



# Immigrant Demographics

## District of North Vancouver, BC

2023

### 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.

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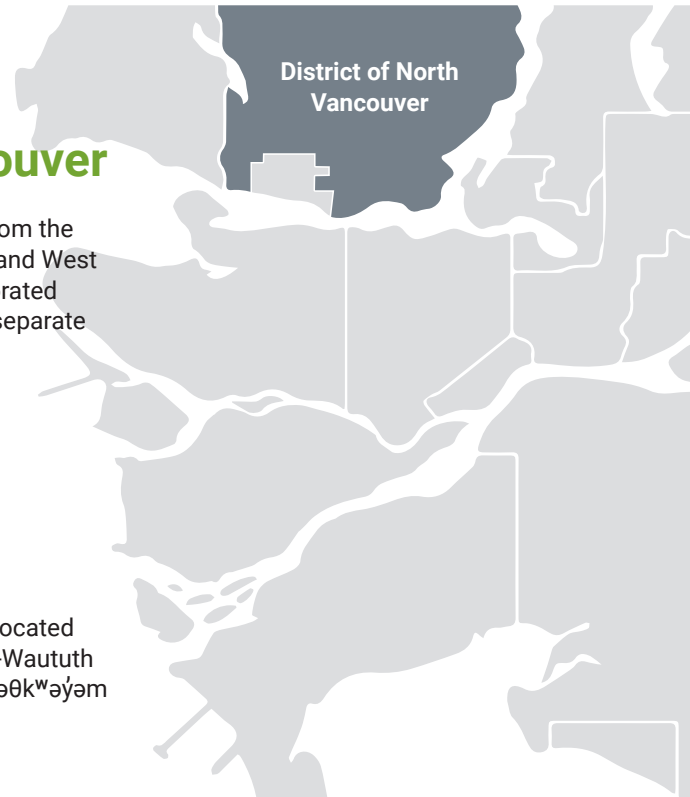
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## About the District of North Vancouver

The District of North Vancouver is located across Burrard Inlet from the City of Vancouver. The district is bordered by the Capilano River and West Vancouver to the west, Indian Arm to the east, and the unincorporated mountainous areas to the north. The City of North Vancouver, a separate municipality, occupies a central position within its borders.

The North Vancouver District Public Library has 3 locations.



## Land Acknowledgement

NewToBC acknowledges that the District of North Vancouver is located on the traditional and unceded territories of the səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam Nation).

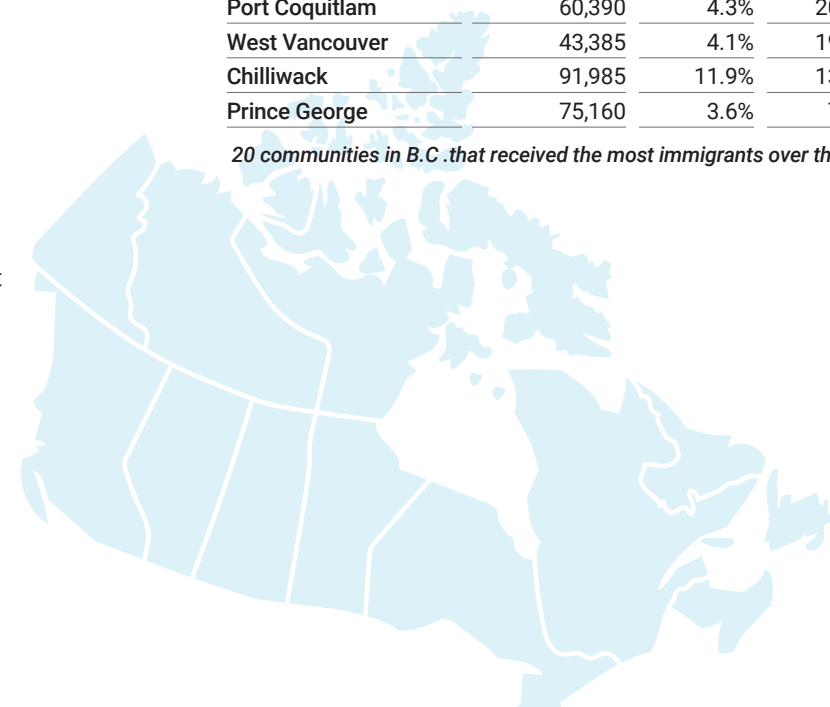
## The National Picture

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%

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

- ▶ 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.



## 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, the District of North Vancouver was the 13th largest recipient of recent 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
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
British Columbia	4,915,945	7.8%	1,425,715	29.0%	197,425	4.0%	133,040	10.3%
Greater Vancouver	2,607,010	7.5%	1,089,185	41.8%	154,815	5.9%	99,645	10.1%
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%
Maple Ridge	89,860	11.0%	20,230	22.5%	2,160	2.4%	4,770	30.9%
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)

The District of North Vancouver was home to 28,195 immigrants in 2021, representing 2.6% of Greater Vancouver's immigrant population, slightly less than the city's 3.4% share of the regional population.

## Immigration to the District of North Vancouver

Recent censuses underline the role of immigration in the district's population growth.

Year	North Vancouver, District			Greater Vancouver		
	Total Pop #	Immigrant Pop #	Total Immigrant Pop %	Total Pop #	Immigrant Pop #	Total Immigrant Pop %
2021	87,385	28,200	32.3%	2,607,010	1,089,185	41.8%
2016	85,935	26,505	31.2%	2,463,431	989,540	40.8%
2011	84,412	24,970	29.9%	2,313,328	913,310	40.0%
2006	82,562	25,995	31.5%	2,116,581	831,265	39.6%
2001	82,310	24,680	30.0%	1,986,965	738,555	37.5%

Population and Immigration Trends: (2001 - 2021)

- ▶ Immigration has played a pivotal role in driving population growth in the District of North Vancouver, accounting for 69% of net growth over the past two decades, between 2001 and 2021.
- ▶ The percentage of immigrants has shown a slow but steady rise, from 30% in 2001 to 32.3%, in 2021. Both the rate of increase and immigrant share of the population trail the Greater Vancouver region.

## 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 recent immigrants to the district was 35, compared to 52.5 for total immigrants and 38.3 for the Canadian-born. Overall, at 42.5, the average age was 1.2 years older than the regional average.
- ▶ 63% of recent immigrants and 45% of immigrants in the district were of core working-age (25-54 years), versus 34% of the Canadian-born.
- ▶ Only 5% of recent immigrants in the district were aged 65 or over, compared to 28% of immigrants and 15% of the Canadian-born.

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

## Period of Arrival

A significant proportion arrived in Canada at least four decades ago.

- ▶ According to Census 2021, 22% of the district's immigrants had lived in Canada for more than 40 years, much higher than the regional rate of 15%.
- ▶ Recent immigrants made up 12% of the immigrant population, slightly lower than regional level of 14%.

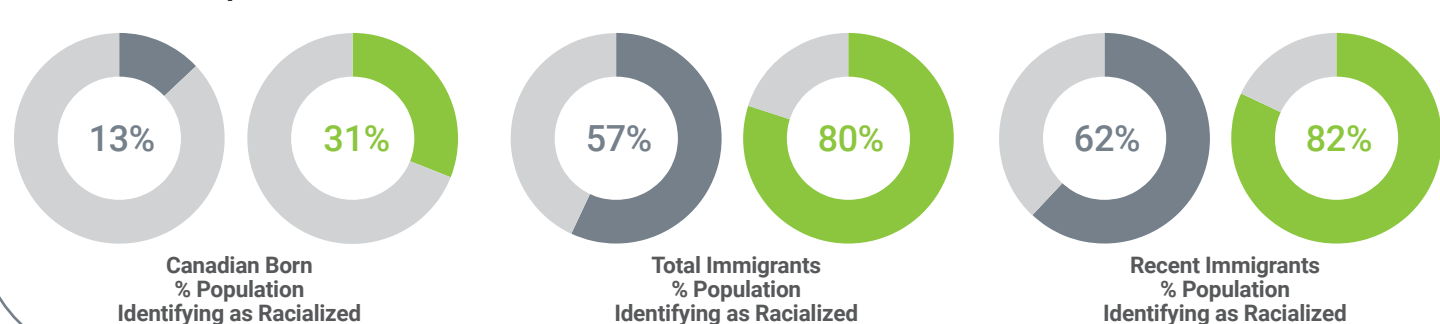
	North Van, District		Greater Vancouver	
	#	%	#	%
<b>Total Immigrants</b>	<b>28,200</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,089,185</b>	<b>100%</b>
2016 to 2021	3,335	12%	154,815	14%
2011 to 2015	3,810	14%	133,920	12%
2001 to 2010	6,290	22%	259,830	24%
1991 to 2000	5,475	19%	255,480	23%
1980 to 1990	2,965	11%	126,865	12%
Before 1980	6,325	22%	158,270	15%

Immigrant Arrivals by Period of Immigration (Census 2021)

Age	North Vancouver, District			Greater Vancouver								
	Canadian-born #	Total Immigrants %	Recent Immigrants %	Canadian-born #	Total Immigrants %	Recent Immigrants %						
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,140</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>28,200</b>	<b>1,350,620</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,089,180</b>	<b>100%</b>					
0 to 14 yrs	12,510	23%	1,085	4%	560	17%	315,040	3%	19,650	13%		
15 to 24 yrs	7,785	14%	1,735	6%	310	9%	194,025	14%	65,190	6%	14,425	9%
25 to 54 yrs	18,595	34%	12,625	45%	2,090	63%	513,995	38%	536,500	49%	107,135	69%
55 to 64 yrs	7,920	14%	4,975	18%	195	6%	153,285	11%	191,990	18%	5,920	4%
65 yrs +	8,325	15%	7,780	28%	180	5%	174,260	13%	260,165	24%	7,690	5%

Age Distribution – District of North Vancouver (Census 2021)

### Racialized Groups in the District of North Vancouver



- ▶ More than half of both immigrants and recent immigrants in the district identify themselves as members of a racialized group, also known as visible minorities.

This percentage is considerably higher than the 13% reported among the Canadian-born, but lower than the Greater Vancouver regional level.

The percentage of the total immigrant population identifying as racialized is significantly lower in the District of North Vancouver (57%) than Greater Vancouver (80%).

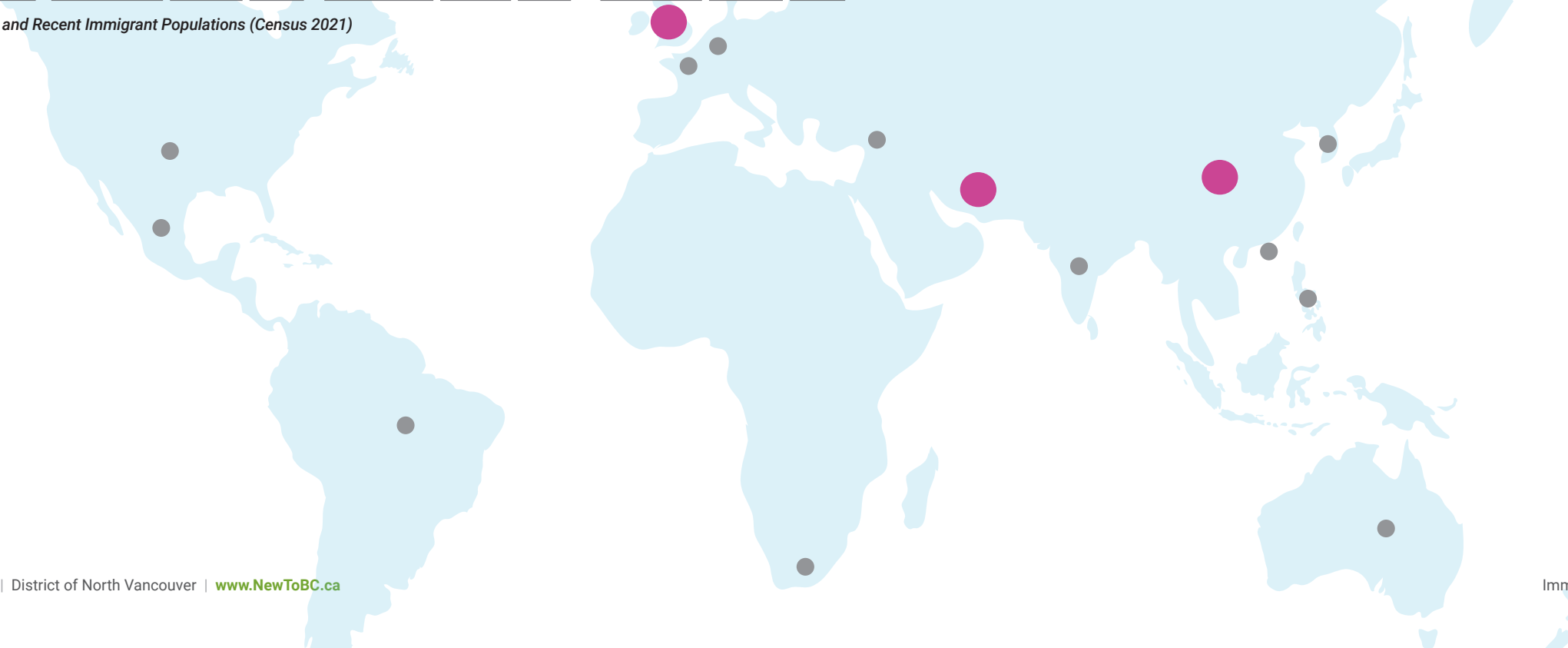
## Countries of Origin

Iran is a prominent source, followed by a diverse assortment of countries.

- ▶ Iran, China and the United Kingdom are the top three countries of origin, accounting in 2021 for 46% of recent immigrants and 43% of immigrants.
- ▶ Notably, Iran accounts for a quarter of the immigrant population in the district. 14% of Greater Vancouver's recent immigrants from Iran live here.
- ▶ India, which accounts for 20% of both immigrants and recent immigrants in Greater Vancouver, barely figures as a source in the district; only 3% of recent immigrants and 2% of total immigrants.

North Vancouver, District				B.C.				Greater Vancouver			
	#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%
<b>Total Immigrants</b>	<b>28,200</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	<b>3,340</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	<b>197,425</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	<b>154,820</b>	<b>100%</b>
Iran	6,400	23%	Iran	765	23%	India	39,390	20%	India	30,545	20%
U.K.	3,805	13%	China	390	12%	China	31,450	16%	China	28,970	19%
China	1,980	7%	U.K.	355	11%	Philippines	21,220	11%	Philippines	15,090	10%
Philippines	1,575	6%	Philippines	310	9%	U.S.	8,760	4%	Korea, South	6,125	4%
U.S.	1,450	5%	U.S.	275	8%	U.K.	7,670	4%	Iran	5,615	4%
Korea, South	1,210	4%	India	105	3%	Korea, South	7,225	4%	U.S.	5,460	4%
South Africa	865	3%	Korea, South	100	3%	Iran	5,850	3%	Brazil	4,625	3%
Hong Kong	860	3%	Brazil	85	3%	Brazil	5,125	3%	U.K.	4,555	3%
Germany	830	3%	South Africa	70	2%	Syria	4,955	3%	Syria	3,380	2%
India	595	2%	France	70	2%	Australia	3,280	2%	Mexico	2,460	2%
Other places	8,630	31%	Other places	815	24%	Other places	62,500	30%	Other places	47,995	29%

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



Iran, China and the U.K. were the top three source countries for recent immigrants to the District of North Vancouver.

## Immigration Arrival Categories

District of North Vancouver has a large proportion of immigrants in the economic class and few refugees.

- ▶ 70% of immigrants and recent immigrants to the district arrived in the economic class, significantly higher than the regional level.
- ▶ The proportion of immigrants arriving in the family class trails the region but has been increasing. Among recent immigrants, 27% were sponsored by family, compared to 22% of the immigrant population.
- ▶ The proportion of refugees is small, just 6% of immigrants and 3% of recent immigrants, well below the regional norm.

Immigration Category	North Vancouver, District		Greater Vancouver		North Vancouver, District		Greater Vancouver	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Total Immigrants</b>	<b>21,875</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,340</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>930,915</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>154,820</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Economic immigrants</b>	<b>15,420</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>554,240</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>97,715</b>	<b>63%</b>
Principal applicants	6,150	28%	930	28%	225,255	24%	52,940	34%
Secondary applicants	9,270	42%	1,400	42%	328,990	35%	44,775	29%
<b>Immigrants sponsored by family</b>	<b>4,915</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>282,705</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>43,515</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>Refugees</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>81,155</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>12,880</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Other immigrants</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>12,805</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>0%</b>

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.

## Languages Spoken

Less than half of all immigrants speak non-official languages at home, and the proportion is dropping.

► In Census 2021, 48% of recent immigrants to the District of North Vancouver spoke non-official languages most often at home, less than Greater Vancouver's regional level of 56%, and in

both cases a significant drop from 2016 (52% and 62%). This suggests that both district and region have been successful in attracting immigrants with proficient official language skills.

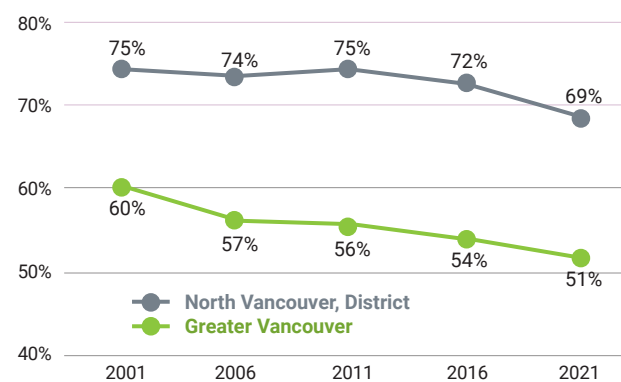
► In line with source country data, Iranian Persian remains the most spoken home language by immigrants, followed distantly by Mandarin and Tagalog.

North Vancouver, District			Greater Vancouver		
	#	%		#	%
<b>Total Immigrants</b>	<b>28,200</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	<b>3,340</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Non-official languages</b>	<b>10,305</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>Non-official languages</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>Iranian (Persian)</b>	<b>3,945</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>Iranian (Persian)</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>17%</b>
<b>Mandarin</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>Mandarin</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Korean</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Yue (Cantonese)</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Spanish</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>Korean</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>Portuguese</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Persian (Farsi), n.o.s.</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>Russian</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Japanese</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>Ilocano</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Russian</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>Persian (Farsi), n.o.s.</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Portuguese</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>Yue (Cantonese)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Other non-official languages</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>Other non-official languages</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>9%</b>
			<b>Other non-official languages</b>	<b>19,865</b>	<b>13%</b>

Top 10 Non-official Languages Spoken at Home (Census 2021)

### Percentage of population with English as a mother tongue

► Although significantly higher than Greater Vancouver's regional level, the proportion of residents who spoke English only as their mother tongue declined from 75% in 2011 to 69% in 2021, after remaining stable over several censuses.



Language Trends (2001-2021) - By % of Population with English Only as a Mother Tongue

## Languages Spoken at Work

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

► In 2021, only 6.2% of recent immigrants and 4.8% of immigrants in the district spoke non-official languages often at work, levels about half that of the regional average.

► By comparison, in 2016, 7.6% of recent immigrants in the district and 18% of those in Greater Vancouver spoke non-official languages at work.

North Vancouver, District		Greater Vancouver	
Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	
	%	%	%
<b>Non-official languages</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>Non-official languages</b>	<b>6.2%</b>
<b>Mandarin</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>Mandarin</b>	<b>2.5%</b>
<b>Iranian (Persian)</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>Iranian (Persian)</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
<b>Korean</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>Korean</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
		<b>Non-official languages</b>	<b>9.9%</b>
		<b>Mandarin</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
		<b>Punjabi (Panjabi)</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
		<b>Yue (Cantonese)</b>	<b>0.9%</b>

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

## Religious Affiliation

A large and growing proportion are secular.

	North Vancouver, District	G. Van.
Religion	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
	%	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Buddhist</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Christian</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Hindu</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Jewish</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Muslim</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Sikh</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Traditional (N. American Indigenous) spirituality</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Other religions and spiritual traditions</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>No religion and secular perspectives</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>44%</b>

Immigrants and religious affiliation (Census 2021)

► 42% of immigrants and 44% of recent immigrants in the District of North Vancouver identify themselves as having no religion or secular perspectives, somewhat higher than the regional level.

► At 18% the proportion of new immigrants identifying as Muslim is almost double the regional average.

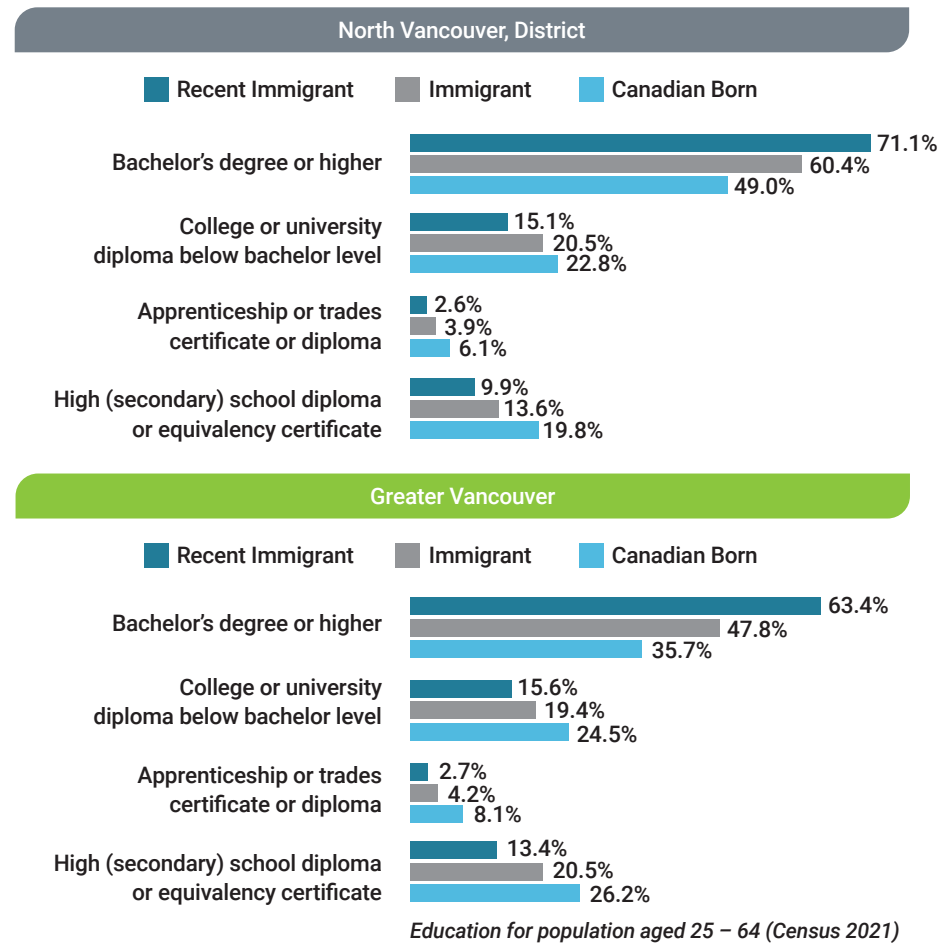
► A proportion slightly higher than the regional average identify as Christian, but the percentage is declining.

► In keeping with source country data, Sikh and Hindu each fall far below the regional average.

## Education Levels

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

- ▶ Overall, the district has a higher proportion of residents with a bachelor's degree or higher than Greater Vancouver's regional level.
- ▶ Recent immigrants between the ages of 25 and 64 were highly educated, with 71.1% holding a bachelor's degree or higher. This is significantly higher than the proportion among immigrants (60.4%) and the Canadian-born (49%).
- ▶ Compared to the previous census period, education levels rose significantly. In 2016, 63.1% of recent immigrants and 55.0% of immigrants had a bachelor's degree or higher.



## Labour Force Participation

**Recent immigrants are an important component of the labour force.**

- ▶ Census 2021 reported that immigrants and recent immigrants in the district represented 35% and 4% of the labour force respectively, close to the corresponding rates of 33% and 4% in 2016.
- ▶ Unemployment levels were virtually identical, in the 7% range, for all three groups. At the time of the 2021 census all were temporarily elevated due to the effects of Covid 19.
- ▶ Consistent with Greater Vancouver and other Canadian regions, recent immigrants exhibited a significantly higher participation rate.

	North Vancouver, District			Greater Vancouver		
	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
Population aged 15 years and over	42,620	27,115	2,775	1,035,580	1,053,850	135,165
In the labour force	29,005	16,930	2,025	708,255	655,110	101,265
Participation rate (%)	68.1%	62.4%	73.0%	68.4%	62.2%	74.9%
Employment rate (%)	63.2%	57.9%	67.4%	62.8%	56.5%	68.1%
Unemployment rate (%)	7.1%	7.3%	7.4%	8.2%	9.0%	9.1%

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

## Occupations

**Recent immigrants were especially prevalent in professional, scientific and technical services.**

- ▶ The Professional, scientific and technical services sector figured more prominently than the regional average across all groups, but especially among recent immigrants, accounting for fully 20% of jobs.
- ▶ Retail trade was also a significant domain for recent immigrants, while Educational services was a strength of the Canadian-born.
- ▶ Recent immigrants also accounted for a larger share of Accommodation and food services jobs, though the sector was depressed at the time due to the effects of Covid 19.

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)			
Industry	Canadian Born N. Van, District	Total Immigrants N. Van, District	Recent Immigrants N. Van, District
54 Professional, scientific and technical services	16%	18%	20%
62 Health care and social assistance	10%	13%	10%
44-45 Retail trade	9%	11%	13%
61 Educational services	10%	8%	5%
23 Construction	7%	6%	6%
52 Finance and insurance	6%	6%	4%
72 Accommodation and food services	5%	5%	7%
81 Other services (except public administration)	4%	4%	7%
51 Information and cultural industries	5%	4%	6%
31-33 Manufacturing	3%	4%	5%

*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, and now approaches that of the Canadian-born.**

### Total Income

- ▶ Census 2021 reported a significant increase in income across all groups. The median income of recent immigrants almost doubled, rising from \$20,216 in 2015 to \$37,200 in 2020. Immigrants and the Canadian-born also saw substantial growth, by 30% to \$46,000 and \$55,200, respectively.
- ▶ Compared to their counterparts in Greater Vancouver, immigrants and the Canadian-born enjoyed incomes almost 20% higher. However, recent immigrant earned about the same.

### Employment Income

- ▶ Census 2021 reported better employment outcomes for recent immigrants. About 34% worked full-time for an entire year with employment income in 2020, up from 24% in 2015.
- ▶ Recent immigrants who worked full time and for an entire year earned \$69,000, up 15% from \$60,008 in 2015. This compared to a 40% increase for recent immigrants in the Greater Vancouver region, though regionally median incomes remained significantly lower at \$58,000.

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- ▶ Income gaps between the three groups were somewhat higher than in Greater Vancouver.

## 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.

## Low Income

- ▶ Despite gains, recent immigrants were still more likely to live on a low income. In 2020, 14.7% of those aged 15 years and over were in the low-income bracket, compared with 9.2% of immigrants and 5.1% of the Canadian-born.
- ▶ The proportion of recent immigrants falling into the low-income bracket was similar to Greater Vancouver, whereas the District's immigrants and Canadian-born were significantly less likely to.



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