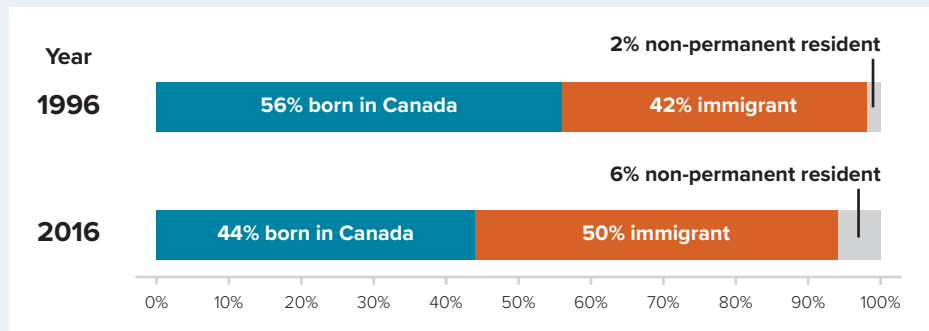


The City is embarking on an exciting project to renew the Burnaby Official Community Plan (OCP). The OCP will provide policy direction on how growth is managed and where people live, learn, work and play. Learn more about Burnaby's ethnically diverse community in this issue of Insights Reports.

Immigrant population in Burnaby

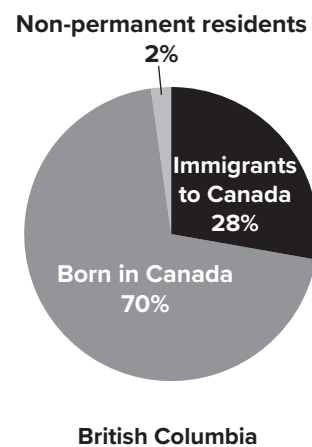
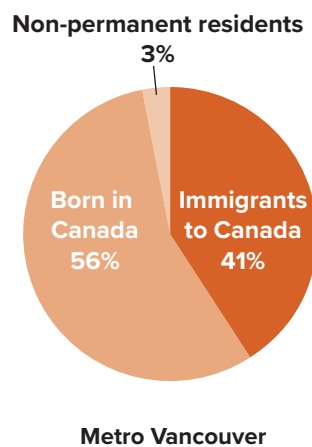
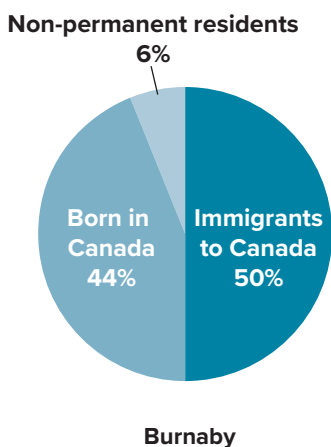
In the late 1990s, more than half of Burnaby's population was born in Canada. By 2016*, more than half of the city's population was born outside Canada.

**Note: 2021 Census data on immigration not yet released.*



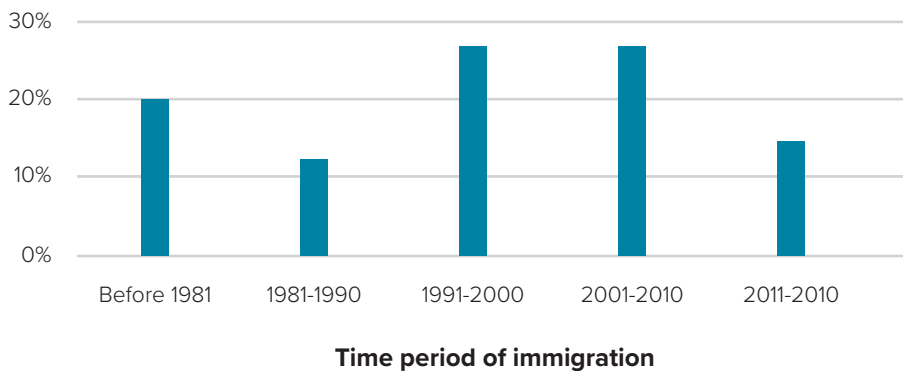
Burnaby's immigrant population is the second highest within the Metro Vancouver area, behind the City of Richmond where immigrants represent just over 60% of the population.

Proportion of immigrants in Burnaby, Metro Vancouver, and British Columbia (2016 Census)



Over half of Burnaby's immigrant population moved to Canada in the two decades between 1991 and 2010.

Burnaby's immigrant population by period of immigration to Canada

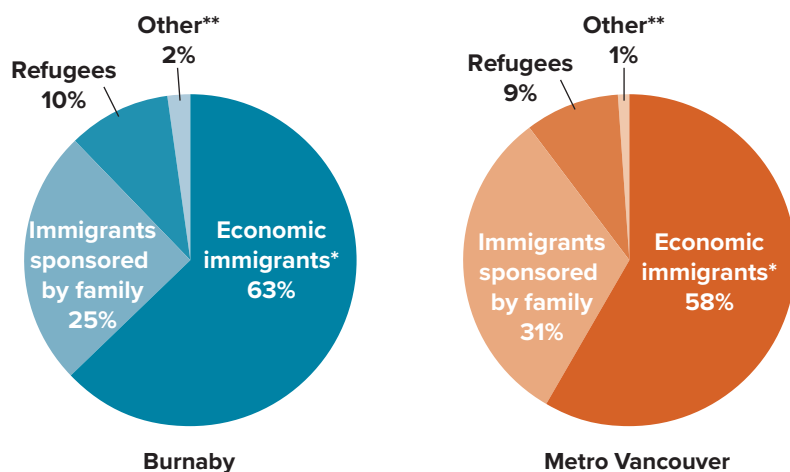


Why do people immigrate to Canada?

People immigrate to Canada for a variety of reasons. Some immigrants come to Canada to reunite with family members who settled here. Others come to start businesses or work in Canada, or as refugees seeking shelter from hardships at home.

Burnaby has a higher proportion of Economic Immigrants than the region as a whole.

Reasons for Immigrating to Canada (2016 Census)



Do we have housing choices that support newcomers?

* "Economic immigrants" includes immigrants who have been selected for their ability to contribute to Canada's economy through their ability to meet labour market needs to own and manage or to build a business to make a substantial investment to create their own employment or to meet specific provincial or territorial labour market needs.

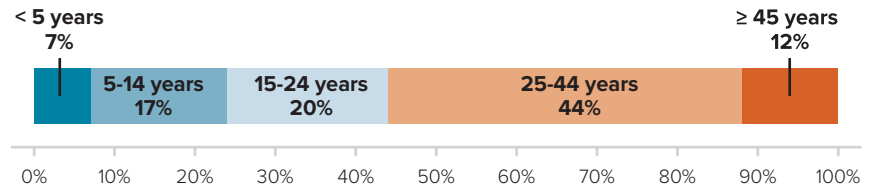
** "Other immigrants" includes immigrants who were granted permanent resident status under a program that does not fall under the economic immigrants, the immigrants sponsored by family or the refugee categories.



Age of immigration for the population settling in Burnaby

Most immigrants settling in Burnaby came to Canada in their prime working years between 15 and 44 years old.

Age at immigration for immigrants settling in Burnaby (2016 Census)



Immigrant share in Burnaby's labour force

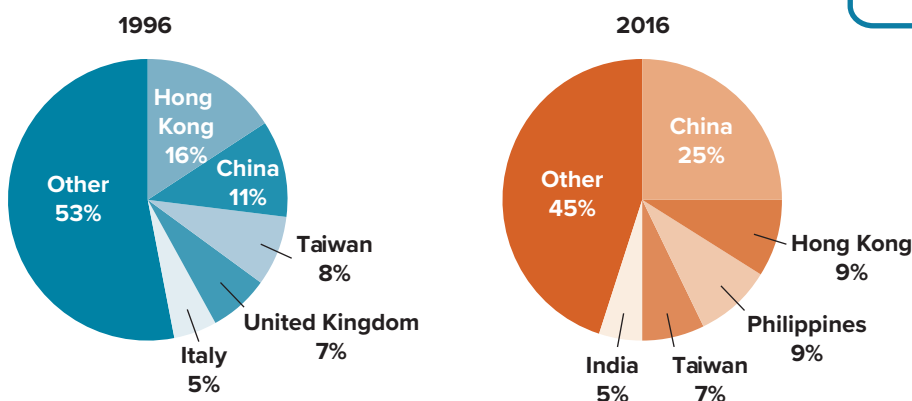
Immigrants make up more than half of Burnaby's labour force. Their unemployment rate is slightly lower than that of Canadian born Burnaby residents. However, the unemployment rate of recent immigrants is higher than that of the Canadian born population.

	Canadian born	Total immigrants	Recent immigrants*
Total population aged 15 years and over	87,685	111,340	13,970
In the labour force	57,840	67,975	9,075
Participation rate (%)	66.0%	61.1%	65.0%
Employment rate (%)	61.7%	57.2%	58.5%
Unemployment rate (%)	6.5%	6.3%	10.0%

* "Recent immigrants" refers to those who immigrated between 2011 and 2016.

Source: NewtoBC — Immigrant Demographics Burnaby BC — 2018 (data sourced from 2016 Census)

Top 5 countries of origin of people born outside Canada



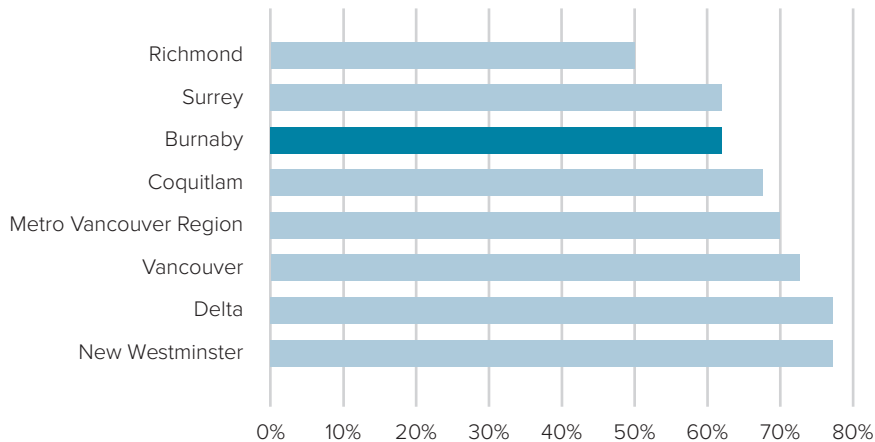
How can we support new-comers settling in Burnaby?



What languages do Burnaby residents use at home?

The proportion of Burnaby residents speaking English most often at home is lower than many other cities region-wide, and the region as a whole.

Percentage of population speaking English most often at home



Top 10 non-official languages Burnaby residents speak most often at home

1996

» Chinese**	16%
» Korean	2%
» Punjabi	2%
» Italian	1%
» Spanish	1%
» Polish	1%
» Japanese	1%
» Persian (Farsi)	1%
» Tagalog	1%
» Croatian	1%
» Other	5%

2021

» Mandarin	11%
» Cantonese	8%
» Korean	3%
» Tagalog	2%
» Spanish	1%
» Punjabi	1%
» Iranian Persian	1%
» Russian	1%
» Serbo-Croatian	1%
» Vietnamese	1%
» Portuguese	1%
» Other	7%

** 1996 Census did not break down Chinese language into subcategories.

Chinese languages remain the most frequent non-official languages most often spoken at home.

- » In 1996, 71% of Burnaby residents primarily spoke English at home.*
- » In 2021, the proportion of Burnaby residents who primarily speak English at home dropped to 62%.*

percentage of
population who speak
English at home:

71% vs **62%**
in 1996 in 2021

* 1996 and 2021 Census –single response
language spoken most often at home

