



# Immigrant Demographics Maple Ridge, BC

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## About the **NewToBC** Immigrant Demographic Profiles

NewToBC is pleased to share this 3rd edition of its **Immigrant Demographic Profiles**; the first edition was developed in 2013 and the second in 2018. Using Census 2021 data, profiles have been created for the 14 Greater Vancouver / Fraser Valley communities that received the greatest number of new immigrants over the last census period (2016 – 2021).

The profiles include useful data on countries of origin, languages spoken, age at immigration, education levels,

employment, income, religion, and more. Library staff and community service providers have found these profiles invaluable for service planning and funding proposals. Immigrants, the business community and others have found the information useful in understanding their communities and their newest residents.

To learn more about **NewToBC** and its work and for a glossary of terms, see the back page.

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## About the City of Maple Ridge

Maple Ridge is a district municipality in British Columbia located approximately 45 kilometers east of Vancouver. It lies between the Fraser River to the south and the Golden Ears mountains to the north. The City of Mission borders it on the east, and the City of Pitt Meadows on the west.

There is one Fraser Valley Regional Library branch in the City of Maple Ridge.



City of Maple Ridge

## Land Acknowledgement

We recognize the unceded and traditional territories of the Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations. We respectfully acknowledge the many nations who are represented by the urban Indigenous population in the Ridge Meadows Community.

## The National Picture

In 2021, Canada welcomed a record number of immigrants – 406,000. Immigrants made up 23% of Canada’s total population, also a new high. Nearly 70,000 chose B.C. in 2021; this marked the second-highest level of international immigration to B.C. on record.

Geography	Total Pop 2021	Immigrant Pop 2021	Immigrant Pop Total 2021	Recent Immigrant Pop 2021	Recent Immigrant Pop Total 2021
	#	#	%	#	%
Canada	36,991,981	8,361,505	23.0%	1,328,240	3.7%
Ontario	14,223,942	4,206,585	30.0%	584,680	4.2%
British Columbia	5,000,879	1,425,710	29.0%	197,425	4.0%
Quebec	8,501,833	1,210,600	14.6%	202,740	2.4%
Alberta	4,262,635	970,970	23.2%	193,175	4.6%
Manitoba	1,342,153	257,620	19.7%	58,370	4.5%
Saskatchewan	1,132,505	137,620	12.5%	43,115	3.9%
Nova Scotia	969,383	71,565	7.5%	21,385	2.2%
New Brunswick	775,610	44,120	5.8%	16,040	2.1%
Newfoundland and Labrador	510,550	14,250	2.8%	4,265	0.9%
Prince Edward Island	154,331	11,765	7.8%	4,860	3.2%
Yukon	40,232	5,385	13.6%	1,125	2.8%
Northwest Territories	41,070	4,145	10.3%	815	2.0%
Nunavut	36,858	1,165	3.2%	240	0.7%

- ▶ The number of immigrants settling in B.C. almost doubled between 2016 and 2021; 38,085 arrived in 2016 and 69,470 in 2021.
- ▶ In Census 2021 British Columbia’s 1.42 million immigrants represented 17% of the national total. Only Ontario, with 4.2 million, had more.
- ▶ 29% of all British Columbians were born outside of Canada, similar to Ontario’s 30% and notably higher than the national level of 23%.
- ▶ During the census period, B.C. welcomed 14.9% of Canada’s recent immigrants; Ontario welcomed 44%.
- ▶ NOTE: Census 2021 encompasses a portion of the Covid period, when immigration levels were low, and does not capture the strong post-Covid increase.

Census 2021 – 100% sample data for total population and 25% sample data for immigration status

# Immigration to British Columbia

These were the 20 B.C. municipalities attracting the largest numbers of immigrants during the Census period – 2016 to 2021.

- ▶ In Census 2021, 76.4% of all B.C.'s immigrants and 78.4% of recent immigrants resided in Greater Vancouver.
- ▶ Recent immigrants accounted for more than 80% of total population growth in Greater Vancouver.
- ▶ In 2021, Maple Ridge was the 16th largest recipient of immigrants to B.C.

Geography	Total Pop 2021	Total Pop Growth 2016-2021	Immigrant Pop 2021	Immigrant Total Pop 2021	Recent Immigrant Pop 2021	Recent Immigrant Total 2021	Immigrant Pop Growth 2016-2021	Immigrant Pop Growth 2016-2021
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>4,915,945</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>1,425,715</b>	<b>29.0%</b>	<b>197,425</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>133,040</b>	<b>10.3%</b>
<b>Greater Vancouver</b>	<b>2,607,010</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>1,089,185</b>	<b>41.8%</b>	<b>154,815</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>99,645</b>	<b>10.1%</b>
Vancouver	650,380	5.2%	274,365	42.2%	41,360	6.4%	11,595	4.4%
Surrey	562,565	10.0%	250,870	44.6%	39,910	7.1%	30,715	14.0%
Burnaby	245,725	6.8%	123,795	50.4%	18,920	7.7%	8,650	7.5%
Richmond	208,400	6.0%	125,600	60.3%	13,705	6.6%	7,295	6.2%
Coquitlam	147,465	6.8%	67,540	45.8%	8,595	5.8%	6,480	10.6%
Abbotsford	150,800	8.8%	43,190	28.6%	6,130	4.1%	4,970	13.0%
New Westminster	78,055	11.7%	29,265	37.5%	5,050	6.5%	4,890	20.1%
Delta	107,270	6.4%	35,560	33.1%	4,325	4.0%	4,320	13.8%
Langley, Township	130,960	13.1%	29,890	22.8%	3,805	2.9%	7,395	32.9%
North Vancouver, City	57,505	10.2%	22,020	38.3%	3,585	6.2%	2,090	10.5%
Kelowna	141,760	14.2%	21,635	15.3%	3,545	2.5%	3,795	21.3%
Saanich	115,505	3.3%	26,040	22.5%	3,405	2.9%	1,285	5.2%
North Vancouver, District	87,385	3.0%	28,195	32.3%	3,340	3.8%	1,690	6.4%
Victoria	87,890	7.6%	17,575	20.0%	3,065	3.5%	1,635	10.3%
Nanaimo	97,020	10.7%	15,620	16.1%	2,260	2.3%	2,500	19.1%
<b>Maple Ridge</b>	<b>89,860</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>20,230</b>	<b>22.5%</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>4,770</b>	<b>30.9%</b>
Port Coquitlam	60,390	4.3%	20,765	34.4%	2,135	3.5%	2,335	12.7%
West Vancouver	43,385	4.1%	19,815	45.7%	2,080	4.8%	1,200	6.4%
Chilliwack	91,985	11.9%	13,600	14.8%	1,610	1.8%	2,615	23.8%
Prince George	75,160	3.6%	7,710	10.3%	1,440	1.9%	280	3.8%

20 communities in B.C. that received the most immigrants over the last census period (2016 – 2021)

Between 2016 and 2021, the City of Maple Ridge experienced impressive growth in both its total population (11%) and immigrant population (31%), surpassing the growth rates of Greater Vancouver's total population (7.5%) and total immigrant population (10.1%). In fact, Maple Ridge was one of only five cities in the Greater Vancouver Region that saw double-digit growth in total population during this period, and it was the second-fastest growing city in terms of immigrant population, second only to the Township of Langley, which received a 32.9% increase in immigrants during the same Census period.

## Immigration to Maple Ridge

Recent censuses underline the role of immigration in Maple Ridge's rapid population growth.

Year	Maple Ridge			Greater Vancouver		
	Total Pop #	Immigrant Pop #	Total Immigrant Pop %	Total Pop #	Immigrant Pop #	Total Immigrant Pop %
2021	89,860	20,235	22.5%	2,607,010	1,089,185	41.8%
2016	82,256	15,465	19.1%	2,463,431	989,540	40.8%
2011	76,052	12,935	17.2%	2,313,328	913,310	40.0%
2006	68,949	11,745	17.2%	2,116,581	831,265	39.6%
2001	63,169	10,335	16.6%	1,986,965	738,555	37.5%

Population and Immigration Trends: (2001 - 2021)

- ▶ Immigration has been a major driver of Maple Ridge's population growth over the past two decades. Between 2001 and 2021, immigrants accounted for 37% of the net population growth in the area.
- ▶ During the same period, the immigrant population increased by 96%, more than double the growth rate of the total population (42%).
- ▶ In comparison, Greater Vancouver experienced a 47% growth in immigrant population and 31% in total population.

## Immigrants by Age Group

Census data illustrates the emphasis placed on those of core working age within Canada's immigration system.

- ▶ Immigration is a key economic solution to Canada's aging population. In 2021, the average age of Maple Ridge's recent immigrants was 34.6, significantly lower than the total immigrant population (50.8) and the Canadian-born population (37.5).
- ▶ In 2021, the core working-age group (25-54 years) constituted 58% of Maple Ridge's recent immigrant population and 47% of its total immigrant population, proportions substantially higher than that of the Canadian-born population (39%). These figures underscore the vital role of immigration in supplying skilled and young workers to Canada's labor market.
- ▶ Recent immigration policy has addressed Canada's aging population, as only 7% of recent immigrants in Maple Ridge were aged 65 or over. This figure is significantly lower than the 24% of immigrant seniors and 13% of Canadian-born peers in Maple Ridge.
- ▶ Maple Ridge's Canadian-born population has a significantly higher proportion (22%) of young people between the ages of 0-14 than immigrants (3%) and recent immigrants (16%).

Immigration can play a significant role in addressing Canada's low birth rate and its aging population.

## Period of Arrival

An unusual proportion of Maple Ridge's immigrants arrived in Canada many decades ago.

- ▶ In Census 2021, 25% of Maple Ridge's immigrants had lived in Canada for less than ten years, similar to Greater Vancouver's 26%.
- ▶ However, recent immigrants made up only 11% of the immigrant population, somewhat less than Greater Vancouver's regional level of 14%.
- ▶ Most notably, 22% of immigrants in Maple Ridge had resided in the country for more than four decades, considerably higher than Greater Vancouver's rate of 15%. This suggests that Maple Ridge has a larger community of established immigrants, with different immigration experiences and perspectives.

	Maple Ridge		Greater Vancouver	
	#	%	#	%
<b>Total Immigrants</b>	<b>20,235</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,089,185</b>	<b>100%</b>
2016 to 2021	2,155	11%	154,815	14%
2011 to 2015	2,765	14%	133,920	12%
2001 to 2010	4,875	24%	259,830	24%
1991 to 2000	3,895	19%	255,480	23%
1980 to 1990	2,095	10%	126,865	12%
Before 1980	4,450	22%	158,270	15%

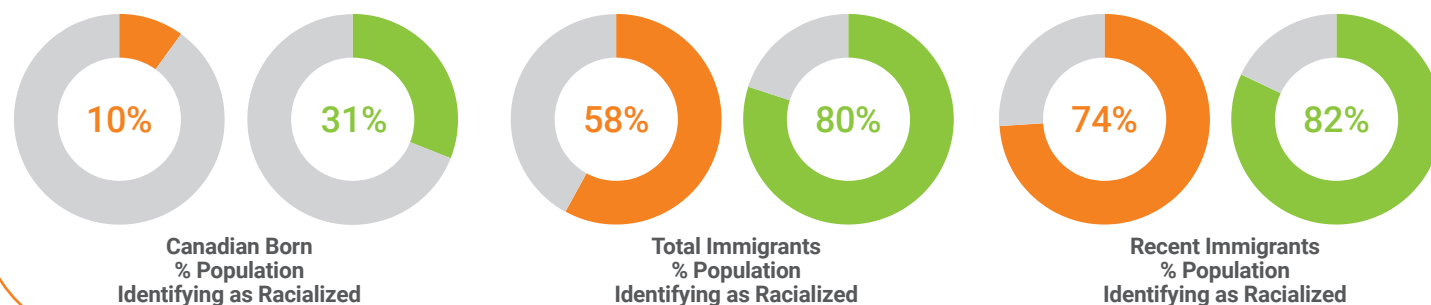
Immigrant Arrivals by Period of Immigration (Census 2021)

Age	Maple Ridge						Greater Vancouver					
	Canadian-born		Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants		Canadian-born		Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,895</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20,235</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,350,620</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,089,180</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>154,815</b>	<b>100%</b>
0 to 14 yrs	15,025	22%	685	3%	345	19%	315,040	23%	35,330	3%	19,650	13%
15 to 24 yrs	8,445	12%	1,335	7%	290	13%	194,025	14%	65,190	6%	14,425	9%
25 to 54 yrs	26,210	39%	9,600	47%	1,245	58%	513,995	38%	536,500	49%	107,135	69%
55 to 64 yrs	9,260	14%	3,860	19%	125	6%	153,285	11%	191,990	18%	5,920	4%
65 yrs +	8,960	13%	4,760	24%	150	7%	174,260	13%	260,165	24%	7,690	5%

Age Distribution - Maple Ridge (Census 2021)

### Racialized Groups in Maple Ridge

Maple Ridge Greater Vancouver



- ▶ Maple Ridge has a smaller proportion of racialized individuals compared to the regional level in Greater Vancouver. Still, almost three-quarters of recent immigrants (74%) belong to a racialized community, a significantly higher proportion than among all immigrants (58%).

- ▶ Among Canadian-born, the racialized population is only 10%, about one-third that of the Canadian-born population in Greater Vancouver (31%).
- ▶ This suggests that, while Maple Ridge may have a smaller overall racialized population, recent immigration trends indicate growing diversity.

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## Countries of Origin

Place of birth data reveals a diverse assortment of source countries.

- ▶ India, China, and the Philippines were the top three source countries for recent immigrants to Maple Ridge, Greater Vancouver and B.C., but accounted for a lower overall proportion in Maple Ridge, just 38% compared to almost half elsewhere.
- ▶ The difference was accounted for by significantly lower numbers from India and China, whereas the proportion from the Philippines exceeded those elsewhere.
- ▶ Maple Ridge has a highly diverse recent immigrant population, but the total immigrant population is even more diverse, with only two in the top ten source countries exceeding 10% of the total, and 31% coming from dozens of other countries.

Maple Ridge			B.C.			Greater Vancouver		
	#	%		#	%		#	%
<b>Total Immigrants</b>	<b>20,235</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	<b>197,425</b>	<b>100%</b>
U.K.	2,575	14%	Philippines	335	16%	India	39,390	20%
Philippines	2,000	11%	India	310	14%	China	31,450	16%
India	1,615	10%	China	175	8%	Philippines	21,220	11%
China	1,410	10%	U.S.	145	7%	U.S.	8,760	4%
Iran	995	7%	Iran	130	6%	Korea, South	6,125	4%
Korea, South	860	4%	U.K.	105	5%	Iran	5,615	4%
U.S.	740	3%	Korea, South	95	4%	U.S.	5,460	4%
Germany	555	3%	Brazil	90	4%	Brazil	4,625	3%
Poland	515	3%	Afghanistan	55	3%	U.K.	4,555	3%
Romania	500	2%	Romania	45	2%	Syria	3,380	2%
Other places	8,470	33%	Other places	670	31%	Australia	3,280	2%
						Other places	62,500	30%
						Mexico	2,460	2%
						Other places	47,995	29%

Top 10 Places of Birth, by Total and Recent Immigrant Populations (Census 2021)

## Immigration Arrival Categories

Although most arrive via the economic class, family sponsorships are becoming more important.

- ▶ More than half of the immigrant population in Maple Ridge arrived under the economic class, according to the 2021 census, but this proportion was about 5% less than in Greater Vancouver, among both immigrants and recent immigrants. Secondary applicants exceeded primary applicants, a reverse of the situation across the region.
- ▶ 34% of recent immigrants and 29% of all immigrants were sponsored by family, versus 28% and 30% in Greater Vancouver.
- ▶ Maple Ridge has a larger proportion of refugees overall than does the region, but the 8% of recent immigrants was identical.

Immigration Category	Maple Ridge		Recent Immigrants		Greater Vancouver		Recent Immigrants	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Total Immigrants</b>	<b>15,790</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>930,915</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>154,820</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Economic immigrants</b>	8,750	55%	1,230	57%	554,240	60%	97,715	63%
Principal applicants	3,480	22%	480	22%	225,255	24%	52,940	34%
Secondary applicants	5,270	33%	750	35%	328,990	35%	44,775	29%
<b>Immigrants sponsored by family</b>	4,650	29%	735	34%	282,705	30%	43,515	28%
<b>Refugees</b>	2,255	14%	175	8%	81,155	9%	12,880	8%
<b>Other immigrants</b>	130	1%	20	1%	12,805	1%	710	0%

Number of Immigrants by Immigration Category (2021). Reflects admission category and applicant type for the immigrant population in private households who landed between 1980 and 2021 - 25% sample data \*Note: 'Other immigrant' refers to a person who was granted permanent resident status under a public policy or humanitarian and compassionate cases.

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## Languages Spoken at Work

The vast majority of immigrants speak English at work, and the proportion is growing.

► In 2021, 6% of recent immigrants in Maple Ridge reported speaking non-official languages often at work, slightly higher than that reported by the city's total immigrant population at 5%, but only about half of Greater Vancouver's regional level of 10%.

► Between 2016 and 2021, the proportion of recent immigrants to Greater Vancouver who reported speaking non-official languages often at work dropped sharply from 18% to 10%, while Maple Ridge saw a 1% decline from 7% to 6%. These figures suggest that recent

immigrants to both Maple Ridge and Greater Vancouver may have arrived in Canada with stronger official language skills than in the past.

Maple Ridge				Greater Vancouver	
Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants		Recent Immigrants	
	%		%		%
Non-official languages	5%	Non-official languages	6%	Non-official languages	10%
Mandarin	1%	Mandarin	2%	Mandarin	4%
Korean	1%	Korean	2%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	2%
Yue (Cantonese)	1%	Russian	1%	Cantonese	1%

Languages Spoken Most Often at Work By % of immigrant population aged 15 years and over. Census 2021

## Religious Affiliation

Immigrants in Maple Ridge are more likely to be Christian and less likely to be secular.

Religion	Maple Ridge		G. Van.
	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
	%	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Buddhist	2%	2%	3%
Christian	49%	43%	30%
Hindu	3%	9%	8%
Jewish	0%	0%	1%
Muslim	7%	12%	10%
Sikh	5%	4%	11%
Traditional (N. American Indigenous) spirituality	0%	0%	0%
Other religions and spiritual traditions	1%	0%	1%
No religion and secular perspectives	32%	30%	38%

Immigrants and religious affiliation (Census 2021)

► In 2021, 43% of recent immigrants to Maple Ridge identified as Christian, considerably higher than the proportion among recent immigrants to Greater Vancouver (30%).

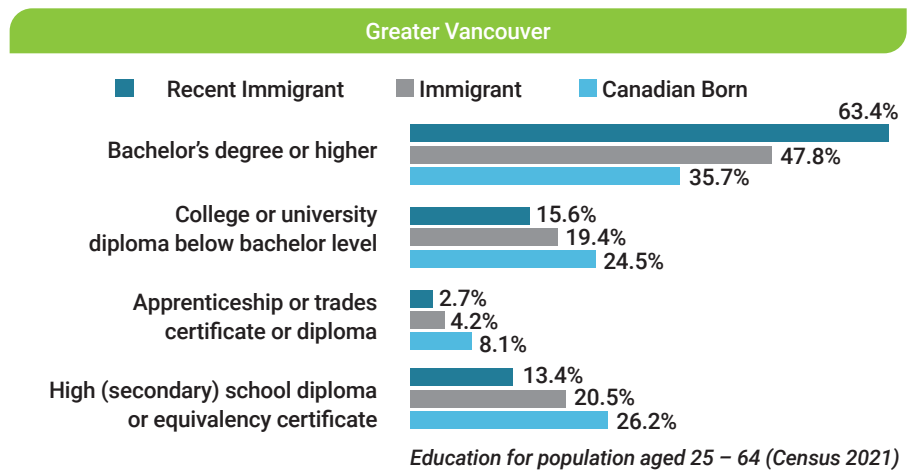
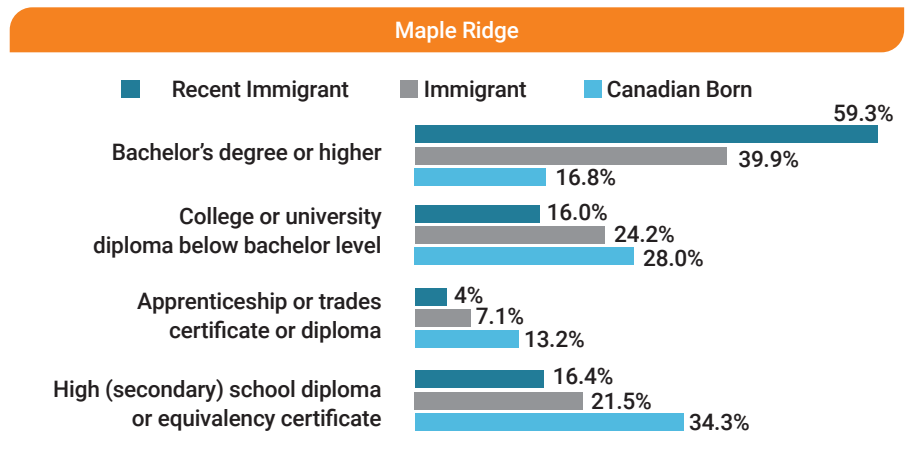
► Only 30% of recent immigrants reported no religion, compared to 38% in Greater Vancouver.

► Both Hindu and Muslim affiliations showed higher proportions among recent immigrants, and slightly exceeded their regional comparisons.

## Education Levels

**Immigrants are highly educated, with recent immigrants the most educated of all.**

- ▶ In 2021, the proportion of highly educated recent immigrants in Maple Ridge was strikingly high, with 59.3% holding a bachelor's degree or higher. This figure was 50% higher than for all immigrants (39.9%), and more than triple the proportion among the Canadian-born (16.8%).
- ▶ Educational disparities are growing. In 2016, the corresponding percentages were 43.6%, 32.4% and 14.3%.
- ▶ Educational attainments for recent immigrants in Maple Ridge mirror those in Greater Vancouver, whereas immigrants and, especially, the Canadian-born are much less likely to hold degrees.



## Labour Force Participation

**New immigrants and the Canadian-born exhibited very similar characteristics.**

- ▶ In Census 2021, immigrants and recent immigrants accounted for 25.2% and 2.5% of Maple Ridge's labor force, respectively, representing an increase from the corresponding rates of 20.3% and 2.0% in Census 2016.
- ▶ Almost 69% of both new immigrants and the Canadian born population participated in the labour market, compared to 64.3% of all immigrants.
- ▶ Unemployment rates were only slightly lower for the Canadian born. Notably, the Covid-19 pandemic caused a significant increase across all categories compared to 2016.

	Maple Ridge			Greater Vancouver		
	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
Population aged 15 years and over	52,875	19,545	1,815	1,035,580	1,053,850	135,165
In the labour force	36,440	12,565	1,245	708,255	655,110	101,265
Participation rate (%)	68.9%	64.3%	68.6%	68.4%	62.2%	74.9%
Employment rate (%)	64.4%	59.8%	63.6%	62.8%	56.5%	68.1%
Unemployment rate (%)	6.6%	7%	7.6%	8.2%	9.0%	9.1%

*Employment / unemployment rates for population aged 15 years and over (Census 2021)*



## Occupations

**Recent immigrants are particularly prominent in professional, scientific, and technical services.**

- ▶ In 2021, the health care and social assistance sector continued to be the largest employer of immigrant workers in Maple Ridge, accounting for 15% of the total immigrant labour force, although only 10% of recent immigrants worked in this sector.
- ▶ At 13%, recent immigrants to Maple Ridge were most likely to work within the professional, scientific, and technical services sectors.
- ▶ Recent immigrants were also prominent in accommodation and food services, a sector that was experiencing a serious downturn during the Census period due to the effects of Covid 19.

### North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)

Industry	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
62 Health care and social assistance	10%	15%	10%
44-45 Retail trade	13%	11%	9%
23 Construction	14%	10%	10%
54 Professional, scientific and technical services	5%	9%	13%
31-33 Manufacturing	7%	8%	11%
61 Educational services	8%	7%	5%
48-49 Transportation and warehousing	6%	6%	6%
72 Accommodation and food services	5%	6%	10%
41 Wholesale trade	5%	4%	5%
56 Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	5%	4%	4%

*Distribution of Top Ten Occupations - By % labour force population aged 15 years and over. Sorted by % immigrant labour force*

## Income

**The income of immigrants has risen significantly but still lags that of non-immigrants.**

### Total Income

- ▶ Census 2021 reported a notable increase in income across all groups in Maple Ridge (as elsewhere in Greater Vancouver), with recent immigrants in particular seeing median income rise 36%, from \$25,951 in 2015 to \$35,200 in 2020. The other two groups reported rises of slightly more than 20%.
- ▶ Despite the increase, recent immigrants earned 15% less than total immigrants and 25% less than the Canadian-born.
- ▶ In general, earnings were comparable to regional levels, with immigrants slightly higher and recent immigrants and the Canadian-born slightly below.

### Employment Income

- ▶ Census 2021 showed a positive trend in employment outcomes for recent immigrants. The proportion of full-time, year-round workers among this group increased from 28% in 2015 to 38% in 2020.
- ▶ Among recent immigrants, median employment of full-time, year-round workers was \$55,200, 14% less than for all immigrants and 22% less than the Canadian-born.
- ▶ The income gaps between groups remained similar to the 2016 census.

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## Low Income

- ▶ Despite the overall increase in income across all groups, a higher proportion of recent immigrants still lived in poverty. In 2020, 19% of recent immigrants had incomes of less than \$10,000, compared to 9% of immigrants and 8% of the Canadian-born.
- ▶ Census 2021 data reveals that recent immigrants in Maple Ridge continue to face higher rates of low income. In 2020, 10.5% of the recent immigrant population aged

15 years and over were in the low-income bracket, which is higher than the rates of 8.5% for the total immigrant population and 6% for the Canadian-born population. Overall, however, Maple Ridge had a smaller proportion of low-income residents than Greater Vancouver.

- ▶ There has been a significant reduction in the percentages of low-income residents in Maple Ridge since 2015. For instance, in 2015, 18.5% of recent immigrants and 13.1% of immigrants in Maple Ridge lived on a low income, whereas in 2020, these rates had decreased to 10.5% and 8.5%, respectively.

## 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 on Census Day.

**Canadian-born** refers to a person who was born in Canada. The Canadian-born population also includes a small number of persons born outside Canada who are Canadian citizens by birth.

**Immigrant** refers to a person who is or has ever been a landed immigrant or permanent resident. Such a person has been granted the right to live in Canada permanently by immigration authorities. In the 2021 Census of Population, 'Immigrant' includes immigrants who were admitted to Canada on or before May 1, 2021.

**Recent immigrant** refers to a person who obtained landed immigrant or permanent resident status in the five years preceding a given census. In Census 2021, this refers to the period from January 1, 2016, to May 11, 2021.

**Greater Vancouver** is a regional district (Census Division) often known as **Metro Vancouver**. It is comprised of 21 municipalities, one electoral district and one First Nation (Tsawwassen). It borders 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. 100% data and 25% sample data from Census profiles.
- ▶ Totals in each chart or table may vary slightly due to rounding.



**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 British Columbia. NewToBC uses innovative approaches and emerging technologies to deliver three key activities.**

1. **NewToBC** operates the **Library Champions Project** in communities across B.C.
2. **NewToBC** develops, updates, and disseminates a variety of library and settlement information resources for new immigrants and B.C.'s community of Service Provider Organizations that are available via the NewToBC website.
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.

Go to our **Facebook, Twitter, Instagram** and **LinkedIn** feeds to find out more.

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