



COMMUNITY PROFILE
RICHMOND

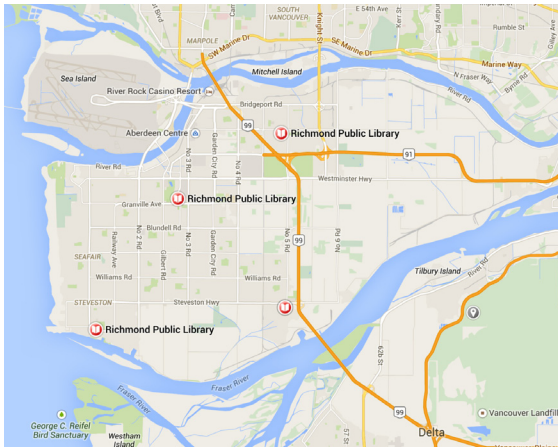
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IMMIGRANT DEMOGRAPHICS

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.

Richmond is comprised of a series of islands nested in the mouth of the Fraser River with the coastal mountain range as a backdrop. Richmond is bordered by Vancouver and Burnaby to the north, New Westminster to the east, and Delta to the south. The Strait of Georgia forms the city's western border.

The Richmond Public Library has 5 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 Richmond had a total population of 190,473, an approximate increase of 9.2% between 2006 and 2011.
- In 2011 Richmond's immigrants represented 59.6% (112,875) of the total population.
- Richmond's immigrant population increased by 27.8% between 2001 and 2011, notably higher than the increase of 23.7% for Metro Vancouver.

	Richmond			Metro Vancouver
	Total Population*	Immigrants**		Immigrants
		Number	% of Total Pop	% of Total Pop
2011	190,473	112,875	59.6%	40.0%
2006	174,461	99,660	57.1%	39.3%
2001	164,345	88,300	53.7%	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 112,875 immigrants living in Richmond, of which 16.6% were recent immigrants. This was marginally lower than the share of 17% in Metro Vancouver.

	Richmond		Metro Vancouver	
	Total Immigrants		Total Immigrants	
	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	112,875	100%	913,310	100%
2006 to 2011	18,685	16.6%	155,125	17.0%
2001 to 2005	17,650	15.6%	137,750	15.1%
1991 to 2000	41,950	37.2%	264,910	29.0%
1981 to 1990	15,370	13.6%	126,010	13.8%
Before 1981	19,230	17.0%	229,520	25.1%

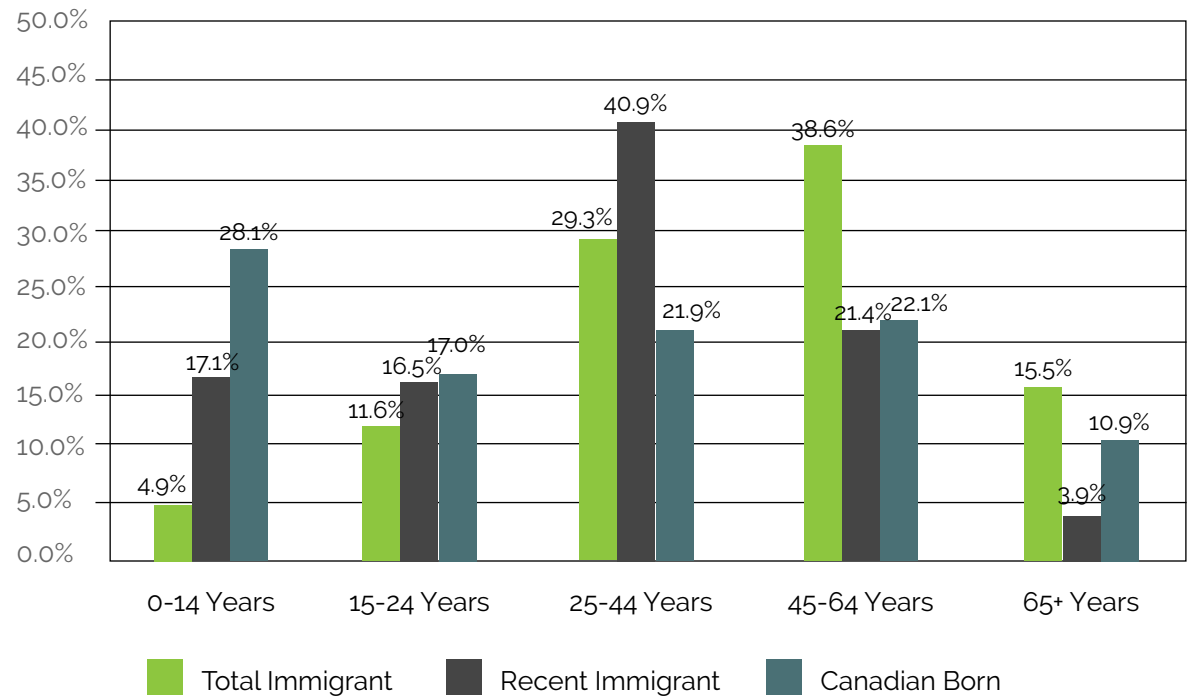
Immigrant Youth and Seniors by Period of Immigration (NHS 2011)

- 23.7% of 13,060 immigrant youth (15-24 years) were recent immigrants. Moreover, recent immigrant youth made up 16.5% of the city's recent immigrant population of 18,685.
- Approximately 46.5% of Richmond's 17,525 immigrant seniors were "long term" immigrant seniors who came to Canada before 1981. Recent immigrant seniors made up only 4.3% (755) of the immigrant senior population.

	Youth (15-24 Years)		Seniors (65+ Years)	
	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	13,060	100%	17,525	100%
2006 to 2011	1,105	23.7%	755	4.3%
2001 to 2005	3,240	24.8%	955	5.4%
1991 to 2000	6,300	48.2%	4,920	28.1%
1981 to 1990	430	3.3%	2,750	15.7%
Before 1981	0	0.0%	8,145	46.5%

Age Distribution – by % of Population in 2011

- In 2011 those of working age (25-64 years) made up over 60% of Richmond's recent immigrant population (40.9% of recent immigrants aged 25-44 years and 21.4% of recent immigrants aged 45-64 years respectively).
- The highest proportion of recent immigrants were of core working age (25 to 44 years). 40.9% of the recent immigrants in Richmond were aged 25 to 44 years, notably higher than the comparable proportion of Canadian-born residents (21.9%).



Population by Age at Immigration

- 61.2% of Richmond's 112,875 immigrants were between the ages of 15 and 44 years when they arrived in Canada.
- 42.7% of 18,685 recent immigrants were between the ages of 25 and 44 years (core working age) when they arrived in Canada.

	Number	%		Number	%
Total Immigrants	112,875	100%	Recent Immigrants	18,685	100%
Under 5 years	8,470	7.5%	Under 5 years	1,225	6.6%
5 to 14 years	19,160	17.0%	5 to 14 years	2,720	14.6%
15 to 24 years	19,990	17.7%	15 to 24 years	3,165	16.9%
25 to 44 years	49,135	43.5%	25 to 44 years	7,985	42.7%
45 years and over	16,125	14.3%	45 years and over	3,585	19.2%

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

- China ranked as the top source country by both total and recent immigrant population. Over half of Richmond's recent immigrants came from China, compared to 31.9% by its total immigrant population. The Philippines ranked as the second highest source country of recent immigrants at just under 18%.

	Number	%		Number	%
Total Immigrants	112,875	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	18,685	100.0%
China	35,965	31.9%	China	10,470	56.0%
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	23,135	20.5%	Philippines	3,320	17.8%
Philippines	12,060	10.7%	Taiwan	645	3.5%
Taiwan	8,305	7.4%	India	570	3.1%
India	5,260	4.7%	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	430	2.3%
United Kingdom	3,565	3.2%	United States	315	1.7%
United States	1,515	1.3%	Korea, South	210	1.1%
Japan	1,125	1.0%	Iran	185	1.0%
Ukraine	1,035	0.9%	Russian Federation	175	0.9%
Viet Nam	1,000	0.9%	Japan	155	0.8%
Other places	19,910	17.6%	Other places	2,210	11.8%

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

- In 2011, 53.7% of Richmond's immigrants had a religious affiliation, compared to 55.2% reported by Canadian-born residents.
- Christianity was the most commonly reported religious affiliation for both immigrants and Canadian-born residents: accounting for 34.6% of the immigrant population, 30.7% of its recent immigrant population, and 41.8% of its Canadian-born population.
- Buddhists showed a notable representation within both immigrant (9.3%) and recent immigrant (7.7%) population.

	Total Immigrant	Recent Immigrant	Canadian Born	Total Pop.
Total population	112,875	18,685	76,430	189,305
Christian	34.6%	30.7%	41.8%	37.5%
Buddhist	9.3%	7.7%	2.5%	6.5%
Sikh	3.3%	1.6%	4.5%	3.8%
Muslim	3.2%	3.5%	2.4%	2.9%
Hindu	1.7%	1.1%	1.0%	1.4%
Jewish	1.0%	0.6%	2.3%	1.5%
Traditional (Aboriginal) Spirituality	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other religions	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
No religious affiliation	46.3%	54.5%	45.2%	45.9%

Christianity was the most commonly reported religious affiliation by the immigrant population, followed by Buddhism and Sikh.



LANGUAGE ABILITY (CENSUS 2011 & NHS 2011)

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

- In 2011, close to three quarters (74.3%) of recent immigrants spoke non-official languages most often at home, compared to 64.4% of its immigrant population.
- More than half (55.7%) of recent immigrants spoke Chinese (including Mandarin and Cantonese) often at home, compared to the share of 49.8% of its total immigrants.

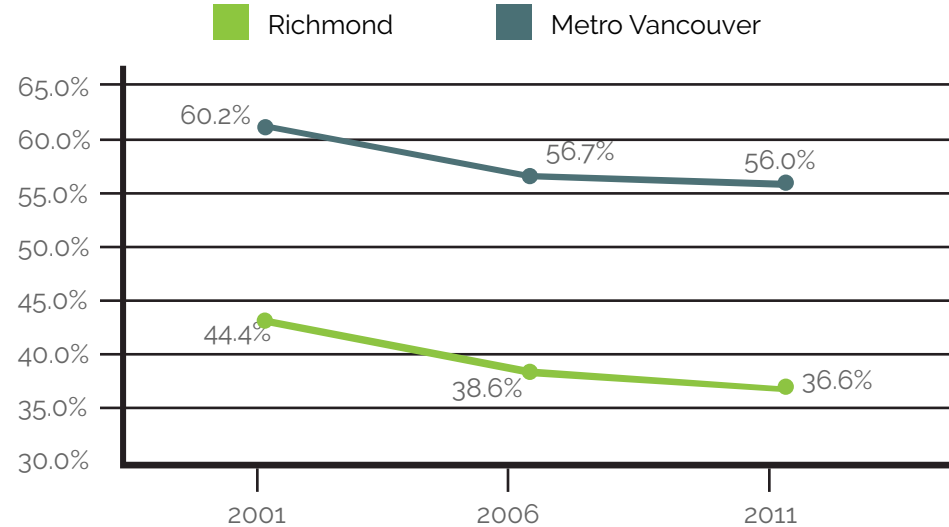
	Number	%		Number	%
Total Immigrants	112,875	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	18,685	100.0%
Single responses	103,130	91.4%	Single responses	17,050	91.2%
English	30,260	26.8%	English	3,175	17.0%
Non-official languages	72,720	64.4%	Non-official languages	13,875	74.3%
Cantonese	24,615	21.8%	Mandarin	4,830	25.8%
Mandarin	16,065	14.2%	Chinese, n.o.s.	4,035	21.6%
Chinese, n.o.s.	15,555	13.8%	Cantonese	1,535	8.2%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	3,540	3.1%	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	1,100	5.9%
Panjabi (Punjabi)	2,380	2.1%	Russian	315	1.7%
Other non-official languages	10,565	9.4%	Other non-official languages	2,060	11.0%



74.3% of Richmond' recent immigrants spoke non-official languages most often at home.

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

- 36.6% of Richmond's residents spoke English only as their mother tongue, notably lower than the regional percentage (56% for Metro Vancouver).
- The proportion of Richmond's residents whose mother tongue was English only declined from 44.4% in 2001 to 36.6% in 2011. This trend was comparable to that of Metro Vancouver.



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

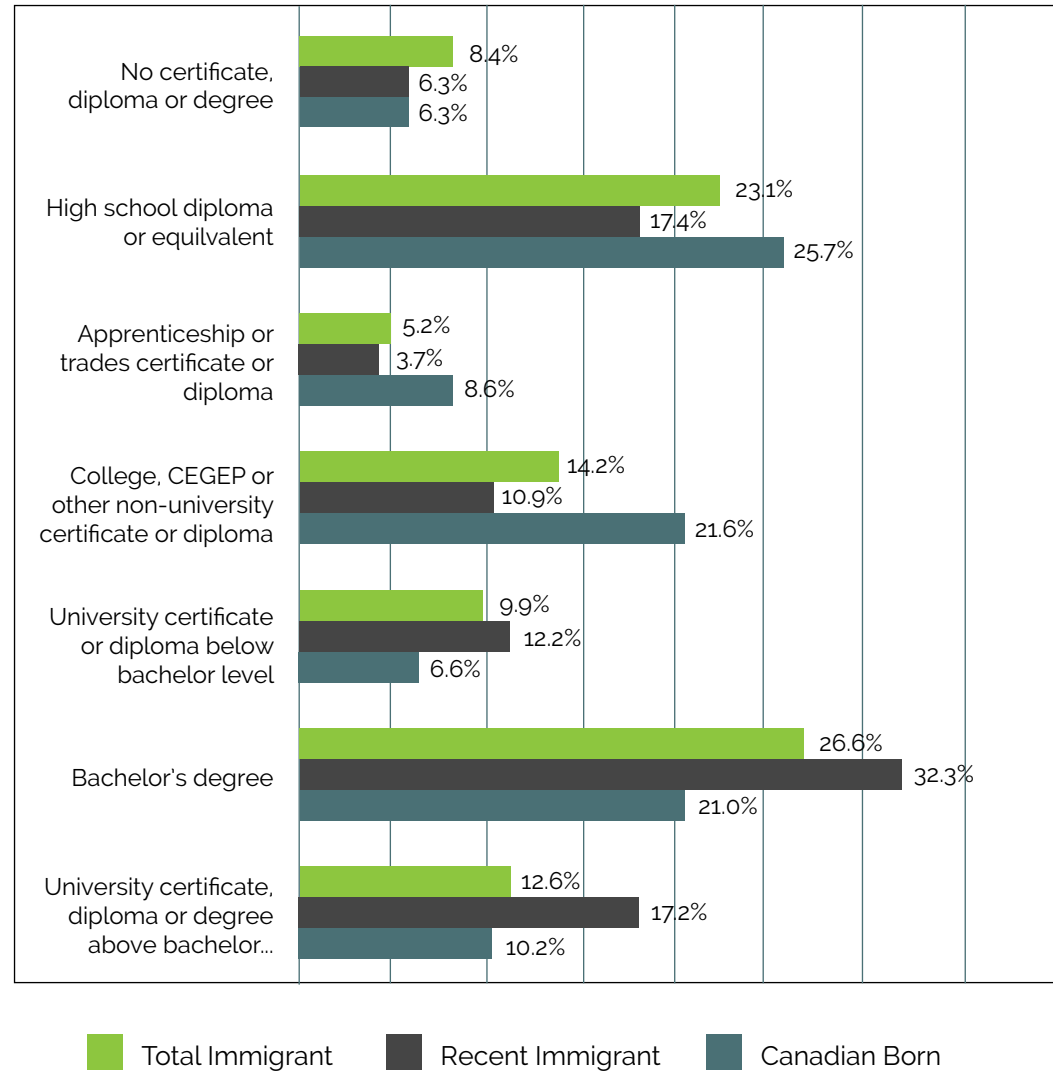
- NHS 2011 shows the majority of Richmond's immigrants spoke one of the official languages (English or French) most often at work. 17.0% of immigrants and 28.7% of recent immigrants spoke non-official languages often at work.
- Chinese (including Mandarin and Cantonese) was the non-official language most spoken at work by both recent immigrants (26.8%) and total immigrants (16%).

	Total Immigrant		Recent Immigrant
Total Population (number)	67,630	Total Population (number)	9,280
Single responses	93.7%	Single responses	93.5%
English	76.6%	English	64.8%
Non-official languages	17.0%	Non-official languages	28.7%
Chinese, n.o.s.	6.3%	Chinese, n.o.s.	13.2%
Cantonese	5.6%	Mandarin	9.9%
Mandarin	4.1%	Cantonese	3.7%

EDUCATION ATTAINMENT (NHS 2011)

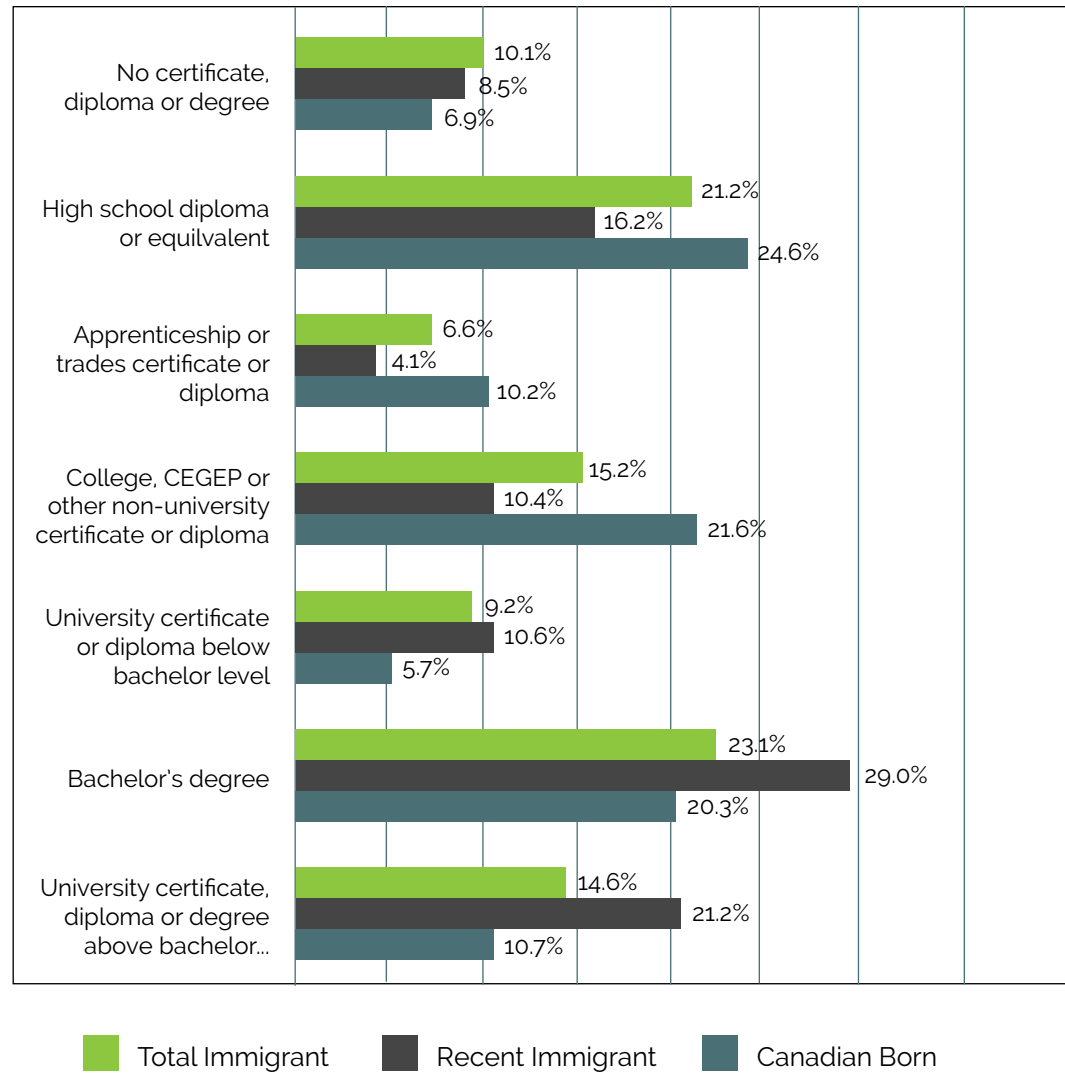
Highest Level of Education by % of Population Aged 25 to 64 Years – Richmond

- In 2011, of the age group 25 to 64, 49.5% of recent immigrants had a bachelor degree or higher, significantly higher than the proportion of their Canadian-born counterparts (31.2%).



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

- Compared to Metro Vancouver (37.7%), Richmond (39.1%) received a marginally higher 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, 24.7% of recent immigrant seniors living in Richmond had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to their Canadian-born counterparts (15.5%) and 18.9% for all immigrant seniors.

	Canadian Born Seniors	Immigrant Seniors	Recent Immigrant Seniors
No certificate, diploma or degree	19.0%	31.4%	20.7%
High school diploma or equivalent	35.4%	24.7%	28.0%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	11.4%	6.8%	2.7%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	14.9%	12.2%	12.7%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	3.8%	6.1%	11.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	15.5%	18.9%	24.7%

LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY (NHS 2011)

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

- In 2010 there were 63,960 immigrants and 8,705 recent immigrants in Richmond's labour force. Immigrants and recent immigrants represented 64.0% and 8.7% of the labour force respectively.
- 7.2% of Richmond's immigrants were unemployed in 2010, marginally higher than for their Canadian-born counterparts (6.8%). Moreover, recent immigrants experienced a two-digit unemployment rate at 10.7%.
- Unsurprisingly, immigrant youth (20 to 24 years) experienced a higher unemployment rate: 18.0% for total immigrant youth and 12.7% for recent immigrant youth in the labour force.
- 11.2% of Richmond's of 17, 520 immigrant seniors were in the labour force in 2010, and 3.8% were unemployed.

	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	107,300	15,480	54,740	7,575	1,670	17,520	750
In the labour force	63,960	8,705	35,950	4,495	825	1,965	85
Participation rate	59.6	56.2	65.7	59.3	49.4	11.2	11.3
Employment rate	55.3	50.2	61.2	48.6	43.1	10.8	10.7
Unemployment rate	7.2	10.7	6.8	18.0	12.7	3.8	N/A

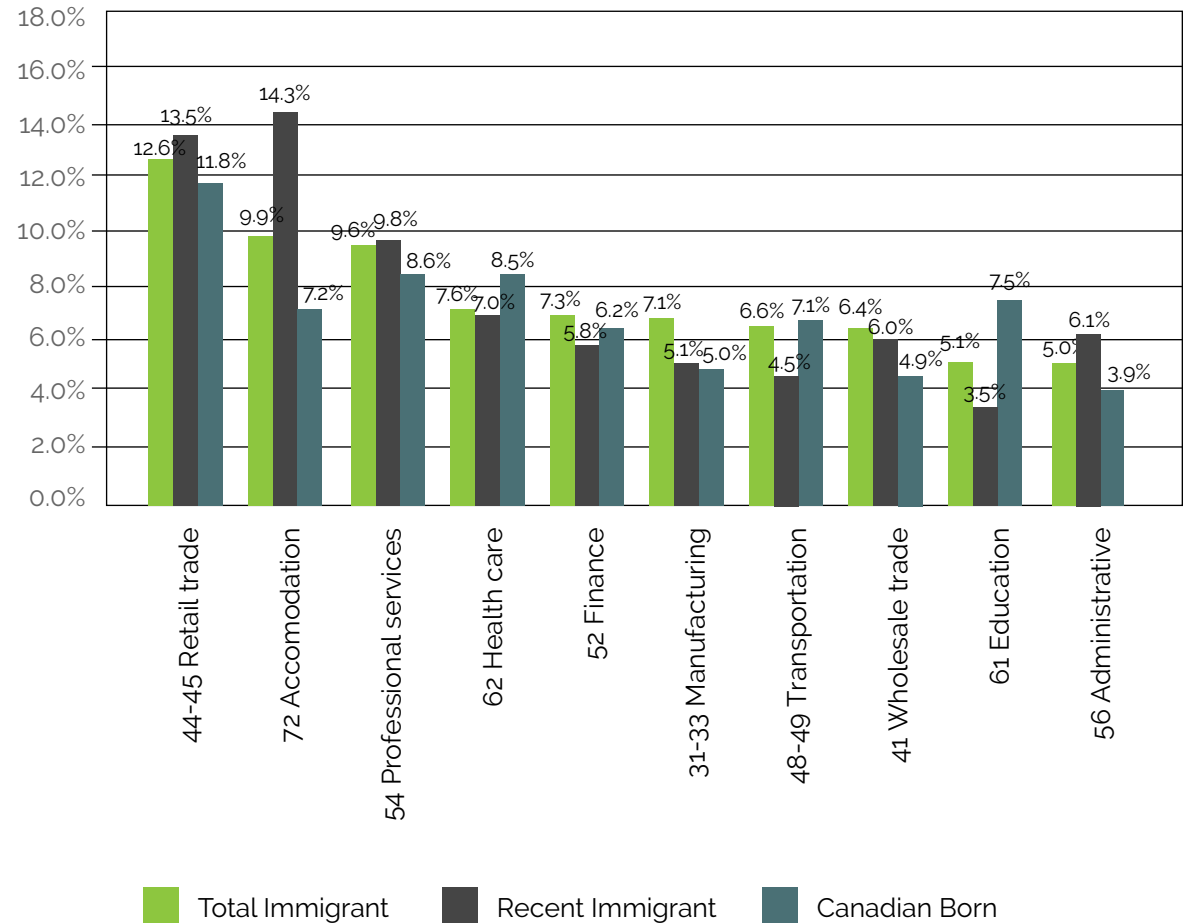
Distribution of Occupations - by % of Population Aged 15 Years and Over Ranked by the Share of Immigrant Population

- Retail trade (12.6%), accommodation and food services (9.9%), and professional, scientific and technical services (9.6%) ranked as top three occupational for immigrants.
- Accommodation and food services (14.3%), retail trade (13.5%), and professional, scientific and technical services (9.8%) ranked as the top three occupational sectors for recent immigrants.
- Retail trade (11.8%), professional, scientific and technical services (8.6%) and health care (8.5%) ranked as the top three occupational sectors for Richmond'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
44-45 Retail trade	12.6%	13.5%	11.8%
72 Accommodation and food services	9.9%	14.3%	7.2%
54 Professional, scientific and technical services	9.6%	9.8%	8.6%
62 Health care and social assistance	7.6%	7.0%	8.5%
52 Finance and insurance	7.3%	5.8%	6.2%
31-33 Manufacturing	7.1%	5.1%	5.0%
48-49 Transportation and warehousing	6.6%	4.5%	7.1%
41 Wholesale trade	6.4%	6.0%	4.9%
61 Educational services	5.1%	3.5%	7.5%
56 Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	5.0%	6.1%	3.9%
81 Other services (except public administration)	4.2%	5.7%	4.9%
23 Construction	3.4%	4.4%	5.2%
53 Real estate and rental and leasing	3.2%	2.1%	2.5%
91 Public administration	2.9%	1.1%	6.6%
51 Information and cultural industries	2.8%	3.4%	3.7%
71 Arts, entertainment and recreation	1.8%	1.7%	2.3%
11 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	0.5%	0.4%	0.9%
22 Utilities	0.3%	0.0%	0.7%
21 Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
55 Management of companies and enterprises	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%

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

- Richmond's immigrant and Canadian-born populations were distributed in fairly similar proportions across the measured occupational sectors, with the biggest difference occurring in educational services sector, which employed 5.1% of immigrants compared to 7.5% of Canadian-born residents.
- Compared to their Canadian born counterparts, a greater proportion of recent immigrants worked in accommodation and food services sector (7.1% higher).



INCOME (NHS 2011)

Total Income in 2010 of Population Aged 15 Years and Over

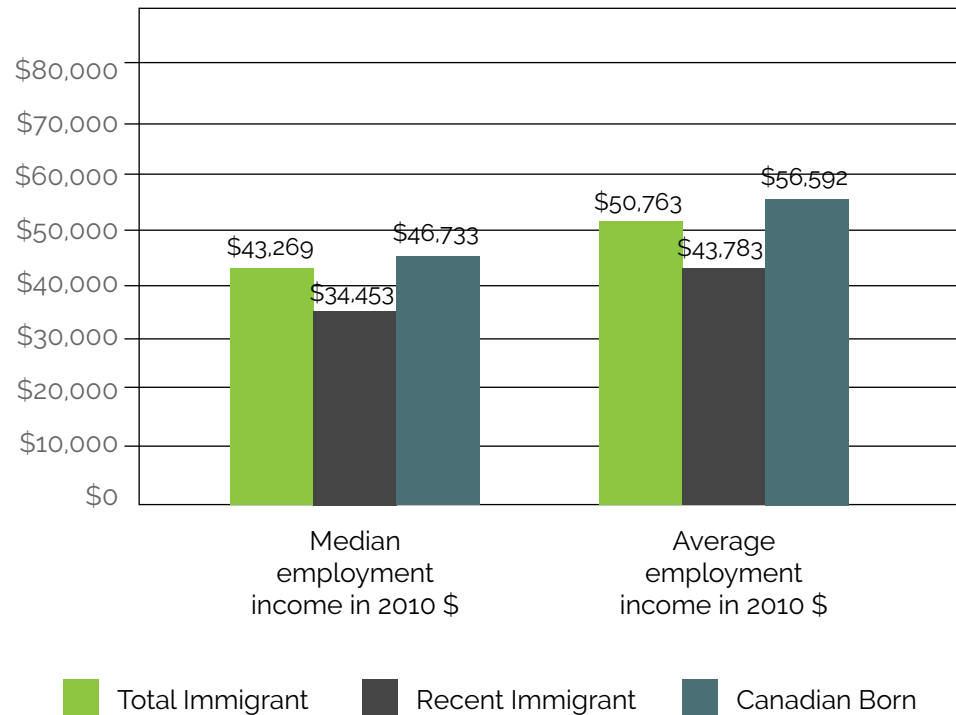
- In 2010, 44.5% of the recent immigrant population aged 15 years and over were in the low income bracket. This rate was significantly higher than 22.4% for the total population.
- In 2010, the median income of Richmond's recent immigrant population was \$12,985, notably less than the median income of \$20,560 for immigrants. Moreover, recent immigrants' median income was almost 45% less than that of the total population (\$23,694).

	Total Immigrant	Recent Immigrant	Total Population
Population aged 15 years and over	107,300	15,480	162,045
Median income \$	\$20,560	\$12,985	\$23,694
Average income \$	\$30,563	\$21,413	\$35,005
Prevalence of low income in 2010 based on after-tax low-income measure (%)	27.5	44.5	22.4

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

- About 27.8% of immigrants and 18.2% of recent immigrants worked full time for a full year with employment income in 2010, compared to 30.0% 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 (\$43,269) and recent immigrants (\$34,453) versus the total population (\$46,733).

	Total Immigrant	Recent Immigrant	Total Population
Population aged 15 years and over	107,300	15,480	162,045
Population who worked full year, full time and with employment income in 2010	29,810	2,820	48,535



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.

