



IMMIGRANT DEMOGRAPHICS SURREY, 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.

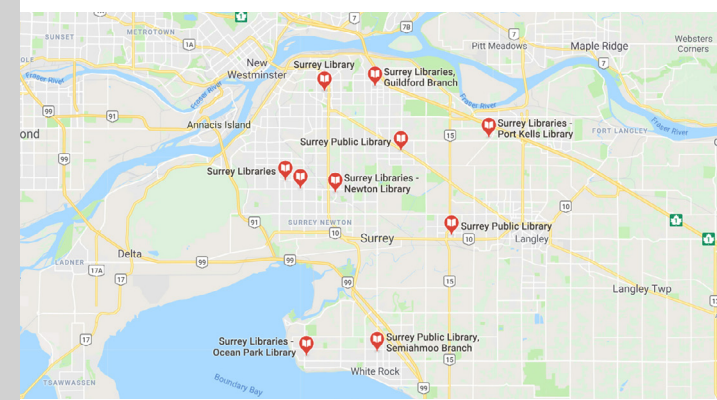
METRO VANCOUVER comprises 21 municipalities, one electoral district and one First Nation located in the southwest corner of British Columbia's mainland. It is bordered by the Strait of Georgia to the west, the U.S. border to the south, Abbotsford and Mission to the east, and unincorporated mountainous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

NOTES:

- Total population data in each chart or table may vary slightly due to different data sources, i.e. Census 2016 100% data and 25% sample data; Census 2011 and NHS 2011.
- Totals in each chart or table may vary slightly due to rounding.
- 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.

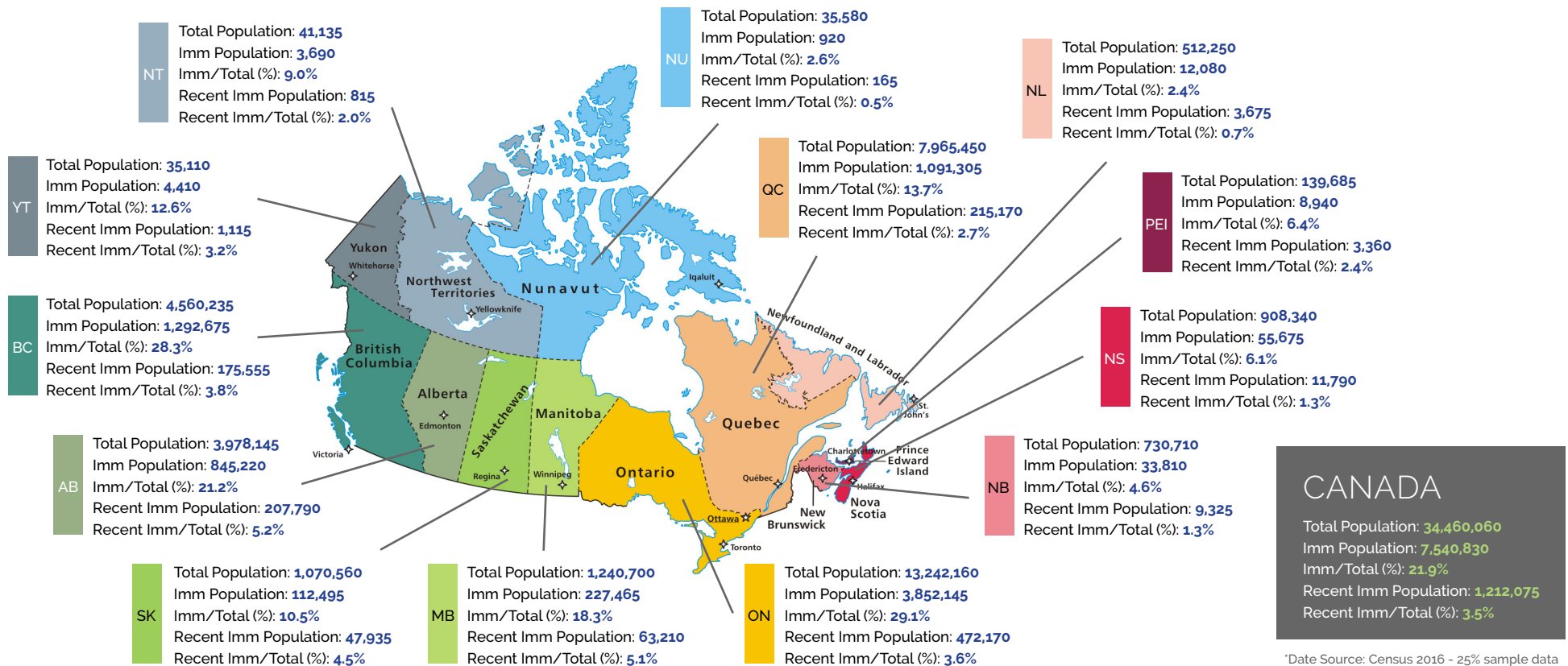
Surrey is bordered by 0 Avenue and the United States to the south, 196 Street to the east, the Fraser River to the north, and 120 Street and the Pacific Ocean coastline to the west (excludes White Rock).

Surrey Libraries has 9 locations.



Map source: Google Maps

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)

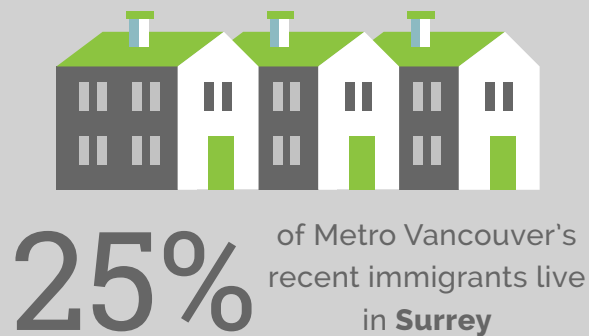
COMMUNITY	TOTAL POPULATION 2016	TOTAL POP. GROWTH (%) 2011-2016	IMM POPULATION 2016	IMM/TOTAL (%) 2016	RECENT IMM POPULATION 2016	RECENT IMM / TOTAL (%) 2016	IMM POP GROWTH (#) 2011 - 2016	IMM POP GROWTH (%) 2011 - 2016
British Columbia	4,560,235	5.6%	1,292,675	28.3%	175,555	3.8%	100,800	8.5%
Metro Vancouver	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)

- Surrey was home to the second-largest immigrant population (220,155) in the Metro Vancouver Region, representing 22% of Metro Vancouver's total immigrant population.
- 81.2% of recent immigrants lived in the Metro Vancouver region. Of which 80% of Metro Vancouver's recent immigrants resided in Vancouver, Surrey, Richmond, Burnaby and Coquitlam. In the 2011-2016 census period Surrey's recent immigrants (36,335) comprised 25.5% of the Metro Vancouver total.
- As a municipality, Surrey experienced a significant immigrant population increase (17.2% between 2011 and 2016) as well as increase in overall population (10.6%). This is notably higher than Metro Vancouver's level – 8.3% growth in immigrant population and 6.5% growth in total population. Surrey is one of the five municipalities in Metro Vancouver that saw an increase of more than 15% in its immigrant population.
- Between 2011 and 2016, Surrey received 36,335 recent immigrants, while its net increase in immigrant population grew by 32,310, the highest of any municipality in B.C.



Between 2011 - 2016, Surrey received

36,335 RECENT IMMIGRANTS

POPULATION AND IMMIGRATION TRENDS: SURREY

IMMIGRATION TRENDS (2001 - 2016)

	Surrey			Metro Vancouver		
	Total Population*	Number	Immigrants** % of Total Population	Total Population*	Number	Immigrants % of Total Population
2016	517,887	220,155	43.0%	2,463,431	989,540	40.8%
2011	468,251	187,845	40.5%	2,313,328	913,310	40.0%
2006	394,976	150,230	38.0%	2,116,581	831,265	39.6%
2001	347,821	114,730	33.0%	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 Surrey had a total population of 517,887, an approximate increase of 10.6% between 2011 and 2016. Its immigrant residents represented 43% (220,155) of the total population, an increase of 17.2% from 2011. Surrey's population growth significantly outstripped the Metro Vancouver regional level for the same period; across the region, the total population went up by 6.5% and the immigrant population rose by 8.3%.
- During the recent Census period, Surrey saw a slowdown in population growth compared to the previous census period. NHS 2011 reported the population increase at 19% for the City's total population and 25% for its immigrant population between 2006 and 2011.
- Over the past census periods, immigration was a key driver of population growth for Surrey. Between 2001 and 2016, Surrey's immigrant population almost doubled (an increase of 105,425 or 91.9%), significantly outpacing the growth of the City's Canadian born population (27.7% / 64,641) over the same period.

IMMIGRANT ARRIVALS BY PERIOD OF IMMIGRATION (CENSUS 2016)

- Between 2011 and 2016, Surrey received 36,340 recent immigrants, representing 16.5% of its total immigrant population and 25.5% of Metro Vancouver's regional recent immigrant population. Surrey's proportion of recent immigrants was significantly more than the regional level at 14.4%.
- Compared to the previous census period (NHS 2011), while Metro Vancouver saw a slowdown in recent immigrant arrivals, Surrey received more newcomers between 2011 and 2016: 36,340 vs. 34,875 for Surrey, and 142,535 vs. 155,125 for Metro Vancouver.

	Surrey		Metro Vancouver	
	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	220,155	100.0%	989,540	100.0%
2011 to 2016	36,340	16.5%	142,535	14.4%
2006 to 2010	36,695	16.7%	143,580	14.5%
2001 to 2005	32,005	14.5%	124,890	12.6%
1991 to 2000	52,570	23.9%	247,835	25.0%
1981 to 1990	25,490	11.6%	120,730	12.2%
Before 1981	37,055	16.8%	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. Between 2011 and 2016, about 57.6% of Surrey's recent immigrants were between the ages of 15 and 44 when arriving Canada, slightly less than the corresponding share during the previous census period (59.6% between 2006 and 2011).
- 41.6% of Surrey's recent immigrants were between the ages of 25 and 44 years (core working age) when they arrived in Canada:
- Compared with the previous census period, Surrey received a greater proportion of immigrants aged 45 and over and a smaller proportion of immigrants aged 14 and younger. Census 2016 shows 23.4% of recent immigrants were age of 45 or over, and 19% were 14 years or younger when landing in Canada, compared to 19.9% and 21.2% respectively during 2006 to 2011.

	Surrey				Metro Van	
	Census 2016		NHS 2011		Census 2016	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Recent Immigrants	36,340	100.0%	34,880	100%	142,530	100.0%
Under 5 years	2,490	6.9%	2,560	7.3%	8,370	5.9%
5 to 14 years	4,415	12.1%	4,860	13.9%	16,365	11.5%
15 to 24 years	5,795	15.9%	6,690	19.2%	19,855	13.9%
25 to 44 years	15,130	41.6%	13,825	39.6%	69,485	48.8%
45 years and over	8,515	23.4%	6,935	19.9%	28,450	20.0%

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

Canada			British Columbia			Metro Vancouver			Surrey					
	#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%
Recent Immigrants	1,212,075	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	175,555	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	142,530	100%	Total Immigrants	220,155	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	36,340	100.0%
Philippines	188,805	15.6%	China	38,105	21.7%	China	35,890	25.2%	India	81,730	37.1%	India	15,020	41.3%
India	147,190	12.1%	India	27,455	15.6%	India	21,380	15.0%	Philippines	24,115	11.0%	Philippines	5,260	14.5%
China	129,015	10.6%	Philippines	26,685	15.2%	Philippines	20,200	14.2%	China	18,490	8.4%	China	4,645	12.8%
Iran	42,075	3.5%	Iran	8,645	4.9%	Iran	8,315	5.8%	United Kingdom	9,655	4.4%	Iraq	1,090	3.0%
Pakistan	41,480	3.4%	Korea, South	8,030	4.6%	Korea, South	6,635	4.7%	Fiji*	8,965	4.1%	Korea, South	1,080	3.0%
United States	33,060	2.7%	United Kingdom	6,535	3.7%	United States	4,065	2.9%	Korea, South	6,455	2.9%	Pakistan	880	2.4%
Syria	29,950	2.5%	United States	6,490	3.7%	United Kingdom	3,850	2.7%	Viet Nam	5,355	2.4%	Syria	795	2.2%
United Kingdom	24,445	2.0%	Mexico	2,885	1.6%	Taiwan	2,325	1.6%	Taiwan	5,330	2.4%	United Kingdom	475	1.3%
France	24,150	2.0%	Taiwan	2,500	1.4%	Mexico	2,295	1.6%	Pakistan	4,985	2.3%	Taiwan	420	1.2%
Korea, South	21,710	1.8%	Japan	2,290	1.3%	Iraq	1,850	1.3%	United States	3,915	1.8%	United States	420	1.2%
Other places	530,195	43.8%	Other places	45,935	26.3%	Other places	35,825	25.0%	Other places	51,160	23.2%	Other places	6,255	17.1%

*Fiji was not listed in the Census Profiles. The data for Fiji was obtained from the Census Highlight Tables (Surrey):

<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/hlt-fst/imm/Table.cfm?Lang=E&T=24&Geo=5915004&SO=4D>

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

- India was the second largest source country for recent immigrants at the regional and national levels, but was the largest source country of both recent immigrants and total immigrants to the City of Surrey.
- In Surrey from 2011 to 2016, like the previous census period, India, the Philippines, and China remained the top three source countries for both total and recent immigrant populations. People from India (37.1% of total immigrants and 41.3% of recent immigrants) represented more than the number of Chinese and Filipinos combined.
- Indian, Chinese and Filipino immigrants comprised more than two-thirds (68.6%) of Surrey's recent immigrant population, slightly greater than the previous census period at 65.6%.
- As a result of Canada's 2015-16 response to the international refugee crisis, Surrey saw a surge of recent immigrants from Syria (795 or 2.2% of Surrey's recent immigrants).
- Census 2016 shows that visible minorities accounted for more than half (58.5%) of Surrey's total population, led by people of South Asian (32.8%), Chinese (7.8%) and Filipino (6.2%) descent. Among recent immigrants, 95.5% reported as a visible minority; led by South Asian at 47.3%. Surrey is one of the five municipalities in BC where the visible minority's population was greater than Caucasians. The other four were Richmond (76.3%), Burnaby (63.6%), Vancouver (51.6%) 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.

	Surrey				Metro Vancouver			
	Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants		Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	186,295	100.0%	36,335	100.0%	794,150	100.0%	142,530	100.0%
Economic Immigrants	78,855	42.3%	18,600	51.2%	461,955	58.2%	89,850	63.0%
Principal Applicants	29,950	16.1%	7,230	19.9%	176,955	22.3%	38,630	27.1%
Secondary Applicants	48,915	26.3%	11,370	31.3%	285,000	35.9%	51,215	35.9%
Immigrants Sponsored by Family	85,795	46.1%	13,875	38.2%	249,920	31.5%	42,665	29.9%
Refugees	20,485	11.0%	3,715	10.2%	71,115	9.0%	9,260	6.5%
Other Immigrants	1,150	0.6%	150	0.4%	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.

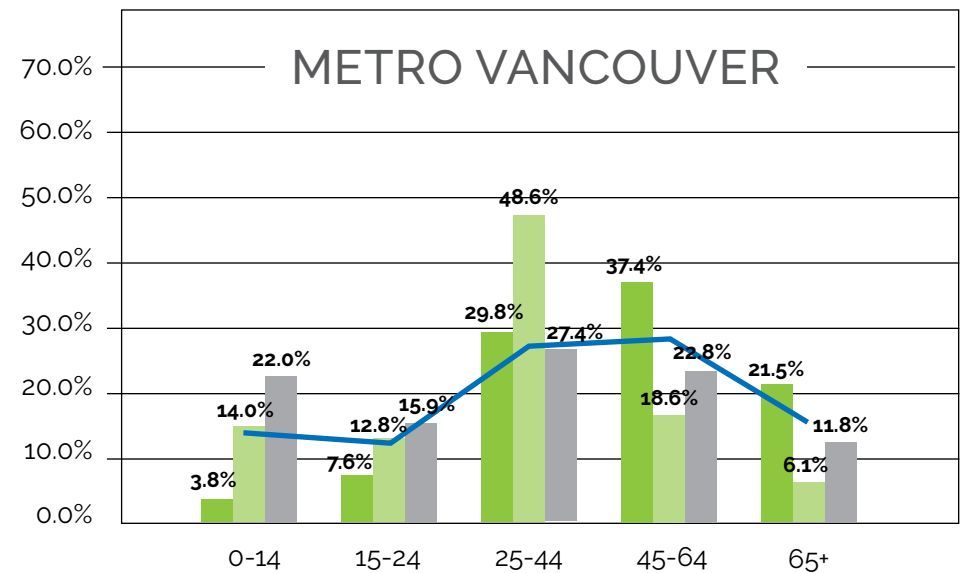
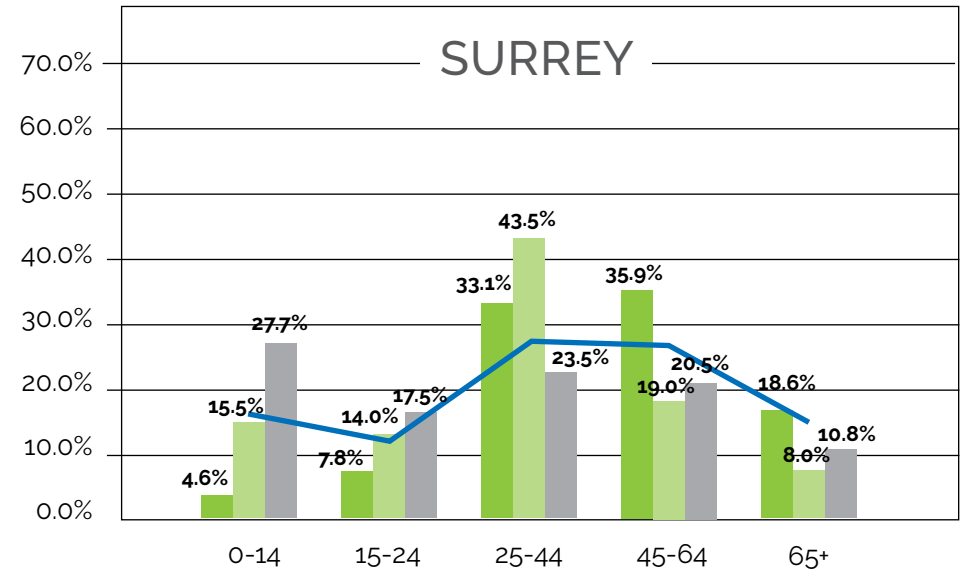
- Economic immigrants made up 42.3% of Surrey's total immigrant population and 51.2% of its recent immigrant population, notably less than the Metro Vancouver's regional level (58.2% of immigrants and 63% of the recent immigrant population).
- Compared with Metro Vancouver, Surrey received a significantly larger proportion of immigrants sponsored by family. 46.1% of Surrey's immigrants and 38.2% of its recent immigrants were sponsored by their family, compared to 31.5% of Metro Vancouver's immigrants and 29.9% of the region's recent immigrants.
- Surrey also received a larger proportion of refugees. Refugees made up 11% of Surrey's immigrant population and 10.2% 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 – SURREY (CENSUS 2016)

- Immigration is commonly viewed as a key economic solution to Canada’s aging population. In 2016, the average age of Surrey’s recent immigrants was 34.9, compared to 47.2 for its total immigrant population and 39 for the total population.
- In 2016 working age immigrants (25-64 years) made up 69% and 62.5% of Surrey’s total immigrant and recent immigrant population respectively, significantly higher than the 44.0% of its Canadian born population.
- Surrey’s Canadian born population recorded a much larger proportion (27.7%) of young people between the ages of 0-14, than their immigrant (4.6%) and recent immigrant peers (15.5%).
- Surrey saw a faster growing immigrant seniors population than the average of other age groups. In 2016, people aged 65 years or over made up 18.6% of its total immigrant population and 8.0% of its recent immigrant population, noticeably more than the corresponding 15.8% for total immigrants and 4.5% of recent immigrants in 2010, reported by NHS 2011.

AGE DISTRIBUTION - METRO VANCOUVER (CENSUS 2016)

- Surrey shows a similar age profile to Metro Vancouver where the average age was 34.7 for the regional recent immigrant population, 49.0 for its total immigrants and 41.0 for its total population.

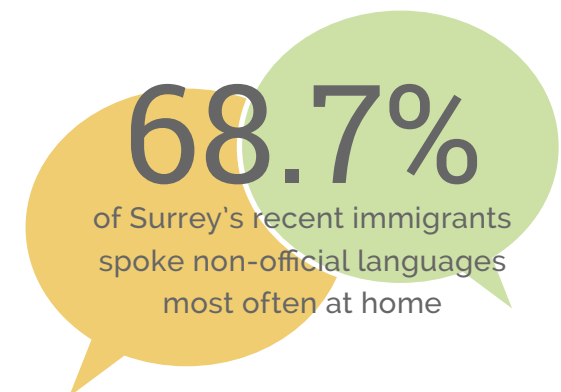


LANGUAGE

TOP 5 NON-OFFICIAL HOME LANGUAGES (CENSUS 2016)

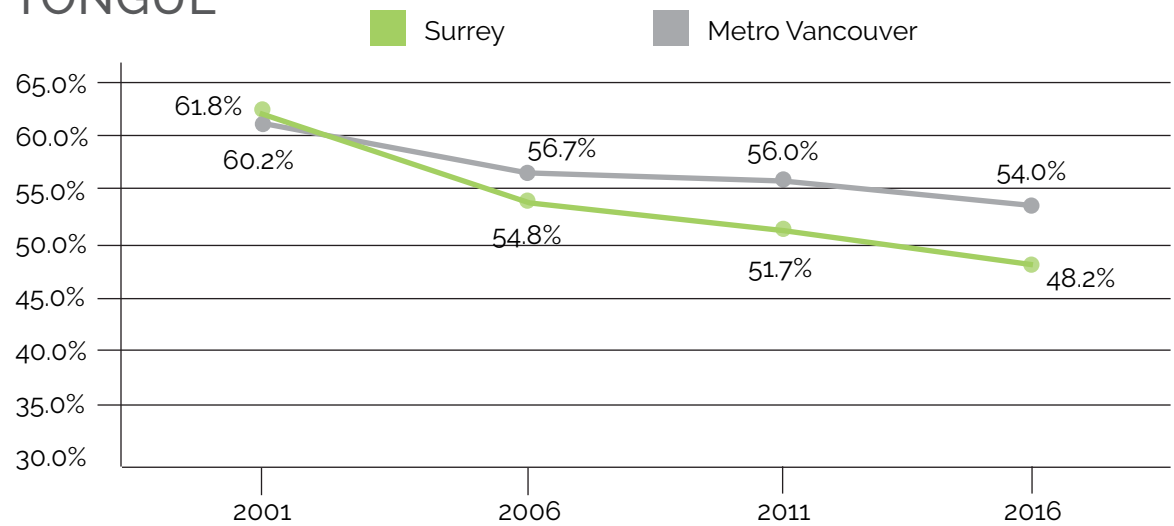
Surrey					Metro Vancouver			
	#	%		#	%		#	%
Total Immigrants	220,155	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	36,340	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	142,535	100.0%
Non-Official Languages	121,835	55.3%	Non-Official Languages	24,970	68.7%	Non-Official Languages	88,570	62.1%
Punjabi (Panjabi)	57,720	26.2%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	10,645	29.3%	Mandarin	26,905	18.9%
Mandarin	16,125	7.3%	Mandarin	4,155	11.4%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	12,940	9.1%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	7,900	3.6%	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	2,175	6.0%	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	7,790	5.5%
Hindi	5,305	2.4%	Arabic	1,700	4.7%	Persian (Farsi)	7,055	4.9%
Korean	4,975	2.3%	Korean	955	2.6%	Cantonese	6,095	4.3%
Other Non-Official Languages	29,810	13.5%	Other Non-Official Languages	5,340	14.7%	Other Non-Official Languages	27,785	19.4%

- In 2016, over two thirds (68.7%) of Surrey's recent immigrants spoke non-official languages most often at home, compared to 55.3% of its immigrant population. A smaller proportion of Surrey's immigrants (both by total and recent immigrant numbers) spoke non-official languages at home compared to the previous census period (71.2% of recent immigrants and 59.3% of total immigrants), but greater than Metro Vancouver's regional levels (62.1% of recent immigrants and 51.2% of total immigrants).
- Census 2016 shows that the number of Surrey immigrants who spoke Punjabi most often at home were greater than the number of people that spoke the other four common home languages combined.
- Punjabi was the second most often spoken home language among recent immigrants in Metro Vancouver, but the proportion (9.1%) at the regional level was only one third of Surrey's (29.3%).



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

- 48.2% of Surrey's total population spoke English only as their mother tongue, notably lower than Metro Vancouver's regional level of 54.0%.
- The proportion of Surrey residents whose mother tongue was English declined by 13.6% (61.8% in 2001 to 48.2% in 2016). This is a significantly greater decline than Metro Vancouver's regional level which saw a drop of 6.2% 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, less than one quarter of Surrey's immigrants spoke non-official languages most often at work. Census 2016 shows 22.8% of Surrey's recent immigrants and 11.1% of its total immigrants spoke non-official languages at the workplace.
- Surrey had a notably larger proportion of recent immigrant workers (22.8%) who spoke non-official languages at work than Metro Vancouver's regional level of 17.8%.

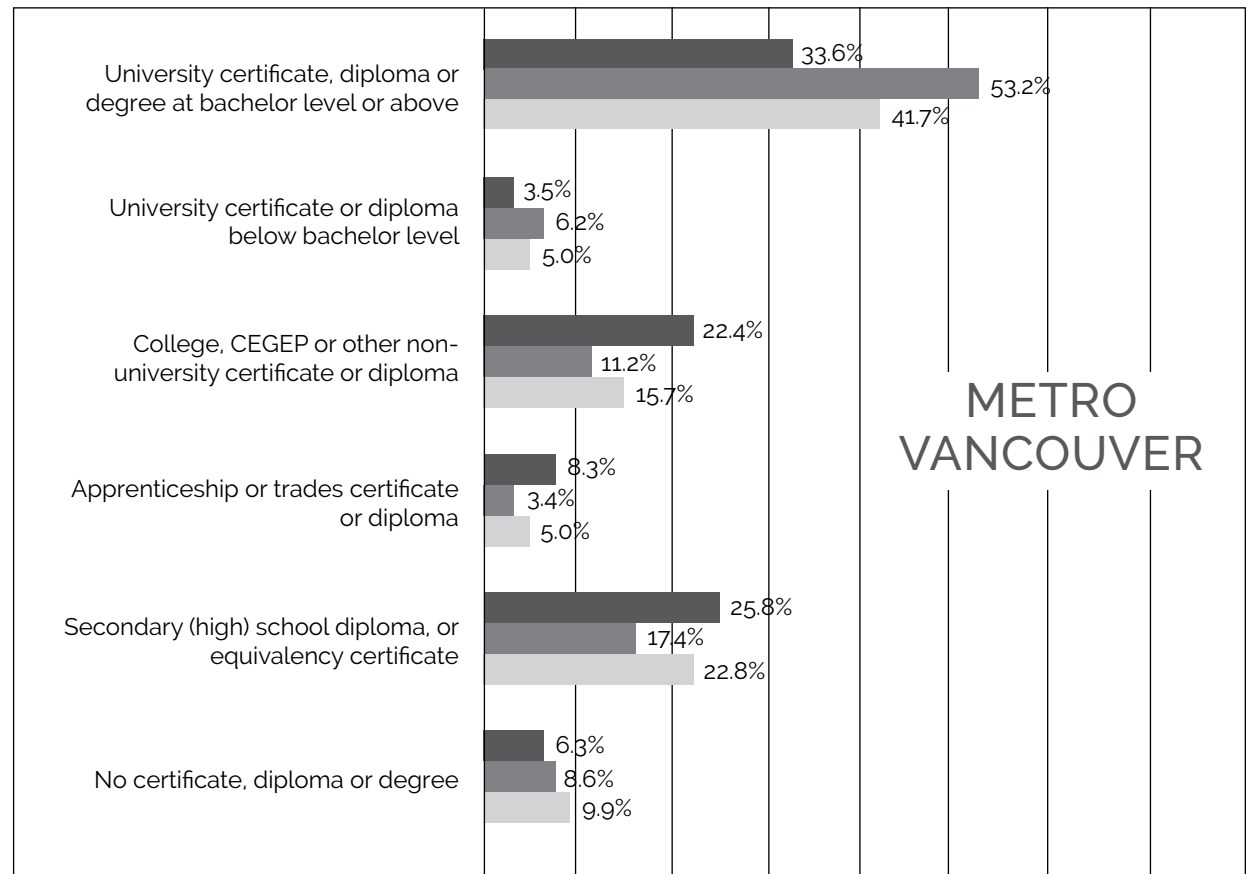
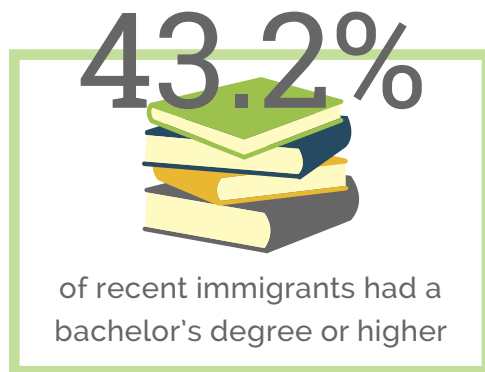
Surrey				Metro Vancouver	
Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants		Recent Immigrants	
Non-Official Languages	11.1%	Non-Official Languages	22.8%	Non-Official Languages	17.8%
Punjabi (Panjabi)	7.1%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	15.4%	Mandarin	6.9%
Mandarin	1.9%	Mandarin	3.8%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	4.5%
Korean	0.6%	Korean	0.9%	Cantonese	2.4%

- As in the previous census period, Punjabi was the single most common non-official language at work: 7.1% of Surrey's total immigrants and 15.4% of recent immigrants spoke Punjabi at work.

EDUCATION LEVEL (CENSUS 2016)

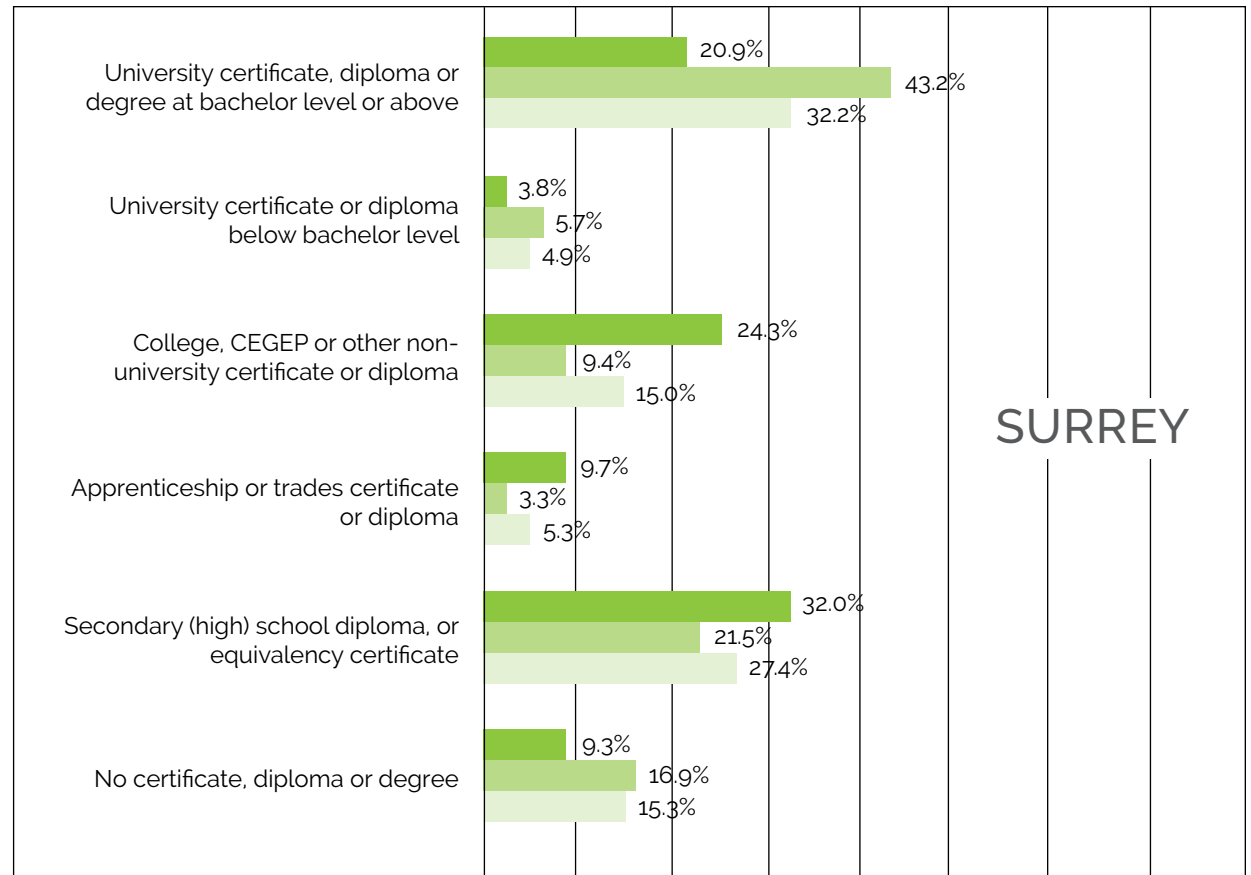
HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION - BY % OF POPULATION AGED 25 TO 64 YEARS

- Immigration brings Surrey a good number of college and university educated newcomers. In 2016, 43.2% of recent immigrants living in Surrey had a bachelor's degree or higher, significantly higher than the proportion of their Canadian-born counterparts (20.9%) and total immigrants (32.2%), but less than their counterparts in the Metro Vancouver region (53.2%).



% of Canadian Born - Metro Vancouver
 % of Recent Immigrants - Metro Vancouver
 % of Total Immigrants - Metro Vancouver

- At both 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.
- Compared to the previous census period (2006-2011), Surrey saw a modest growth in the proportion of its college and university educated population regardless of immigration status. In 2011, the corresponding proportion of those with a bachelor's degree or higher were: 41% for recent immigrants, 18.6% for the Canadian-born population and 28.6% for total immigrants.
- 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.



■ % of Canadian Born - Surrey
■ % of Recent Immigrants - Surrey
■ % of Total Immigrants - Surrey

LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY (CENSUS 2016)

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

	Surrey			Metro Vancouver		
	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
Total population aged 15 years and over	209,050	210,015	30,705	1,112,275	952,340	122,615
In the labour force	140,050	134,640	19,625	769,910	585,610	80,025
Participation rate (%)	67.0%	64.1%	63.9%	69.2%	61.5%	65.3%
Employment rate (%)	62.8%	59.8%	56.8%	65.3%	57.8%	59.2%
Unemployment rate (%)	6.3%	6.7%	11.0%	5.7%	5.9%	9.3%

134,640 
**IMMIGRANTS IN SURREY'S
 LABOUR FORCE (2015)**

- In 2015 there were 134,640 immigrants and 19,625 recent immigrants in Surrey's labour force. Immigrants and recent immigrants represented 49% and 7.1% of the labour force respectively, similar to the corresponding figures of 46.9% and 7.7% in 2010 reported in the NHS 2011.
- 11% of Surrey's recent immigrants were unemployed in 2015, significantly higher than its total immigrant labour force (6.7%) as well as their Canadian-born counterparts at 6.3%. However, this represented a decrease in unemployment from the rate of 13.2% in 2010 for recent immigrants.
- At the regional level, although unemployment rates were lower than City of Surrey's, there were still significant differences among these three groups: 9.3% of recent immigrants were unemployed, much more than 5.9% of total immigrants and 5.7% of the Canadian-born population.

OCCUPATION DISTRIBUTION (CENSUS 2016)

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

	Surrey			Metro Vancouver			
	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	
62 Health care and social assistance	9.7%	11.2%	8.7%	44-45 Retail trade	11.1%	11.0%	12.2%
48-49 Transportation and warehousing	7.3%	10.5%	6.8%	62 Health care and social assistance	9.6%	10.9%	7.7%
31-33 Manufacturing	6.7%	10.4%	10.6%	54 Professional; scientific and technical services	9.8%	9.9%	10.8%
44-45 Retail trade	12.6%	10.0%	11.5%	72 Accommodation and food services	7.6%	9.0%	13.0%
23 Construction	9.8%	8.9%	11.3%	31-33 Manufacturing	5.1%	7.7%	7.2%
72 Accommodation and food services	7.0%	7.8%	11.0%	23 Construction	7.8%	6.5%	7.7%
56 Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	4.7%	6.2%	7.3%	48-49 Transportation and warehousing	5.2%	6.0%	3.9%
54 Professional, scientific and technical services	6.2%	5.9%	5.2%	61 Educational services	8.5%	5.8%	4.7%
81 Other services (except public administration)	4.2%	4.8%	5.6%	52 Finance and insurance	4.6%	5.1%	3.7%
61 Educational services	6.8%	4.1%	2.3%	56 Administrative and support; waste management and remediation services	4.1%	5.0%	5.8%

- In 2015, the health care and social assistance was the largest occupational sector for immigrant workers in Surrey (11.2% of its total immigrant labour force) and at the Metro Vancouver regional level (10.9%). However, significantly less recent immigrants worked in this sector (8.7% for Surrey and 7.7% for Metro Vancouver).
- Retail trade, manufacturing, and accommodation and food services remained as the most common occupational sectors for recent immigrants: 33.0% for Surrey's recent immigrant population and 31.5% at the regional level.
- Surrey's Canadian-born labour force (at 6.8%) was more likely to be employed in the educational services industry than their immigrant (5.6%) and recent immigrant counterparts (4.8%).

INCOME (CENSUS 2016)

TOTAL INCOME IN 2015 FOR INDIVIDUALS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

	Surrey			Metro Vancouver		
	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
Population aged 15 years and over	419,060	210,015	30,710	2,064,585	952,340	122,620
Average income \$	\$39,978	\$35,131	\$22,782	\$46,821	\$40,437	\$28,845
Median income \$	\$29,822	\$26,490	\$17,331	\$32,612	\$27,642	\$19,625
Prevalence of low income in 2015, based on after-tax low-income measure (%)	14.8%	17.0%	31.4%	16.5%	20.5%	33.5%

- In 2015, the median income of Surrey's recent immigrant population was \$17,331, notably less than the median income of \$26,490 for its immigrant population and \$29,822 within the City's total population.
- In general, Surrey's labour force earned significantly less than their counterparts at the Metro Vancouver regional level: \$17,331 vs. \$19,625 for recent immigrants, \$26,490 vs. \$27,642 for total immigrants, and \$29,822 vs. \$32,612 for the total population.
- Nonetheless, the economic performance of Surrey's residents, regardless of immigration status, has improved since the previous census period. Census 2011 reported a median income of \$16,794 for recent immigrants, \$23,769 for its immigrant population and \$26,799 for its total population. Recent immigrants had the smallest increase at 3.2% in median income while there was an 11% increase for the overall immigrant population and for the total population.
- Census 2016 shows that recent immigrants were more likely to live on a low income. In 2015, 31.4% of Surrey's recent immigrant population aged 15 years and over were in the low-income bracket, compared with 17.0% of total immigrants and 14.8% of the City's total population.
- Census 2016 also shows a slightly larger share of recent immigrants living on a low income than the previous census period: 31.4% in 2015 vs. 29.8% in 2010 for recent immigrants. However, this trend shows a moderate reversal for the total population: 17.0% in 2015 vs. 17.3% in 2010 for total immigrants, and 14.8% in 2015 vs. 15.5% in 2010 for the total population.

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

	Surrey			Metro Vancouver		
	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
Population aged 15 years and over	419,065	210,015	30,710	2,064,615	952,340	122,620
Population who worked full year, full time and with employment income in 2010	124,605	56,600	5,255	637,390	258,940	25,630
Average income \$	\$59,318	\$52,819	\$41,017	\$67,916	\$61,567	\$53,737
Median income \$	\$50,026	\$45,101	\$34,658	\$54,955	\$49,407	\$41,559

- About 17.1% of recent immigrants worked full time for a full year with employment income in 2015, significantly lower than 27.0% of immigrants and 29.7% of Surrey's total labour force.
- Surrey also saw a smaller proportion of people working full time and for a full year than Metro Vancouver. The corresponding shares in Metro Vancouver were: 20.9% for recent immigrants, 27.2% for total immigrants and 30.9% for the total population.
- Compared to the previous census period, there were fewer full time job opportunities for Surrey's workers, regardless of their immigration status. In 2010, 22.1% of recent immigrants, 30.7% of immigrant workers and 32.5% of the total labour force worked full time and for a full year. Recent immigrants had the largest drop in full time jobs – a decline of 5% to 17.1% in 2015.
- Census 2016 shows Surrey's residents in general earned 10% more in 2015 than 2010, but recent immigrants only gained 3% in median income. Census indicated a 2% wider median income gap between recent immigrants and the Canadian-born population over the last census period. In 2015, recent immigrants who worked full time earned \$34,658 a year in median income, about 30% less than the median income by its total labour force (\$50,026).
- Long-term immigrants were likely to earn significantly more than recent immigrants and consistently maintain a noticeable income gap (approximately 10%) with Canadian-born residents between 2010 and 2015. In 2015, the median income of the total immigrant population was \$45,101, nearly 10% less than the \$50,026 earned by the total population in the same year.

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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