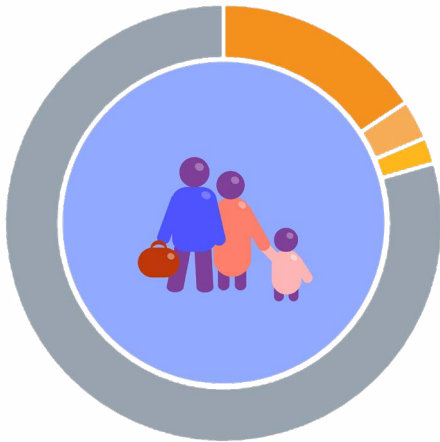


IMMIGRATION PROFILE FOR THE CAPITAL REGION



Greater Victoria
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Partnership

POPULATION SIZE



19% of the total population are *immigrants*

3% are *recent immigrants* (2016-2021)

2% are *temporary residents*

81% are *non-immigrants*

AGE & FAMILY

CHILDREN

(0-14 years of age)

13% of recent immigrants

16% of non-immigrants

SENIORS

(65+ years of age)

4% of recent immigrants

20% of non-immigrants



IMMIGRANTS

NON-IMMIGRANTS

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

POST-SECONDARY CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA, OR DEGREE

76% of recent immigrants

60% of non-immigrants

EMPLOYMENT RATE

73% for recent immigrants

61% for non-immigrants

WORK FULL-TIME

38% of recent immigrants

35% of non-immigrants

WORK PART-TIME

36% of recent immigrants

31% of non-immigrants

PERMANENT JOB POSITION

71% of recent immigrants

70% of non-immigrants

TEMPORARY JOB POSITION

16% of recent immigrants

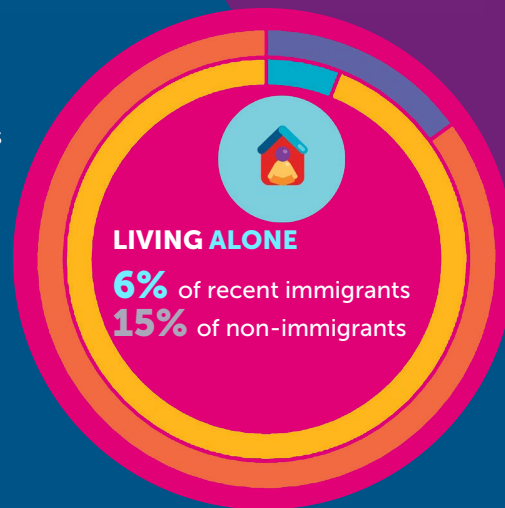
13% of non-immigrants

AVERAGE AGE

34 years old-recent immigrants

42 years old-non-immigrants

On average, recent immigrants are **10 years younger** than the non-immigrant population and most are living with someone else.



LIVING ALONE

6% of recent immigrants

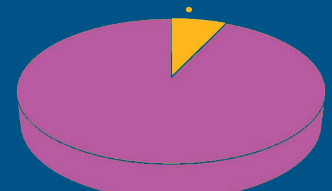
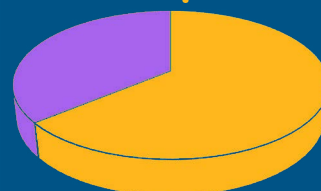
15% of non-immigrants



64% of recent immigrants (age 25 to 64 years) have a **degree from outside Canada.**



7% is the **unemployment rate** for recent immigrants and for non-immigrants.



INCOME

Recent immigrants in the Capital Region earn less than non-immigrants. They fall more often in the low-income bracket but do not receive more government transfers than non-immigrants. **\$39,200** is the median total income of all recent immigrants (2020).

EMPLOYMENT INCOME

80% of recent immigrants
64% of non-immigrants

GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS AS PART OF TOTAL INCOME

13% of recent immigrants
15% of non-immigrants

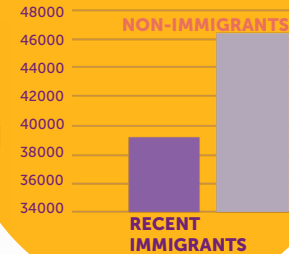
LOW INCOME

15% of recent immigrants
8% of non-immigrants

HIGH INCOME

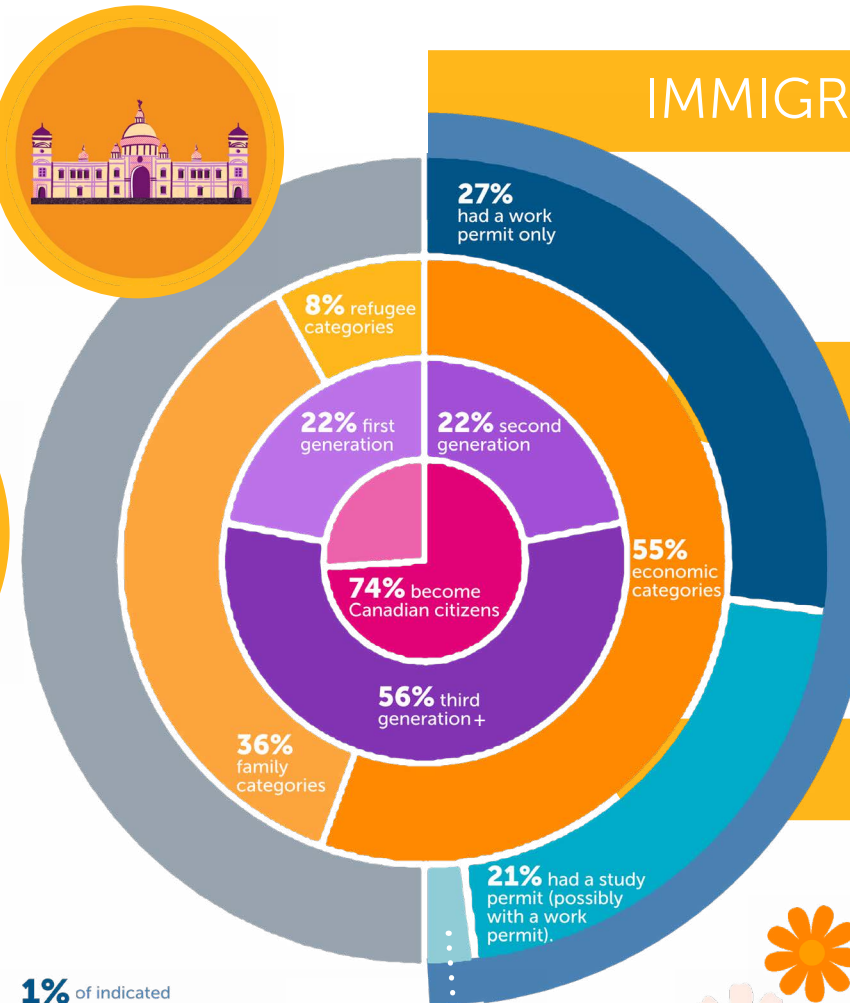
6% of recent immigrants
12% of non-immigrants

MEDIAN TOTAL INCOME



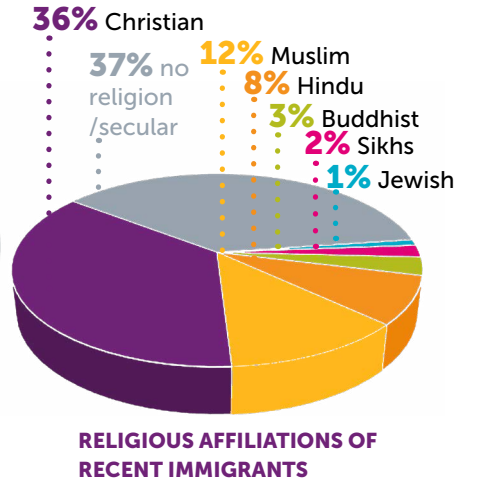
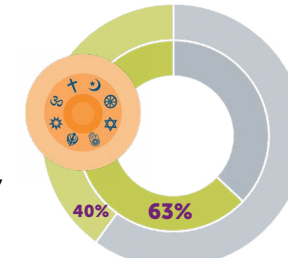
IMMIGRATION & CITIZENSHIP

Most recent immigrants to the Capital Region come from Asia. Half of recent immigrants arrive through economic categories. Almost half of recent immigrants had prior experience in Canada (most often through study and/or a work permit). 74% of immigrants in the Capital Region have become Canadian citizens. 22% of the population of the Capital Region are second generation immigrants, compared to 56% of the population are third generation or more.



RELIGIONS

Recent immigrants are religiously affiliated more often than non-immigrants. Most often they are Christian. 63% of recent immigrants indicated a religious affiliation, compared to 40% of the total population.



HOUSING – RENTAL MARKET

In the Capital Region, affordability indicators (percentage of wages spend on rent) are mostly the same across immigrant and non-immigrant renters. Overcrowding is much more common for recent immigrants and racialized renters. Overcrowding might mean that several households pool their wages to be able to afford rent.

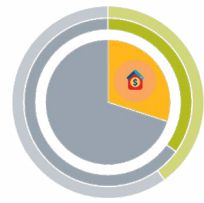
LIVING IN OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS

24% of recent immigrants
6% of non-immigrants



MORE THAN 30% INCOME SPENT ON RENT

35% of recent immigrants
40% of non-immigrants

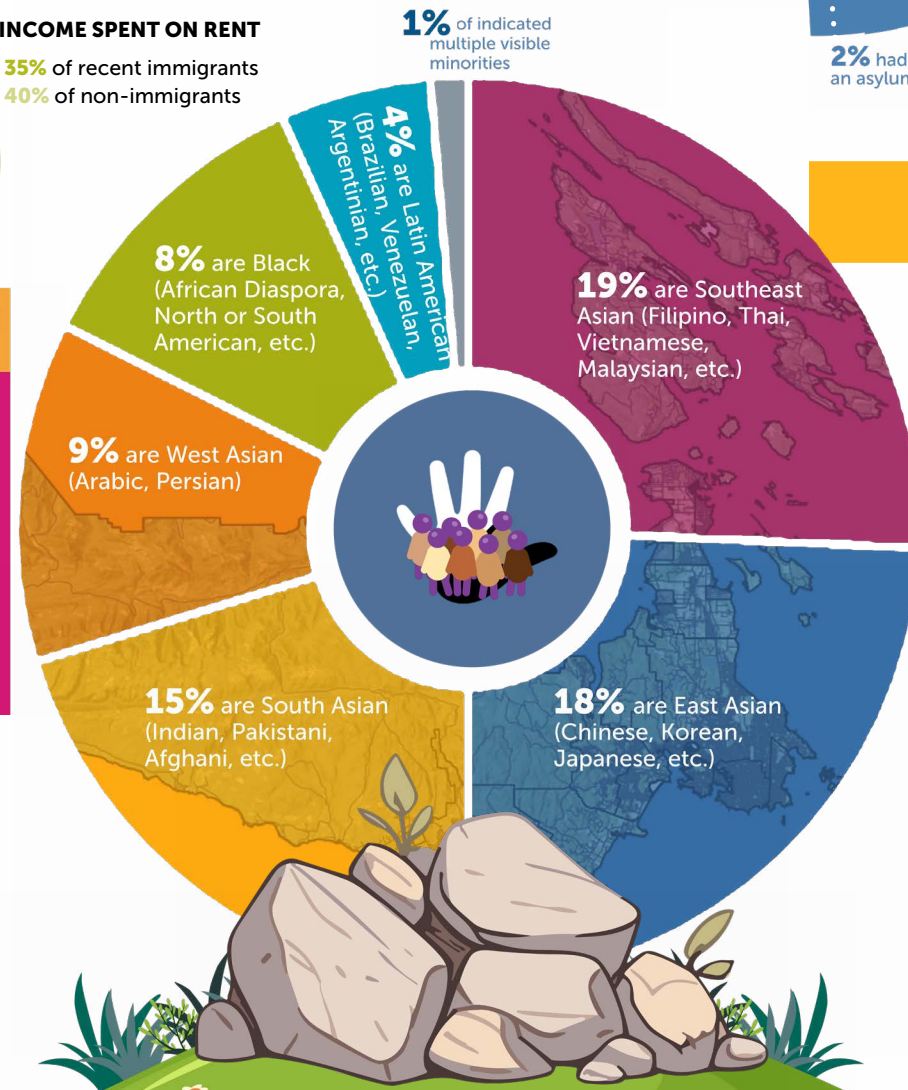


Racialized groups	% paying more than 30% of income on rent	% living in overcrowded conditions
Korean	51%	14%
Chinese	48%	9%
Arab	46%	25%
S-E Asian	43%	19%
West Asian	41%	17%
Japanese	39%	9%
Black	36%	15%
Latin American	35%	15%
South Asian	33%	27%
Multi-Race	33%	7%
Filipino	16%	28%

Rental spending and overcrowding percentages between racialized groups differ notably. Korean, Chinese, and Arabic households pay comparatively more of their income to rent. Filipino households pay comparatively less of their income to rent but also are most often living in overcrowded conditions (and possibly pooling rent).

RACIAL GROUPS

Three quarters of recent immigrants are racialized, most of them Filipino, South Asian, or Chinese.



LANGUAGES

96% of recent immigrants can conduct a conversation in English or French.

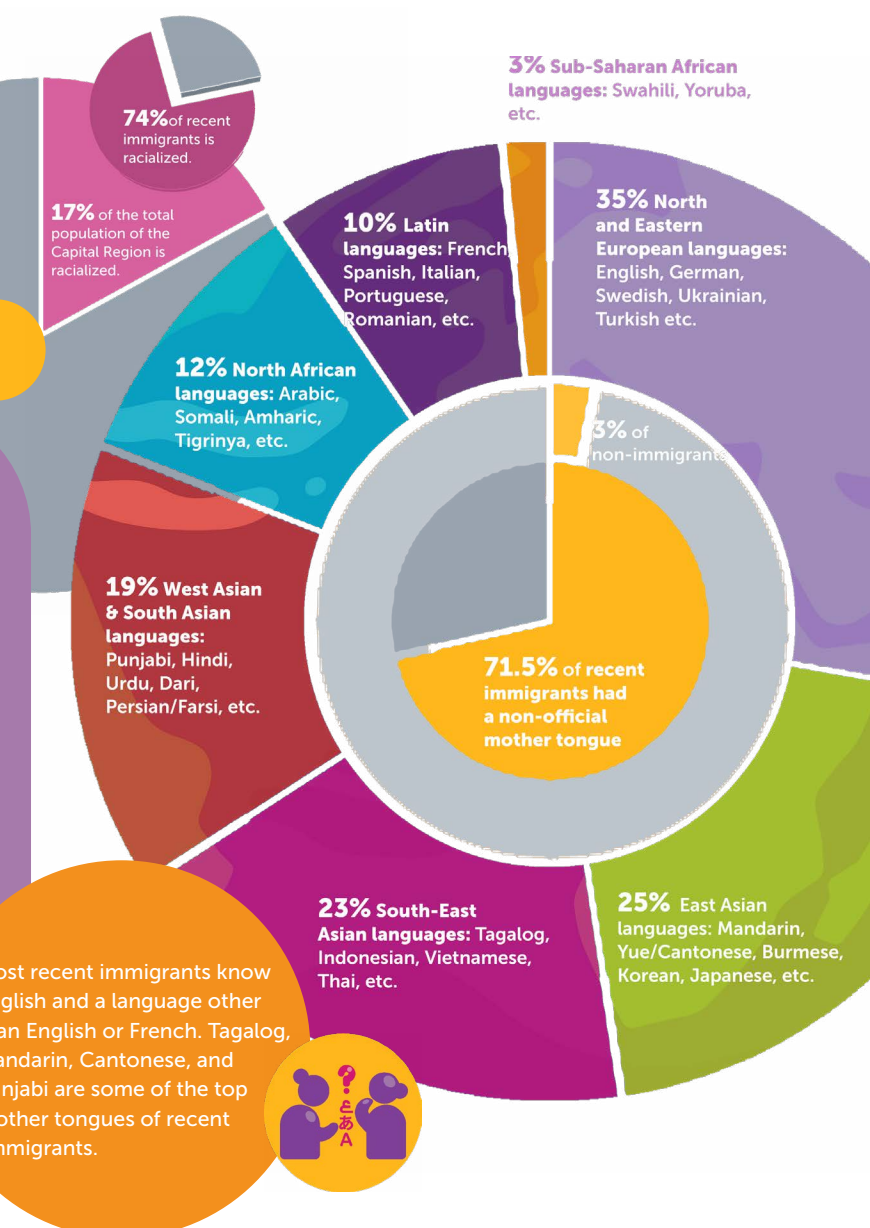
94% of recent immigrants know English

81% of recent immigrants know a language other than English or French

33% speak English at home

18% speak a language other than English or French

46% speak both English and an unofficial language at home



Most recent immigrants know English and a language other than English or French. Tagalog, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Punjabi are some of the top mother tongues of recent immigrants.

Additional Data and Notes

- **Recent Immigrants** mean: immigrants who came to Canada in the Capital Region between 2016 and 2021.
- **Temporary Residents** mean: immigrants who are for example, international students and temporary workers.
- **Low income** means: an adjusted after-tax family income in the bottom 10 percent.
- **High income** means: an adjusted after-tax family income in the top 10 percent.
- A **mother tongue language** is the first language a person learned in childhood and still understands.
- Statistics Canada defines **second generation** as someone who was born in Canada but had at least one parent that was born outside of Canada, and **third generation +** as someone who was born in Canada with both parents born in Canada.
- While the national census is widely seen as a reliable source of data, Statistics Canada acknowledges that some groups (including recent immigrants and temporary residents) are typically **undercounted**.
- The 2021 census data was collected in May 2021. It therefore does not include any changes that occurred since that time (e.g. recent waves of immigrants or temporary residents). Monthly data on new permanent resident arrivals is available from Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) at: <https://bit.ly/IRCC-PR-monthlyupdates>
- Housing suitability by visible minority and immigrant status and period of immigration is available at: <https://bit.ly/IRCC-housingsuitability>
- Shelter-cost-to-income ratio by visible minority and immigrant status and period of immigration is available at: <https://bit.ly/statscan-housing-income-ratio>
- Statistics Canada also provides a profile of the population as a whole for various geographies (including: Canada as a whole, provinces, regions, cities and communities) at: <https://bit.ly/censusprofile-2021>
- More 2021 Census tables will continue to be released at: <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/dp-pd/dt-td/index-eng.cfm>



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