

WHO ARE SURREY'S NEWCOMERS?

In 2016, Canada admitted **296,346** immigrants & refugees
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)



Starting in 2018, the Government of Canada will adopt a multi-year immigration levels plan. Canada will welcome close to **1,000,000** new immigrants and refugees between 2018 and 2020.
Source: IRCC

Over the past decade an average of **38,484** new immigrants and refugees have settled in BC annually. Between 2011 and 2016, **17%** of all BC newcomers came to Surrey.
Source: Province of BC, 2016 Census

Surrey receives more Government Assisted Refugees (GARs) than any other BC municipality.

Over the past five years Surrey has received an average of **381** GARs annually – almost **36%** of the BC total.
Source: ISSofBC

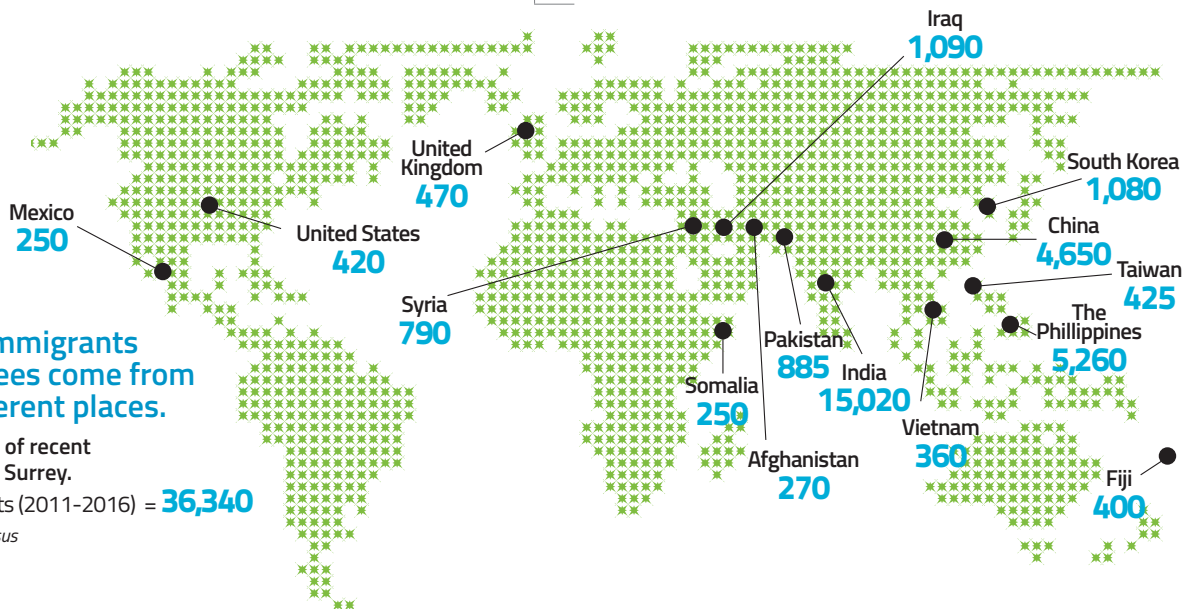
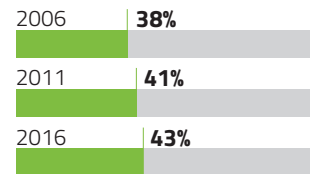
Population of Surrey
Source: 2016 Census

517,887

Population born outside of Canada
Source: 2016 Census

220,155

Immigrants as a percentage of Surrey's population



Surrey's immigrants and refugees come from many different places.

Place of origin of recent immigrants to Surrey.
Total immigrants (2011-2016) = **36,340**
Source: 2016 Census

GLOSSARY

Newcomers refers to immigrants and refugees.

Immigrants refers to persons born outside of Canada who have become landed immigrants and have permanent resident status.

Recent Immigrants refers to those who arrived during the 2011-2016 Census period.

Refugees are persons who have been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution or natural disaster.

Government Assisted Refugees (GARs) are persons who before their arrival in Canada have been sponsored by the Government of Canada. They receive financial and other supports for up to one year.

Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSRs) are persons selected from abroad by a private sponsor who agrees to provide financial and other support for one year.

Asylum Seekers / Refugee Claimants are foreign nationals seeking protection at an in-land office or port of entry.
Sources: IRCC, ISSofBC

ABOUT THE SURREY LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

Established in 2014, Surrey's LIP is led by the City of Surrey and governed by a committee drawn from 30 community organizations working together to improve newcomer integration in Surrey.

SURREY'S NEWCOMERS

Newcomers come for many different reasons.



In BC between 2011 and 2016, general economic immigrants made up **62%** of newcomers. About **20%** came as skilled workers who sought better economic outcomes while replenishing the labour market.

Approximately **1/3** arrive as family members reuniting with their relatives.



Only about **6%** came as refugees who feared persecution or threats to their lives. However, in Surrey, the proportion was somewhat higher. In fact, Surrey receives more refugees than any other BC municipality.

Source: 2016 Census

And they speak many languages.



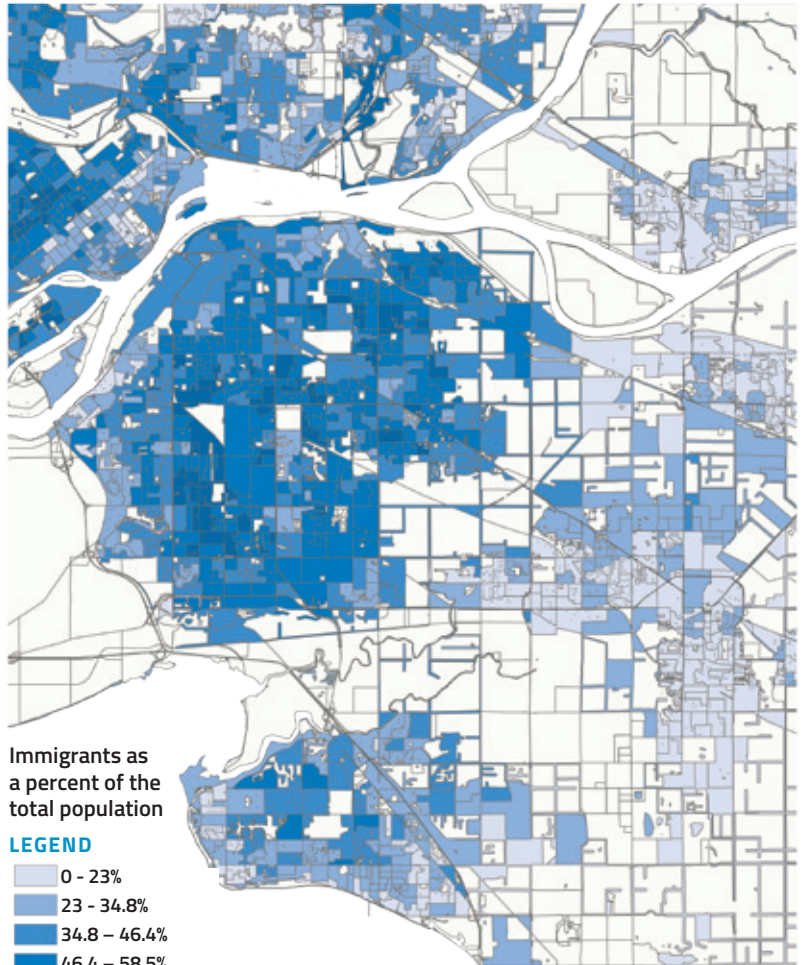
7/10 of Metro Vancouver's Punjabi "mother tongue" population lives in Surrey.

Top five languages most often spoken at home by immigrants in Surrey

15% Punjabi | **4%** Mandarin | **2%** Tagalog | **1%** Hindi | **1%** Korean

Source: 2016 Census

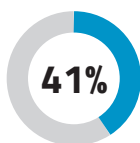
Immigrants are our neighbours.



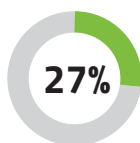
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Newcomers are young.

Percentage of Metro Vancouver residents between the ages of 15 and 34



Recent Immigrants

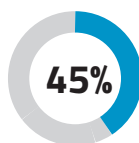


Canadian-born Residents

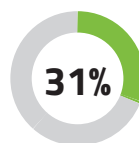
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They are well-educated.

Percentage of Metro Vancouver residents possessing a Bachelor's degree or higher



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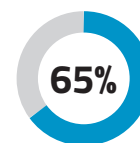


Total Residents

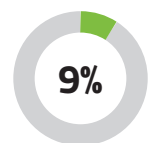
Source: 2016 Census

They work hard.

Labour force participation by recent immigrants



of newcomers are participating in the labour force



are unemployed

Source: 2016 Census