Projection of the "Three Cities" in Toronto to 2025

Based on the 1970 to 2005 Trends in Census Tract Individual Income, Assuming No Change in Trends

Projected Change in the Census Tract Average Individual Income as a percentage of the Toronto CMA Average, 1970-2025

City #1 - Increase of 20% or more: 156 census tracts, 30% of the city
(2005 actual: 100 census tracts, 19% of the city)

City #2 - Increase or Decrease is Less than 20%: 50 census tracts, 9% of the city
(2005 actual: 208 census tracts, 40% of the city)

City #3 - Decrease of 20% or More: 308 census tracts, 59% of the city
(2005 actual: 206 census tracts, 40% of the city)

Scenario Assumptions:
1. No City #1 census tracts (1970-2005 definition) will decrease in income by 20% or more since 1970 to leave the group.
2. No City #3 census tracts (1970-2005 definition) will increase in income by 20% or more since 1970 to leave the group.
3. All City #2 census tracts that increased 5% to 20% in income 1970-2005 will reach the 20% threshold to join City #1.
4. All City #2 census tracts that decreased 5% to 20% in income 1970-2005 will reach the 20% threshold to join City #3.
5. All City #2 census tracts that increased or decreased less than 5% in income 1970-2005 will remain in City #2.

Note: Census Tract 2001 boundaries shown. Census Tracts with no income data for 1970 or 2005 are excluded from the analysis. There were a total of 527 census tracts in 2001.


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