



COMMUNITY PROFILE SURREY

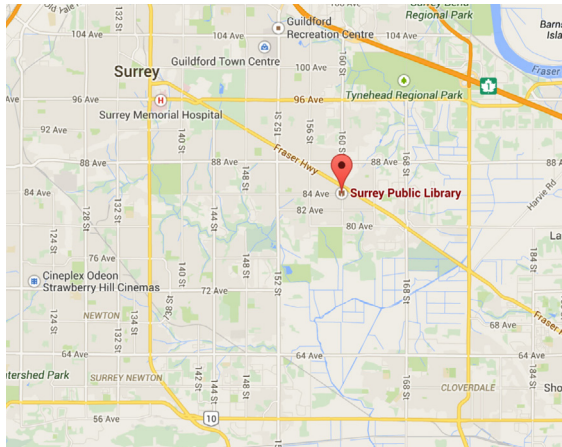
SURREY

IMMIGRANT DEMOGRAPHICS

Your quick and easy look at facts and figures around immigration. Newcomers are an important and growing part of your community. Here's what you need to know.

Surrey is bordered by 0 Avenue and the United States to the south, 196 Street to the east, the Fraser River to the north, and 120 Street and the Pacific Ocean coastline to the west (excludes White Rock).

Surrey Libraries has 9 locations.



Map source: Google Maps

NOTES:

- Total population in each chart or table may vary slightly due to different data sources, i.e. National Household Survey (NHS) and censuses.
- Totals in each chart or table may vary slightly from simple addition of elements within due to rounding.
- Data source: Stats Canada National Household Survey (NHS) 2011, Census 2006 and 2011 profiles.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS:

Recent immigrants are immigrants who arrived in Canada between January 1, 2006 and May 10, 2011.

Metro Vancouver comprises 21 municipalities, one electoral district and one First Nation located in the southwest corner of British Columbia's mainland.

Census refers to the population Census of Canada, which is taken at five-year intervals and counts persons and households and a wide variety of characteristics.

Canada National Household Survey: Starting in 2011, information previously collected by the mandatory long-form census questionnaire is collected as part of the voluntary National Household Survey. Complementing the data collected by the census, the NHS is designed to provide information about people in Canada by their demographic, social and economic characteristics as well as provide information about the housing units in which they live.

POPULATION AND IMMIGRATION TRENDS (2011)

Immigration Trends (2001 - 2011)

- Census 2011 shows that Surrey had a total population of 468,251, an approximate increase of 19% between 2006 and 2011.
- In 2011 immigrants represented 40.5% (187,845) of the total population.
- The immigrant population increased by 63.7% between 2001 and 2011, significantly higher than the increase of 23.7% for Metro Vancouver.

	Surrey			Metro Vancouver
	Total Population*	Immigrants**		Immigrants
		Number	% of Total Pop	% of Total Pop
2011	468,251	187,845	40.5%	40.0%
2006	394,976	150,230	38.0%	39.3%
2001	347,821	114,730	33.0%	37.2%

*Data source: Census 2011;

**Data source: NHS 2011 – The total population calculated in NHS 2011 is often less than the total population in the Census 2011 community profile. The percentage of immigrant population in 2011 was based on the total population in the NHS 2011 profile.

Immigrants by Period of Immigration (NHS 2011)

- NHS 2011 shows that there were 187,845 immigrants living in Surrey, of which 18.6% were recent immigrants. This was slightly higher than the share of 17% in Metro Vancouver.

	Surrey		Metro Vancouver	
	Total Immigrants		Total Immigrants	
	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	187,845	100%	913,310	100%
2006 to 2011	34,875	18.6%	155,125	17.0%
2001 to 2005	32,090	17.1%	137,750	15.1%
1991 to 2000	55,860	29.7%	264,910	29.0%
1981 to 1990	25,660	13.7%	126,010	13.8%
Before 1981	39,360	21.0%	229,520	25.1%

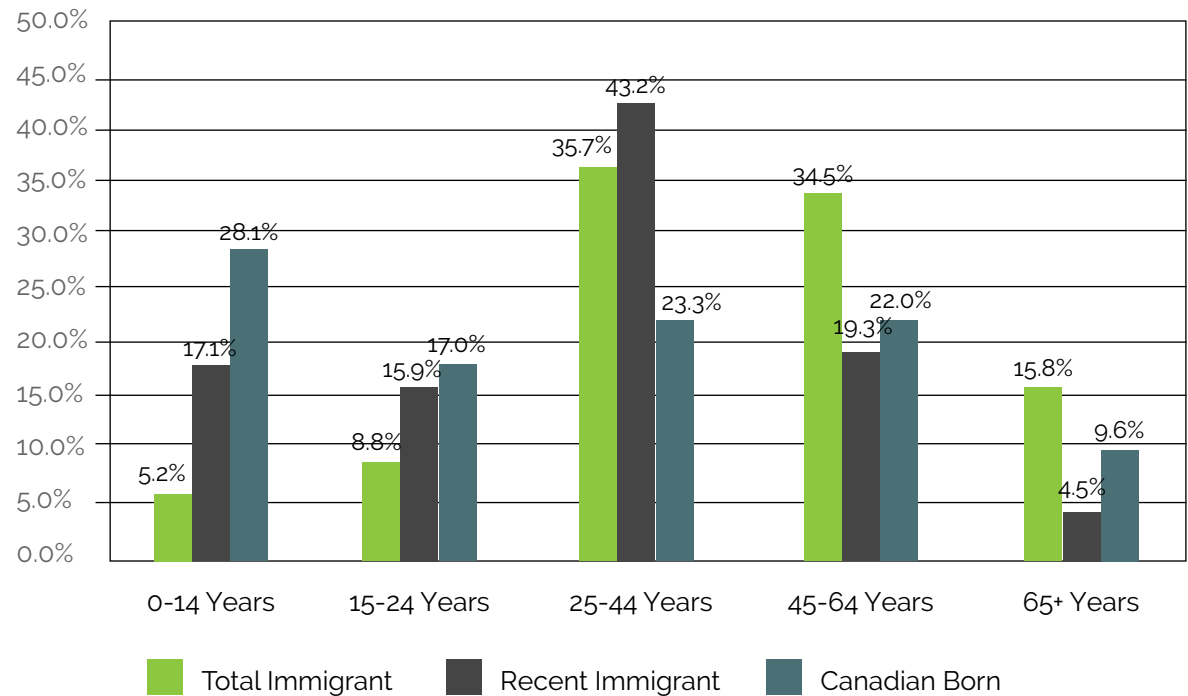
Immigrant Youth and Seniors by Period of Immigration (NHS 2011)

- 33.7% of 16,450 immigrant youth (15-24 years) were recent immigrants. Moreover, recent immigrant youth made up 15.9% of the city's recent immigrant population of 34,875.
- Approximately half (51.8%) of Surrey's 29,715 immigrant seniors were "long term" immigrant seniors who came to Canada before 1981. Recent immigrant seniors made up only 5.3% (1,570) of the immigrant senior population.

	Youth (15-24 Years)		Seniors (65+ Years)	
	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	16,450	100%	29,715	100%
2006 to 2011	5,540	33.7%	1,570	5.3%
2001 to 2005	4,385	26.7%	1,920	6.5%
1991 to 2000	5,835	35.5%	7,070	23.8%
1981 to 1990	685	4.2%	3,765	12.7%
Before 1981	0	0.0%	15,395	51.8%

Age Distribution – by % of Population in 2011

- In 2011 those of working age (25-64 years) made up close to two-thirds (62.6%) of the recent immigrant population (43.2% of recent immigrants aged 25-44 years and 19.3% of recent immigrants aged 45-64 years respectively).
- The highest proportion of recent immigrants were of core working age (25 to 44 years). 43.2% of the recent immigrants were aged 25 to 44 years, significantly higher than the comparable proportion of Canadian-born residents (23.3%).



Population by Age at Immigration

- 62.8% of Surrey's 187,840 immigrants were between the ages of 15 and 44 years when they arrived in Canada.
- 39.6% of 34,880 recent immigrants were between the ages of 25 and 44 years (core working age) when they arrived in Canada.

	Number	%		Number	%
Total Immigrants	187,840	100%	Recent Immigrants	34,880	100%
Under 5 years	14,620	7.8%	Under 5 years	2,560	7.3%
5 to 14 years	28,700	15.3%	5 to 14 years	4,860	13.9%
15 to 24 years	50,460	26.9%	15 to 24 years	6,690	19.2%
25 to 44 years	67,540	36.0%	25 to 44 years	13,825	39.6%
45 years and over	26,520	14.1%	45 years and over	6,935	19.9%

Top 10 Places of Birth - by Total and Recent Immigrant Population

- India, Philippines, and China ranked as top three source countries by both total and recent immigrant population.
- Indian, Chinese and Filipino immigrants comprised nearly two-thirds (65.6%) of Surrey's recent immigrant population.

	Number	%		Number	%
Total Immigrants	187,840	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	34,875	100.0%
India	70,680	37.6%	India	14,210	40.7%
Philippines	20,240	10.8%	Philippines	5,705	16.4%
China	10,570	5.6%	China	2,960	8.5%
United Kingdom	10,125	5.4%	Korea, South	1,325	3.8%
Fiji	8,540	4.5%	Taiwan	1,165	3.3%
Korea, South	6,165	3.3%	Pakistan	1,010	2.9%
Taiwan	6,095	3.2%	United States	815	2.3%
Viet Nam	5,165	2.7%	Fiji	705	2.0%
Pakistan	4,320	2.3%	United Kingdom	610	1.7%
United States	3,735	2.0%	Iraq	485	1.4%
Other places	42,205	22.5%	Other places	5,885	16.9%

Share of Population by Religion – Ranked by % of Total Immigrant Population

- In 2011, approximate 85% of Surrey's immigrants had a religious affiliation, compared to 62% reported by Canadian-born residents.
- Sikhism was the most commonly reported religious affiliation for both immigrants (34.5%) and recent immigrants (35.1%).
- Approximately one third of immigrants (33.6% of immigrants and 32.5% of recent immigrants) were Christians, compared 41.3% of Canadian-born residents.
- Buddhists and Muslims also showed notable representations within both immigrant and recent immigrant population.

	Total Immigrant	Recent Immigrant	Canadian Born	Total Pop.
Total population	187,840	34,880	275,500	463,340
Sikh	34.5%	35.1%	14.5%	22.6%
Christian	33.6%	32.5%	41.3%	38.2%
Hindu	6.1%	7.2%	2.0%	3.6%
Muslim	6.4%	7.8%	2.3%	4.0%
Buddhist	3.8%	2.8%	1.2%	2.3%
Jewish	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%
Traditional (Aboriginal) Spirituality	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
Other religions	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%	0.4%
No religious affiliation	15.1%	14.2%	37.9%	28.6%

Sikhism was the most commonly reported religious affiliation by the immigrant population, followed by Christianity and Hinduism.

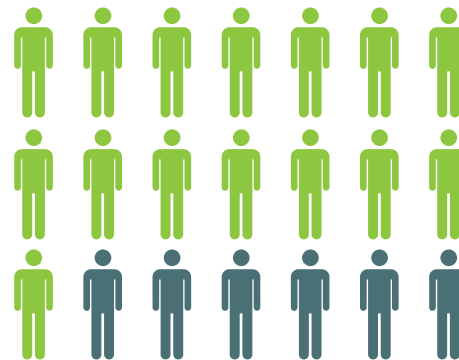


LANGUAGE ABILITY (CENSUS 2011 & NHS 2011)

Top 5 Non-official Home Languages - by Total and by Recent Immigrant Population

- In 2011, over two thirds (71.2%) of recent immigrants spoke non-official languages most often at home, compared to 59.3% of immigrants.
- Panjabi, Mandarin, and Tagalog Chinese were the top three non-official languages spoken at home by both recent immigrants (46.9%) and total immigrants (38.3%).

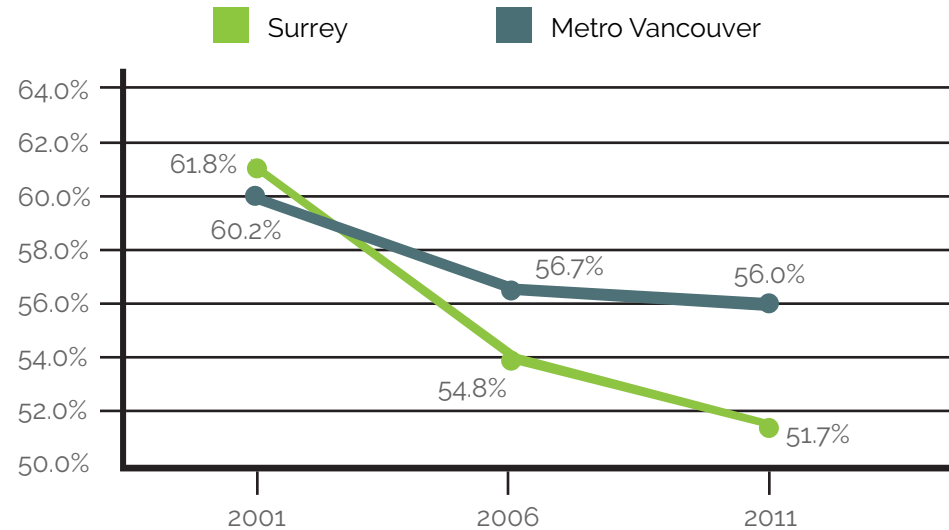
	Number	%		Number	%
Total Immigrants	187,840	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	34,880	100.0%
Single responses	169,980	90.5%	Single responses	31,120	89.2%
English	58,280	31.0%	English	6,205	17.8%
Non-official languages	111,400	59.3%	Non-official languages	24,840	71.2%
Panjabi (Punjabi)	56,620	30.1%	Panjabi (Punjabi)	11,480	32.9%
Mandarin	8,225	4.4%	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	2,525	7.2%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	7,170	3.8%	Mandarin	2,370	6.8%
Hindi	5,830	3.1%	Korean	1,170	3.4%
Korean	5,040	2.7%	Hindi	1,160	3.3%
Other non-official languages	28,515	15.2%	Other non-official languages	6,135	17.6%



71.2% of Surrey' recent immigrants spoke non-official languages most often at home.

Language Trend - By % of Population with English Only as a Mother Tongue

- 51.7% of Surrey's residents spoke English only as their mother tongue, notably lower than the regional percentage (56% for Metro Vancouver).
- The proportion of Surrey's residents whose mother tongue was English only declined from 61.8% in 2001 to 51.7% in 2011, compared to about 4% decline for Metro Vancouver.



Languages Spoken Most Often at Work - By % of Immigrant Population Aged 15 Years and Over

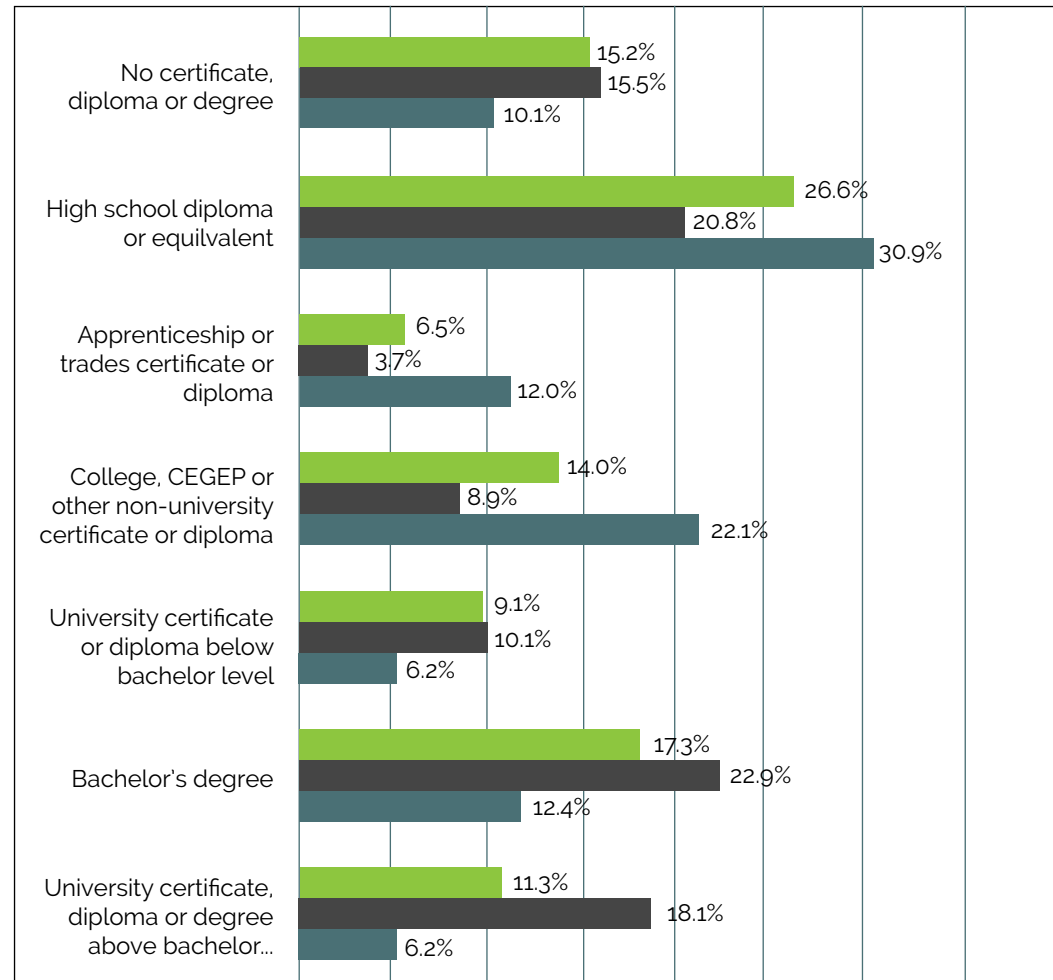
- NHS 2011 shows the majority of Surrey's immigrants spoke one of the official languages (English or French) most often at work. 11.9% of immigrants and 22.9% of recent immigrants spoke non-official languages often at work.
- Panjabi was the leading non-official language most spoken at work by both immigrants (7.8%) and recent immigrants (22.8%).

	Total Immigrant		Recent Immigrant
Total Population (number)	121,770	Total Population (number)	20,250
Single responses	95.8%	Single responses	95.3%
English	83.8%	English	72.3%
Non-official languages	11.9%	Non-official languages	22.8%
Panjabi (Punjabi)	7.8%	Panjabi (Punjabi)	16.1%
Mandarin	1.1%	Mandarin	2.4%
Chinese, n.o.s.	0.8%	Chinese, n.o.s.	1.2%

EDUCATION ATTAINMENT (NHS 2011)

Highest Level of Education by % of Population Aged 25 to 64 Years – Surrey

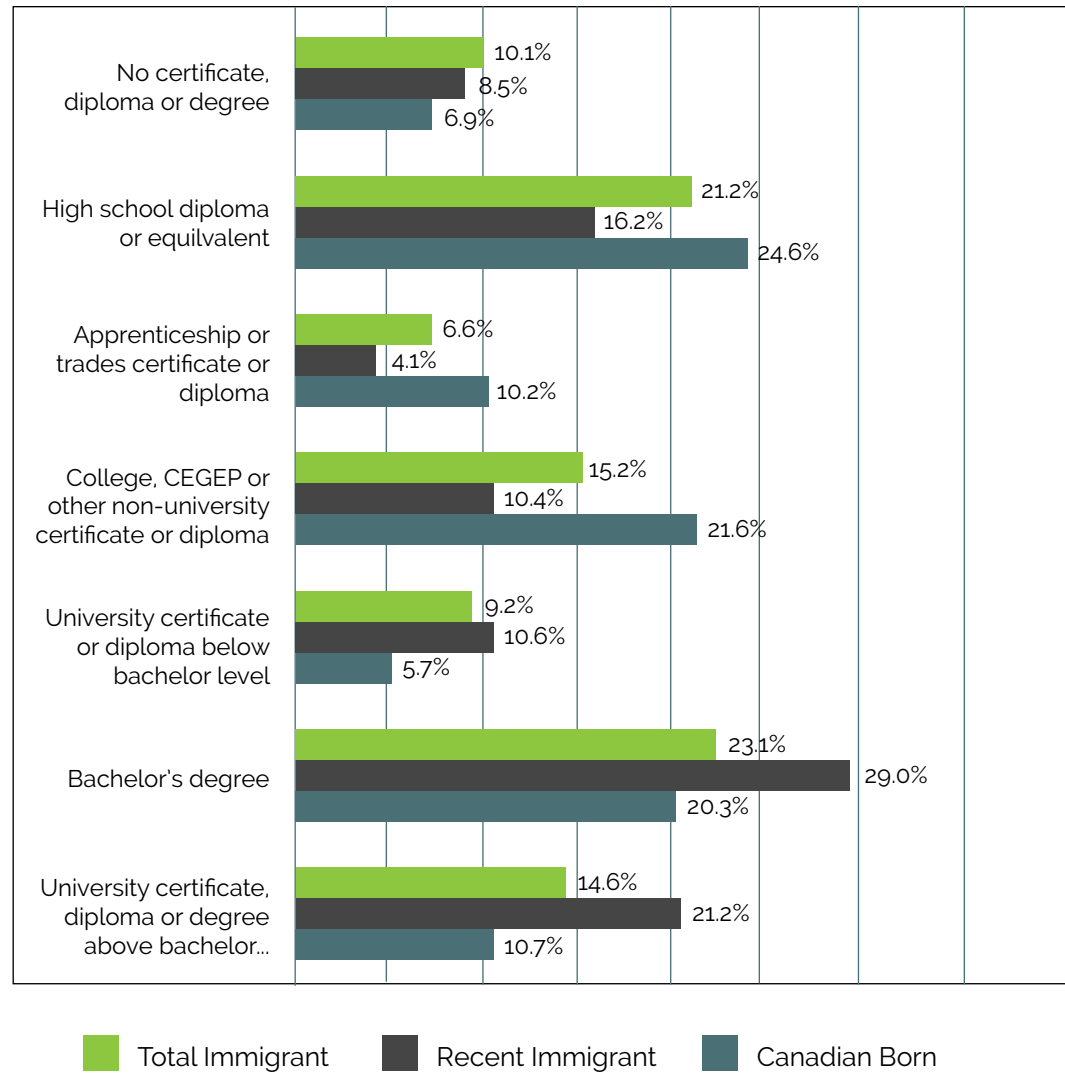
- In 2011, of the age group 25 to 64, 41.0% of recent immigrants living in Surrey had a bachelor degree or higher, more than double the proportion of their Canadian-born counterparts (18.6%).



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Highest Level of Education by % of Population Aged 25 to 64 Years – Metro Vancouver

- Compared to Metro Vancouver (37.7%), Surrey (28.6%) received a lower proportion of immigrants with a bachelor's degree or higher. (NHS 2011)



Highest Level of Education by % of Senior Population Aged 65 Years and Over

- In 2011, 20.4% of recent immigrant seniors living in Surrey had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to Canadian-born counterparts (11.1%) and Surrey's total immigrant seniors (11.6%).

	Canadian Born Seniors	Immigrant Seniors	Recent Immigrant Seniors
No certificate, diploma or degree	27.6%	42.0%	49.2%
High school diploma or equivalent	29.1%	21.6%	20.4%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	11.9%	9.2%	2.6%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	15.5%	10.8%	4.2%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	4.8%	4.8%	3.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	11.1%	11.6%	20.4%

LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY (NHS 2011)

Employment / Unemployment Rates in 2010 for Population Aged 15 Years and Over

- In 2010 there were 115,205 immigrants and 18,880 recent immigrants in Surrey's labour force. Immigrants and recent immigrants represented 46.9% and 7.7% of the labour force respectively.
- 8.1% of Surrey's immigrants were unemployed in 2010, somewhat higher than their Canadian-born counterparts (7.8%). Moreover, recent immigrants experienced a two-digit unemployment rate at 13.2%.
- Unsurprisingly, immigrant youth (20 to 24 years) experienced a higher unemployment rate: 12.6% for total immigrant youth and 14.5% for recent immigrant youth in the labour force.
- Immigrant seniors also experienced a high unemployment rate: 11.3% for total immigrant seniors and 23% for recent immigrant seniors.

	Age 15 Years and Over			Youth (20-24 Years)		Seniors (65+ Years)	
	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrant	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrant	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrant
Total population aged 15 years and over	177,990	28,925	196,325	9,385	2,965	29,715	1,570
In the labour force	115,205	18,880	130,440	6,690	2,145	3,795	370
Participation rate	64.7	65.3	66.4	71.3	72.3	12.8	23.6
Employment rate	59.5	56.7	61.3	62.3	61.9	11.3	17.8
Unemployment rate	8.1	13.2	7.8	12.6	14.5	11.3	23

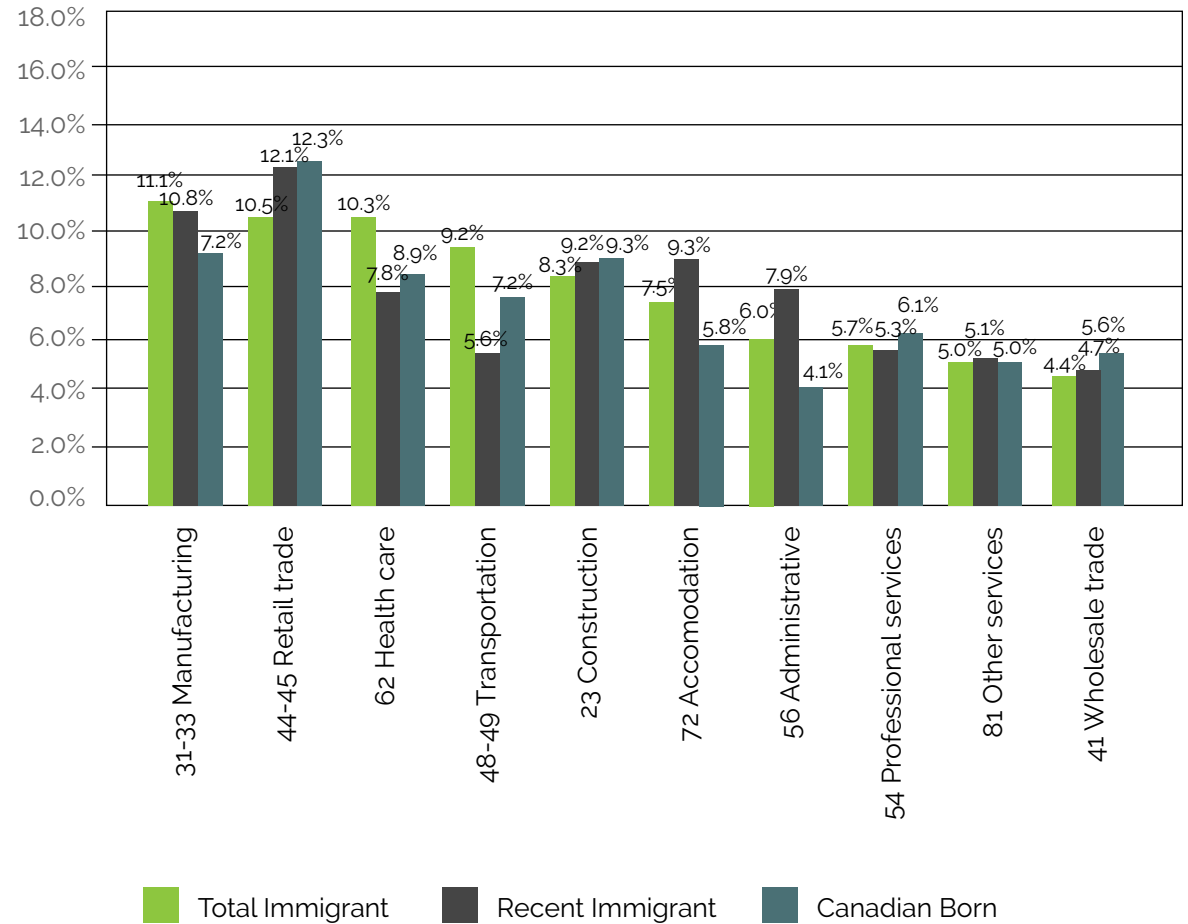
Distribution of Occupations - by % of Population Aged 15 Years and Over Ranked by the Share of Immigrant Population

- Manufacturing (11.1%), Retail trade (10.5%), and health care (10.3%) ranked as the top three occupational sectors for immigrants.
- Retail trade (12.3%), manufacturing (10.8%), and accommodation and food services (9.3%) ranked as the top three occupational sectors for recent immigrants.
- Retail trade (12.3%), construction (9.3%) and health care (8.9%) ranked as the top three occupational sectors for Surrey's Canadian-born residents.

Total labour force population aged 15 years and over by industry - North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 2007	Total Imm.	Recent Imm.	Canadian Born
31-33 Manufacturing	11.1%	10.8%	7.2%
44-45 Retail trade	10.5%	12.1%	12.3%
62 Health care and social assistance	10.3%	7.8%	8.9%
48-49 Transportation and warehousing	9.2%	5.6%	7.2%
23 Construction	8.3%	9.2%	9.3%
72 Accommodation and food services	7.5%	9.3%	5.8%
56 Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	6.0%	7.9%	4.1%
54 Professional, scientific and technical services	5.7%	5.3%	6.1%
81 Other services (except public administration)	5.0%	5.1%	5.0%
41 Wholesale trade	4.4%	4.7%	5.6%
61 Educational services	4.2%	3.4%	6.9%
52 Finance and insurance	3.6%	2.6%	4.1%
11 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	3.5%	6.3%	1.0%
91 Public administration	3.0%	1.5%	6.3%
53 Real estate and rental and leasing	1.9%	1.1%	2.1%
51 Information and cultural industries	1.6%	1.8%	2.5%
71 Arts, entertainment and recreation	1.2%	0.8%	2.2%
22 Utilities	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%
21 Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%
55 Management of companies and enterprises	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%

Top 10 Occupations – by % of Population Aged 15 Years and Over Ranked by the Share of Immigrant Population

- Immigrant and Canadian-born populations were distributed in fairly similar proportions across the measured occupational sectors, with the largest difference occurring in manufacturing, which employed 11.1% of immigrants compared to 7.2% of Canadian-born residents.
- Compared to their Canadian born counterparts, a greater proportion of recent immigrants worked in administrative and support, waste management and remediation services (3.9% higher), accommodation and food services (3.5% higher), and manufacturing (3.5% higher) sectors.



INCOME (NHS 2011)

Total Income in 2010 of Population Aged 15 Years and Over

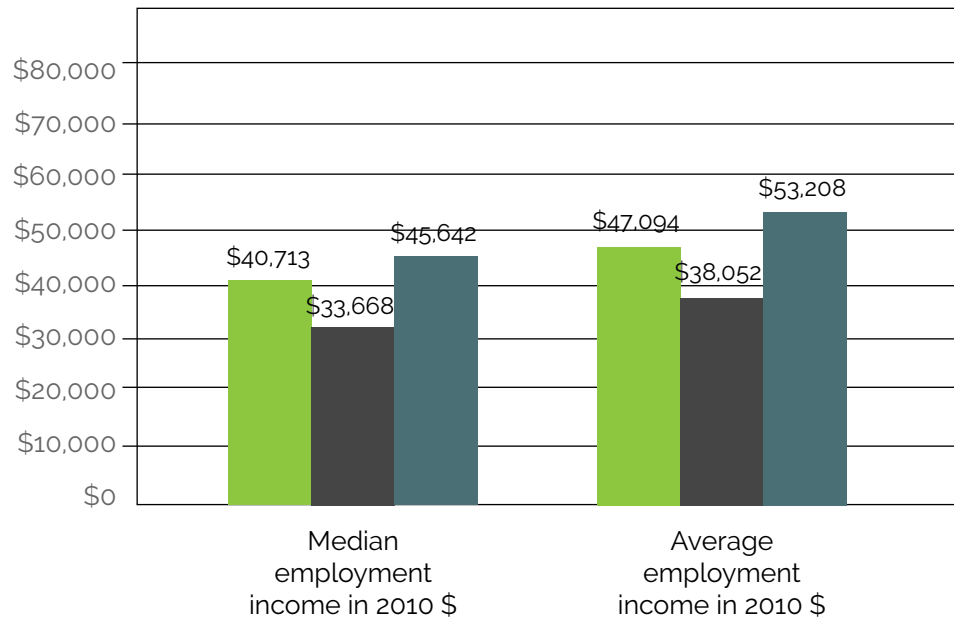
- In 2010, 29.8% of Surrey's recent immigrant population aged 15 years and over were in the low income bracket. This rate was significantly higher than the 15.5% for the total population.
- In 2010, the median income of Surrey's recent immigrant population was \$16,794, notably less than the median income of \$23,769 for immigrants. Moreover, recent immigrants' median income was almost 40% less than that of the total population (\$26,799).

	Total Immigrant	Recent Immigrant	Total Population
Population aged 15 years and over	177,990	28,930	374,310
Median income \$	\$23,769	\$16,794	\$26,799
Average income \$	\$32,036	\$23,026	\$36,243
Prevalence of low income in 2010 based on after-tax low-income measure (%)	17.3	29.8	15.5

Employment Income in 2010 of Population Aged 15 Years and Over Who Worked Full Year, Full Time

- About 30.7% of immigrants and 22.1% of recent immigrants worked full time for a full year with employment income in 2010, compared to 32.5% of the total labour force.
- Although still evident, discrepancies in employment income for those who worked full time and full year were reduced significantly for immigrants (\$40,713) and somewhat for recent immigrants (\$33,668) versus the total population (\$45,642).

	Total Immigrant	Recent Immigrant	Total Population
Population aged 15 years and over	177,990	28,930	374,310
Population who worked full year, full time and with employment income in 2010	54,655	6,405	121,825



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NewToBC

NewToBC unites 18 public library systems in southwestern British Columbia in the planning, development and provision of library-based settlement services to newcomer immigrants. The project also aims to recognize, promote, support, sustain, and complement the tremendous settlement services offered by partner libraries and by other immigrant serving organizations and community groups. NewToBC helps partner libraries adapt to the evolving needs of newcomer immigrants by identifying emerging opportunities, by adopting promising practices, and by supporting innovative settlement and integration services. Ultimately, NewToBC is meant to enhance each of the partner libraries' ability to help build welcoming and diverse communities. NewToBC is managed by Public Library InterLINK and funded by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and by the Government of Canada.

