



Immigrant Demographics Port Coquitlam, 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.

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About the City of Port Coquitlam

Port Coquitlam sits at the confluence of the Fraser River and the Pitt River. Coquitlam borders it on the north, and on the west where the two are separated by the Coquitlam River. Pitt Meadows lies across its eastern boundary, which is formed by the Pitt River.

Fraser Valley Regional Library has one location in Port Coquitlam.

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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, Port Coquitlam was 17th 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)

Port Coquitlam is home to about 21,000 immigrants, representing a third of the city's total population and 2% of Greater Vancouver's immigrants.

Immigration to the City of Port Coquitlam

Recent censuses underline the role of immigration in the City's rapid growth.

Year	Port Coquitlam			Greater Vancouver		
	Total Pop #	Immigrant Pop #	Total Immigrant Pop %	Total Pop #	Immigrant Pop #	Total Immigrant Pop %
2021	60,390	20,765	34.4%	2,607,010	1,089,185	41.8%
2016	58,612	18,435	31.8%	2,463,431	989,540	40.8%
2011	56,342	16,380	29.4%	2,313,328	913,310	40.0%
2006	52,687	14,750	28.0%	2,116,581	831,265	39.6%
2001	51,257	13,400	26.1%	1,986,965	738,555	37.5%

Population and Immigration Trends: (2001 - 2021)

- ▶ Immigration is an essential driver of population growth for Port Coquitlam, contributing 81% of net population growth between 2001 and 2021.
- ▶ Over the past two decades, Port Coquitlam (55%) outpaced Greater Vancouver (47%) in the growth of its immigrant population. However, the city recorded only an 18% increase in its total population, significantly less than 31% for Greater Vancouver.

Immigrants by Age Group

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

- ▶ Immigration plays a crucial role in addressing Canada's aging population. In 2021, the average age of recent immigrants in Port Coquitlam was 35.2, compared to 50.0 for the overall immigrant population and 36.2 for the Canadian-born.
- ▶ Core working-age residents (25-54 years) constituted 60% of recent immigrants and 50% of the total immigrant population, compared to 38% of the Canadian-born.
- ▶ 9% of Port Coquitlam's recent immigrants who were aged 65 or over was significantly lower than the 22% of all immigrants and 12% of the Canadian-born. However, regionwide, only 5% of recent immigrants were seniors.
- ▶ The Canadian-born population showed a notable proportion (23%) of young people aged 0-14, in contrast to immigrants (3%) and recent immigrants (14%). In part, this was due to the strong influx of young immigrants a decade or two ago, now raising children.

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

Period of Arrival

Port Coquitlam is home to a comparatively lower proportion of recent immigrants.

- ▶ Census 2021 shows that Port Coquitlam's recent immigrants made up 10% of its immigrant population, notably less than Greater Vancouver's regional level of 14%.
- ▶ New immigrant arrivals have dropped slightly compared to two or three decades ago.

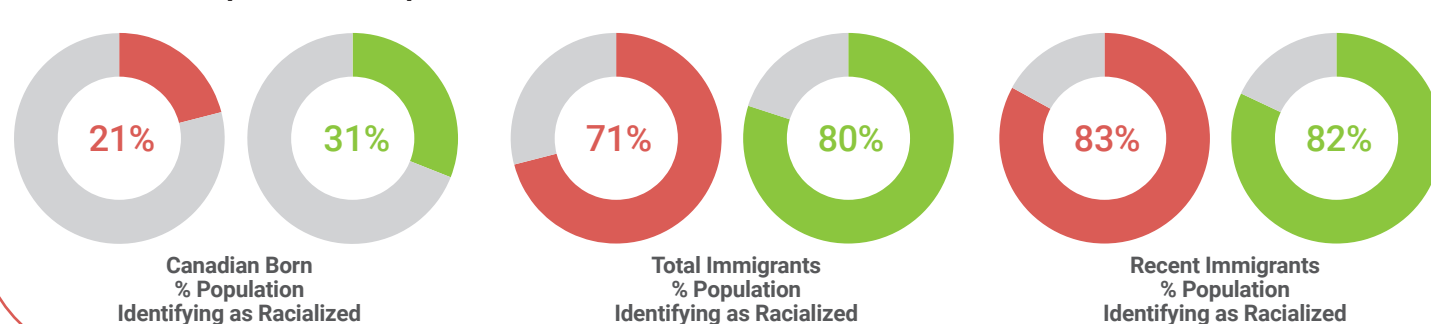
	Port Coquitlam		Greater Vancouver	
	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	20,765	100%	1,089,185	100%
2016 to 2021	2,130	10%	154,815	14%
2011 to 2015	2,700	13%	133,920	12%
2001 to 2010	5,080	24%	259,830	24%
1991 to 2000	5,285	25%	255,480	23%
1980 to 1990	2,480	12%	126,865	12%
Before 1980	3,085	15%	158,270	15%

Immigrant Arrivals by Period of Immigration (Census 2021)

Age	Port Coquitlam			Greater Vancouver			
	Canadian-born #	Total Immigrants %	Recent Immigrants %	Canadian-born #	Total Immigrants %	Recent Immigrants %	
Total	38,070	100%	20,765	1,350,620	100%	154,815	100%
0 to 14 yrs	8,675	23%	655	315,040	23%	19,650	13%
15 to 24 yrs	5,470	14%	1,315	194,025	14%	14,425	9%
25 to 54 yrs	14,430	38%	10,320	513,995	38%	107,135	69%
55 to 64 yrs	5,070	13%	3,975	153,285	11%	5,920	4%
65 yrs +	4,425	12%	4,505	174,260	13%	7,690	5%

Age Distribution – Port Coquitlam (Census 2021)

Racialized Groups in Port Coquitlam



- ▶ 83% of the city's recent immigrants identify as members of a racialized group, equal to the regional level. The 71% of all immigrants so identifying is somewhat lower than in Greater Vancouver, as is the 21% of the Canadian-born.

- ▶ As in the region overall, the proportion of residents identifying as racialized continues to grow.

The City of Port Coquitlam's racialized population is slightly below that of Greater Vancouver.

Countries of Origin

Port Coquitlam has a more diverse recent immigrant population than the Greater Vancouver region and the province.

- ▶ China, the Philippines, and India are the three primary countries of origin for recent immigrants to Port Coquitlam, as is the case in both Greater Vancouver and British Columbia. However, the three account for only 36% of the city's recent immigrant population versus 50% regionally and 47% for the province.
- ▶ Among recent immigrants, 36% originated from countries other than the top 10 countries of origin. This percentage is higher than the Greater Vancouver regional level (29%) and the province (30%), indicating that Port Coquitlam has a more diverse recent immigrant population.
- ▶ The city welcomes more refugees than many B.C. municipalities, and two of the common refugee source countries—Afghanistan and Eritrea—figured in its top 10 list.

Port Coquitlam				B.C.				Greater Vancouver			
	#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%
Total Immigrants	20,765	100%	Recent Immigrants	2,135	100%	Recent Immigrants	197,425	100%	Recent Immigrants	154,820	100%
Philippines	2,185	11%	China	280	13%	India	39,390	20%	India	30,545	20%
China	2,050	10%	Philippines	265	12%	China	31,450	16%	China	28,970	19%
Iran	1,495	7%	India	235	11%	Philippines	21,220	11%	Philippines	15,090	10%
India	1,285	6%	Korea, South	165	8%	U.S.	8,760	4%	Korea, South	6,125	4%
Korea, South	1,280	6%	Iran	140	7%	U.K.	7,670	4%	Iran	5,615	4%
U.K.	1,240	6%	Brazil	90	4%	Korea, South	7,225	4%	U.S.	5,460	4%
Hong Kong	1,225	6%	Afghanistan	65	3%	Iran	5,850	3%	Brazil	4,625	3%
Poland	565	3%	Eritrea	45	2%	Brazil	5,125	3%	U.K.	4,555	3%
Romania	480	2%	Russia	45	2%	Syria	4,955	3%	Syria	3,380	2%
Taiwan	465	2%	U.S.	45	2%	Australia	3,280	2%	Mexico	2,460	2%
Other places	8,495	41%	Other places	760	36%	Other places	62,500	30%	Other places	47,995	29%

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

Immigration Arrival Categories

A significant proportion of recent immigrants arrived via the family sponsored and refugee classes.

- ▶ In Census 2021 only 47% of recent immigrants to Port Coquitlam arrived in the economic class, compared to 60% of all immigrants, and 60% of recent immigrants to Greater Vancouver.
- ▶ Correspondingly, the proportion of recent immigrants arriving in the family class has been increasing. In Port Coquitlam, 36% of recent immigrants were sponsored by family, compared to 25% of the total immigrant population and 28% of new immigrants regionwide.
- ▶ Additionally, 16% of Port Coquitlam's recent immigrants arrived as refugees, doubling the regional level of 8%.

Immigration Category	Port Coquitlam		Greater Vancouver		Port Coquitlam		Greater Vancouver	
	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	17,680	100%	2,135	100%	930,915	100%	154,820	100%
Economic immigrants	10,610	60%	1,005	47%	554,240	60%	97,715	63%
Principal applicants	4,300	24%	510	24%	225,255	24%	52,940	34%
Secondary applicants	6,305	36%	495	23%	328,990	35%	44,775	29%
Immigrants sponsored by family	4,400	25%	760	36%	282,705	30%	43,515	28%
Refugees	2,505	14%	340	16%	81,155	9%	12,880	8%
Other immigrants	165	1%	35	2%	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.

China, Philippines and India were the top three source countries for recent immigrants to the City of Coquitlam.

Languages Spoken

A majority of recent immigrants speak non-official languages at home, and the proportion is rising.

▶ In Census 2021, 59% of recent immigrants to Port Coquitlam spoke non-official languages most often at home, higher than Greater Vancouver's regional level of 56%.

▶ The proportion was slightly higher than the 57% evidenced in the 2016 census. In contrast, there has been a declining trend among recent immigrants in Greater Vancouver, with the percentage sliding from 62% in 2016 to 56% in 2021.

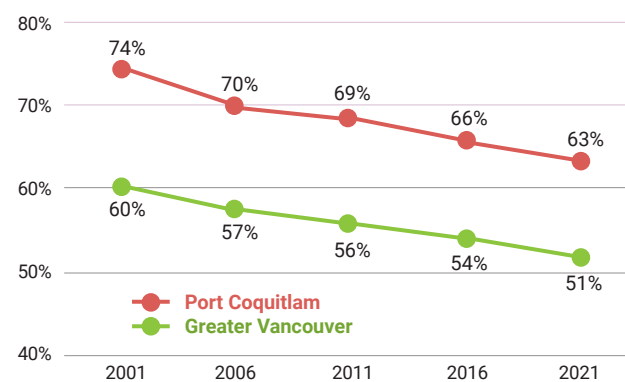
▶ In line with source country data, Mandarin has replaced Korean as the most commonly spoken home language among recent immigrants, with approximately one in ten individuals speaking the language at home. Tagalog (7%) and Korean (6%) follow.

Port Coquitlam			Greater Vancouver		
	#	%		#	%
Total Immigrants	20,765	100%	Recent Immigrants	2,135	100%
Non-official languages	9,335	45%	Non-official languages	1,270	59%
Yue (Cantonese)	1,515	7%	Mandarin	185	9%
Mandarin	1,305	6%	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	145	7%
Korean	995	5%	Korean	135	6%
Iranian Persian	840	4%	Russian	85	4%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	695	3%	Iranian Persian	85	4%
Russian	605	3%	Arabic	85	4%
Punjabi (Panjabi)	510	2%	Yue (Cantonese)	75	4%
Spanish	335	2%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	75	4%
Arabic	290	1%	Dari	65	3%
Polish	290	1%	Portuguese	60	3%
Other non-official languages	1,955	9%	Other non-official languages	275	13%
			Recent Immigrants	154,820	100%
			Non-official languages	86,615	56%
			Mandarin	21,675	14%
			Punjabi (Panjabi)	13,095	8%
			Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	6,160	4%
			Korean	4,515	3%
			Yue (Cantonese)	4,180	3%
			Iranian (Persian)	4,105	3%
			Arabic	3,670	2%
			Spanish	3,505	2%
			Portuguese	3,335	2%
			Hindi	2,510	2%
			Other non-official languages	19,865	13%

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

Percentage of population with English as a mother tongue

▶ Over time the percentage of the population speaking English only as a mother tongue has dropped significantly, in both Port Coquitlam and Greater Vancouver.



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

Languages Spoken at Work

In the workplace, the vast majority of immigrants speak English, and the proportion is growing.

▶ In 2021, 9% of Port Coquitlam's recent immigrants spoke non-official languages often at work, compared to 6% of the total immigrant population and 10% in Greater Vancouver.

▶ By comparison, in 2016, 13% of Port Coquitlam's recent immigrants and 18% of Greater Vancouver's recent immigrants spoke non-official languages at work. The comparison suggests both the

city and the region have recently been welcoming immigrants with sufficient official language skills to conduct work.

Port Coquitlam		Greater Vancouver	
Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
	%	%	%
Non-official languages	6%	9%	10%
Mandarin	4%	3%	4%
Korean	1%	1%	2%
Yue (Cantonese)	1%	1%	1%

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

Religious Affiliation

Four of ten immigrants are Christian, significantly higher than in the Greater Vancouver region.

	Port Coquitlam	G. Van.
Religion	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
	%	%
Total	100%	100%
Buddhist	3%	3%
Christian	46%	30%
Hindu	2%	8%
Jewish	1%	1%
Muslim	9%	10%
Sikh	4%	11%
Traditional (N. American Indigenous) spirituality	0%	0%
Other religions and spiritual traditions	1%	1%
No religion and secular perspectives	34%	38%

Immigrants and religious affiliation (Census 2021)

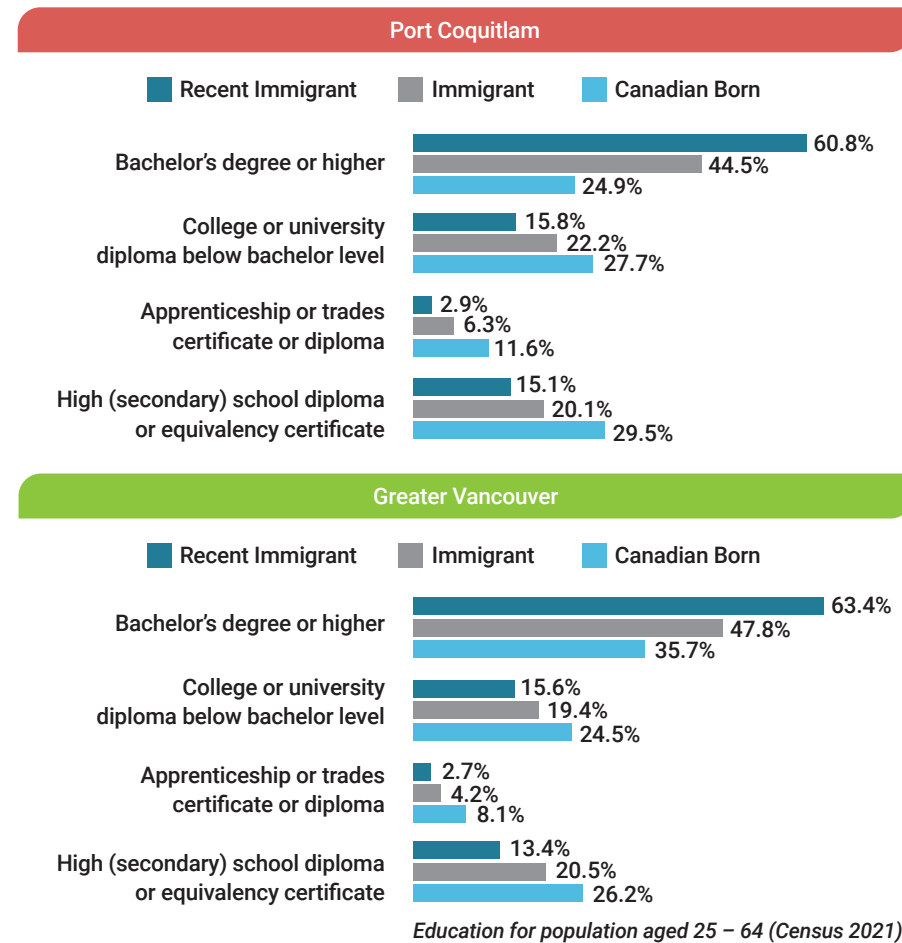
- ▶ Over 40% of recent immigrants to Port Coquitlam identify as Christian, compared to 30% in Greater Vancouver.
- ▶ Muslims make up the second-largest religious affiliation among recent immigrants, at 14%.
- ▶ Only 31% of recent immigrants identify as secular, compared to 38% region-wide.

Education Levels

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

Recent immigrants between the ages of 25 and 64 were highly educated, with 60.8% holding a bachelor's degree or higher. This is significantly higher than the proportion among Canadian-born residents (24.9%) and the total immigrant population (44.5%).

Compared to the previous census period, education levels rose significantly. In 2016, 52.7% of Port Coquitlam's recent immigrants and 41.7% of immigrants had a bachelor's degree or higher.



Labour Force Participation

Immigrants account for more than four in ten workers.

According to Census 2021, immigrants and recent immigrants accounted for 38% and 4% of Port Coquitlam's labour force, respectively. This represents a slight increase from the corresponding rates of 35% and 3% reported in the 2016 census.

Recent immigrants exhibited a higher participation rate in the labor force compared to both immigrants and the Canadian-born. This suggests that recent immigration policies have effectively addressed skill shortages.

Unemployment rates of all demographic groups in Port

	Port Coquitlam			Greater Vancouver		
	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
Population aged 15 years and over	29,395	20,110	1,835	1,035,580	1,053,850	135,165
In the labour force	20,575	13,295	1,315	708,255	655,110	101,265
Participation rate (%)	70%	66.1%	71.7%	68.4%	62.2%	74.9%
Employment rate (%)	64.7%	60.2%	65.9%	62.8%	56.5%	68.1%
Unemployment rate (%)	7.6%	8.9%	8.0%	8.2%	9.0%	9.1%

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

Occupations

Recent immigrants work in significantly distinct fields compared to both immigrants and the Canadian-born.

Recent immigrants to Port Coquitlam were significantly over-represented in retail trade (14%), professional, scientific and technical services (14%), manufacturing (14%), and accommodation and food services (12%). The distinctions were especially sharp

versus the much lower figures of the Canadian-born, with immigrants generally in between.

The 12% of recent immigrants in the accommodation and food services sector was unchanged from 2016, indicating a level of stability in

employment. In contrast, many other communities in the Greater Vancouver region experienced job losses in the sector due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)			
Industry	Canadian Born Port Coquitlam	Total Immigrants Port Coquitlam	Recent Immigrants Port Coquitlam
62 Health care and social assistance	12%	14%	10%
44-45 Retail trade	11%	11%	14%
54 Professional, scientific and technical services	7%	10%	14%
31-33 Manufacturing	5%	9%	14%
23 Construction	12%	9%	8%
72 Accommodation and food services	5%	7%	12%
61 Educational services	8%	6%	5%
48-49 Transportation and warehousing	5%	5%	4%
81 Other services (except public administration)	4%	5%	4%
52 Finance and insurance	4%	5%	2%

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 notable increase in income across all groups in Port Coquitlam.
- The income of recent immigrants increased by about 60%, from \$20,583 in 2015 to \$33,200 in 2020. Also rising significantly was the median income of immigrants and the Canadian born, up about 30% to \$40,400 and \$48,800 respectively.
- Recent immigrants earned 10% less than their counterparts in Greater Vancouver, while other demographic groups earned slightly more.

Employment Income

- Census 2021 reported better employment outcomes for recent immigrants. About 29% of Port Coquitlam's recent immigrant labour force 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 \$56,800, up 60% from \$35,555 in 2015.

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- ▶ In Census 2021, full-time recent immigrant workers earned 10% less than immigrants and 22% less than the Canadian-born, a gap that has been shrinking rapidly. In Census 2016, recent immigrants earned 34% less than other immigrants and 38% less than the overall labour force.

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

- ▶ Census 2021 shows that recent immigrants were still more likely to live on a low income. In 2020, 14.5% of Port Coquitlam's recent immigrant population aged 15 years and over were in the low-income bracket, compared with 9.7% of the total immigrant population and 6% of the Canadian-born. Overall, Port Coquitlam had fewer low-income residents than Greater Vancouver.



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.

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