



# IMMIGRANT DEMOGRAPHICS WEST VANCOUVER, B.C.

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# WEST VANCOUVER

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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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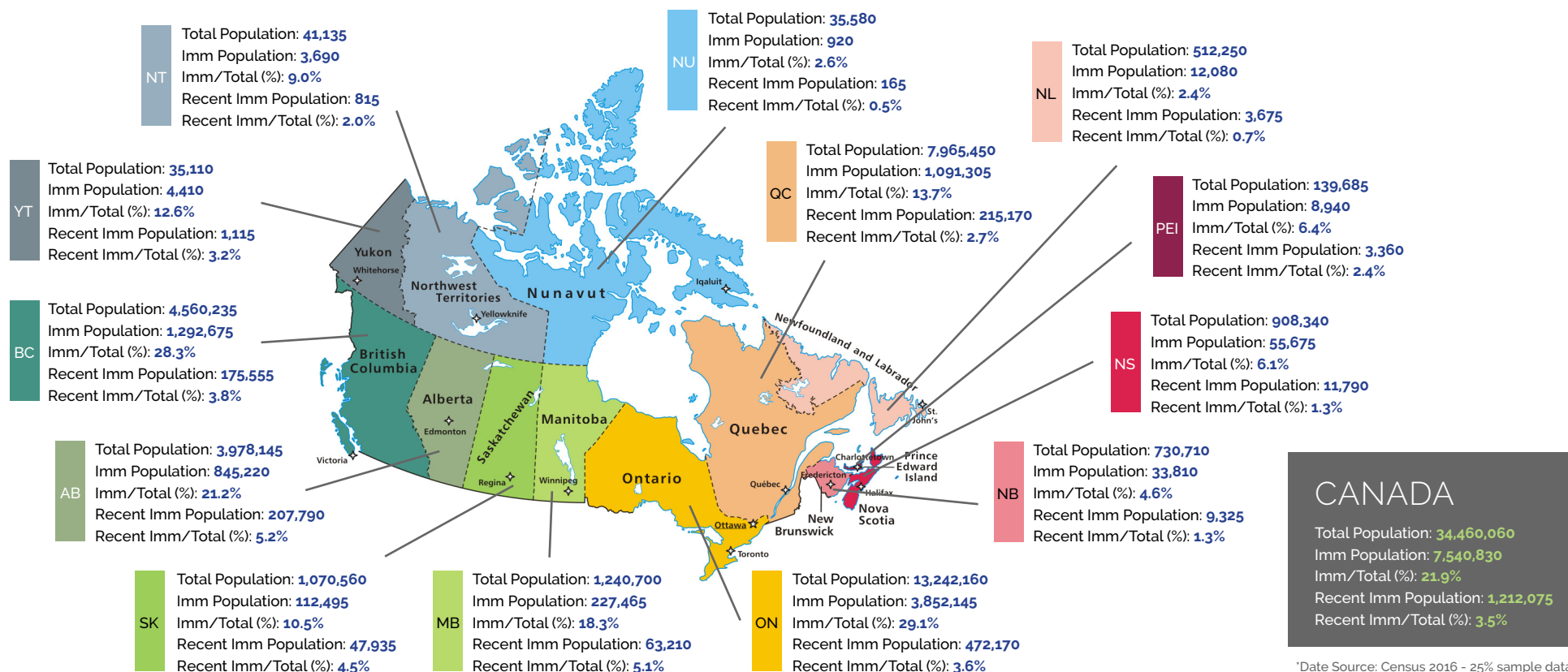
The District of West Vancouver is located northwest of the City of Vancouver on the northern side of English Bay and on the southeast shore of Howe Sound. It is bordered by the District of North Vancouver to its east and unincorporated mountainous areas to the north.

The West Vancouver Memorial Library has 1 location.



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%
North Vancouver, District	84,875	1.8%	26,505	31.2%	3,240	3.8%	1,535	6.1%
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%
<b>West Vancouver, District</b>	<b>41,680</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>18,615</b>	<b>44.7%</b>	<b>2,940</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>8.7%</b>
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%

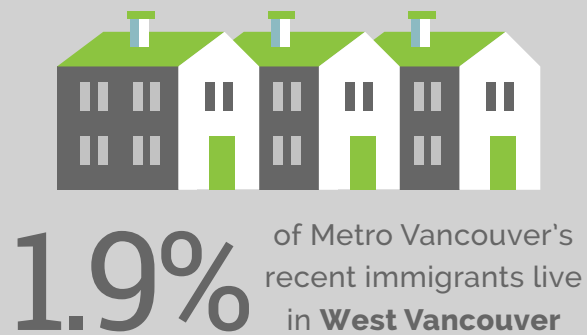
Note: Table ordered by number of total immigrants.

\* Data Source: Census 2016 - 25% sample data; NHS 2011



# POPULATION AND IMMIGRATION – MAINLAND / SOUTHWEST BC (CENSUS 2016 AND NHS 2011)

- In 2016, West Vancouver had 41,680 residents, of which 18,615 were immigrants. These represented 1.7% and 1.9% of Metro Vancouver's total and immigrant population respectively. The North Shore (District of North Vancouver, City of North Vancouver and District of West Vancouver combined) had 178,740 residents and 65,050 immigrants, representing 7.4% and 6.6% of Metro Vancouver's total and immigrant population respectively.
- West Vancouver recorded growth of 8.7% in its immigrant population between 2011 and 2016, slightly higher than the 8.3% for Metro Vancouver. West Vancouver saw a decline of 0.5% in its total population, compared to an increase of 6.5% in Metro Vancouver's total population.
- 81.2% of B.C.'s recent immigrants lived in the Metro Vancouver region. Of which 80% resided in the five most populous cities: Vancouver (26.2%), Surrey (25.5%), Burnaby (11.3%), Richmond (10.7%) and Coquitlam (6.7%).
- The District of West Vancouver received 2,940 recent immigrants in the 2011-16 census period, almost double the net increase of its total immigrant population of 1,485 over the same period.



# POPULATION AND IMMIGRATION TRENDS: WEST VANCOUVER

## IMMIGRATION TRENDS (2001 - 2016)

West Vancouver				Metro Vancouver		
	Immigrants**				Immigrants	
	Total Population*	Number	% of Total Population	Total Population*	Number	% of Total Population
<b>2016</b>	42,473	18,610	44.7%	2,463,431	989,540	40.8%
<b>2011</b>	42,694	17,125	40.7%	2,313,328	913,310	40.0%
<b>2006</b>	42,131	15,455	36.7%	2,116,581	831,265	39.6%
<b>2001</b>	41,421	14,775	35.7%	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 West Vancouver had 18,610 immigrant residents, representing 44.7% of its total population which was higher than Metro Vancouver's regional level of 40.8%.
- During the 2011-16 census period, West Vancouver saw a slowdown in both total population (-0.5%) and immigrant population (8.7%) growth when compared to the increases in its total population (1.3%) and immigrant population (10.8%) in the previous census period (2006-2011).
- In past census periods, immigration was an important driver of population growth for West Vancouver. Since 2001, the District has had an increase of 26% (3,835) in its immigrant population, compared to a decline of 10% (-2,783) for the District's Canadian born population. Over the same period, Metro Vancouver 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 West Vancouver's recent immigrants made up 15.8% (2,940) of its immigrant population, slightly higher than Metro Vancouver's regional level of 14.4%.
- Compared to the 2006-11 census period, Census 2016 shows both the District and the Metro Vancouver region received slightly fewer recent immigrants. Census 2011 showed that 2,995 and 155,125 recent immigrants lived in West Vancouver and Metro Vancouver, respectively.

	West Vancouver		Metro Vancouver	
	#	%	#	%
<b>Total Immigrants</b>	18,610	100%	989,540	100.0%
<b>2011 to 2016</b>	2,940	15.8%	142,535	14.4%
<b>2006 to 2010</b>	3,195	17.2%	143,580	14.5%
<b>2001 to 2005</b>	2,105	11.3%	124,890	12.6%
<b>1991 to 2000</b>	3,270	17.6%	247,835	25.0%
<b>1981 to 1990</b>	1,730	9.3%	120,730	12.2%
<b>Before 1981</b>	5,375	28.9%	209,975	21.2%

## POPULATION BY AGE AT IMMIGRATION (CENSUS 2016 AND NHS 2011)

- In general, Canada's immigration policy results in the arrival of many "working age" immigrants. Between 2011 and 2016, about 51.7% of West Vancouver's recent immigrants were between the ages of 15 and 44 upon arrival in Canada, notably lower than the Metro Vancouver's regional level (62.7%), and also marginally less than the District's level of 51.9% for the 2006-11 census period.
- Compared with the 2006-11 census period, the District of West Vancouver received a greater proportion of immigrants aged 45 and over, and a smaller proportion of immigrants aged 14 and younger: 19.9% (Census 2016) vs. 17.2% (NHS 2011) for the age group of 45 years and over, 28.6% (Census 2016) vs. 31.2% for the age group of 14 years and younger.

	West Vancouver				Metro Van	
	Census 2016		NHS 2011		Census 2016	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	2,940	100%	2,995	100%	142,530	100.0%
<b>Under 5 years</b>	270	9.2%	270	9.0%	8,370	5.9%
<b>5 to 14 years</b>	570	19.4%	665	22.2%	16,365	11.5%
<b>15 to 24 years</b>	300	10.2%	315	10.5%	19,855	13.9%
<b>25 to 44 years</b>	1,220	41.5%	1,240	41.4%	69,485	48.8%
<b>45 years and over</b>	585	19.9%	515	17.2%	28,450	20.0%

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

Canada			British Columbia			Metro Vancouver			West Vancouver					
	#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%
<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>	18,615	100%	<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	2,940	100%
<b>Philippines</b>	188,805	15.6%	<b>China</b>	38,105	21.7%	<b>China</b>	35,890	25.2%	<b>China</b>	4,365	23.4%	<b>China</b>	1,305	44.4%
<b>India</b>	147,190	12.1%	<b>India</b>	27,455	15.6%	<b>India</b>	21,380	15.0%	<b>Iran</b>	3,635	19.5%	<b>Iran</b>	775	26.4%
<b>China</b>	129,015	10.6%	<b>Philippines</b>	26,685	15.2%	<b>Philippines</b>	20,200	14.2%	<b>United Kingdom</b>	2,510	13.5%	<b>United States</b>	140	4.8%
<b>Iran</b>	42,075	3.5%	<b>Iran</b>	8,645	4.9%	<b>Iran</b>	8,315	5.8%	<b>United States</b>	815	4.4%	<b>Philippines</b>	105	3.6%
<b>Pakistan</b>	41,480	3.4%	<b>Korea, South</b>	8,030	4.6%	<b>Korea, South</b>	6,635	4.7%	<b>Hong Kong</b>	655	3.5%	<b>United Kingdom</b>	90	3.1%
<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>Korea, South</b>	565	3.0%	<b>Korea, South</b>	65	2.2%
<b>Syria</b>	29,950	2.5%	<b>United States</b>	6,490	3.7%	<b>United Kingdom</b>	3,850	2.7%	<b>Germany</b>	515	2.8%	<b>Hong Kong</b>	40	1.4%
<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>	405	2.2%	<b>Taiwan</b>	40	1.4%
<b>France</b>	24,150	2.0%	<b>Taiwan</b>	2,500	1.4%	<b>Mexico</b>	2,295	1.6%	<b>Taiwan</b>	375	2.0%	<b>Ukraine</b>	40	1.4%
<b>Korea, South</b>	21,710	1.8%	<b>Japan</b>	2,290	1.3%	<b>Iraq</b>	1,850	1.3%	<b>Philippines</b>	330	1.8%	<b>South Africa, Republic of</b>	35	1.2%
<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>	4,445	23.9%	<b>Other places</b>	305	10.1%

- Like in B.C. and Metro Vancouver, China was the single largest source country of both recent immigrants and total immigrants for West Vancouver. Nationally, the Philippines was the largest source country for recent immigrants to Canada.
- In 2016, 44.4% of the District's recent immigrants and 23.4% of its total immigrants came from China, significantly more than those from the District's second largest source country – Iran where 26.4% of West Vancouver's recent immigrants and 19.5% of total immigrants came from.
- In 2016, West Vancouver had a much smaller proportion of visible minorities (36.4%) compared to Metro Vancouver (48.9%). People of Chinese (18.4%) and West Asian (8.9%) descent were the two largest visible minority groups in the District. Among recent immigrants, 81.8% reported as a visible minority; led by people of Chinese (48.0%), West Asian (24.7%), and a distant third – people of Filipino (3.7%) 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.

	West Vancouver				Metro Vancouver			
	Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants		Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Total Immigrants</b>	13,425	100.0%	2,940	100%	794,150	100.0%	142,530	100.0%
<b>Economic Immigrants</b>	10,885	81.1%	2,525	85.9%	461,955	58.2%	89,850	63.0%
<b>Principal Applicants</b>	3,780	28.2%	795	27.0%	176,955	22.3%	38,630	27.1%
<b>Secondary Applicants</b>	7,105	52.9%	1,730	58.8%	285,000	35.9%	51,215	35.9%
<b>Immigrants Sponsored by Family</b>	1,955	14.6%	360	12.2%	249,920	31.5%	42,665	29.9%
<b>Refugees</b>	410	3.1%	40	1.4%	71,115	9.0%	9,260	6.5%
<b>Other Immigrants</b>	175	1.3%	15	0.5%	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.

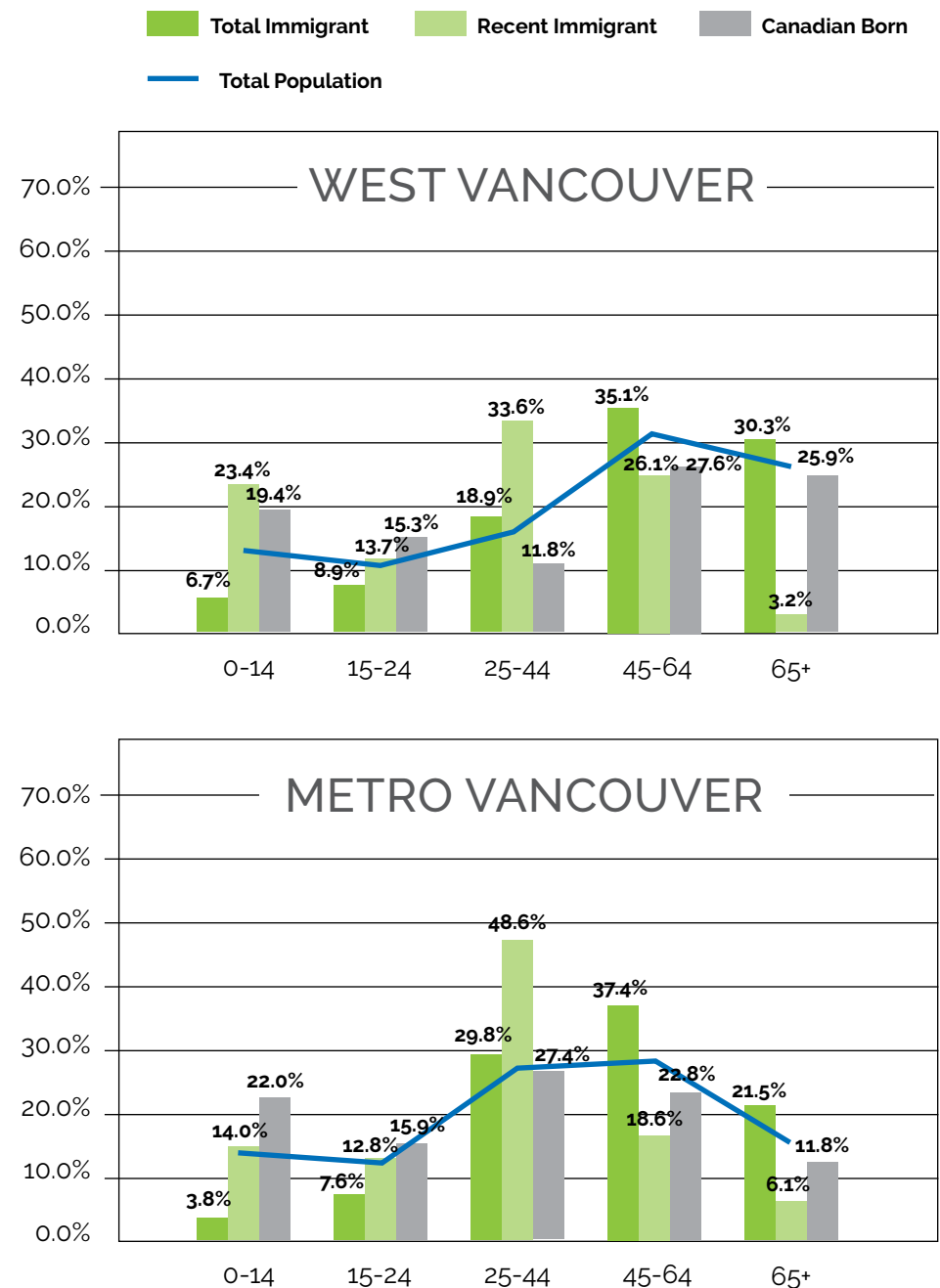
- Economic immigrants make up the vast majority of the immigrant population in West Vancouver. 81.1% of its total immigrant population and 85.9% of its recent immigrant population arrived under the economic class, significantly higher than Metro Vancouver's regional levels (58.2% of total immigrants and 63% of recent immigrants).
- In contrast, West Vancouver had a significantly smaller proportion of immigrants sponsored by family (14.6% vs. 31.5%) and refugees (3.1% vs. 9.0%) than Metro Vancouver.

## AGE DISTRIBUTION – WEST VANCOUVER (CENSUS 2016)

- Immigration is commonly viewed as a solution to Canada's aging population. In 2016, the average age of West Vancouver's recent immigrants was 32.7, compared to 51.4 for its total immigrants and 47.4 for the total population.
- In 2016, working age immigrants (25-64 years) made up 54.1% and 59.7% of the District's total immigrant and recent immigrant populations respectively, significantly higher than 39.4% of its Canadian born population.
- The District's recent immigrant population had a much larger proportion (23.4%) of young people between the ages of 0-14 than their immigrant (6.7%) and Canadian born peers (19.4%). In comparison, Metro Vancouver's Canadian born population had a larger proportion of young people (0-14 years).
- The District had a notably larger proportion of immigrant seniors (65 years or above) and Canadian born seniors than its recent immigrant population: 30.3% of immigrants and 25.9% of the Canadian born population were seniors, compared to 3.2% of West Vancouver's recent immigrants.

## AGE DISTRIBUTION - METRO VANCOUVER (CENSUS 2016)

- Compared with Metro Vancouver, the District of West Vancouver had a much younger recent immigrant population, but much older immigrant and Canadian born population: 32.7 was the average age in the District vs. 34.7 years in Metro Vancouver for recent immigrants, 51.4 vs. 49 for total immigrants, and 47.4 vs. 41 for total population.

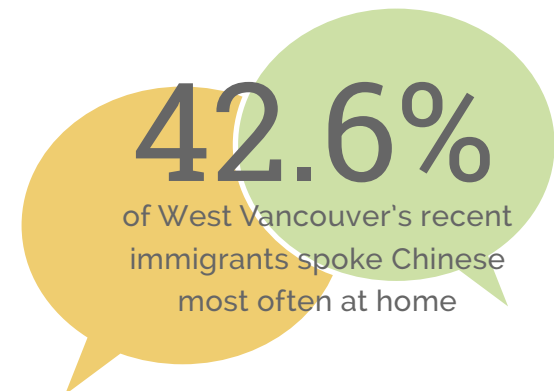


# LANGUAGE

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

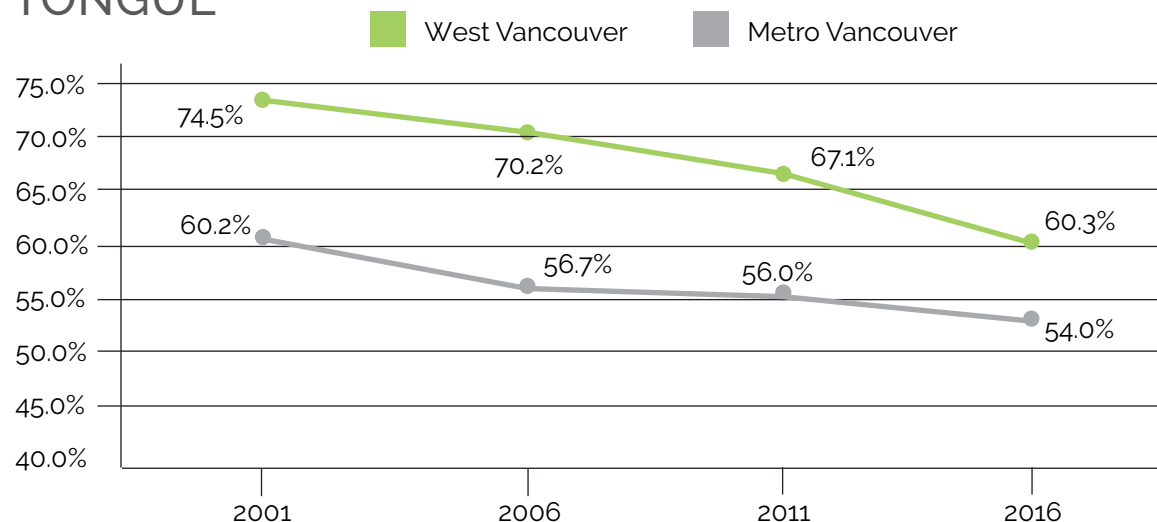
West Vancouver						Metro Vancouver	
	#	%		#	%	#	%
<b>Total Immigrants</b>	18,610	100%	<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	2,945	100%	<b>Recent Immigrants</b>	142,535 100.0%
<b>Non-Official Languages</b>	8,215	44.1%	<b>Non-Official Languages</b>	2,155	73.2%	<b>Non-Official Languages</b>	88,570 62.1%
<b>Mandarin</b>	3,600	19.3%	<b>Mandarin</b>	1,250	42.4%	<b>Mandarin</b>	26,905 18.9%
<b>Persian (Farsi)</b>	2,540	13.6%	<b>Persian (Farsi)</b>	675	22.9%	<b>Punjabi (Panjabi)</b>	12,940 9.1%
<b>Cantonese</b>	450	2.4%	<b>Korean</b>	60	2.0%	<b>Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)</b>	7,790 5.5%
<b>Korean</b>	390	2.1%	<b>Russian</b>	35	1.2%	<b>Persian (Farsi)</b>	7,055 4.9%
<b>Russian</b>	140	0.8%	<b>Ukrainian</b>	35	1.2%	<b>Cantonese</b>	6,095 4.3%
<b>Other Non-Official Languages</b>	1,095	5.9%	<b>Other Non-Official Languages</b>	100	3.5%	<b>Other Non-Official Languages</b>	27,785 19.4%

- In 2016, close to three quarters (73.2%) of West Vancouver's recent immigrants spoke non-official languages most often at home, significantly more than 62.1% for Metro Vancouver's recent immigrants, and 43.5% for the District's total immigrant population.
- 42.6% of West Vancouver's recent immigrants spoke Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese and Chinese n.o.s. combined) most often at home, significantly more than the District's total immigrants (22.3%) and recent immigrants in Metro Vancouver (23.9%).
- In the 2016 Census, West Vancouver saw an increase in its non-official language speaking immigrant population, compared to the 2006-11 census period when 67.6% of recent immigrants and 37.3% of total immigrants spoke non-official languages often at home in 2011.



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

- Although at a higher level than Metro Vancouver, West Vancouver experienced a larger decline in its population with English only as a mother tongue. Census 2016 reported a decline of 14.2% from 74.5% in 2001 to 60.3% in 2016 for the District, compared to a drop of 6.2% from 60.2% in 2001 to 54.0% in 2016 for the Region.



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

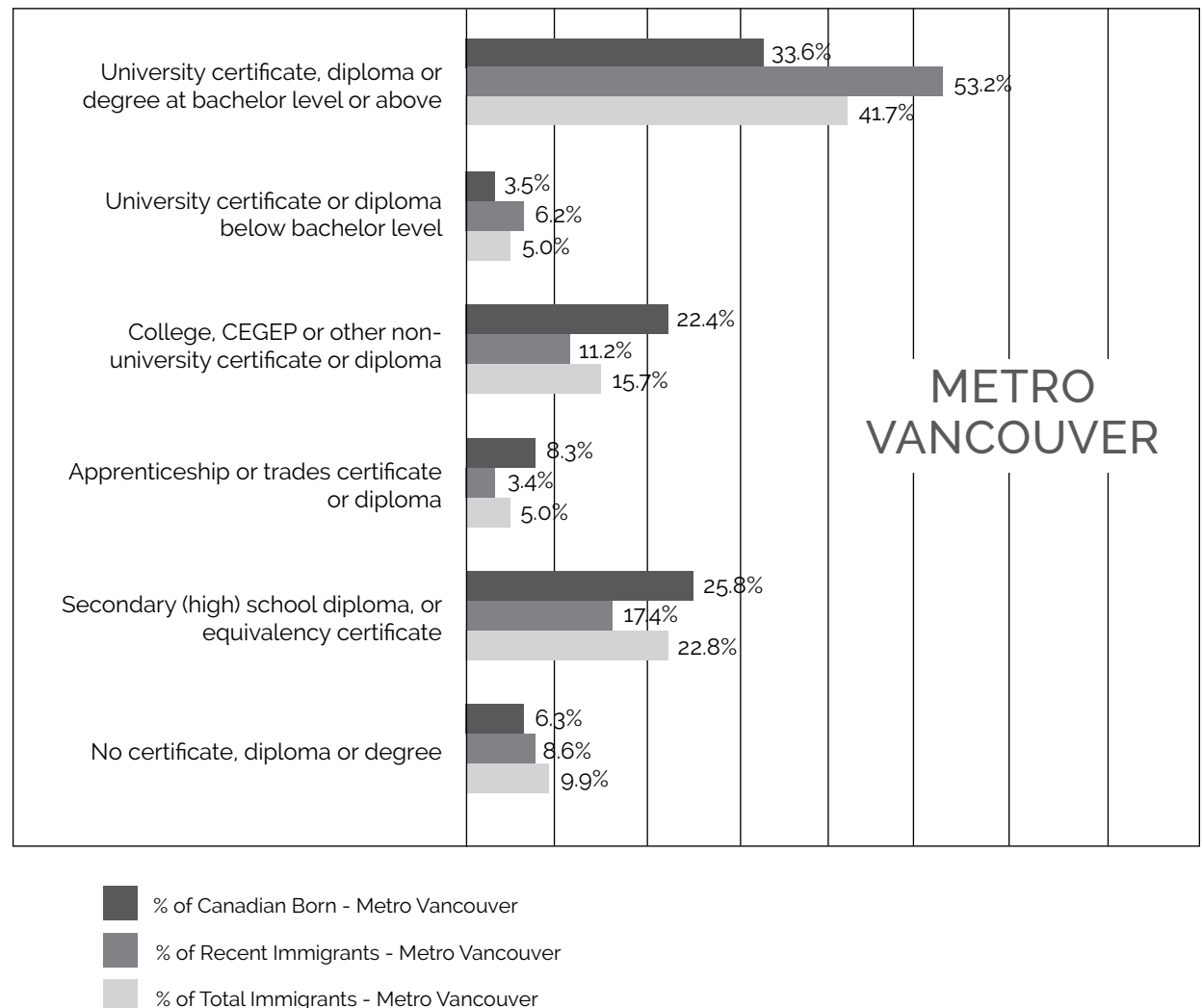
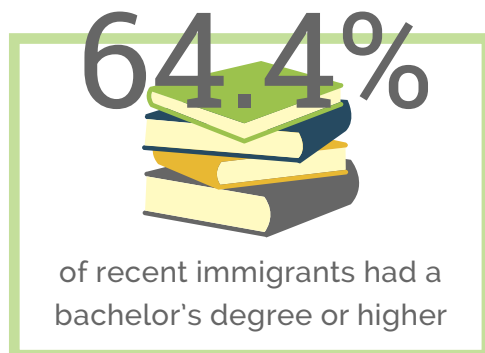
- In 2016, close to a quarter (24.2%) of West Vancouver's recent immigrants spoke non-official languages often at work, noticeably larger than Metro Vancouver's regional level of 17.8%, but less than the District's 2011 rate of 32.3%.
- As in the 2011 Census, Mandarin (19.5%) remained the most often non-official language spoken at work by the District's recent immigrants in 2016.

West Vancouver				Metro Vancouver	
Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants		Recent Immigrants	
Non-Official Languages	10.2%	Non-Official Languages	24.2%	Non-Official Languages	17.8%
Mandarin	7.0%	Mandarin	19.5%	Mandarin	6.9%
Persian(Farsi)	1.6%	Persian(Farsi)	3.5%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	4.5%
Korean	0.5%	Japanese	0.9%	Cantonese	2.4%

# EDUCATION LEVEL (CENSUS 2016)

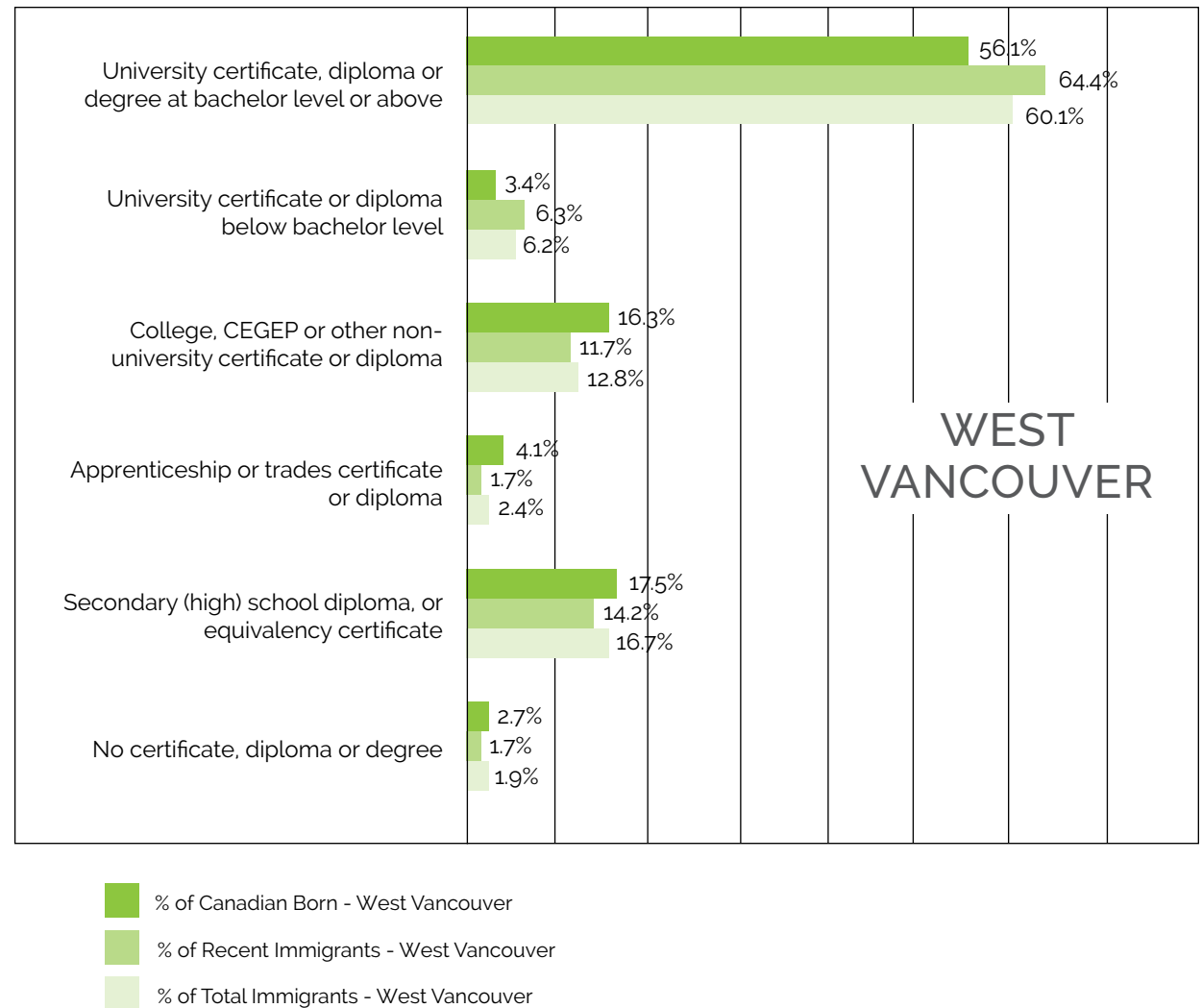
## HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION - BY % OF POPULATION AGED 25 TO 64 YEARS

- The District's Canadian born population reported higher levels of educational attainment in apprenticeship and trades as well as in the high school or equivalency categories. While immigrants and recent immigrants reported higher levels of educational attainment in college and university certificates, diplomas or degrees.
- West Vancouver is one of the best educated municipalities in Metro Vancouver. In 2016, 64.4% of West Vancouver's recent immigrants between the ages of 25 to 64 had a bachelor's degree or higher, significantly higher than the proportion of total immigrants (60.1%) and their Canadian born counterparts (56.1%), and also 11% higher than Metro Vancouver's recent immigrants (53.2%).





- Between 2011 and 2016, the proportion of college and university educated recent immigrants in the District fell by 2.3%, compared to an increase of 2.5% for its total population and no change among its total immigrant population.
- Like West Vancouver, 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

	West Vancouver			Metro Vancouver		
	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
<b>Total population aged 15 years and over</b>	18,445	17,360	2,255	1,112,275	952,340	122,615
<b>In the labour force</b>	10,315	8,225	1,075	769,910	585,610	80,025
<b>Participation rate (%)</b>	55.9%	47.4%	47.7%	69.2%	61.5%	65.3%
<b>Employment rate (%)</b>	52.8%	44.8%	43.9%	65.3%	57.8%	59.2%
<b>Unemployment rate (%)</b>	5.7%	5.3%	7.4%	5.7%	5.9%	9.3%

8,225 

**IMMIGRANTS IN  
WEST VANCOUVER'S  
LABOUR FORCE (2015)**

- In 2015 there were 8,225 immigrants and 1,075 recent immigrants in West Vancouver's labour force. Immigrants and recent immigrants represented 44.4% and 5.8% of the District's labour force respectively, slightly more than the corresponding rates of 40.0% and 5.1% in 2010 (NHS 2011).
- 7.4% of West Vancouver's recent immigrants were unemployed in 2015, higher than its total immigrant labour force (5.3%) and their Canadian born counterparts (5.7%). The District also recorded a noticeable decrease in unemployment from the 2006-11 census period when 11.6% of recent immigrants, 6.9% of total immigrants and 7.2 of its Canadian born labour force were unemployed.
- Compared to the Metro Vancouver region, the District of West Vancouver's immigrants reported slightly better unemployment rates in 2015, while its Canadian born labour force had the same unemployment rate with those in the region: 7.4% in the District vs. 9.3% in the region for recent immigrants, 5.3% vs. 5.9% for total immigrants, and 5.7% vs. 5.7% for the Canadian born population.

# OCCUPATION DISTRIBUTION (CENSUS 2016)

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

	West Vancouver				Metro Vancouver		
	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants		Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
<b>54 Professional, scientific and technical services</b>	17.8%	18.9%	19.5%	<b>44-45 Retail trade</b>	11.1%	11.0%	12.2%
<b>62 Health care and social assistance</b>	10.0%	11.3%	6.5%	<b>62 Health care and social assistance</b>	9.6%	10.9%	7.7%
<b>44-45 Retail trade</b>	8.1%	10.0%	11.6%	<b>54 Professional; scientific and technical services</b>	9.8%	9.9%	10.8%
<b>52 Finance and insurance</b>	7.1%	8.0%	7.4%	<b>72 Accommodation and food services</b>	7.6%	9.0%	13.0%
<b>53 Real estate and rental and leasing</b>	6.4%	7.5%	2.3%	<b>31-33 Manufacturing</b>	5.1%	7.7%	7.2%
<b>61 Educational services</b>	8.3%	6.4%	6.5%	<b>23 Construction</b>	7.8%	6.5%	7.7%
<b>23 Construction</b>	5.2%	6.0%	8.4%	<b>48-49 Transportation and warehousing</b>	5.2%	6.0%	3.9%
<b>72 Accommodation and food services</b>	6.4%	4.9%	7.9%	<b>61 Educational services</b>	8.5%	5.8%	4.7%
<b>41 Wholesale trade</b>	3.2%	4.1%	2.3%	<b>52 Finance and insurance</b>	4.6%	5.1%	3.7%
<b>81 Other services (except public administration)</b>	3.8%	3.5%	7.0%	<b>56 Administrative and support; waste management and remediation services</b>	4.1%	5.0%	5.8%

- Professional scientific and technical services, health care and social assistance and retail trade were the three largest sectors for immigrants in both West Vancouver and Metro Vancouver. In 2016, 40.2% of the District's total immigrants and 31.8% of the Region's total immigrants worked in these three sectors.
- Professional, scientific and technical services remained the largest sector for West Vancouver's labour force in 2015, regardless of immigration status. 19.5% of the District's recent immigrants, 18.9% of its total immigrants and 17.8% of its Canadian born residents worked in this sector in 2015, significantly higher than Metro Vancouver's levels: 10.8% for the region's recent immigrants, 9.9% for its total immigrants and 9.8% for its Canadian born residents.

# INCOME (CENSUS 2016)

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

	West Vancouver			Metro Vancouver		
	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
<b>Population aged 15 years and over</b>	35,805	17,365	2,255	2,064,585	952,340	122,620
<b>Average income \$</b>	\$97,814	\$74,709	\$47,292	\$46,821	\$40,437	\$28,845
<b>Median income \$</b>	\$40,550	\$31,853	\$17,686	\$32,612	\$27,642	\$19,625
<b>Prevalence of low income in 2015, based on after-tax low-income measure (%)</b>	18.3%	25.9%	47.4%	16.5%	20.5%	33.5%

- In 2015, the median income of West Vancouver's recent immigrant population was \$17,686, notably less than the median income of \$31,853 for the immigrant population and \$40,550 within the District's total population.
- In general, West Vancouver's labour force earned notably more than their counterparts in Metro Vancouver, except for its recent immigrants. In 2015, the District's total population earned 24.3% more than their counterparts in Metro Vancouver, and its total immigrant population earned 15.2% more than Metro Vancouver's immigrants, but its recent immigrants earned 10% less than those in the region.
- West Vancouver's residents reported a higher median income in 2015 than 2010, with recent immigrants experiencing the biggest increase. Census 2016 shows an increase of 19.6% from \$14,793 in 2010 for recent immigrants, 10.9% increase from \$36,574 for the total population, but only 3.8% growth from \$30,687 for its total immigrants.
- Census 2016 shows that recent immigrants were more likely to live on a low income. In 2015, 47.4% of West Vancouver's recent immigrant population aged 15 years and over were in the low-income bracket, compared with 25.9% of the total immigrant population and 18.3% of the District's total population. Overall, the District had noticeably larger proportions of low-income residents than Metro Vancouver, regardless of their immigration status.
- West Vancouver has seen slight increases in the percentages of low-income residents since 2011 when 45.5% of recent immigrants, 22.2% of immigrants and 14.8% of the total population lived on a low income.

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

	West Vancouver			Metro Vancouver		
	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
<b>Population aged 15 years and over</b>	35,805	17,360	2,255	2,064,615	952,340	122,620
<b>Population who worked full year, full time and with employment income in 2010</b>	6,840	2,770	345	637,390	258,940	25,630
<b>Average income \$</b>	\$142,402	\$124,483	\$86,751	\$67,916	\$61,567	\$53,737
<b>Median income \$</b>	\$70,535	\$60,618	\$41,990	\$54,955	\$49,407	\$41,559

- About 15.3% of West Vancouver's recent immigrants worked full-time for a full year with employment income in 2015, slightly lower than 16.0% of the District's total immigrants and 19.1% of its total labour force.
- In 2015, West Vancouver had significantly smaller proportions of full year and full-time labour force participants than Metro Vancouver where 20.9% of the region's 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 2006-11 census period, Census 2016 shows fewer full-time job opportunities for West Vancouver's residents, except for its recent immigrants who recorded slightly more full-time jobs. NHS 2011 reported that 14.6% of recent immigrants, 20.0% of immigrant workers and 23.3% of the total labour force worked-full time and for a full year in 2010.
- In 2015, West Vancouver's recent immigrants who worked full time and for a full year earned \$41,990, about 40% less than the median income of the District's total full-time labour force (\$70,535). The District's total full-time immigrant workers made about 14% less than the District's total population.
- The District's labour force earned noticeably less in 2015 than 2010 except its recent immigrants. Census 2016 shows a drop of 4.4% in employment median income for the District's total labour force, a plunge of 16.5% for its total immigrants, but a gain of 5.8% for its recent immigrants.



# 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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