



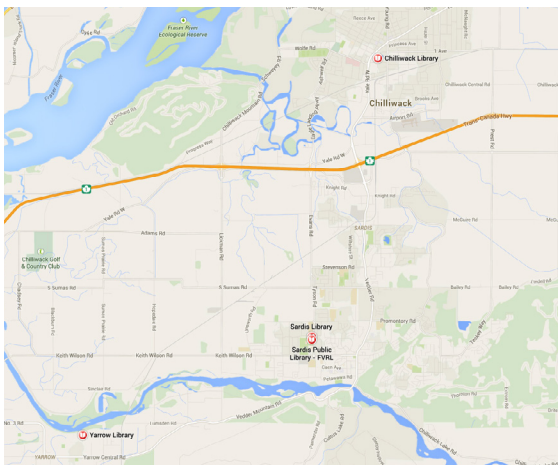
COMMUNITY PROFILE
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IMMIGRANT DEMOGRAPHICS

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.

The City of Chilliwack is located south of the Fraser River in the Fraser Valley. Nearby communities include Abbotsford and Mission to the west, Harrison Hot Springs and Agassiz to the north, and Hope to the northeast. To its south and east are parks and lightly inhabited unincorporated areas. There are three Fraser Valley Regional Library branches within Chilliwack.



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.

The Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) incorporates roughly the eastern half of the British Columbia's Lower Mainland region of southwestern BC and is comprised of six municipalities and seven electoral areas.

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 City of Chilliwack had a total population of 77,936, an approximate increase of 12.6% between 2006 and 2011.
- In 2011 Chilliwack's immigrants represented 12.5% (9,650) of the total population.
- Chilliwack's immigrant population increased by 10% between 2001 and 2011, compared to an increase of 19.2% for Fraser Valley Regional District. However, between 2006 and 2011, Chilliwack's immigrant population remained stable, compared to an increase of 3.5% for Fraser Valley Regional District.

	Chilliwack			Fraser Valley Regional District
	Total Population*	Immigrants**		Immigrants
		Number	% of Total Pop	% of Total Pop
2011	77,936	9,650	12.5%	19.3%
2006	69,217	9,645	13.9%	19.9%
2001	62,927	8,760	13.9%	18.5%

*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 9,650 immigrants living in Chilliwack, of which 9.7% were recent immigrants. This was slightly somewhat lower than Fraser Valley District's proportion of 13.6%.

	Chilliwack		Fraser Valley Regional District	
	Total Immigrants		Total Immigrants	
	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	9,650	100	52,405	100%
2006 to 2011	940	9.7%	7,150	13.6%
2001 to 2005	735	7.6%	6,810	13.0%
1991 to 2000	1,525	15.8%	12,090	23.1%
1981 to 1990	1,165	12.1%	6,425	12.3%
Before 1981	5,290	54.8%	19,925	38.0%

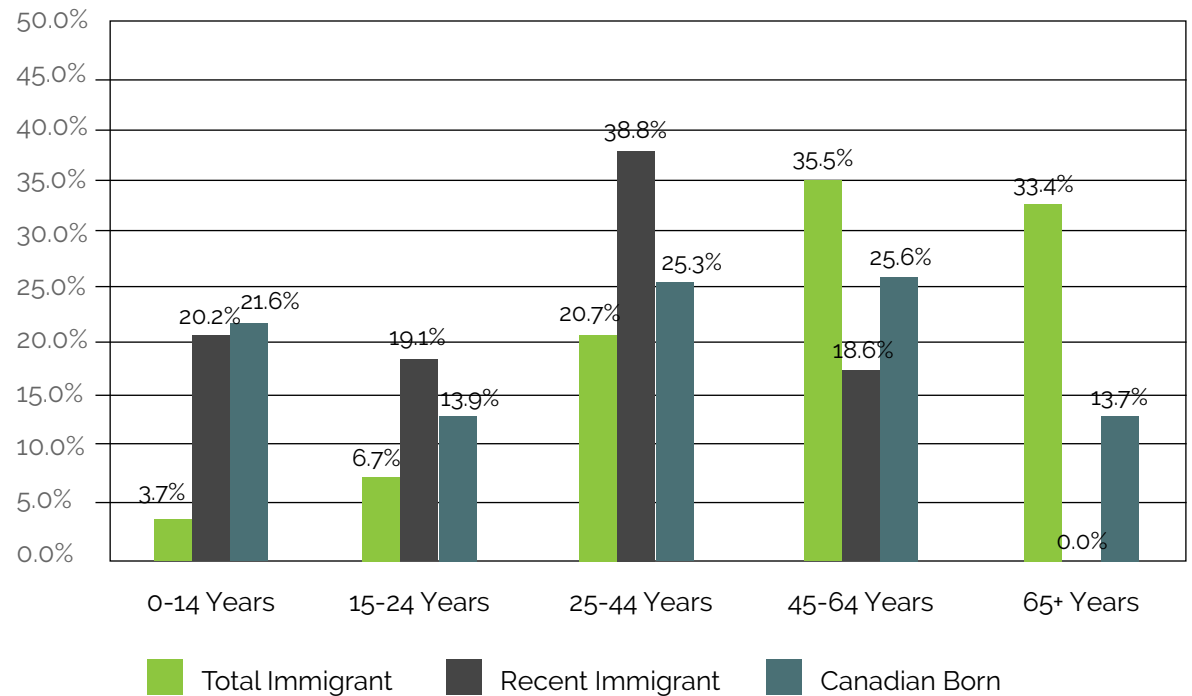
Immigrant Youth and Seniors by Period of Immigration (NHS 2011)

- In Chilliwack, 28.5% of 650 immigrant youth (15-24 years) were recent immigrants. Moreover, recent immigrant youth made up 19.1% of the city's recent immigrant population of 940.
- The majority (97.2%) of Chilliwack's 3,230 immigrant seniors were "long term" immigrant seniors who came to Canada before 1981. NHS 2011 shows no immigrant senior came to Chilliwack between 2006 and 2011.

	Youth (15-24 Years)		Seniors (65+ Years)	
	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	650	100%	3,230	100%
2006 to 2011	185	28.5%	0	0.0%
2001 to 2005	125	19.2%	45	1.4%
1991 to 2000	320	49.2%	170	5.3%
1981 to 1990	0	0.0%	195	6.0%
Before 1981	0	0.0%	2,815	87.2%

Age Distribution – by % of Population in 2011

- In 2011, working age (25-64 years) recent immigrants made up close to 60% of Chilliwack's recent immigrant population (38.8% of recent immigrants aged 25-44 years and 18.6% of recent immigrants aged 45-64 years respectively).
- The highest proportion of recent immigrants were of core working age (25 to 44 years). 38.8% of recent immigrants were aged 25 to 44 years, notably higher than the comparable proportion of Canadian-born residents (25.3%).



Population by Age at Immigration

- Approximately 55.8% of Chilliwack's 9,650 immigrants were between the ages of 15 and 44 years when they arrived in Canada.
- 41.0% of 940 recent immigrants were between the ages of 25 and 44 years (core working age) when they arrived in Canada.

	Number	%		Number	%
Total Immigrants	9,650	100%	Recent Immigrants	940	100%
Under 5 years	1,485	15.4%	Under 5 years	75	8.0%
5 to 14 years	2,140	22.2%	5 to 14 years	155	16.5%
15 to 24 years	2,155	22.3%	15 to 24 years	190	20.2%
25 to 44 years	3,230	33.5%	25 to 44 years	385	41.0%
45 years and over	645	6.7%	45 years and over	145	15.4%

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

- The top 10 places of birth vary significantly depending on the period of immigration. NHS 2011 shows that South Korea (20.2%), United Kingdom (17.0%), and Philippines (10.1%) ranked as the top three source countries of recent immigrants living in Chilliwack, compared to United Kingdom (24.3%), Netherlands (13.1%) and Germany (10.4%) by total immigrant population.

	Number	%		Number	%
Total Immigrants	9,645	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	940	100.0%
United Kingdom	2,345	24.3%	Korea, South	190	20.2%
Netherlands	1,265	13.1%	United Kingdom	160	17.0%
Germany	1,000	10.4%	Philippines	95	10.1%
United States	880	9.1%	United States	90	9.6%
Korea, South	310	3.2%	India	60	6.4%
Philippines	280	2.9%	Mexico	35	3.7%
India	265	2.7%	Netherlands	35	3.7%
Poland	260	2.7%	Germany	30	3.2%
South Africa, Republic of	220	2.3%	South Africa, Republic of	30	3.2%
Mexico	160	1.7%	China	30	3.2%
Other places	2,660	27.6%	Other places	185	19.7%

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

- In 2011 close to three quarters (73.6%) of Chilliwack's immigrants reported that they had a religious affiliation. This was notably higher than the 56.1% reported by Canadian-born residents.
- Christianity was the most commonly reported religious affiliation for both immigrants and Canadian-born residents.

	Total Immigrant	Recent Immigrant	Canadian Born	Total Pop.
Total population	9,650	935	67,275	76,925
Christian	67.4%	66.8%	54.6%	56.2%
Sikh	2.6%	5.3%	0.3%	0.6%
Muslim	1.4%	1.6%	0.2%	0.3%
Buddhist	1.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%
Hindu	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Jewish	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Traditional (Aboriginal) Spirituality	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%
Other religions	0.4%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%
No religious affiliation	26.4%	25.1%	43.9%	41.7%

Christianity was the most commonly reported religious affiliation by the immigrant population, followed by no religious affiliation and Sikhism.



LANGUAGE ABILITY (CENSUS 2011 & NHS 2011)

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

- In 2011 41.0% of Chilliwack's recent immigrants spoke non-official languages often at home, compared to 20.4% of its immigrant population.
- Korean ranked at the top of both lists. 20.2% of recent immigrants and 3.1% of immigrants spoke Korean most often at home.

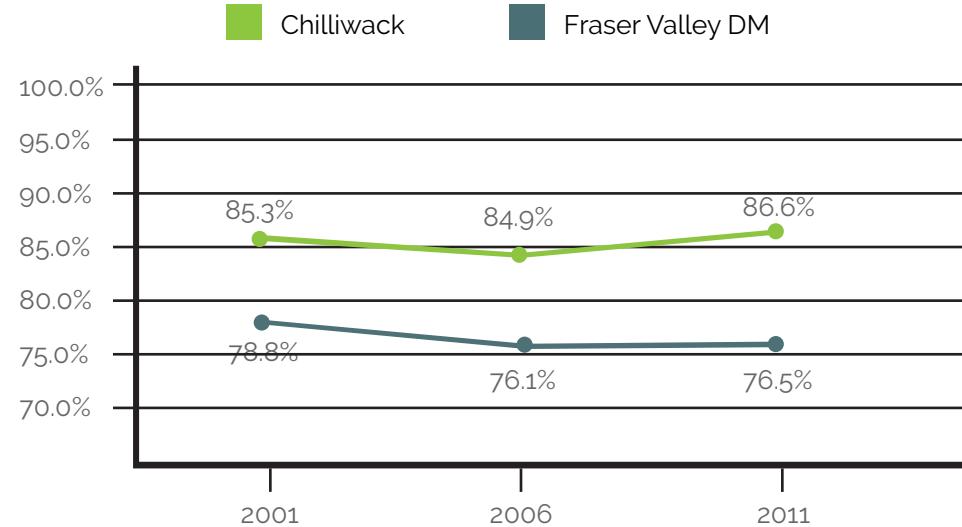
	Number	%		Number	%
Total Immigrants	9,645	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	940	100.0%
Single responses	9,270	96.1%	Single responses	880	93.6%
English	7,270	75.4%	English	480	51.1%
Non-official languages	1,970	20.4%	Non-official languages	385	41.0%
Korean	300	3.1%	Korean	190	20.2%
German	290	3.0%	Panjabi (Punjabi)	35	3.7%
Panjabi (Punjabi)	215	2.2%	Dutch	35	3.7%
Dutch	205	2.1%	Chinese, n.o.s.	25	2.7%
Spanish	120	1.2%	Arabic	25	2.7%
Other non-official languages	840	8.7%	Other non-official languages	75	8.0%



41.0% of Chilliwack's recent immigrants spoke non-official languages most often at home.

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

- 86.6% of Chilliwack's residents spoke English only as their mother tongue, notably higher than the regional percentage (76.5% in Fraser Valley Regional District).
- The proportion of Chilliwack's residents whose mother tongue was English declined marginally from 85.3% in 2001 to 84.9% in 2006, then climbed slightly to 86.6% in 2011, compared to a decline of 2.3% for Fraser Valley Regional District.



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

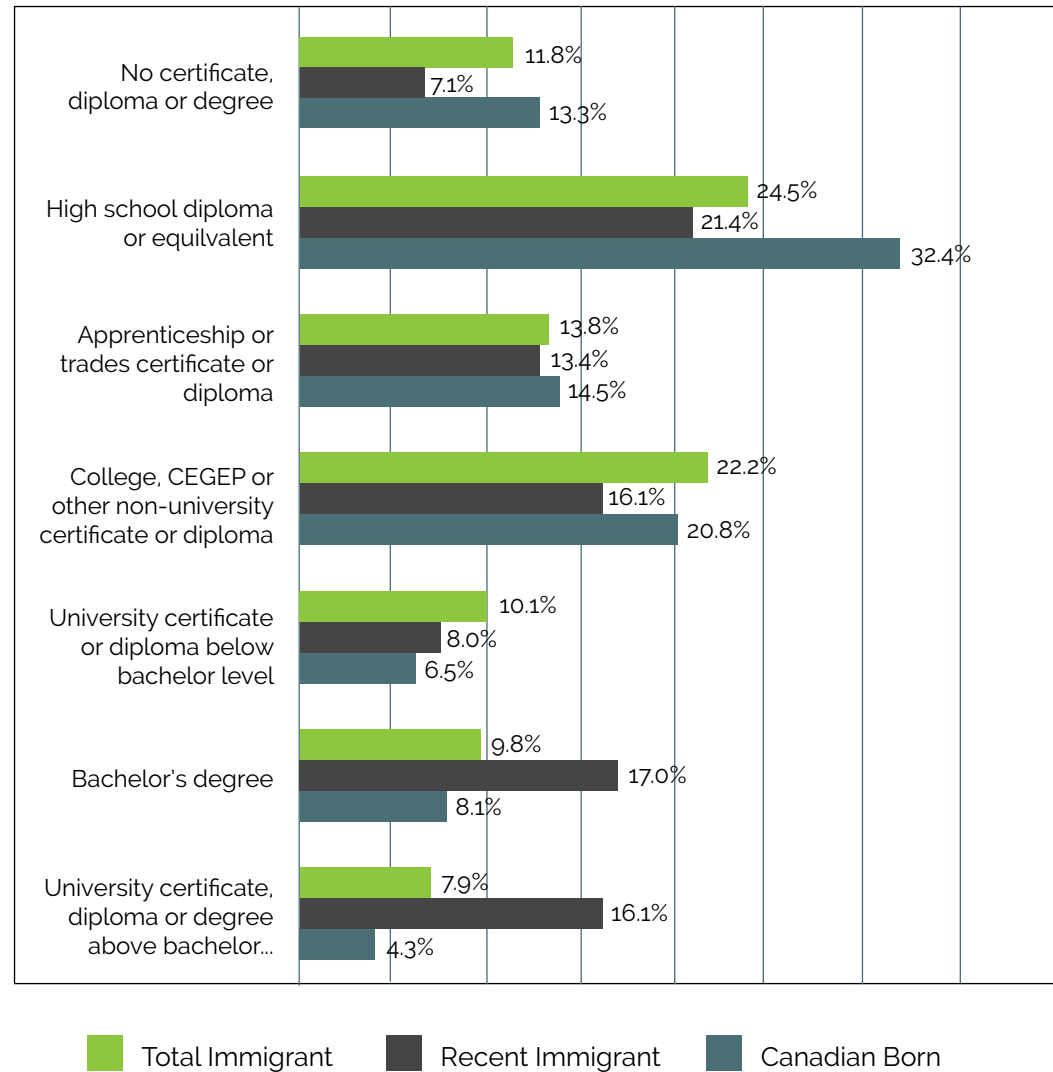
- NHS 2011 shows the majority of Chilliwack's immigrants spoke one of the official languages (English or French) most often at work. Only 2.7% of immigrants and 8.1% of recent immigrants spoke non-official languages often at work.

	Total Immigrant		Recent Immigrant
Total Population (number)	5,010	Total Population (number)	615
Single responses	98.8%	Single responses	100.0%
English	96.0%	English	91.1%
Non-official languages	2.7%	Non-official languages	8.1%
Punjabi (Punjabi)	0.8%		N/A
Mandarin	0.6%		N/A
Chinese, n.o.s.	0.4%		N/A

EDUCATION ATTAINMENT (NHS 2011)

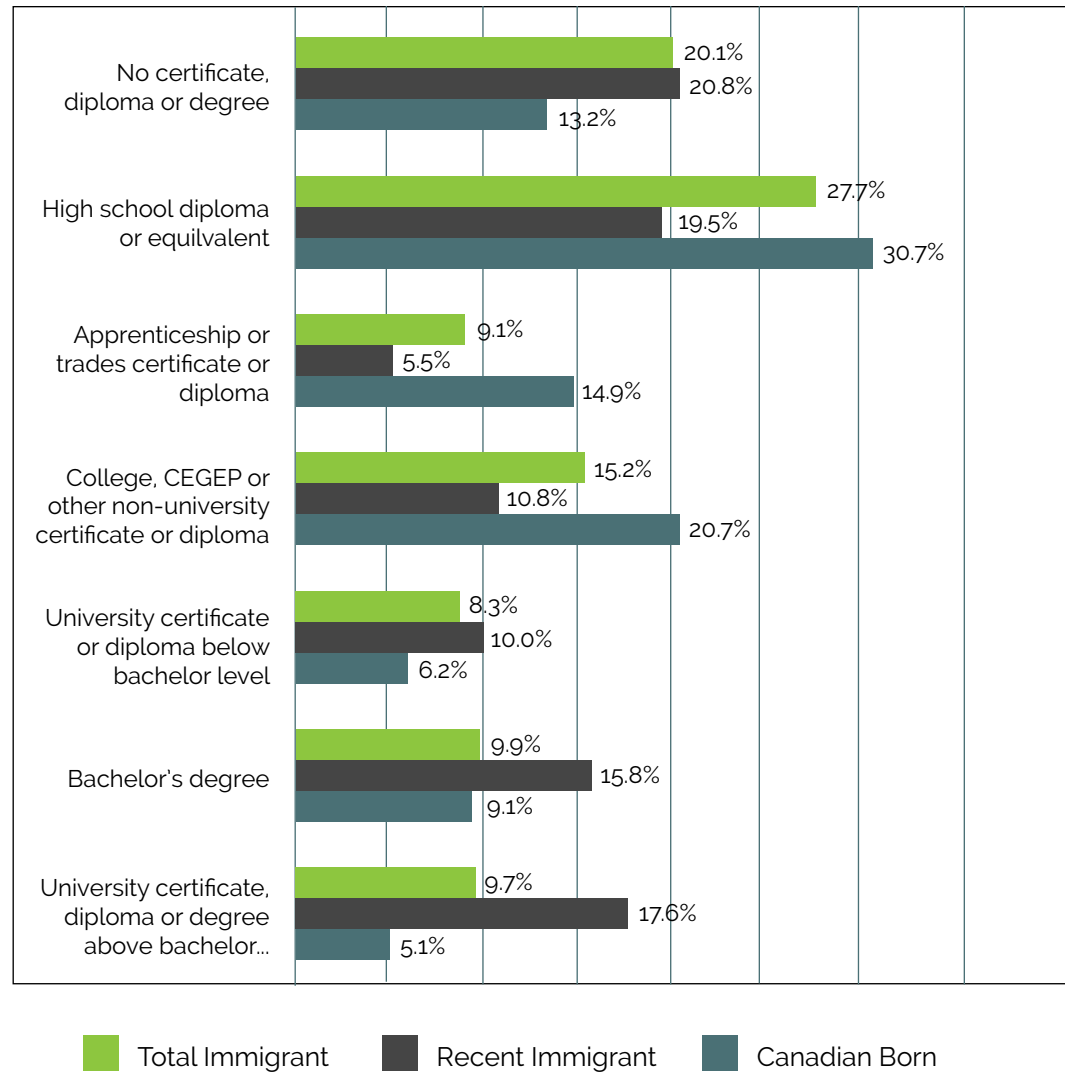
Highest Level of Education by % of Population Aged 25 to 64 Years – Chilliwack

- In 2011, of the age group 25 to 64, approximately 33.1% of recent immigrants had a bachelor's degree or higher. This percentage was significantly higher than for Canadian-born residents (12.4%).



Highest Level of Education - by % of population aged 25 to 64 years – Fraser Valley Regional District

- Compared to Fraser Valley Regional District (19.6%), Chilliwack (17.7%) received a slightly lower proportion of immigrants with a bachelor's degree or higher.



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

- In 2011, approximately 10.4% of immigrant seniors living in Chilliwack had a bachelor's degree or higher, doubling the 5.1% share of their Canadian-born counterparts.

	Canadian Born Seniors	Immigrant Seniors
No certificate, diploma or degree	29.7%	27.6%
High school diploma or equivalent	27.7%	22.0%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	14.5%	18.6%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	15.8%	17.6%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	5.1%	4.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	7.2%	10.4%

LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY (NHS 2011)

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

- In 2011 there were 4,715 immigrants and 560 recent immigrants in Chilliwack's labour force. Immigrant and recent immigrant labour forces represented 12.1% and 1.4% of the city's total labour force respectively.
- The unemployment rates of Chilliwack's immigrants and recent immigrants were 5.8% and 7.1% respectively, compared to 6.3% for their Canadian counterparts (6.6%).
- Immigrant youth (20 to 24 years) experienced a slightly higher unemployment rate at 6.7%.

	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	9,300	750	52,460	270	100	3,225	N/A
In the labour force	4,715	560	34,235	225	85	375	N/A
Participation rate	50.7	74.7	65.3	83.3	85	11.6	N/A
Employment rate	47.7	70	61.1	77.8	80	10.9	N/A
Unemployment rate	5.8	7.1	6.3	6.7	N/A	6.7	N/A

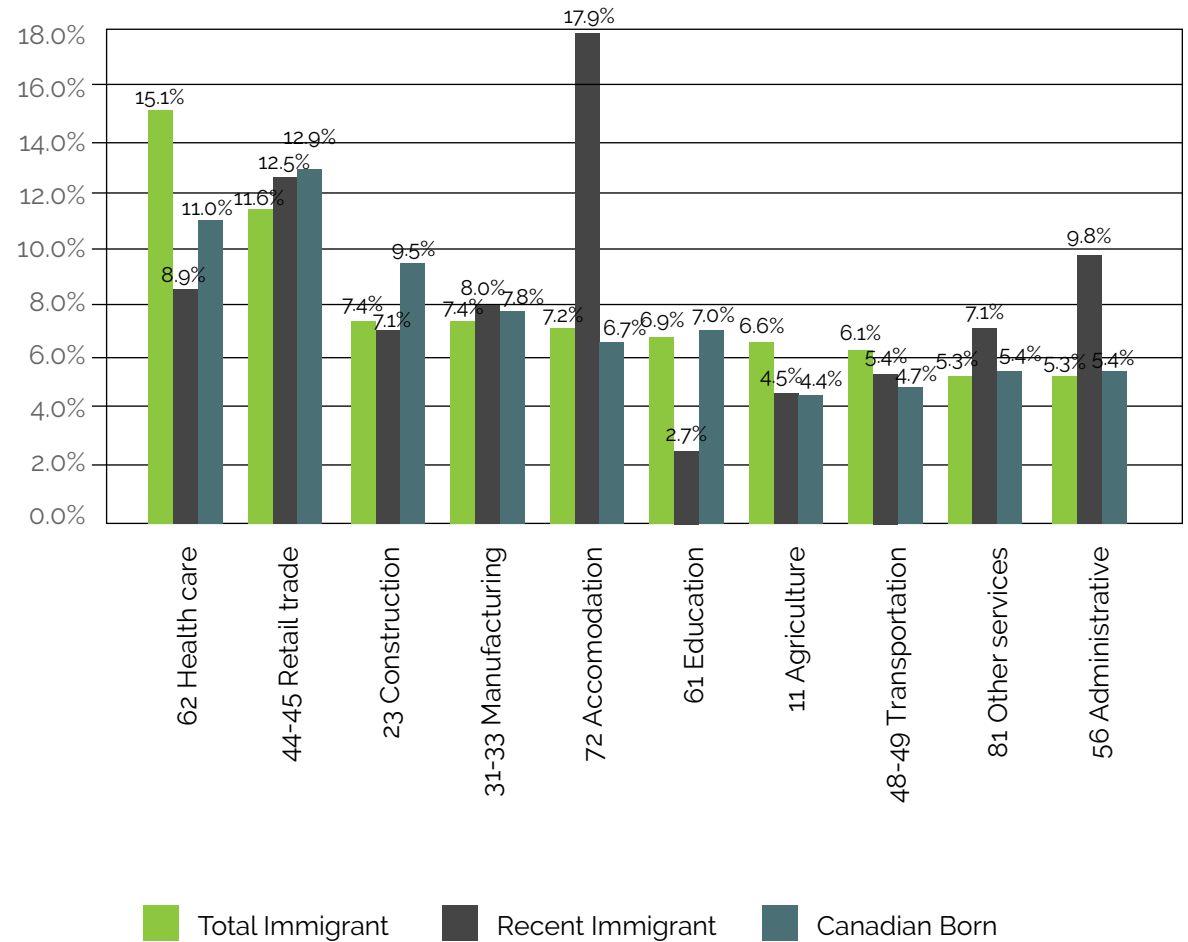
Distribution of Occupations - by % of Population Aged 15 Years and Over Ranked by the Share of Immigrant Population

- Health care (15.1%), retail trade (11.6%), and construction (7.4%) ranked as the top three occupational sectors for Chilliwack's recent immigrants.
- Accommodation and food services (17.9%), retail trade (12.5%), and health care (8.9%) ranked as the top three occupational sectors for Chilliwack's immigrants.
- Retail trade (12.9%), health care (11.0%) and construction (9.5%) ranked as the top three occupational sectors for Chilliwack'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
62 Health care and social assistance	15.1%	8.9%	11.0%
44-45 Retail trade	11.6%	12.5%	12.9%
23 Construction	7.4%	7.1%	9.5%
31-33 Manufacturing	7.4%	8.0%	7.8%
72 Accommodation and food services	7.2%	17.9%	6.7%
61 Educational services	6.9%	2.7%	7.0%
11 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	6.6%	4.5%	4.4%
48-49 Transportation and warehousing	6.1%	5.4%	4.7%
81 Other services (except public administration)	5.3%	7.1%	5.4%
56 Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	5.3%	9.8%	5.4%
91 Public administration	4.9%	0.0%	7.6%
54 Professional, scientific and technical services	4.5%	5.4%	4.1%
41 Wholesale trade	3.1%	0.0%	3.7%
52 Finance and insurance	2.5%	0.0%	2.8%
53 Real estate and rental and leasing	1.7%	0.0%	1.6%
51 Information and cultural industries	1.2%	0.0%	0.9%
71 Arts, entertainment and recreation	0.8%	0.0%	1.7%
22 Utilities	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
21 Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%
55 Management of companies and enterprises	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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

- Chilliwack's immigrant and Canadian-born populations were distributed in fairly similar proportions across the measured occupational sectors, with the largest difference occurring in health care, which employed 15.1% of the immigrants compared to 11.0% of Canadian-born workers.
- Recent immigrants showed a higher representation in accommodation and food services (11.2% higher) and administrative and support (4.4% higher) than their Canadian-born counterparts.



INCOME (NHS 2011)

Total Income in 2010 of Population Aged 15 Years and Over

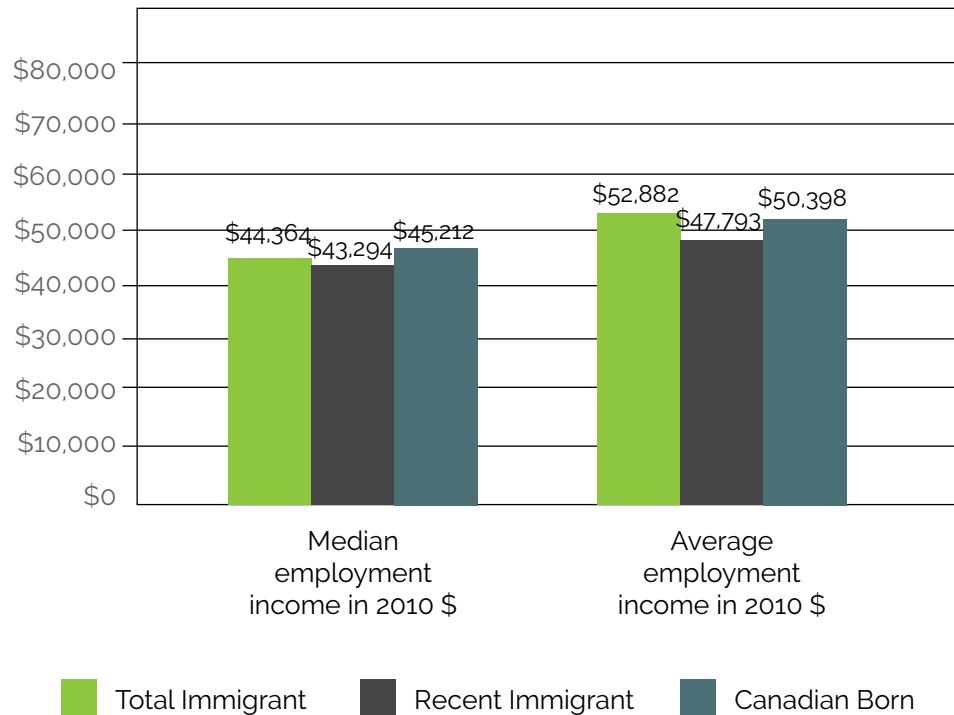
- In 2011 19.7% of Chilliwack's recent immigrant population aged 15 years and over were in the low income bracket. This rate was slightly higher than the 17.1% measured for the total population.
- In 2010 the median income of Chilliwack's recent immigrant population was \$19,194, which was significantly less than the median income of total immigrants (\$24,987). Moreover, the median income of recent immigrants was almost 30% less than that of the city's total population (\$27,092).

	Total Immigrant	Recent Immigrant	Total Population
Population aged 15 years and over	9,295	750	61,760
Median income \$	\$24,987	\$19,194	\$27,092
Average income \$	\$35,397	\$29,526	\$35,236
Prevalence of low income in 2010 based on after-tax low-income measure (%)	14.5	19.7	17.1

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

- About 25.7% of immigrants and 30% of recent immigrants worked full time for a full year with employment income in 2010, compared to 33.2% of the city's total labour force.
- Discrepancies in employment income for those who worked full time and full year were reduced significantly for immigrants (\$43,294) and recent immigrants (\$44,361) versus the total population (\$45,212).

	Total Immigrant	Recent Immigrant	Total Population
Population aged 15 years and over	9,295	750	61,760
Population who worked full year, full time and with employment income in 2010	2,390	225	20,520



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.

