



IMMIGRANT DEMOGRAPHICS VANCOUVER, B.C.

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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.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS:

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 to provide a statistical portrait of the country.

TOTAL POPULATION refers to the total population counts in private households of a specific geographic area, regardless of immigration status.

IMMIGRANTS includes persons who are, or who have ever been, landed immigrants or permanent residents. In the 2016 Census of Population, 'Immigrants' includes immigrants who landed in Canada on or prior to May 10, 2016.

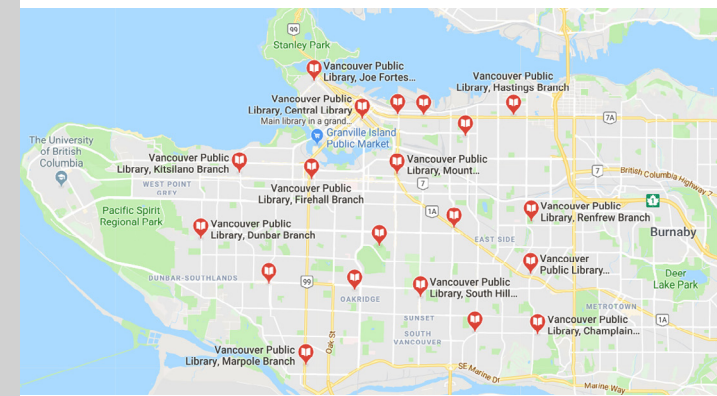
RECENT IMMIGRANTS are immigrants who arrived in Canada between January 1, 2011 and May 10, 2016.

METRO VANCOUVER comprises 21 municipalities, one electoral district and one First Nation located in the southwest corner of British Columbia's mainland. It is bordered by the Strait of Georgia to the west, the U.S. border to the south, Abbotsford and Mission to the east, and unincorporated mountainous areas to the north.

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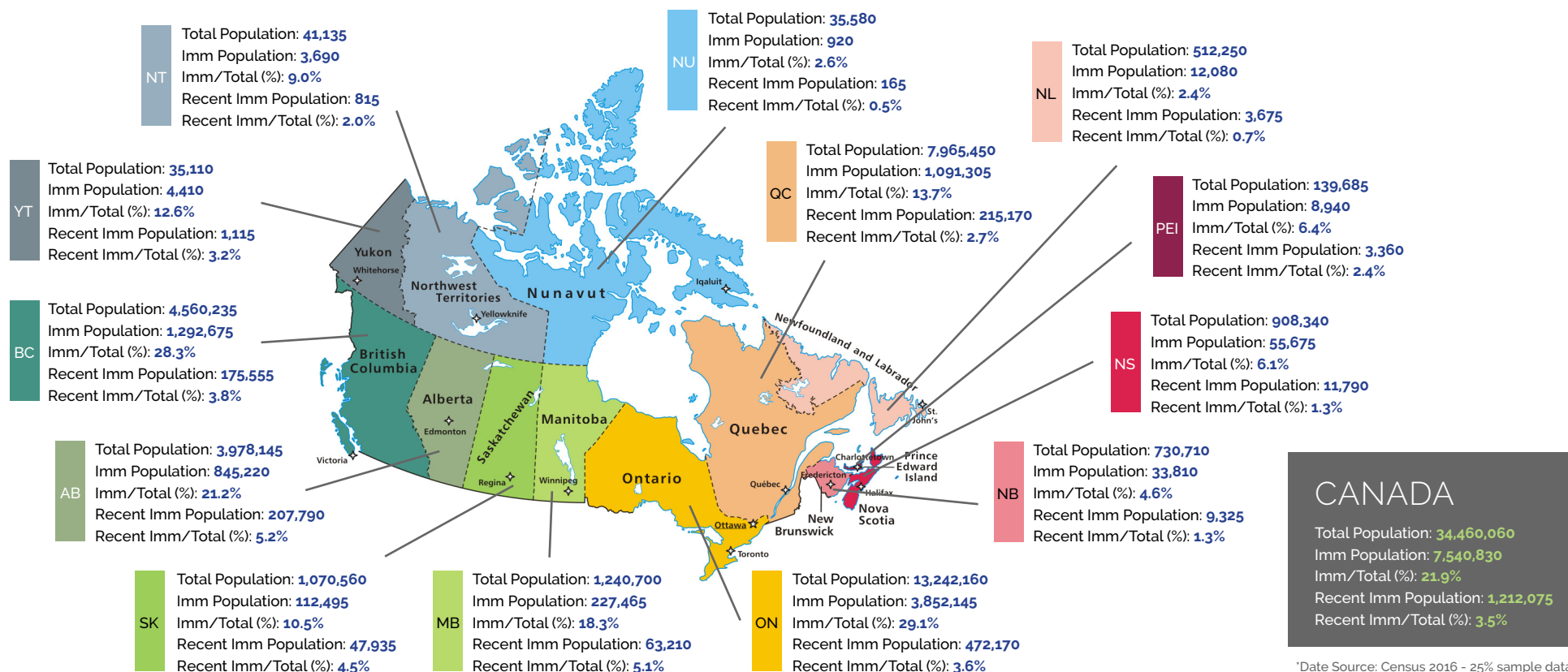
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- Data sources: the following profile has been developed with data and statistics from Stats Canada Census 2016, Census 2011 and National Household Survey (NHS) 2011, and Census 2006 Profiles.

Vancouver is located in the western portion of Metro Vancouver. It lies between Burrard Inlet to the north and the Fraser River to the south. It is bordered by Burnaby to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west. The Vancouver Public Library has 22 locations.



Map source: Google Maps

NATIONAL/PROVINCIAL IMMIGRATION TOTALS (CENSUS 2016)



*Date Source: Census 2016 - 25% sample data

- British Columbia has the second highest immigrant population compared to any other province or territory in Canada, only Ontario has a greater immigrant population. Census 2016 reported that a total of 1,292,675 immigrants made B.C. their home, representing 17.1% of Canada's total immigrant population. More than half (51.1%) of Canada's immigrants live in Ontario and 14.5% live in Quebec. The Prairie Provinces are home to 15.7% of Canada's immigrants.
- In the last census period, B.C. received fewer recent immigrants (175,555) than Ontario (472,170), Quebec (215,170) and Alberta (207,790).
- 28.3% of British Columbia's population was born outside Canada, second to Ontario (29.1%) and notably higher than the national level of 21.9%.

POPULATION AND IMMIGRATION – MAINLAND / SOUTHWEST BC (CENSUS 2016 AND NHS 2011)

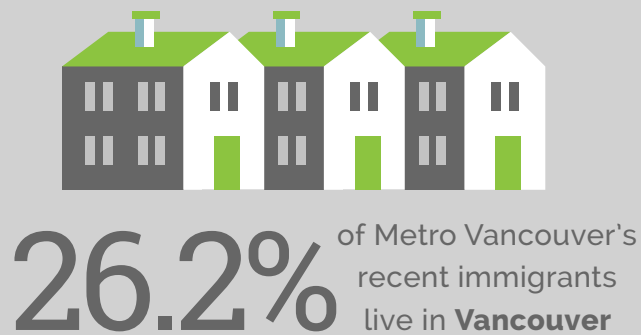
COMMUNITY	TOTAL POPULATION 2016	TOTAL POP. GROWTH (%) 2011-2016	IMM POPULATION 2016	IMM/TOTAL (%) 2016	RECENT IMM POPULATION 2016	RECENT IMM / TOTAL (%) 2016	IMM POP GROWTH (#) 2011 - 2016	IMM POP GROWTH (%) 2011 - 2016
British Columbia	4,560,235	5.6%	1,292,675	28.3%	175,555	3.8%	100,800	8.5%
Metro Vancouver	2,426,235	6.5%	989,540	40.8%	142,530	5.9%	76,230	8.3%
Vancouver	618,210	4.6%	262,770	42.5%	37,330	6.0%	4,020	1.6%
Surrey	511,545	10.6%	220,155	43.0%	36,335	7.1%	32,310	17.2%
Richmond	196,665	4.1%	118,305	60.2%	15,245	7.8%	5,430	4.8%
Burnaby	230,080	4.3%	115,145	50.0%	16,065	7.0%	3,970	3.6%
Coquitlam	138,090	9.8%	61,060	44.2%	9,530	6.9%	8,980	17.2%
Abbotsford	138,555	5.9%	38,225	27.6%	5,440	3.9%	4,290	12.6%
Delta	100,840	2.4%	31,240	31.0%	3,355	3.3%	2,720	9.5%
North Vancouver, District	84,875	1.8%	26,505	31.2%	3,240	3.8%	1,535	6.1%
New Westminster	69,905	7.6%	24,375	34.9%	3,500	5.0%	2,635	12.1%
Langley District	115,835	12.6%	22,495	19.4%	2,615	2.3%	3,980	21.5%
North Vancouver, City	52,185	9.8%	19,930	38.2%	3,740	7.2%	2,170	12.2%
West Vancouver, District	41,680	-0.5%	18,615	44.7%	2,940	7.1%	1,485	8.7%
Port Coquitlam	57,900	4.7%	18,430	31.8%	1,940	3.4%	2,050	12.5%
Maple Ridge	80,975	8.2%	15,460	19.1%	1,520	1.9%	2,530	19.6%
Chilliwack	82,210	7.5%	10,985	13.4%	1,070	1.3%	1,335	13.8%
Port Moody	33,450	1.6%	10,755	32.2%	1,220	3.6%	365	3.5%
Langley, City	25,315	3.2%	4,395	17.4%	525	2.0%	590	15.5%
White Rock	19,120	3.2%	4,895	25.6%	535	2.7%	360	7.9%
Pitt Meadows	18,425	4.7%	3,955	21.5%	385	2.1%	-35	-0.9%

Note: Table ordered by number of total immigrants.

* Data Source: Census 2016 - 25% sample data; NHS 2011

POPULATION AND IMMIGRATION – MAINLAND / SOUTHWEST BC (CENSUS 2016 AND NHS 2011)

- Vancouver was home to the largest immigrant population (262,770) in the Metro Vancouver Region, representing 26.2% of Metro Vancouver's immigrant population and 42.5% of the City's total population.
- 81.2% of B.C.'s recent immigrants lived in the Metro Vancouver region. Of which 80% resided in Vancouver (26.2%), Surrey (25.5%), Burnaby (11.3%), Richmond (10.7%) and Coquitlam (6.7%).
- Although it received the largest number of recent immigrants (37,330) in the region, Vancouver saw only a marginal increase to its overall immigrant population (1.6% or 4,020) and the increase to its overall population (4.6% or 27,984) between 2011 and 2016 was significantly lower than the Metro Vancouver's regional level which saw a 8.3% growth in its immigrant population and 6.5% growth in its total population.



POPULATION AND IMMIGRATION TRENDS: VANCOUVER

IMMIGRATION TRENDS (2001 - 2016)

	Vancouver			Metro Vancouver		
	Total Population*	Immigrants**		Total Population*	Immigrants	
		Number	% of Total Population		Number	% of Total Population
2016	631,486	262,765	42.5%	2,463,431	989,540	40.8%
2011	603,502	258,750	43.8%	2,313,328	913,310	40.0%
2006	578,041	260,760	45.1%	2,116,581	831,265	39.6%
2001	545,671	247,635	45.4%	1,986,965	738,555	37.5%

*Data source: Census data (100% data);

**Data source: Census / NHS data (25% sample data).

- Census 2016 shows that Vancouver had a total population of 631,486 persons. Its immigrant residents represented 42.5% (262,765) of the total population, slightly higher than 40.8% for the Metro Vancouver region. The proportion of immigrants in Vancouver has gradually declined since 2006, compared to a marginal increase in the proportion of immigrants across the Metro Vancouver region.
- Vancouver saw modest growth in its total population in the most recent census period. Between 2011 and 2016, Vancouver recorded an increase of 4.6% in its total population, similar to the increase of 4.4% between 2006 and 2011. The immigrant population increased by 1.6%, up from its previous decline of 1% between 2006 and 2011.
- Immigration is known as a key driver of population growth for Metro Vancouver and most of its large municipalities, except for the City of Vancouver. Between 2001 and 2016, the Metro Vancouver region saw an increase of 34.0% in immigrant population, outstripping the 18.1% for its Canadian born population. In contrast, over the same period, the City of Vancouver's Canadian-born population outstripped the growth of its immigrant population: 23.7% vs. 6.1%.

IMMIGRANT ARRIVALS BY PERIOD OF IMMIGRATION (CENSUS 2016)

- Recent immigrants made up 14.2% (37,335) of Vancouver's total immigrant population, marginally lower than the regional level of 14.4%.
- Compared to the previous census period (2006-2011), both the City of Vancouver and the Metro Vancouver region experienced a decline in the number of recent immigrant arrivals between 2011 and 2016: 37,335 in 2016 vs. 42,230 in 2011 for Vancouver, and 142,535 vs. 155,125 for Metro Vancouver.

	Vancouver		Metro Vancouver	
	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	262,765	100%	989,540	100.0%
2011 to 2016	37,335	14.2%	142,535	14.4%
2006 to 2010	32,955	12.5%	143,580	14.5%
2001 to 2005	26,900	10.2%	124,890	12.6%
1991 to 2000	63,480	24.2%	247,835	25.0%
1981 to 1990	38,210	14.5%	120,730	12.2%
Before 1981	63,890	24.3%	209,975	21.2%

POPULATION BY AGE AT IMMIGRATION (CENSUS 2016 AND NHS 2011)

- Canada's immigration policy generally results in the arrival of many "working age" immigrants. About 71.2% of Vancouver's recent immigrants were between the ages of 15 and 44 when arriving Canada, 5% higher than the proportion that arrived during the previous census period (66.2% between 2006 and 2011).
- In contrast, Vancouver received a smaller proportion of immigrants aged 45 or over and children aged 14 or younger. Census 2016 shows 15.7% of recent immigrants were 45 years and over, and 13.0% were 14 years or younger when landing in Canada, compared to 16.7% and 17.1% reported in 2011 respectively.
- More than half (57.5%) of Vancouver's recent immigrants were between the ages of 25 and 44 years (core working age) when they arrived in Canada.

	Vancouver				Metro Van	
	Census 2016		NHS 2011		Census 2016	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Recent Immigrants	37,335	100%	42,225	100%	142,530	100.0%
Under 5 years	1,465	3.9%	2,190	5.2%	8,370	5.9%
5 to 14 years	3,410	9.1%	5,030	11.9%	16,365	11.5%
15 to 24 years	5,120	13.7%	7,085	16.8%	19,855	13.9%
25 to 44 years	21,470	57.5%	20,870	49.4%	69,485	48.8%
45 years and over	5,865	15.7%	7,050	16.7%	28,450	20.0%

TOP 10 PLACES OF BIRTH - BY TOTAL AND RECENT IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS (CENSUS 2016)

Canada			British Columbia			Metro Vancouver			Vancouver					
	#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%
Recent Immigrants	1,212,075	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	175,555	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	142,530	100%	Total Immigrants	262,770	100%	Recent Immigrants	37,335	100%
Philippines	188,805	15.6%	China	38,105	21.7%	China	35,890	25.2%	China	66,760	25.4%	China	9,350	25.0%
India	147,190	12.1%	India	27,455	15.6%	India	21,380	15.0%	Philippines	28,480	10.8%	Philippines	6,400	17.1%
China	129,015	10.6%	Philippines	26,685	15.2%	Philippines	20,200	14.2%	Hong Kong	24,695	9.4%	India	1,885	5.0%
Iran	42,075	3.5%	Iran	8,645	4.9%	Iran	8,315	5.8%	India	13,000	4.9%	United States	1,805	4.8%
Pakistan	41,480	3.4%	Korea, South	8,030	4.6%	Korea, South	6,635	4.7%	United Kingdom	12,970	4.9%	United Kingdom	1,790	4.8%
United States	33,060	2.7%	United Kingdom	6,535	3.7%	United States	4,065	2.9%	Viet Nam	11,930	4.5%	Iran	1,610	4.3%
Syria	29,950	2.5%	United States	6,490	3.7%	United Kingdom	3,850	2.7%	United States	9,290	3.5%	Korea, South	1,230	3.3%
United Kingdom	24,445	2.0%	Mexico	2,885	1.6%	Taiwan	2,325	1.6%	Taiwan	8,920	3.4%	Japan	1,025	2.7%
France	24,150	2.0%	Taiwan	2,500	1.4%	Mexico	2,295	1.6%	Iran	7,380	2.8%	Mexico	1,020	2.7%
Korea, South	21,710	1.8%	Japan	2,290	1.3%	Iraq	1,850	1.3%	Korea, South	5,700	2.2%	Ireland	940	2.5%
Other places	530,195	43.8%	Other places	45,935	26.3%	Other places	35,825	25.0%	Other places	73,645	28.2%	Other places	10,280	27.8%

- Just as in B.C. and Metro Vancouver, Census 2016 shows that China was the largest source country of immigrants to the City of Vancouver. Nationally, the Philippines was the largest source country for recent immigrants to Canada.
- In 2016, like the previous census period, China and the Philippines remained the top two source countries for both total immigrant and recent immigrant populations, accounting for 36.2% of the total immigrant population and 42.1% of the recent immigrant population. Nonetheless, the share of recent immigrants from China declined to 25.0% in 2016 from 29.3% in 2011.
- Census 2016 shows that visible minorities accounted for more than half (51.6%) of Vancouver's total population, led by people of Chinese (27.0%), South Asian (6.0%) and Filipino (5.7%) descent. Among recent immigrants, 75.3% reported as a visible minority; led by those of Chinese (28.5%), Filipino (16.7%) and South Asian descent (6.9%).
- Vancouver is one of the five municipalities in B.C. where the visible minority population was greater than the Caucasian population. The other four were Richmond (76.3%), Burnaby (63.6%), Surrey (58.5%) and Coquitlam (50.2%). Close to half (48.9%) of Metro Vancouver's residents self-identified as visible minorities.

NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS BY IMMIGRATION CATEGORY (2016)

Admission category and applicant type for the immigrant population in private households who landed between 1980 and 2016 - 25% sample data.

	Vancouver				Metro Vancouver			
	Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants		Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	204,170	100.0%	37,330	100.0%	794,150	100.0%	142,530	100.0%
Economic Immigrants	119,295	58.4%	25,700	68.8%	461,955	58.2%	89,850	63.0%
Principal Applicants	49,995	24.5%	13,430	36.0%	176,955	22.3%	38,630	27.1%
Secondary Applicants	69,300	33.9%	12,270	32.9%	285,000	35.9%	51,215	35.9%
Immigrants Sponsored by Family	63,470	31.1%	10,160	27.2%	249,920	31.5%	42,665	29.9%
Refugees	17,825	8.7%	1,265	3.4%	71,115	9.0%	9,260	6.5%
Other Immigrants	3,580	1.8%	210	0.6%	11,160	1.4%	760	0.5%

*Note: 'Other immigrants' includes immigrants who were granted permanent resident status under a program that does not fall within the Economic Immigration Program, Family Class or the Refugee and Protected Persons categories. Other Immigrants category includes those who were granted permanent resident status under public policy or humanitarian and compassionate cases.

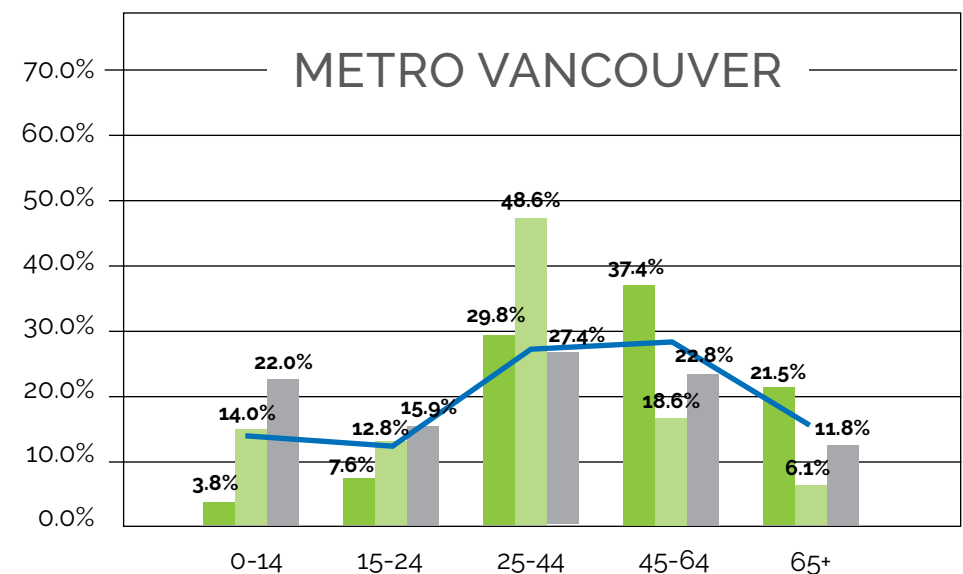
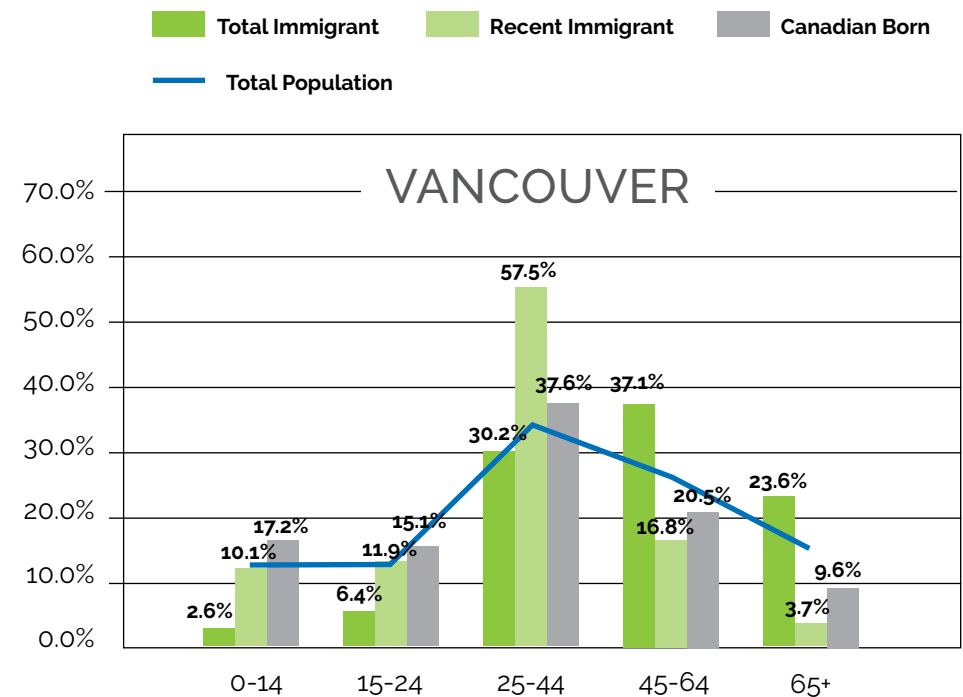
- Economic immigrants make up a significant majority of Vancouver's immigrant population. In 2016, 58.4% of the City's total immigrant population and 68.8% of its recent immigrant population arrived under the economic class, compared to the Metro Vancouver regional level (58.2% of total immigrants and 63% of recent immigrants).
- Vancouver received a notably smaller proportion of recent refugees than the Region. Refugees made up 8.7% of Vancouver's immigrant population and 3.4% of its recent immigrant population, while 9.0% of immigrants and 6.5% of recent immigrants in the Metro Vancouver region were refugees.

AGE DISTRIBUTION – VANCOUVER (CENSUS 2016)

- Immigration is commonly viewed as a key economic solution to Canada's aging population. In 2016, the average age of Vancouver's recent immigrants was 34.3, compared to 50.3 for its total immigrant population and 41.6 for the total population.
- In 2016, working age immigrants (25-64 years) made up 67.3% and 74.4% of Vancouver's total immigrant and recent immigrant populations respectively, significantly higher than the 58.1% of its Canadian born population.
- In 2016, Vancouver's Canadian born population had a much larger proportion (17.2%) of young people between the ages of 0-14, than their immigrant (2.6%) and recent immigrant peers (10.1%).
- Over the last census period, Vancouver had a fast-growing immigrant seniors population. In 2016, people aged 65 years or over made up 23.6% of its total immigrant population and 9.6% of its Canadian born population, compared to 20.1% for its total immigrants and 8.7% for Canadian born population in 2010 (NHS 2011).

AGE DISTRIBUTION - METRO VANCOUVER (CENSUS 2016)

- Vancouver had a slightly older population than Metro Vancouver where the average age was 34.7 for the recent immigrant population, 49 for its total immigrant population and 41 for its total population.

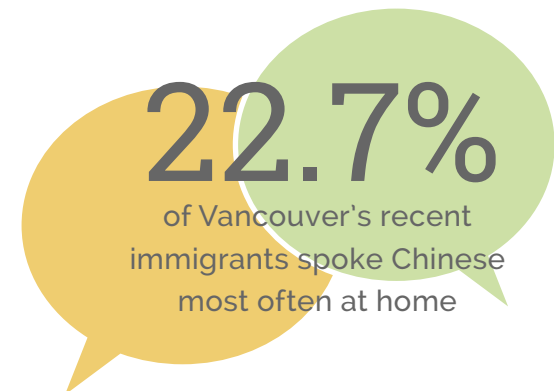


LANGUAGE

TOP 5 NON-OFFICIAL HOME LANGUAGES (CENSUS 2016)

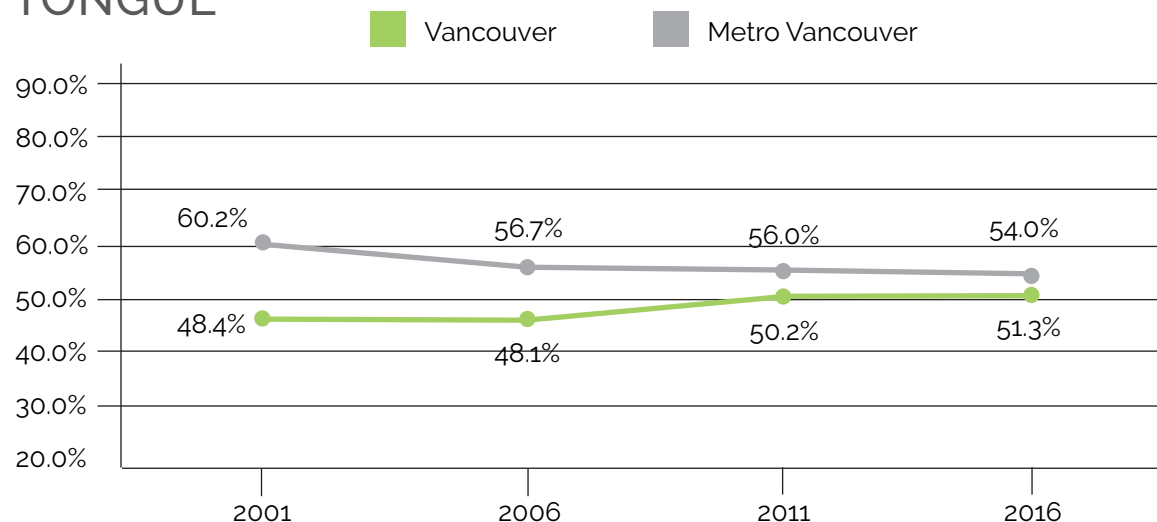
Vancouver						Metro Vancouver		
	#	%		#	%		#	%
Total Immigrants	262,770	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	5,435	100%	Recent Immigrants	142,535	100.0%
Non-Official Languages	131,330	50.0%	Non-Official Languages	3,720	68.4%	Non-Official Languages	88,570	62.1%
Punjabi (Panjabi)	53,265	20.3%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	2,870	52.8%	Mandarin	26,905	18.9%
Korean	24,185	9.2%	Korean	165	3.0%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	12,940	9.1%
German	8,710	3.3%	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	140	2.6%	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	7,790	5.5%
Spanish	6,620	2.5%	Spanish	100	1.8%	Persian (Farsi)	7,055	4.9%
Mandarin	5,545	2.1%	Arabic	100	1.8%	Cantonese	6,095	4.3%
Other Non-Official Languages	33,005	12.6%	Other Non-Official Languages	345	6.4%	Other Non-Official Languages	27,785	19.4%

- In 2016, half of Vancouver's recent immigrants (49.5%) spoke non-official languages most often at home, similar to the rate for the City's total immigrants (50.0%), but significantly less than 62.1% for Metro Vancouver's recent immigrants.
- The proportion of the non-official home language speaking population in Vancouver has noticeably declined since 2011, when 60.9% of the City's recent immigrants and 55.7% of its total immigrants spoke non-official languages often at home.
- In 2016, 22.7% of Vancouver's recent immigrants spoke Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese and Chinese n.o.s. combined) most often at home, significantly less than the proportion of 30.9% for its total immigrants and 29.7% of recent immigrants reported in the NHS 2011.



LANGUAGE TRENDS (2001 - 2016) - BY % OF POPULATION WITH ENGLISH ONLY AS A MOTHER TONGUE

- The proportion of Vancouver residents whose mother tongue was English continued its uptick from 48.4% in 2001 to 51.3% in 2016. In contrast, the Metro Vancouver region saw a drop of 6.2% from 60.2% to 54.0% over the same period.



LANGUAGES SPOKEN MOST OFTEN AT WORK (CENSUS 2016) BY % OF IMMIGRANT POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

- Similar to the previous census period, the vast majority of Vancouver's immigrants spoke one of the official languages most often at work in 2016. Census 2016 shows 13.4% of Vancouver's recent immigrants and 12.1% of its immigrants spoke non-official languages at work, indicating a drop from 17.5% of recent immigrants and 13.2% of total immigrants reported in the 2011 NHS.
- Compared with 2011, in 2016, Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese and Chinese n.o.s. combined) remained the most often spoken non-official language at work for both recent immigrants (9.5%) and the total immigrant population (10.0%).

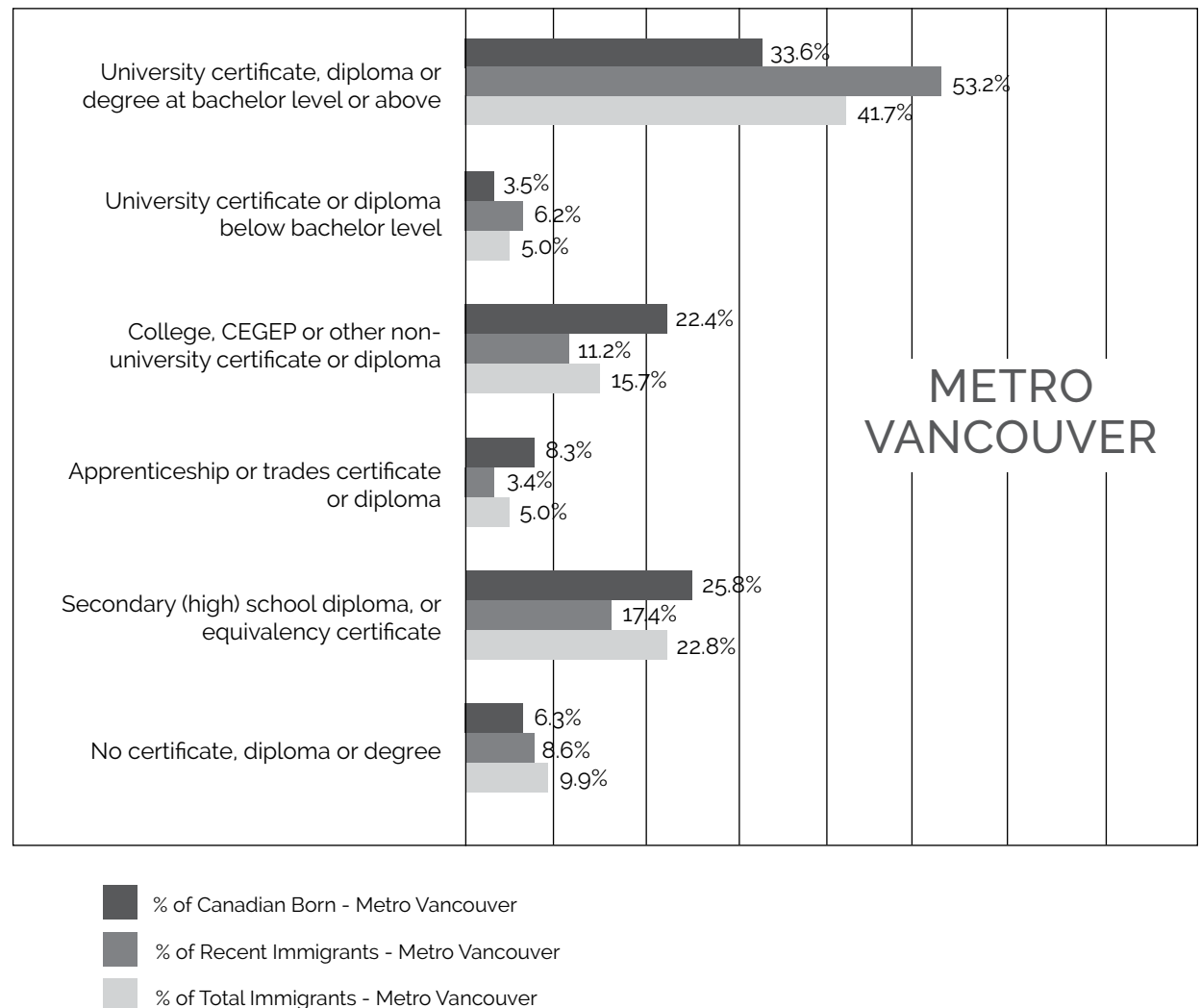
Vancouver				Metro Vancouver	
Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants		Recent Immigrants	
Non-Official Languages	12.1%	Non-Official Languages	13.4%	Non-Official Languages	17.8%
Cantonese	6.7%	Mandarin	5.1%	Mandarin	6.9%
Mandarin	3.1%	Cantonese	4.2%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	4.5%
Vietnamese	0.5%	Japanese	0.6%	Cantonese	2.4%

- Vancouver also had a slightly lower proportion of recent immigrant workers (13.4%) who spoke non-official languages often at work when compared to Metro Vancouver's regional level of 17.8%.

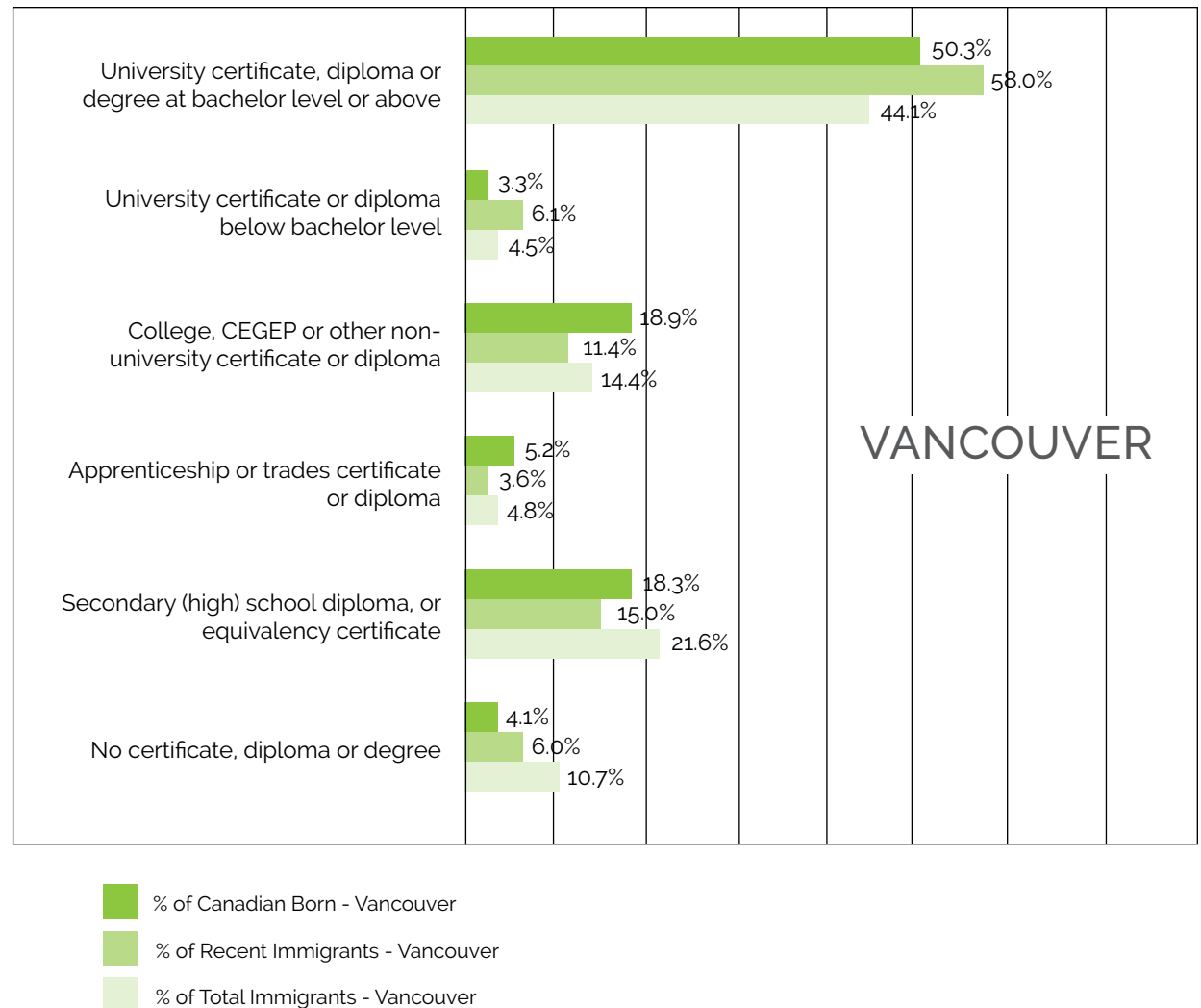
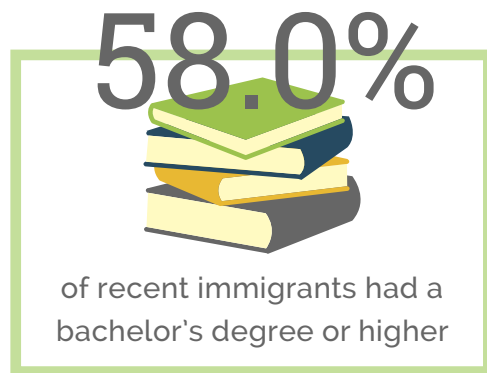
EDUCATION LEVEL (CENSUS 2016)

HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION - BY % OF POPULATION AGED 25 TO 64 YEARS

- Both at the municipal and regional levels, the Canadian born population reported higher levels of educational attainment in apprenticeship and trades as well as in the high school or equivalency categories. While immigrants and recent immigrants reported higher levels of educational attainment in college and university certificates, diplomas or degrees.
- In 2016, 58.0% of Vancouver's recent immigrants between the ages of 25 to 64 had a bachelor's degree or higher, noticeably higher than the proportion of their Canadian born counterparts (50.3%) and total immigrants (44.1%).
- At the regional level, Metro Vancouver was also home to a greater proportion of college and university educated immigrants compared to their Canadian born counterparts. 53.2% of recent immigrants and 41.7% of total immigrants had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 33.6% of the Canadian born population.



- Compared to the previous census period (2006-2011), Vancouver saw notable growth in the proportion of its college and university educated population. In 2011, the corresponding percentages of those with a bachelor's degree or higher were 51.2% of recent immigrants and 47.6% of the Canadian-born population. However, the proportion for the total immigrant population saw a decline from 49.0% in 2011 to 44.1% in 2016.



LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY (CENSUS 2016)

EMPLOYMENT / UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN 2015 FOR POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

	Vancouver			Metro Vancouver		
	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
Total population aged 15 years and over	292,020	255,825	33,580	1,112,275	952,340	122,615
In the labour force	215,990	154,965	24,260	769,910	585,610	80,025
Participation rate (%)	74.0%	60.6%	72.2%	69.2%	61.5%	65.3%
Employment rate (%)	69.7%	57.3%	67.6%	65.3%	57.8%	59.2%
Unemployment rate (%)	5.8%	5.4%	6.5%	5.7%	5.9%	9.3%

154,965 
**IMMIGRANTS IN VANCOUVER'S
 LABOUR FORCE (2015)**

- In 2015 there were 154,965 immigrants and 24,260 recent immigrants in Vancouver's labour force. Immigrants and recent immigrants represented 41.8% and 6.5% of the City's labour force respectively, a decline from the corresponding figures of 43.5% for total immigrants and 6.9% for recent immigrants reported in the NHS 2011.
- 6.5% of Vancouver's recent immigrants were unemployed in 2015, slightly higher than its total immigrant labour force (5.4%) and their Canadian-born counterparts (5.8%).
- Census 2016 shows that Vancouver had a meaningful reduction in unemployment from 2010 when 9.5% of recent immigrants, 7.1% of total immigrants and 7.0% of its Canadian born labour force were unemployed (NHS 2011).
- In comparison, Vancouver and Metro Vancouver had similar unemployment rates for its Canadian born labour force as well as its immigrant labour force overall. However, Vancouver's recent immigrants experienced a significantly lower unemployment rate than their counterparts in Metro Vancouver: 6.5% for Vancouver vs. 9.3% for Metro Vancouver.

OCCUPATION DISTRIBUTION (CENSUS 2016)

DISTRIBUTION OF TOP TEN OCCUPATIONS - BY % LABOUR FORCE POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

	Vancouver				Metro Vancouver		
	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants		Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
54 Professional, scientific and technical services	14.1%	11.3%	13.9%	44-45 Retail trade	11.1%	11.0%	12.2%
62 Health care and social assistance	10.1%	11.1%	7.4%	62 Health care and social assistance	9.6%	10.9%	7.7%
72 Accommodation and food services	9.3%	11.0%	14.8%	54 Professional; scientific and technical services	9.8%	9.9%	10.8%
44-45 Retail trade	9.9%	10.1%	10.7%	72 Accommodation and food services	7.6%	9.0%	13.0%
61 Educational services	9.8%	6.8%	6.0%	31-33 Manufacturing	5.1%	7.7%	7.2%
31-33 Manufacturing	3.2%	6.6%	5.3%	23 Construction	7.8%	6.5%	7.7%
81 Other services (except public administration)	4.3%	5.3%	5.9%	48-49 Transportation and warehousing	5.2%	6.0%	3.9%
52 Finance and insurance	4.6%	5.3%	3.8%	61 Educational services	8.5%	5.8%	4.7%
23 Construction	4.6%	5.0%	5.8%	52 Finance and insurance	4.6%	5.1%	3.7%
56 Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	3.6%	4.9%	5.4%	56 Administrative and support; waste management and remediation services	4.1%	5.0%	5.8%

- The professional, scientific and technical services sector is the largest sector for Vancouver, with 14.1% of its Canadian born and 11.3% of its immigrant labour force working in this sector. The professional, scientific and technical services sector hired 13.9% of recent immigrants, second to the accommodation and food services sector which hired 14.8% of recent immigrant workers.
- Both in Vancouver and Metro Vancouver, recent immigrants were more likely to work in the accommodation and food services sector than their Canadian born counterparts. 14.8% of Vancouver's recent immigrants and 13.0% Metro Vancouver's recent immigrants worked in the sector, compared to 9.3% and 7.6% of Canadian born workers in Vancouver and Metro Vancouver respectively.
- Vancouver's Canadian born labour force (9.8%) was noticeably more likely to be employed in the educational services industry than their immigrant (6.8%) and recent immigrant counterparts (6.0%). Metro Vancouver displayed a similar profile: 8.5% of its Canadian born labour force worked in the education sector, compared to 5.8% for total immigrants and 4.7% for recent immigrants.

INCOME (CENSUS 2016)

TOTAL INCOME IN 2015 FOR INDIVIDUALS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

	Vancouver			Metro Vancouver		
	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
Population aged 15 years and over	547,845	255,825	33,580	2,064,585	952,340	122,620
Average income \$	\$50,317	\$43,796	\$36,726	\$46,821	\$40,437	\$28,845
Median income \$	\$32,964	\$28,508	\$25,208	\$32,612	\$27,642	\$19,625
Prevalence of low income in 2015, based on after-tax low-income measure (%)	18.8%	21.2%	27.9%	16.5%	20.5%	33.5%

- In 2015, the median income of Vancouver's recent immigrant population was \$25,208, notably less than the median income of \$28,508 for its immigrant population and \$32,964 for the City's total population.
- In general, Vancouver's labour force earned more than their counterparts across the Metro Vancouver region, with Vancouver's recent immigrants displaying the largest lead: \$25,208 vs. \$19,625 for recent immigrants, \$28,508 vs. \$27,642 for total immigrants and \$32,964 vs. \$32,612 for the total population.
- Vancouver's residents experienced an increase in median income between 2010 and 2015. Recent immigrants' median income went up 37% from \$18,341 in 2010, compared to the increase of 22% for total immigrants from \$23,420 in 2010, and 19% for the City's total population from \$27,815 in 2010.
- The number of low-income residents in Vancouver dropped between 2010 and 2015, although recent immigrants were still most likely to live on a low income. In 2015, 27.9% of Vancouver's recent immigrant population aged 15 years and over were in the low-income bracket, markedly higher than 21.2% of the City's total immigrant population and 18.8% of its total population. In 2010, 33.7% of recent immigrants, 23.0% of total immigrants and 20.8% of Vancouver's total population lived on a low income.

EMPLOYMENT INCOME IN 2015 OF INDIVIDUALS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO WORKED FULL YEAR, FULL TIME

	Vancouver			Metro Vancouver		
	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
Population aged 15 years and over	547,845	255,820	33,580	2,064,615	952,340	122,620
Population who worked full year, full time and with employment income in 2010	170,880	69,190	9,085	637,390	258,940	25,630
Average income \$	\$71,274	\$65,355	\$61,639	\$67,916	\$61,567	\$53,737
Median income \$	\$55,278	\$50,160	\$47,996	\$54,955	\$49,407	\$41,559

- About 27.1% of Vancouver's recent immigrants worked full time for a full year with employment income in 2015, similar to 27.0% of the total immigrants but noticeably lower than 31.2% of the City's total labour force. It also was significantly higher than the 20.9% for the Region's recent immigrant counterparts.
- In 2015, Vancouver had a similar level of full-time workers to Metro Vancouver: 27.0% in Vancouver vs. 27.2% in Metro Vancouver for total immigrants, and 31.2% vs. 30.8% for total labour force. However, Vancouver's recent immigrants had a larger proportion of full-time opportunities than their counterparts in Metro Vancouver: 27.1% vs. 20.9%.
- Compared to the previous census period, Vancouver's residents lost close to 2% of full-time jobs. In 2010, 28.8% of immigrant workers and 32.9% of the total labour force worked full-time and for a full year. However, Vancouver's recent immigrants gained a higher proportion of full-time jobs: 27.1% in 2015 vs. 23.4% in 2010.
- In 2015, Vancouver's recent immigrants who worked full-time and for a full year earned \$47,996 in median income, equivalent to 86.8% of the median income for the City's total population (\$55,278). The median income for total immigrants (\$50,160), however, was much closer (90.7%) to the level for the City's total population.
- In general, Vancouver's residents earned about 10% more in 2015 than 2010, with its recent immigrants showing the largest gain of 23%. In 2010, median incomes in Vancouver were: \$38,967 for recent immigrants, \$44,362 for total immigrants and \$49,842 for the City's total population.

ABOUT NEWTOBC

NewToBC

NewToBC partners with libraries and community service providers to develop, deliver, and promote services and resources that support immigrant settlement and integration in communities across the province. NewToBC uses innovative approaches and emerging technologies to deliver three key activities.

1. NewToBC operates the **Library Champions Project** in communities across Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley.
2. NewToBC develops, updates and disseminates a variety of library and settlement information resources for new immigrants.
3. NewToBC uses social media platforms to share information about settlement resources, volunteer opportunities, and no cost workshops, training and community events of interest to new immigrants in Southwest BC. Go to our **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **LinkedIn** feeds to find out more.

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