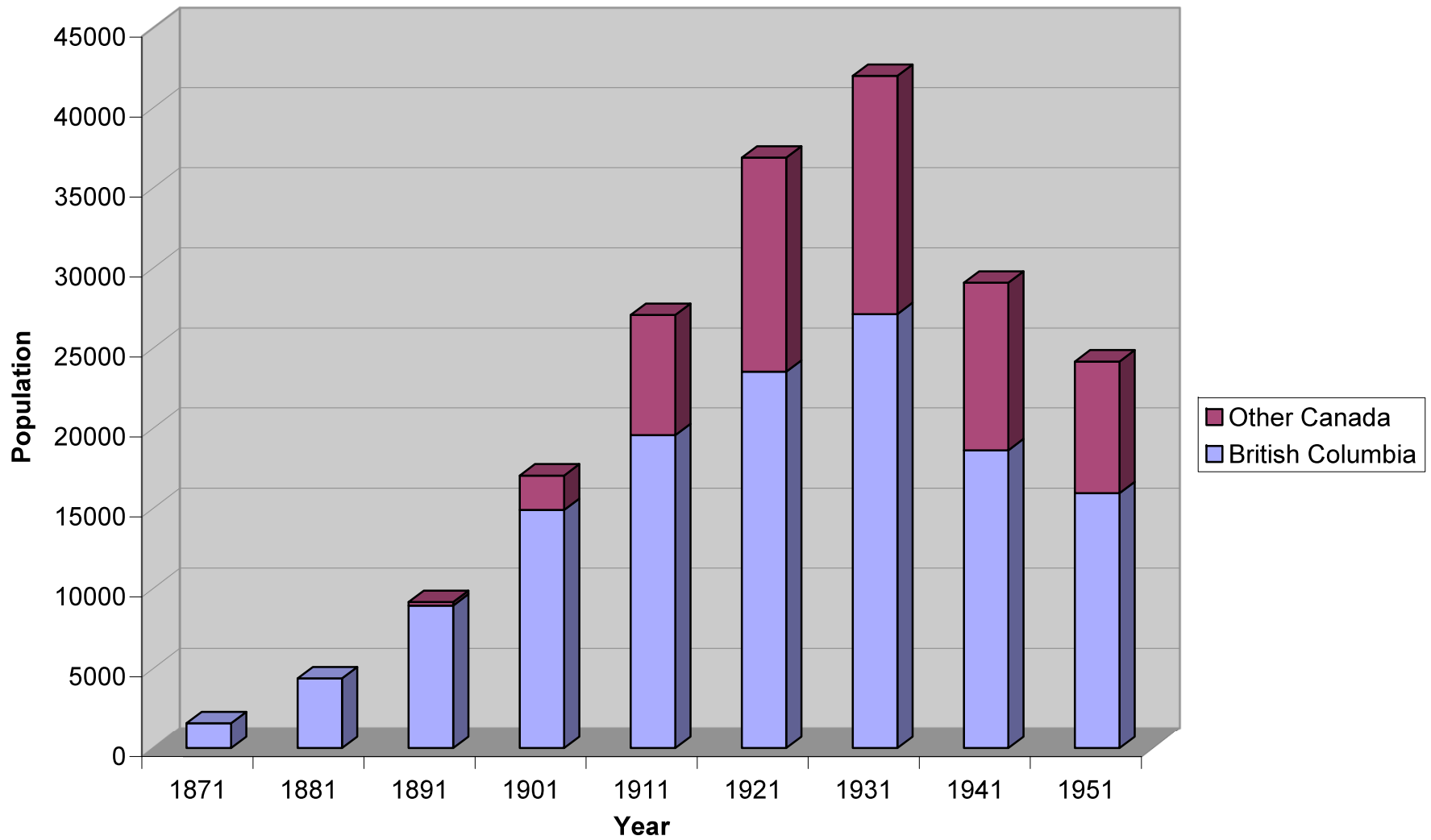
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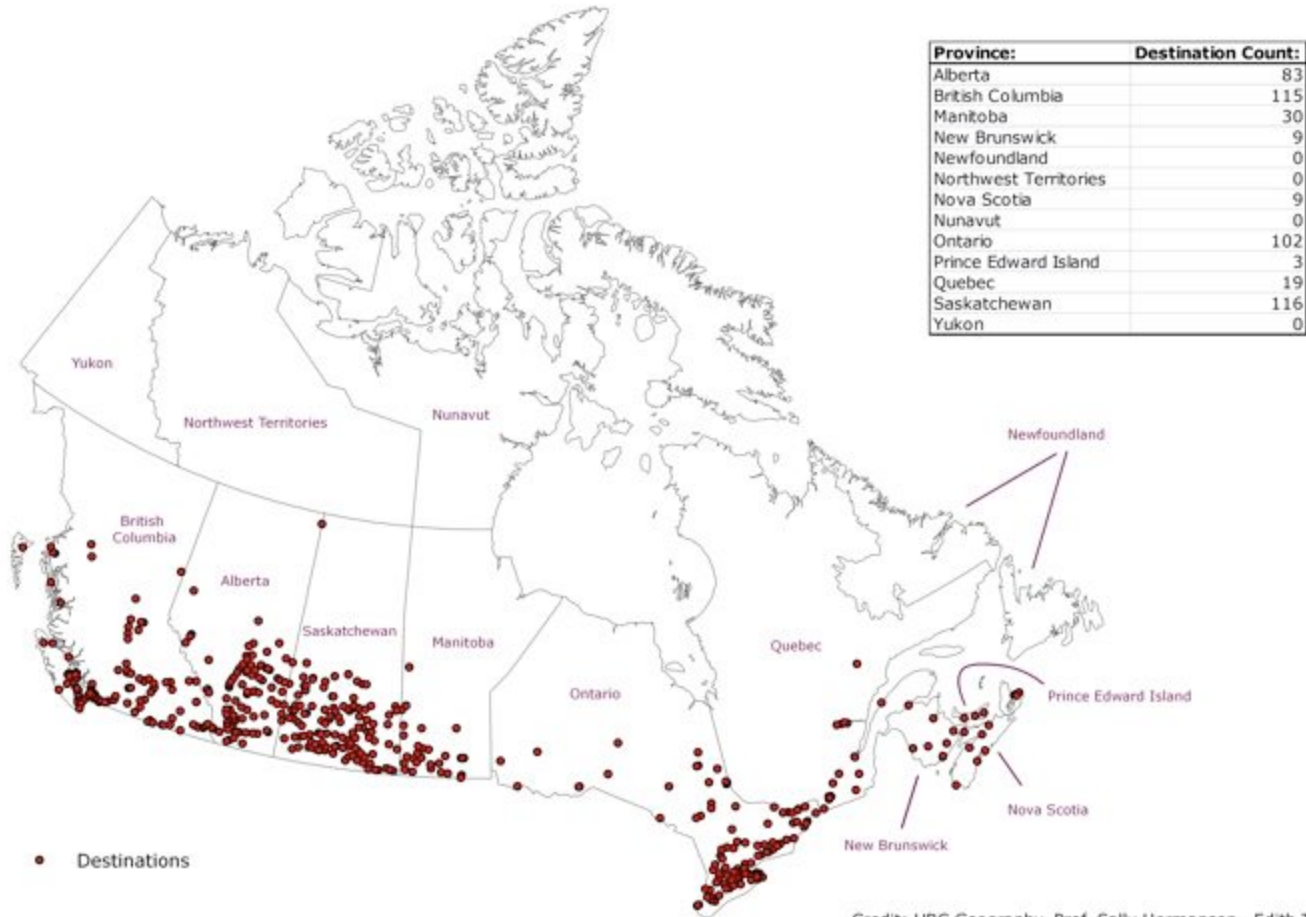
Occupations of Chinese immigrants



Population of Chinese origin, 1871-1951: Canada, BC



Destinations of Chinese Immigrants in Canada Between 1910 - 1949



Percentage of Total Chinese Emigrants between 1910-1949 by Province



Province	Count	Percentage
Guangxi	1	0.003
Guizhou	1	0.003
Shannxi	1	0.003
Henan	2	0.005
Jiangxi	2	0.005
Hunan	3	0.008
Shandong	3	0.008
Fujian	6	0.016
Sichuan	11	0.030
Jiangsu	14	0.039
Guangdong	34951	96.109

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Total Emigrants from Zhongshan to Canada between 1910-1949



Number of emigrants by county or city

County	Count	County	Count
Boluo	1	Huanxian	55
Maoming	1	Nanhai	59
Yingde	1	Shunde	95
Gaoyao	3	Zengcheng	218
Huizhou	3	Heshan	973
Yangjiang	3	Enping	1597
Qingyuan	4	Panyu	2616
Sanshui	4	Zhongshan	2717
Chaozhou	9	Xinhui	4746
Xinan (Shenzhen city)	14	Kaiping	5849
Guangzhou	15	Taishan	15821
Dongguan	27		
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**Zhongshan
migrants:
7.8% of all
Cantonese
migrants**

Zhongshan County, Guangdong

- Xiangshan County--renamed Zhongshan in 1925 for Sun Yat-sen, known as Sun Zhongshan
- Native place of over 600,000 Overseas Chinese
- Variant Spellings for “Xiangshan” in Register: Heung Shan, Hong San, Hing San, Hing Sun, Han San, Hang San, Hang Sun, Hong Sin, most common variant: Hong San
- Hang Mee is the number one ranking sending village within Zhongshan
- Other top villages include: Doo Tow, Lung doo, Sack Kee, Shang Chun, Shang Tong, Lew How, On Tong, Sun Chun, Ow Kai, Bak Toy

• Bak Toy Village Data

NAMES	Date of Registration			Fees Paid Amount	Sex	Age	PLACE OF BIRTH		Title, Official R Profession or C of Domicile	Last place of Domicile	Date of Arrival	Destination in Canada
	Day	Month	Year				City or Village	District				
yung gun took	17	12	1891	0.5	male	46	bak toy	hing san	farmer	new westminster	1883	
yong dat yew	1	5	1894	50.0	male	43	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1893	
yong sang woo	20	10	1898	50.0	male	16	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1889	
yuen ow	16	9	1902	100.0	male	23	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1902	
yong moon kau	3	11	1903	100.0	male	20	bak tow	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1903	
ng sang jew	3	11	1903	100.0	male	31	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1903	
lum quong yong	3	11	1903	100.0	male	28	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1903	
lee yong dai	21	12	1903	100.0	male	26	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1903	
yong sew tong	27	12	1903	100.0	male	20	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1903	
yong sew yuen	22	1	1910	500.0	male	26	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1910	
lee yow soy	22	1	1910	500.0	male	20	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1910	
ng kum yic	21	3	1910	500.0	male	26	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1910	
chu kai yen	12	5	1911	500.0	male	40	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1911	victoria
lee yow bak	12	5	1911	500.0	male	25	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1911	victoria
jay yong	12	5	1911	500.0	male	50	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1911	victoria
ng kwan yen	5	3	1912	500.0	male	18	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1912	victoria
lum yip sang	5	3	1912	500.0	male	25	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1912	victoria
chin kin yip	6	3	1912	500.0	male	25	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1912	victoria
lum yut shung	7	3	1912	500.0	male	21	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1912	victoria
chu wai yen	7	3	1912	500.0	male	49	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1912	victoria
ng san ming	12	4	1912	500.0	male	47	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1912	victoria
lam wa hoy	12	4	1912	500.0	male	38	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1912	victoria
ko yow get	12	4	1912	500.0	male	21	bak toy	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1912	victoria
chun shee (Mrs ko yow lee)	29	3	1922		female	23	bak toy	hang sun	merchant wife	bak toy	1922	vancouver
low jang yit	5	3	1923	500.0	male	13	back tai	hang sun	school boy	back tai	1923	Wellington, BC

Hung Mee Village, Zhongshan

- Variants for Hang Mee: Hung Mee, Hing Mee, Hung Mee, Hang Mi, Hig Mee, Hong Mee, Hong Mei, Hun Mee, Hung Mei.
- There are 357 immigrants who reported their sending village as “Hung Mee”
- Hung Mee - four villages clustered, each dominated by a clan lineage
- Total size: 7-10 villages Bak Toy size villages
- Hung Mee sent migrants to Vancouver, Victoria, but also Honolulu and Sydney, Australia
- Overseas migrants from Hung Mee raised the capital for Wing On, the first department store in Hong Kong and Shanghai, and many were shareholders
- Total in Head Tax Paid for this village: \$71,115

NAMES	Port or Place where Registered	Date of Reg.			Fees Paid	Sex	Age	PLACE OF BIRTH		Occupation	Last place of Domicile	Date of Arrival Year
		Day	Mon	Year				City or Village	District			
Lee Cow	victoria	16	9	1885	1.0	male	15	Hang Mee	Heung Shan	student	canton, china	1885
Ben see	victoria	17	9	1885	1.0	male	22	Hang Hi	Heung Sah	labourer	canton, china	1883
Ah Lin	victoria	19	10	1885	1.0	male	40	Hang mee	Heung Shan	labourer	canton, china	1871
Ah Lee	victoria	19	10	1885	1.0	male	35	Hang Mee	Heung Shan	labourer	canton, china	1875
lee kow	victoria	24	7	1891	0.5	male	20	hing mee	hong san	merchant	hong kong	1884
lee hoo	victoria	24	8	1891	50.0	male	25	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1891
vong sang far	victoria	5	12	1891	50.0	male	21	hang mee	hing san	farmer	hong kong	1891
lam kon doo	victoria	5	12	1891	50.0	male	40	hang mee	hing san	farmer	hong kong	1891
vong lim	victoria	5	12	1891	50.0	male	51	hang mee	hing san	labourer	hong kong	1891
lam gee	victoria	5	12	1891	50.0	male	20	hang mee	hing san	farmer	hong kong	1891
lee man sing	victoria	26	1	1892	50.0	male	25	hing mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1892
lee yun pin	victoria	26	1	1892	50.0	male	25	hing mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1892
lee mee	victoria	26	1	1892	50.0	male	21	hing mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1892
lee choy	victoria	26	1	1892	50.0	male	30	hing mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1892
lee win	victoria	26	1	1892	50.0	male	22	sack kee	hong san	farmer	hong kong	1892
lee jok	victoria	13	3	1894	50.0	male	22	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1894
lee loo	victoria	13	3	1894	50.0	male	27	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1894
lee mac chun	victoria	13	3	1894	50.0	male	22	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1894
lee yet young	victoria	13	3	1894	50.0	male	20	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1894
lee jev	victoria	9	4	1895	50.0	male	21	hang mee	hong san	laundryman	hong kong	1895
lee kam tai	victoria	13	4	1895	50.0	male	25	hang mee	hong san	laundryman	hong kong	1895
lee kov	victoria	13	8	1895		male	24	hang mee	hong san	merchant	hong kong	1895
lee jap	victoria	9	4	1895	50.0	male	26	hang mee	hong san	laundryman	hong kong	1895
lee yin chow	victoria	9	4	1895	50.0	male	45	hing mee	hong san	laundryman	hong kong	1895
vong chang hop	victoria	13	4	1895	50.0	male	20	hing mee	hong san	laundryman	hong kong	1895
lee yue	victoria	28	10	1896		male	22	hang mee	hong san	merchant	hong kong	1896
k. f. lee dye	victoria	28	10	1896		male	28	hang mee	hong san	merchant	hong kong	1896
vong quan koy	victoria	3	3	1897	50.0	male	18	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1897
lee chov sum	victoria	8	5	1897	50.0	male	22	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1897
lum yan yow	victoria	18	6	1897	50.0	male	22	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1897
lee quai chong	victoria	18	3	1898	50.0	male	23	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1898
vong shong	victoria	18	3	1898		male	45	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1898
lee loo	victoria	18	3	1898	50.0	male	31	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1898
lum kam ying	victoria	3	6	1898	50.0	male	51	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1898
lee lo	victoria	7	6	1898		male	30	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1898
choo chong lok	victoria	7	6	1898	50.0	male	30	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1898
lee kon	victoria	7	6	1898	50.0	male	20	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1898
lu kov	victoria	20	10	1898	50.0	male	27	hing mee	hong san	merchant	hong kong	1899
lee mon koo	victoria	20	10	1898	50.0	male	14	hing mee	hong san	student	hong kong	1899
lum nin sow	victoria	29	12	1898	50.0	male	22	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1898
low yong toon	victoria	4	4	1899	50.0	male	27	hing mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1899
vong dang	victoria	4	4	1899	50.0	male	21	hing mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1899
vong kin ar	victoria	25	3	1899	50.0	male	20	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1899
vong sev ting	victoria	14	4	1899	50.0	male	26	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1899
lum jang choo	victoria	14	4	1899	50.0	male	24	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1899
loy kow	victoria	14	4	1899	50.0	male	40	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1899
tong kam shing	victoria	18	7	1899	50.0	male	29	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1899
lee kow	victoria	8	9	1899	50.0	male	18	hang mee	hong san	labourer	honolulu	1899
lum bot	victoria	14	11	1899	50.0	male	27	hang mee	hong san	labourer	hong kong	1899

**Partial list
(1883-
1899)of the
357
migrants
from
Hung Mee**

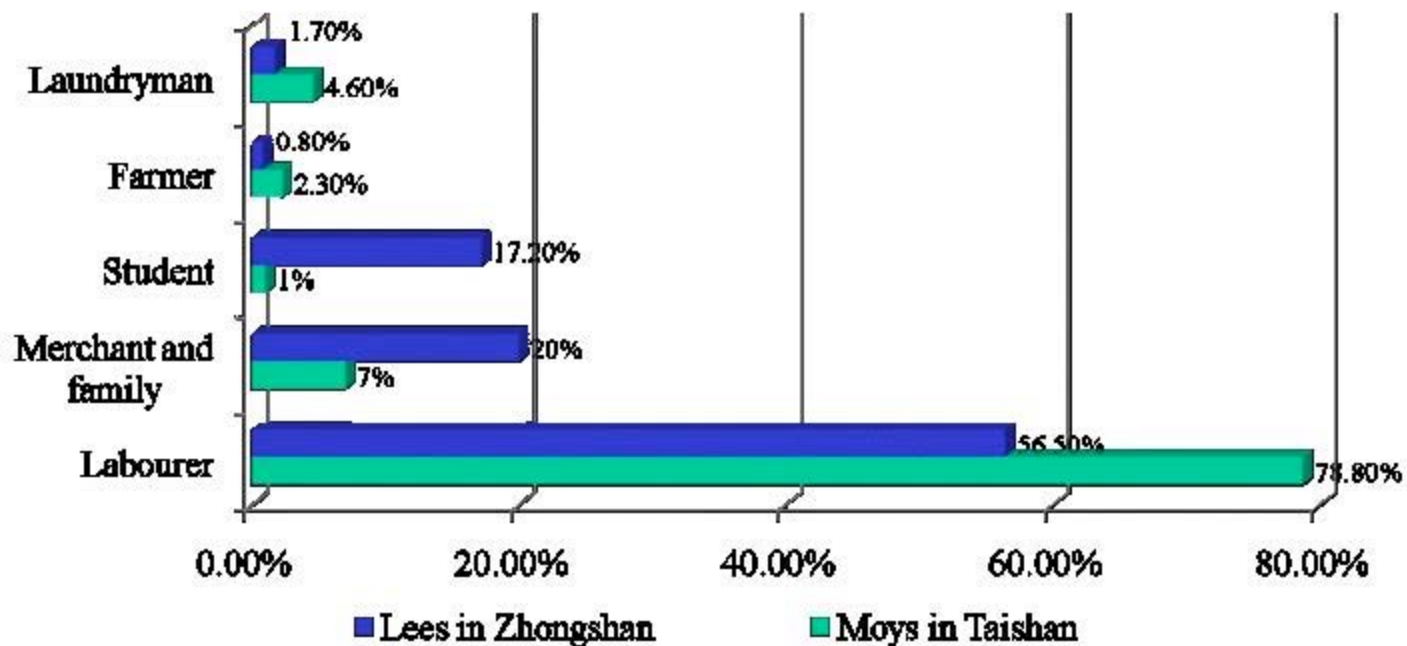
Hung Mee Surnames (Top three surnames: Lee, Lam, and Wong)

Surname		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	lee	239	66.9	66.9
	lam	46	12.9	12.9
	wong	33	9.2	9.2
	low	8	2.2	2.2
	Unconfirmed	7	2.0	2.0
	ho	4	1.1	1.1
	tong	4	1.1	1.1
	chan	2	.6	.6
	loy	2	.6	.6
	ma	2	.6	.6
	ng	2	.6	.6
	chiu	1	.3	.3
	chung	1	.3	.3
	doo	1	.3	.3
	ko	1	.3	.3
	pon	1	.3	.3
	sew	1	.3	.3
	yee	1	.3	.3
	yue	1	.3	.3
	Total	357	100.0	100.0

Different Patterns between Lineages

Moys from Ou Foon in Taishan: 302 persons

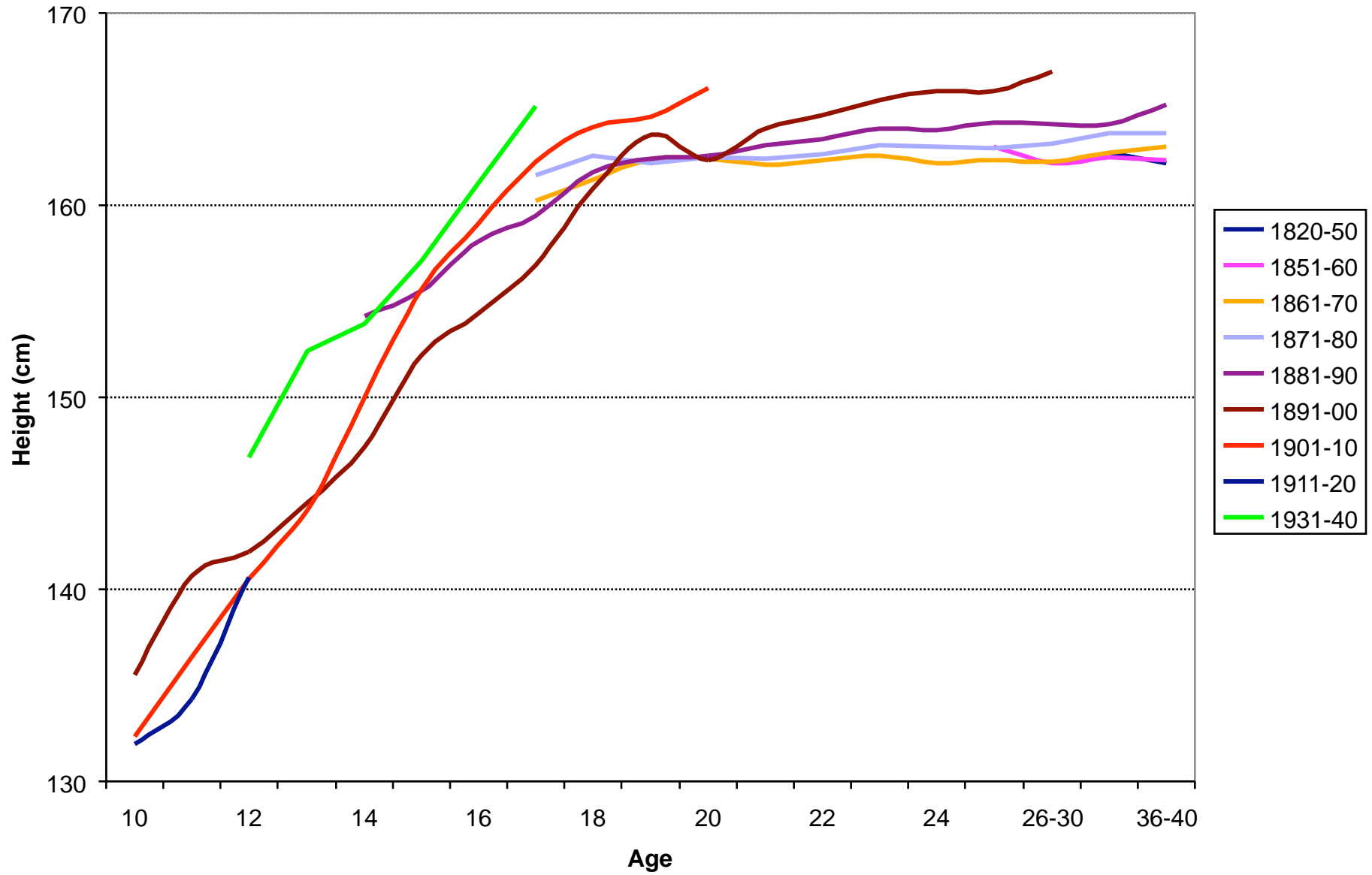
Lees from Hang Mee in Zhongshan: 239 persons



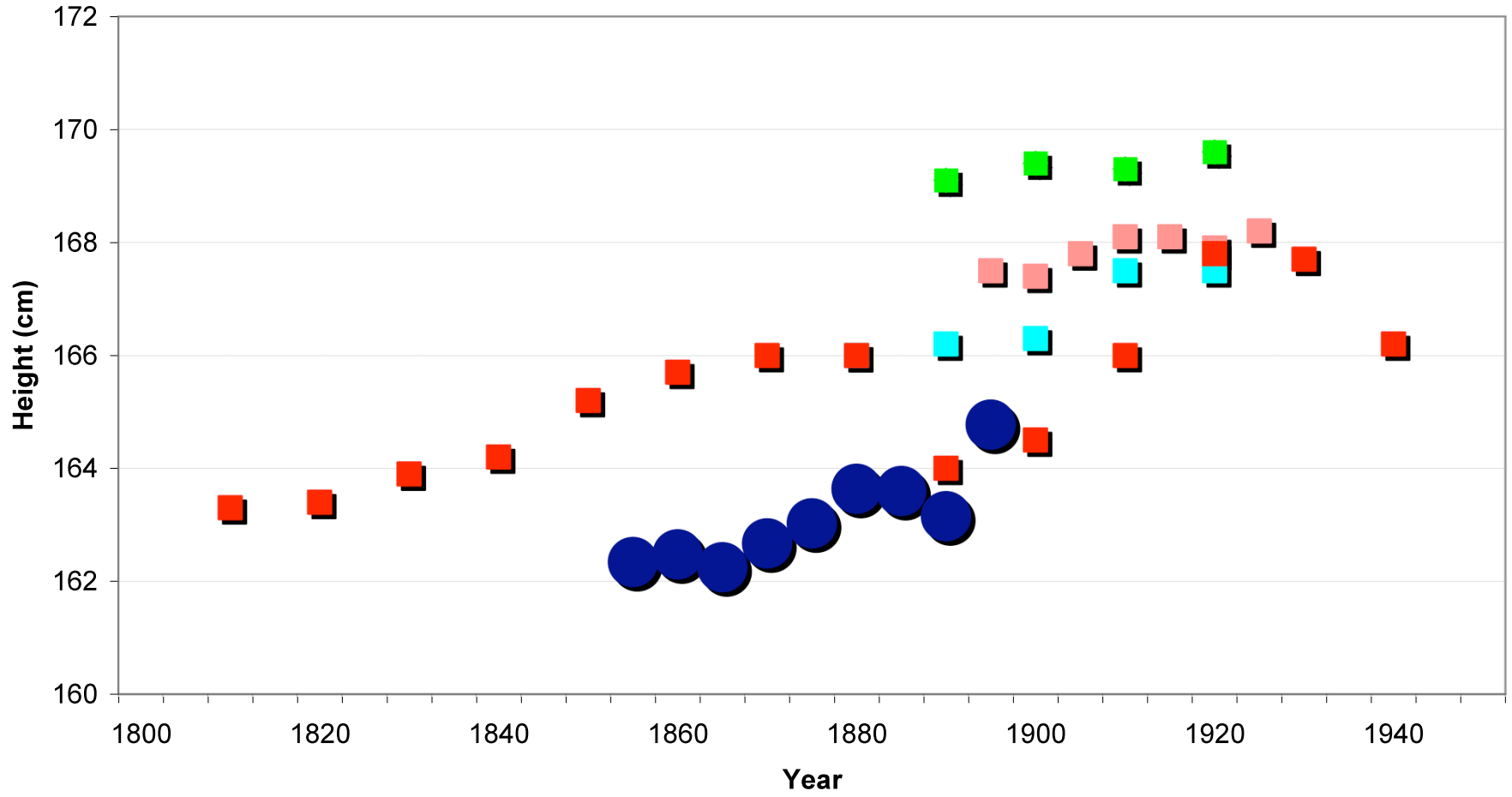
Destination places of Moys: Vancouver, Victoria, Toronto, and Montreal

Destination places of Lees: Vancouver and Victoria

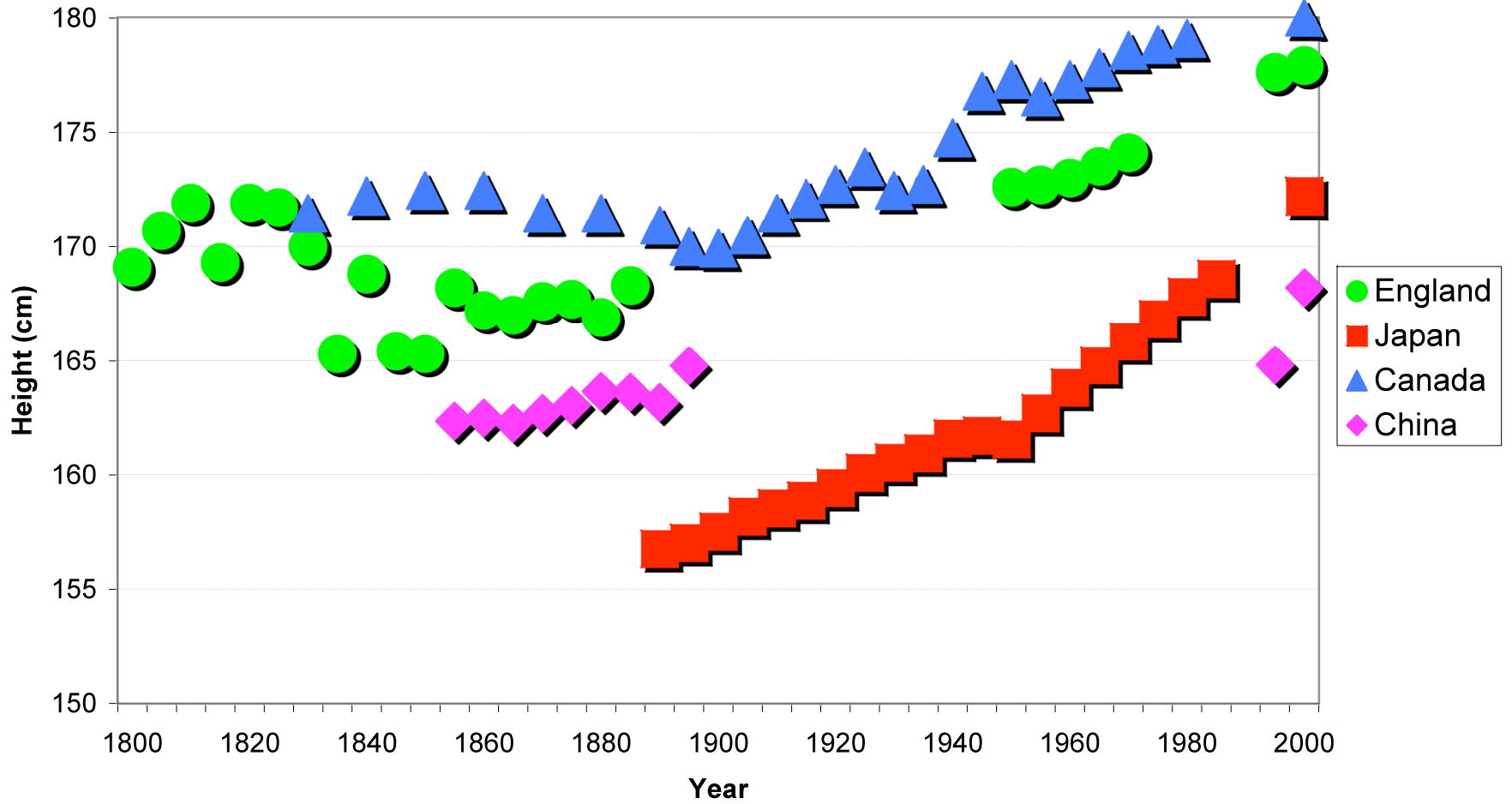
Male Chinese immigrants: mean height by birth cohort



Chinese adult male height compared



Canada, China, Japan, England: male adult height, 1800-2000





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Immigrants from China

Introduction

The Government of Canada created documents specifically for new arrivals from China. This research tool provides access to 98,361 references to Chinese immigrants who arrived in Canada between 1885 and 1949. The names were extracted from three different series of records.

The General Registers of Chinese Immigration, 1885-1949 list all immigrants of Chinese origin arriving in Canada between 1885 and 1949. They were indexed by the Department of History at the University of British Columbia (www.ubc.ca/). This index is intended for personal genealogical use only. Researchers with historical or other interests should contact Professor Henry Yu of the Department of History, University of British Columbia.

The Port of New Westminster Register of Chinese Immigration contains names of Chinese immigrants who registered and paid the head tax at the port of New Westminster, British Columbia between 1887 and 1908.

The Newfoundland Register of Arrivals and Outward Registrations includes the names of Chinese persons entering Newfoundland as immigrants between 1910 and 1949 and the names of persons leaving Newfoundland between 1906 and 1950.

Please visit the [Chinese-Canadian Genealogy website](http://www.vpl.ca/ccg/index.html) (www.vpl.ca/ccg/index.html) and [wiki](http://ccgwiki.vpl.ca/index.php/ccg_wiki) (http://ccgwiki.vpl.ca/index.php/ccg_wiki), hosted by the Vancouver Public Library in partnership with Library and Archives Canada.

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