



IMMIGRANT  
DEMOGRAPHICS  
DISTRICT OF NORTH  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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# DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

## IMMIGRANT DEMOGRAPHICS

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.
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- 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.

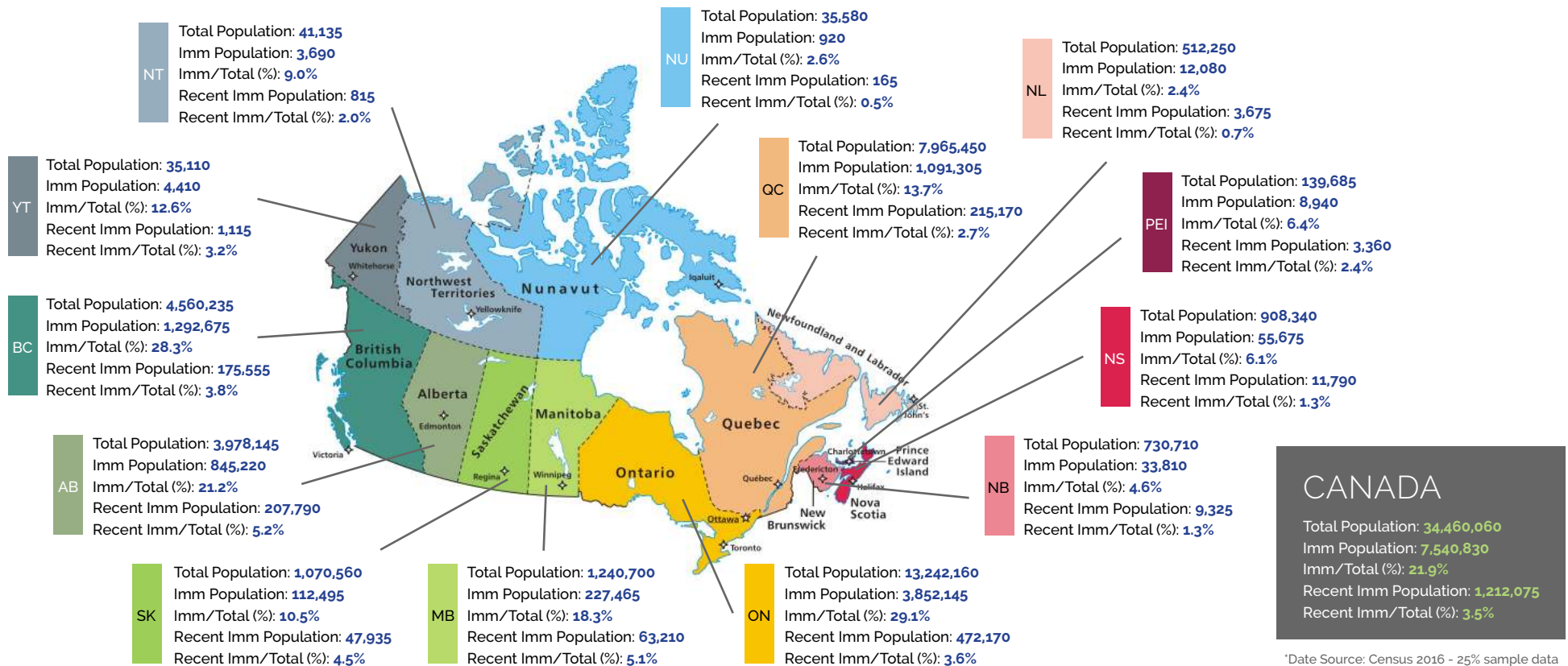
The District of North Vancouver is separated from the City of Vancouver by Burrard Inlet to the south. The district is bordered by the Capilano River to the West, Indian Arm to the east, and the Coast Mountains to the north. The City of North Vancouver, a separate municipality, occupies a central position within its borders.

The North Vancouver District Public Library has 3 locations..



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)

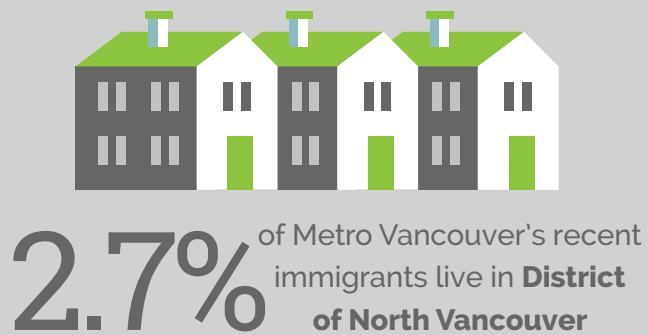
COMMUNITY	TOTAL POPULATION 2016	TOTAL POP. GROWTH (%) 2011-2016	IMM POPULATION 2016	IMM/TOTAL (%) 2016	RECENT IMM POPULATION 2016	RECENT IMM / TOTAL (%) 2016	IMM POP GROWTH (#) 2011 - 2016	IMM POP GROWTH (%) 2011 - 2016
British Columbia	4,560,235	5.6%	1,292,675	28.3%	175,555	3.8%	100,800	8.5%
Metro Vancouver	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%
<b>North Vancouver, District</b>	<b>84,875</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>26,505</b>	<b>31.2%</b>	<b>3,240</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
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)

- In 2016, the District of North Vancouver had 84,875 residents, of which 26,505 were immigrants. These represented 3.5% and 2.7% of Metro Vancouver's total and immigrant population respectively. The North Shore (District of North Vancouver, City of North Vancouver and West Vancouver combined) had 178,740 residents and 65,050 immigrants, representing 7.4% and 6.6% of Metro Vancouver's total and immigrant populations respectively.
- 81.2% of B.C.'s recent immigrants lived in the Metro Vancouver region. Of which 80% resided in Vancouver (26.2%), Surrey (25.5%), Burnaby (11.3%), Richmond (10.7%) and Coquitlam (6.7%).
- The District of North Vancouver's growth rate in its immigrant population (6.1%) as well the total population growth (1.8%) were some of the lowest rates in Metro Vancouver where the regional rates were 8.3% growth in immigrant population and 6.5% growth in total population.
- Between 2011 and 2016, the District of North Vancouver received 3,240 recent immigrants, more than double the District's net increase in its total immigrant population of 1,535. Both locally and regionally recent immigrants arrivals almost doubled the net increase in the total immigrant populations: 9,920 recent immigrant arrivals vs. a 5,190 net increase for the North Shore, and 142,530 recent immigrant arrivals vs. a 76,230 net increase for the Metro Vancouver region.



Between 2011 - 2016,  
District of North Vancouver received

**3,240** RECENT IMMIGRANTS

# POPULATION AND IMMIGRATION TRENDS: DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER

## IMMIGRATION TRENDS (2001 - 2016)

	North Vancouver, District			Metro Vancouver		
	Total Population*	Number	Immigrants** % of Total Population	Total Population*	Number	Immigrants % of Total Population
<b>2016</b>	85,935	26,505	31.2%	2,463,431	989,540	40.8%
<b>2011</b>	84,412	24,970	29.9%	2,313,328	913,310	40.0%
<b>2006</b>	82,562	25,995	31.5%	2,116,581	831,265	39.6%
<b>2001</b>	82,310	24,680	30.0%	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 the District of North Vancouver had 26,505 immigrant residents, representing 31.2% of its total population which was significantly lower than the regional level for Metro Vancouver (40.8%).
- Over the Census 2011-16 period, the District of North Vancouver saw a slowdown in both total and immigrant population growth when compared to the Census 2006-11 period: 1.8% increase (2011-16) vs. 2.2% (2006-11) for its total population, and 6.1% (2011-16) vs. 9.6% (2006-11) for its immigrant population.
- While immigration is still an important driver of its population growth, the District of North Vancouver has had a single-digit increase in both total and immigrant populations over the past several census periods. Since 2001, the District of North Vancouver has had an increase of 7.4% (1,825) in its immigrant population, more than double the growth rate of 3.1% (1,800) for the District's Canadian born population. Over the same period, Metro Vancouver has had an increase of 34.0% in its immigrant population and 18.1% in the Canadian born population.

## IMMIGRANT ARRIVALS BY PERIOD OF IMMIGRATION (CENSUS 2016)

- Census 2016 shows that the District of North Vancouver's recent immigrants made up 12.2% (3,245) of its immigrant population, lower than the Metro Vancouver regional level of 14.4%.
- Compared to the Census 2006-11 period, both the District of North Vancouver and the Metro Vancouver region received slightly fewer recent immigrants than in the 2011-16 period. Census 2011 showed that 3,430 and 155,125 recent immigrants lived in the District of North Vancouver and Metro Vancouver, respectively.

	North Vancouver, District		Metro Vancouver	
	#	%	#	%
<b>Total Immigrants</b>	26,505	100%	989,540	100.0%
<b>2011 to 2016</b>	3,245	12.2%	142,535	14.4%
<b>2006 to 2010</b>	3,475	13.1%	143,580	14.5%
<b>2001 to 2005</b>	3,050	11.5%	124,890	12.6%
<b>1991 to 2000</b>	5,585	21.1%	247,835	25.0%
<b>1981 to 1990</b>	3,255	12.3%	120,730	12.2%
<b>Before 1981</b>	7,900	29.8%	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 58.1% of the District of North Vancouver's recent immigrants were between the ages of 15 and 44 upon arrival in Canada, slightly lower than Metro Vancouver's regional level (62.7%) over the same period, and also marginally less than the District's level for the census 2006-11 period (58.3%).
- Compared with the previous census period, the District of North Vancouver received a greater proportion of immigrants aged 45 and over, and a smaller proportion of immigrants aged 14 and younger: 19.0% (Census 2016) vs. 15.4% (NHS 2011) for the age group of 45 years and over, 22.8% (Census 2016) vs. 26.2% for the age group of 14 years and younger.

	North Vancouver, District				Metro Van	
	Census 2016		NHS 2011		Census 2016	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	3,245	100.0%	3,435	100%	142,530	100.0%
<b>Under 5 years</b>	220	6.8%	270	7.9%	8,370	5.9%
<b>5 to 14 years</b>	520	16.0%	630	18.3%	16,365	11.5%
<b>15 to 24 years</b>	325	10.0%	465	13.5%	19,855	13.9%
<b>25 to 44 years</b>	1,560	48.1%	1,540	44.8%	69,485	48.8%
<b>45 years and over</b>	615	19.0%	530	15.4%	28,450	20.0%

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

Canada			British Columbia			Metro Vancouver			North Vancouver, District					
	#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%
<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	1,212,075	100.0%	<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	175,555	100.0%	<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	142,530	100%	<b>Total Immigrants</b>	26,500	100%	<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	3,245	100%
<b>Philippines</b>	188,805	15.6%	<b>China</b>	38,105	21.7%	<b>China</b>	35,890	25.2%	<b>Iran</b>	4,995	18.8%	<b>Iran</b>	960	29.6%
<b>India</b>	147,190	12.1%	<b>India</b>	27,455	15.6%	<b>India</b>	21,380	15.0%	<b>United Kingdom</b>	4,115	15.5%	<b>China</b>	425	13.1%
<b>China</b>	129,015	10.6%	<b>Philippines</b>	26,685	15.2%	<b>Philippines</b>	20,200	14.2%	<b>China</b>	1,760	6.6%	<b>Philippines</b>	360	11.1%
<b>Iran</b>	42,075	3.5%	<b>Iran</b>	8,645	4.9%	<b>Iran</b>	8,315	5.8%	<b>Philippines</b>	1,355	5.1%	<b>United Kingdom</b>	340	10.5%
<b>Pakistan</b>	41,480	3.4%	<b>Korea, South</b>	8,030	4.6%	<b>Korea, South</b>	6,635	4.7%	<b>Korea, South</b>	1,280	4.8%	<b>United States</b>	130	4.0%
<b>United States</b>	33,060	2.7%	<b>United Kingdom</b>	6,535	3.7%	<b>United States</b>	4,065	2.9%	<b>United States</b>	1,230	4.6%	<b>Korea, South</b>	120	3.7%
<b>Syria</b>	29,950	2.5%	<b>United States</b>	6,490	3.7%	<b>United Kingdom</b>	3,850	2.7%	<b>Hong Kong</b>	925	3.5%	<b>South Africa, Republic of</b>	95	2.9%
<b>United Kingdom</b>	24,445	2.0%	<b>Mexico</b>	2,885	1.6%	<b>Taiwan</b>	2,325	1.6%	<b>South Africa, Republic of</b>	910	3.4%	<b>Mexico</b>	50	1.5%
<b>France</b>	24,150	2.0%	<b>Taiwan</b>	2,500	1.4%	<b>Mexico</b>	2,295	1.6%	<b>Germany</b>	850	3.2%	<b>Brazil</b>	50	1.5%
<b>Korea, South</b>	21,710	1.8%	<b>Japan</b>	2,290	1.3%	<b>Iraq</b>	1,850	1.3%	<b>India</b>	555	2.1%	<b>Hong Kong</b>	45	1.4%
<b>Other places</b>	530,195	43.8%	<b>Other places</b>	45,935	26.3%	<b>Other places</b>	35,825	25.0%	<b>Other places</b>	8,525	32.4%	<b>Other places</b>	670	20.7%

- In B.C. and Metro Vancouver, China was the single largest source country of recent immigrants. Nationally, the Philippines was the largest source country for recent immigrants to Canada.
- Iran was the fourth largest source country of recent immigrants to Metro Vancouver, BC and Canada as a whole, but was the top source country of both recent immigrants and total immigrants to the District of North Vancouver. In 2016, 29.6% of recent immigrants and 18.8% of total immigrants in the District were born in Iran, up from the corresponding percentages of 22.3% for recent immigrants and 17.0% for total immigrants in Census 2011.
- Compared to the census 2006-11 period, Census 2016 shows a noticeable increase of recent immigrants from China and a decline in recent immigrants from South Korea: 13.1% in 2016 vs. 7.4% in 2011 for recent immigrants from China, and 3.7% in 2016 vs. 12.5% in 2011 for people from South Korea.
- In 2016, the District of North Vancouver had one of the smallest proportions of visible minorities in Metro Vancouver: 25.6% for the District vs. 48.9% for the region. People of Chinese (6.9%), West Asian (6.5%) and South Asian (3.6%) descent were the three largest visible minority groups in the District. Among recent immigrants, 67.0% reported as a visible minority in the District; led by people of West Asian (26.3%), Chinese (15.9%), and Filipino (9.9%) descent.



## 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.

	North Vancouver, District				Metro Vancouver			
	Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants		Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Total Immigrants</b>	18,945	100.0%	3,245	100.0%	794,150	100.0%	142,530	100.0%
<b>Economic Immigrants</b>	13,275	70.1%	2,580	79.5%	461,955	58.2%	89,850	63.0%
<b>Principal Applicants</b>	5,125	27.1%	945	29.1%	176,955	22.3%	38,630	27.1%
<b>Secondary Applicants</b>	8,150	43.0%	1,635	50.4%	285,000	35.9%	51,215	35.9%
<b>Immigrants Sponsored by Family</b>	4,135	21.8%	620	19.1%	249,920	31.5%	42,665	29.9%
<b>Refugees</b>	1,345	7.1%	30	0.9%	71,115	9.0%	9,260	6.5%
<b>Other Immigrants</b>	195	1.0%	10	0.3%	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.

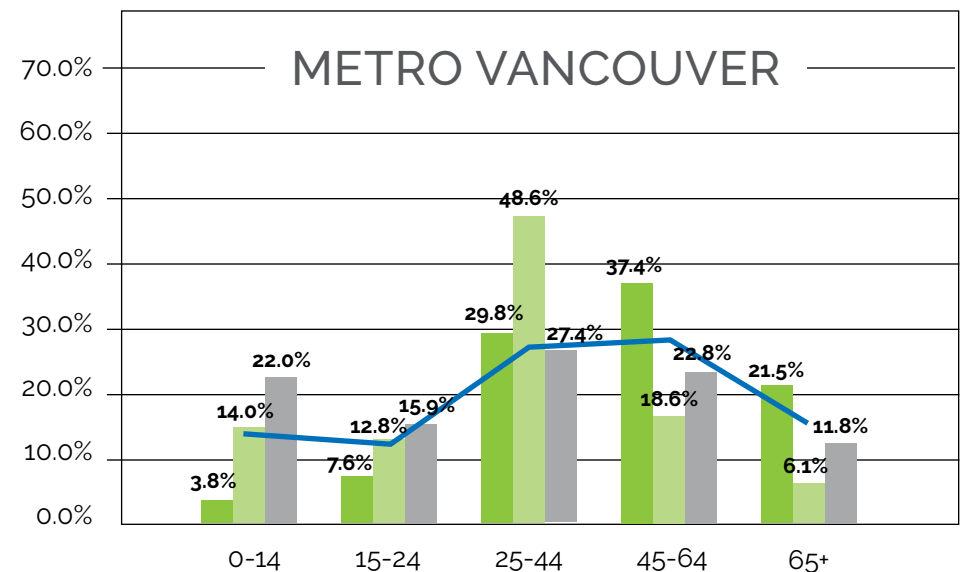
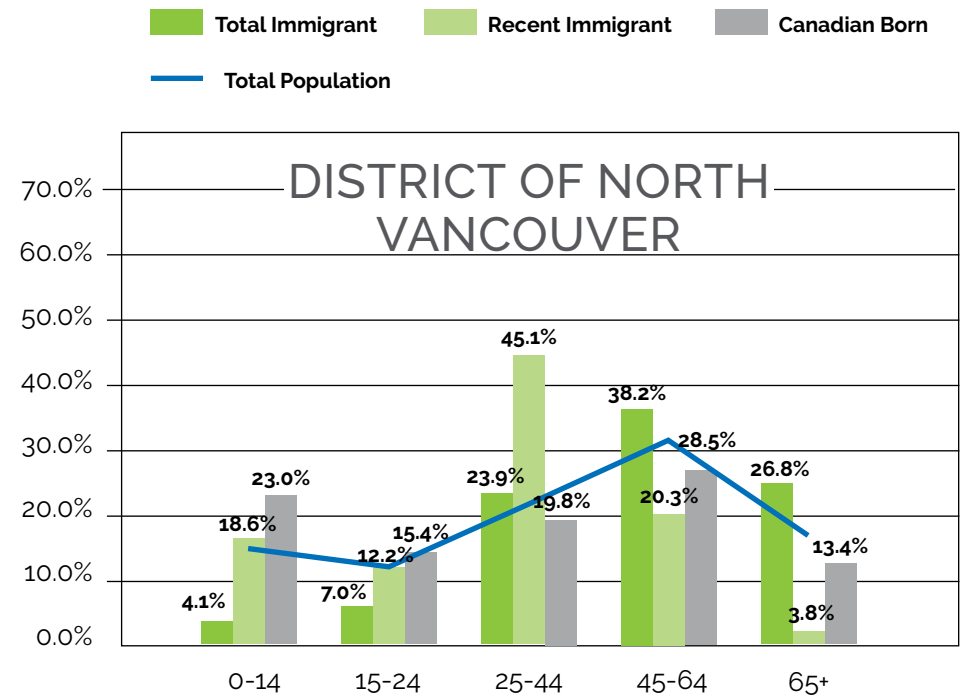
- Economic immigrants make up the vast majority of the immigrant population in the District of North Vancouver. 70.1% of its total immigrant population and 79.5% of its recent immigrant population arrived under the economic class, notably higher than Metro Vancouver's regional levels (58.2% of total immigrants and 63% of recent immigrants).
- Less than 1% of the District of North Vancouver's recent immigrants were refugees, significantly smaller than Metro Vancouver's level of 6.5%. Refugees made up 7.1% of the District's total immigrant population, slightly lower than the level for Metro Vancouver (9.0%).

## AGE DISTRIBUTION – NORTH VANCOUVER, DISTRICT (CENSUS 2016)

- Immigration is commonly viewed as a key economic solution to Canada’s aging population. In 2016, the average age of the District of North Vancouver’s recent immigrants was 33.6, compared to 51.6 for its total immigrants and 41.9 for the total population.
- In 2016, working age immigrants (25-64 years) made up 65.4% and 62.1% of the District’s total immigrant and recent immigrant populations respectively, significantly higher than 48.3% of its Canadian born population.
- The District’s Canadian born population had a much larger proportion (23%) of young people between the ages of 0-14 than their immigrant (4.1%) and recent immigrant peers (18.6%).
- In contrast, the District had a significantly larger proportion of immigrant seniors (65 years or above) compared to their Canadian born peers: 26.8% of immigrants vs. 13.4% of the Canadian born population.

## AGE DISTRIBUTION - METRO VANCOUVER (CENSUS 2016)

- In general, the District had an older population than Metro Vancouver where the average age was 49 years for the total immigrant population and 41 for its total population. In comparison, the average age (33.6 years) of the District’s recent immigrants was younger than those of Metro Vancouver (34.7 years).

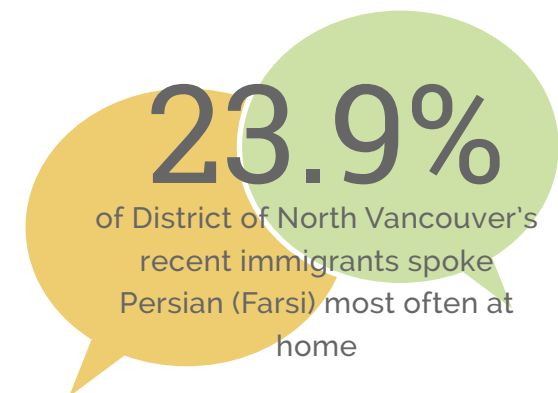


# LANGUAGE

## TOP 5 NON-OFFICIAL HOME LANGUAGES (CENSUS 2016)

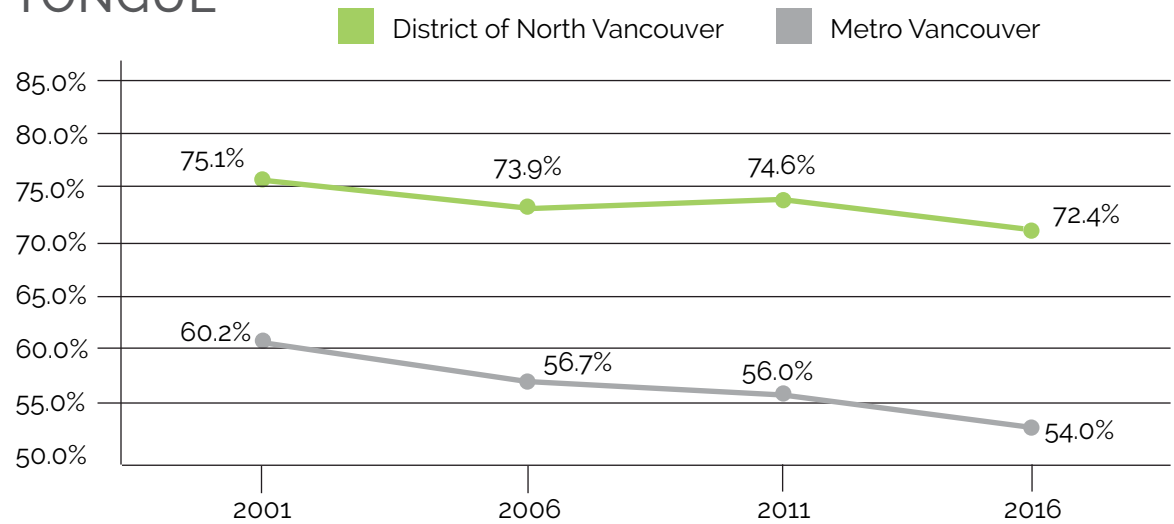
North Vancouver, District					Metro Vancouver			
	#	%		#	%		#	%
<b>Total Immigrants</b>	26,505	100%	<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	3,245	100%	<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	142,535	100.0%
<b>Non-Official Languages</b>	8,650	32.6%	<b>Non-Official Languages</b>	1,690	52.1%	<b>Non-Official Languages</b>	88,570	62.1%
<b>Persian (Farsi)</b>	3,065	11.6%	<b>Persian (Farsi)</b>	775	23.9%	<b>Mandarin</b>	26,905	18.9%
<b>Mandarin</b>	1,220	4.6%	<b>Mandarin</b>	335	10.3%	<b>Punjabi (Panjabi)</b>	12,940	9.1%
<b>Korean</b>	860	3.2%	<b>Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)</b>	155	4.8%	<b>Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)</b>	7,790	5.5%
<b>Cantonese</b>	765	2.9%	<b>Korean</b>	90	2.8%	<b>Persian (Farsi)</b>	7,055	4.9%
<b>Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)</b>	445	1.7%	<b>Russian</b>	55	1.7%	<b>Cantonese</b>	6,095	4.3%
<b>Other Non-Official Languages</b>	2,295	8.7%	<b>Other Non-Official Languages</b>	280	8.6%	<b>Other Non-Official Languages</b>	27,785	19.4%

- In 2016, slightly more than half (52.1%) of the District of North Vancouver's recent immigrants spoke non-official languages most often at home, 10% lower than Metro Vancouver's regional level of 62.1%, but 20% higher than the District's total immigrant population (32.6%).
- Census 2016 shows the percentage of non-official language speaking recent immigrants in the District edged up from 50.5% in 2011, while the percentages for the total immigrant population remained close to the Census 2011 level of 33.0%.
- In 2016, close to a quarter (23.9%) of the District of North Vancouver's recent immigrants spoke Persian (Farsi) most often at home, more than double the percentage of its total immigrants (11.6%).
- Census 2016 also shows an increase in Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese) speaking recent immigrants and a decline in Korean speaking recent immigrants: 11.9% in 2016 vs. 5.8% in 2011 in Chinese speaking recent immigrants, and 2.8% in 2016 vs. 11.8% in 2011 for Korean speaking recent immigrants.



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

- Although about 18% higher than Metro Vancouver's level, the proportion of the District of North Vancouver's residents who spoke English only as their mother tongue slightly declined from 75.1% in 2001 to 72.4% in 2016, compared to a drop of 6.2% from 60.2% to 54.0% for Metro Vancouver.



## LANGUAGES SPOKEN MOST OFTEN AT WORK (CENSUS 2016) BY % OF IMMIGRANT POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

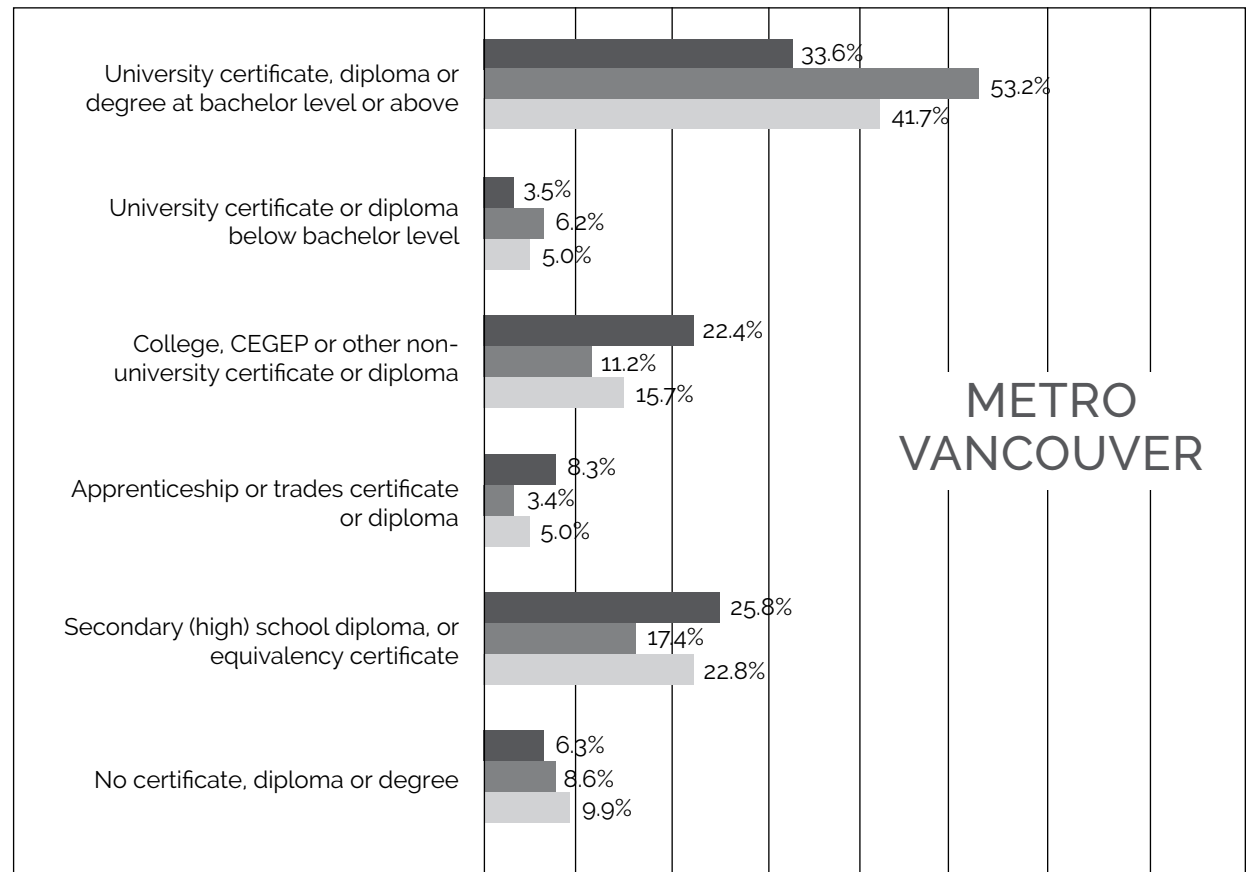
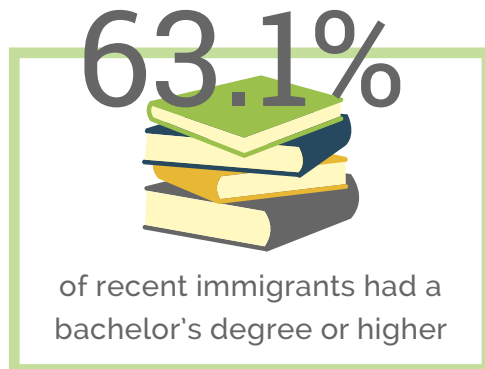
- The District of North Vancouver had one of the smallest proportions of immigrants speaking non-official languages most often at work in the region. In 2016, 7.6% of the District of North Vancouver's recent immigrants spoke non-official languages often at work, significantly smaller than Metro Vancouver's regional level of 17.8%, also lower than the District's 2011 rate of 10.5%. An even smaller proportion of the District's total immigrant population speaks non-official languages most often at work: 3.7% in 2016 vs. 4.0% in 2011.
- In 2016, Persian (Farsi) (3.0%) surpassed Chinese (2.7%) and became the most often non-official language spoken at work by the District's recent immigrants in 2016.

North Vancouver, District				Metro Vancouver	
Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants		Recent Immigrants	
<b>Non-Official Languages</b>	3.7%	<b>Non-Official Languages</b>	7.6%	<b>Non-Official Languages</b>	17.8%
<b>Mandarin</b>	1.1%	<b>Persian (Farsi)</b>	3.0%	<b>Mandarin</b>	6.9%
<b>Persian (Farsi)</b>	0.8%	<b>Mandarin</b>	2.5%	<b>Punjabi (Panjabi)</b>	4.5%
<b>Korean</b>	0.7%	<b>Korean</b>	0.5%	<b>Cantonese</b>	2.4%

# EDUCATION LEVEL (CENSUS 2016)

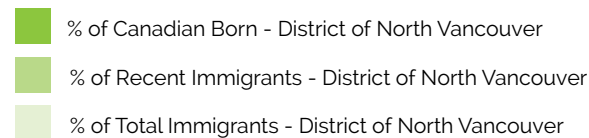
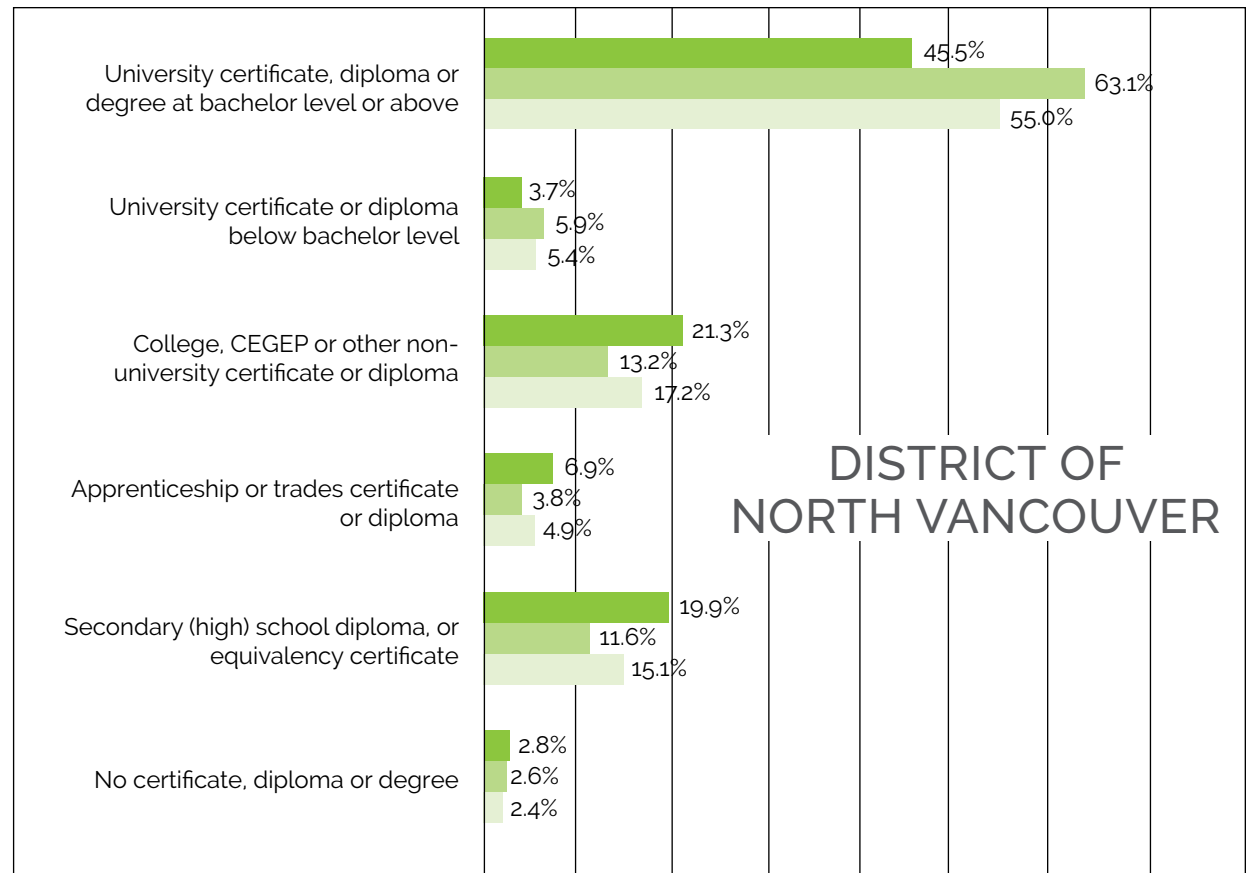
## HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION - BY % OF POPULATION AGED 25 TO 64 YEARS

- The District of North Vancouver's Canadian born population reported higher levels of educational attainment in apprenticeship and trades as well as in high school or equivalency categories. While immigrants and recent immigrants reported higher levels of educational attainment in college and university certificates, diplomas or degrees.
- In 2016, 63.1% of the District of North Vancouver's recent immigrants between the ages of 25 to 64 had a bachelor's degree or higher, significantly higher than the proportion of their Canadian born counterparts (45.5%) and total immigrants (55.0%), and also 10% higher than Metro Vancouver's recent immigrants (53.2%).



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

- Compared to the 2006-11 census period, the District saw significant growth in its college and university educated population in this Census, regardless of immigration status. In 2011, the corresponding percentages of those with a bachelor's degree or higher were: 57.7% of recent immigrants, 48.3% of total immigrants and 41.8% of the Canadian born population.
- Like the District, Metro Vancouver was also home to a greater proportion of college and university educated immigrants compared to its 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.



# LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY (CENSUS 2016)

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

	North Vancouver, District			Metro Vancouver		
	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
<b>Total population aged 15 years and over</b>	44,745	25,415	2,635	1,112,275	952,340	122,615
<b>In the labour force</b>	31,415	15,525	1,760	769,910	585,610	80,025
<b>Participation rate (%)</b>	70.2%	61.1%	66.8%	69.2%	61.5%	65.3%
<b>Employment rate (%)</b>	66.6%	58.1%	60.5%	65.3%	57.8%	59.2%
<b>Unemployment rate (%)</b>	5.2%	4.9%	9.7%	5.7%	5.9%	9.3%

15,525 

**IMMIGRANTS IN DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER'S LABOUR FORCE (2015)**

- In 2015, there were 15,525 immigrants and 1,760 recent immigrants in the District of North Vancouver's labour force. Immigrants and recent immigrants represented 33.1% and 3.7% of the District's labour force respectively, compared to the corresponding rates of 31.9% and 3.8% in 2010 (NHS 2011).
- Unemployment rates in the District in 2016 reduced from 2010 levels, except for its recent immigrant labour force: 5.2% in 2015 vs. 6.2% in 2010 for its Canadian born labour force, 4.9% vs. 5.5% for its total immigrant labour force, and 9.7% vs. 6.9% for its recent immigrant labour force.
- Compared to Metro Vancouver, the District experienced lower unemployment rates, except for its recent immigrant labour force: 5.2% in the District vs. 5.7% in Metro Vancouver for the Canadian born population, 4.9% vs. 5.9% for total immigrants, and 9.7% vs. 9.3% for recent immigrants.

# OCCUPATION DISTRIBUTION (CENSUS 2016)

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

	North Vancouver, District				Metro Vancouver		
	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants		Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
<b>54 Professional, scientific and technical services</b>	13.2%	16.3%	14.8%	<b>44-45 Retail trade</b>	11.1%	11.0%	12.2%
<b>62 Health care and social assistance</b>	9.2%	12.5%	8.5%	<b>62 Health care and social assistance</b>	9.6%	10.9%	7.7%
<b>44-45 Retail trade</b>	9.6%	10.7%	13.1%	<b>54 Professional; scientific and technical services</b>	9.8%	9.9%	10.8%
<b>61 Educational services</b>	9.4%	8.0%	4.0%	<b>72 Accommodation and food services</b>	7.6%	9.0%	13.0%
<b>72 Accommodation and food services</b>	7.2%	6.8%	9.9%	<b>31-33 Manufacturing</b>	5.1%	7.7%	7.2%
<b>23 Construction</b>	6.7%	5.6%	6.0%	<b>23 Construction</b>	7.8%	6.5%	7.7%
<b>52 Finance and insurance</b>	6.1%	5.4%	3.7%	<b>48-49 Transportation and warehousing</b>	5.2%	6.0%	3.9%
<b>81 Other services (except public administration)</b>	3.5%	4.7%	7.7%	<b>61 Educational services</b>	8.5%	5.8%	4.7%
<b>31-33 Manufacturing</b>	4.0%	4.5%	6.0%	<b>52 Finance and insurance</b>	4.6%	5.1%	3.7%
<b>51 Information and cultural industries</b>	4.8%	3.9%	5.1%	<b>56 Administrative and support; waste management and remediation services</b>	4.1%	5.0%	5.8%

- Just as in the previous census period, Census 2016 shows that professional scientific and technical services, health care and social assistance and retail trade remained the top three sectors for immigrants in the District and Metro Vancouver: 39.5% of the District's immigrants and 31.8% of the region's immigrants worked in these three sectors.
- For 14.8% of the District's recent immigrant labour force, professional, scientific and technical services ranked at the top sector in 2015., replacing the retail trade which was the largest sector for recent immigrants in 2010. The District also had a notably larger proportion of recent immigrants working in professional, scientific and technical services sector than Metro Vancouver (10.8%).
- The District had a larger proportion of its labour force working in the educational services sector than Metro Vancouver, while recent immigrants were still least likely to be employed in this sector. In 2015, 9.4% of the District's Canadian born labour force, 8.0% of its total immigrants and 4.0% of its recent immigrants worked in this sector, compared to 8.5% for Canadian born, 5.8% for total immigrants and 4.7% for recent immigrants in Metro Vancouver.



# INCOME (CENSUS 2016)

## TOTAL INCOME IN 2015 FOR INDIVIDUALS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

	North Vancouver, District			Metro Vancouver		
	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
<b>Population aged 15 years and over</b>	70,170	25,415	2,635	2,064,585	952,340	122,620
<b>Average income \$</b>	\$66,722	\$54,685	\$41,557	\$46,821	\$40,437	\$28,845
<b>Median income \$</b>	\$42,584	\$35,530	\$20,216	\$32,612	\$27,642	\$19,625
<b>Prevalence of low income in 2015, based on after-tax low-income measure (%)</b>	10%	17%	35.9%	16.5%	20.5%	33.5%

- In 2015, the median income of the District of North Vancouver's recent immigrant population was \$20,216, notably less than the median income of \$35,530 for the immigrant population and \$42,584 within the District's total population.
- In general, the District's labour force earned notably more than their counterparts in Metro Vancouver, while recent immigrants displayed a marginal difference. In 2015, the median income of the District's total population was 30.5% more than their counterparts in Metro Vancouver, while the District's total immigrants earned 28.5% more than Metro Vancouver's immigrants, but its recent immigrants earned only 3% more than those in the region.
- The District's labour force earned notably more in 2015 than in 2010. Census 2016 shows that the District's total population earned 15.6% more from \$36,832 in 2010, total immigrants earned 15.4% more than the 2010 level (\$30,790), and recent immigrants earned 13.0% more than their median income (\$17,890) in 2010.
- Census 2016 shows that recent immigrants were more likely to live on a low income. In 2015, 35.9% of the District's recent immigrant population aged 15 years and over were in the low-income bracket, significantly higher than 17% of the total immigrant population and 10% of the District's total population. Overall, the District had a slightly smaller proportion of low-income residents than Metro Vancouver, except for its recent immigrants.
- The District had a 1% reduction in low-income residents from 11% for its total population in 2010. But the proportion of low-income immigrants edged up from 16.4% of total immigrants and 35.4% of recent immigrants in 2010 to 17% and 35.9% respectively.

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

	North Vancouver, District			Metro Vancouver		
	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
<b>Population aged 15 years and over</b>	70,160	25,415	2,635	2,064,615	952,340	122,620
<b>Population who worked full year, full time and with employment income in 2010</b>	21,585	6,825	640	637,390	258,940	25,630
<b>Average income \$</b>	\$96,818	\$83,779	\$82,959	\$67,916	\$61,567	\$53,737
<b>Median income \$</b>	\$71,532	\$65,083	\$60,008	\$54,955	\$49,407	\$41,559

- About 24.3% of the District of North Vancouver's recent immigrants worked full time for a full year with employment income in 2015, noticeably lower than 26.9% for the District's total immigrants and 30.8% of its total labour force.
- In 2015, the District had a comparable proportion of full year and full-time labour force participants with the Metro Vancouver region, except for its recent immigrant population which had a noticeably larger proportion of full-time workers than the rest of the region. In Metro Vancouver 20.9% of recent immigrants, 27.2% of its total immigrants and 30.9% of its total population worked full time and for a full year.
- Compared with the 2006-11 census period, there were fewer full time jobs for the District's labour force except for its recent immigrants. NHS 2011 reported that 22.2% of recent immigrants, 28.9% of immigrant workers and 32.6% of the District's total labour force worked full time and for a full year in 2010.
- In 2015, the District's recent immigrants who worked full time and for a full year earned \$60,008, about 16.2% less than the median income of the District's total full-time labour force (\$71,532). The District's total full-time immigrant workers made about 9.1% less than the District's total population.
- The District's labour force earned significantly more in 2015 than 2010. Census 2016 shows 38.5% growth in median income for the District's recent immigrants, 14.2% for its total immigrants and 15.3% for its total population.

# 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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