



COMMUNITY PROFILE
COQUITLAM

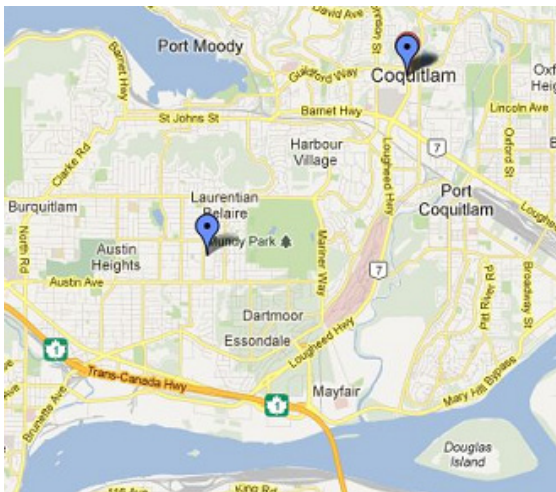
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IMMIGRANT DEMOGRAPHICS

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.

Coquitlam borders Burnaby and Port Moody to the west, New Westminster to the southwest, and Port Coquitlam to the southeast. Burke Mountain, Eagle Ridge, and Coquitlam Mountain form the northern boundary of the city.

The Coquitlam Public Library has two locations.



Map source: Google Maps

NOTES:

- Total population in each chart or table may vary slightly due to different data sources, i.e. National Household Survey (NHS) and censuses.
- Totals in each chart or table may vary slightly from simple addition of elements within due to rounding.
- Data source: Stats Canada National Household Survey (NHS) 2011, Census 2006 and 2011 profiles.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS:

Recent immigrants are immigrants who arrived in Canada between January 1, 2006 and May 10, 2011.

Metro Vancouver comprises 21 municipalities, one electoral district and one First Nation located in the southwest corner of British Columbia's mainland.

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.

Canada National Household Survey: Starting in 2011, information previously collected by the mandatory long-form census questionnaire is collected as part of the voluntary National Household Survey. Complementing the data collected by the census, the NHS is designed to provide information about people in Canada by their demographic, social and economic characteristics as well as provide information about the housing units in which they live.

POPULATION AND IMMIGRATION TRENDS (2011)

Immigration Trends (2001 - 2011)

- Census 2011 shows that Coquitlam had a total population of 126,456, an approximate increase of 10% between 2006 and 2011.
- In 2011 Coquitlam's immigrants represented 41.7% (52,080) of the total population.
- Coquitlam's immigrant population increased by 26.1% between 2001 and 2011, slightly higher than the increase of 23.7% for Metro Vancouver.
- From 2006 to 2011 approximately 1,466 immigrants settled annually in Coquitlam.

	Coquitlam			Metro Vancouver
	Total Population*	Immigrants**		Immigrants
		Number	% of Total Pop	% of Total Pop
2011	126,456	52,080	41.7%	40.0%
2006	114,565	44,750	39.1%	39.3%
2001	112,890	41,295	36.6%	37.2%

*Data source: Census 2011;

**Data source: NHS 2011 – Total population calculated in NHS 2011 is often less than the total population in the Census 2011 community profile. The percentage of immigrant population in 2011 was based on the total population in the NHS 2011 profile.

Immigrants by Period of Immigration (NHS 2011)

- NHS 2011 shows that there were 52,080 immigrants living in Coquitlam, of which 16% were recent immigrants. This was marginally lower than the share of 17% in Metro Vancouver.

	Coquitlam		Metro Vancouver	
	Total Immigrants		Total Immigrants	
	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	52,080	100%	913,310	100%
2006 to 2011	8,345	16.0%	155,125	17.0%
2001 to 2005	9,595	18.4%	137,750	15.1%
1991 to 2000	17,495	33.6%	264,910	29.0%
1981 to 1990	6,345	12.2%	126,010	13.8%
Before 1981	10,300	19.8%	229,520	25.1%

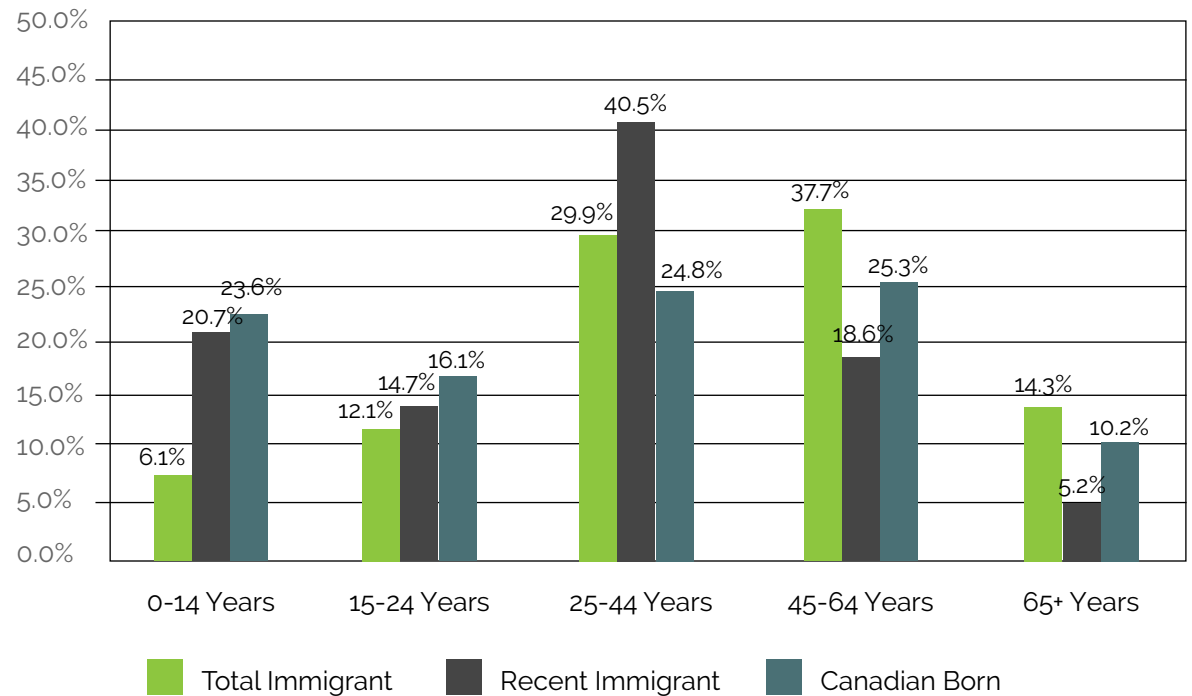
Immigrant Youth and Seniors by Period of Immigration (NHS 2011)

- In Coquitlam 19.5% of 6,290 immigrant youth (15-24 years) were recent immigrants. Moreover, recent immigrant youth made up 14.7% of the city's recent immigrant population of 8,345.
- About three-fifths (59.6%) of Coquitlam's 7,480 immigrant seniors were "long term" immigrant seniors who came to Canada before 1981. Recent immigrant seniors made up only 6% (450) of the immigrant senior population.

	Youth (15-24 Years)		Seniors (65+ Years)	
	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	6,290	100%	7,480	100%
2006 to 2011	1,225	19.5%	450	6.0%
2001 to 2005	1,990	31.6%	425	5.7%
1991 to 2000	2,825	44.9%	1,360	18.2%
1981 to 1990	255	4.1%	785	10.5%
Before 1981	0	0%	4,460	59.6%

Age Distribution – by % of Population in 2011

- In 2011 working age recent immigrants (25-64 years) made up of almost three-fifths of Coquitlam's recent immigrant population (40.5% of recent immigrants aged 25-44 years and 18.6% of recent immigrants aged 45-64 years respectively).
- The highest proportion of recent immigrants were of core working age (25 to 44 years). 40.5% of the recent immigrants in Coquitlam were aged 25 to 44 years, notably higher than the comparable proportion of Canadian-born residents (24.8%).



Population by Age at Immigration

- Approximate 60% of Coquitlam's 52,075 immigrants were between the ages of 15 and 44 years when they arrived in Canada.
- 43.9% of 8,345 recent immigrants were between the ages of 25 and 44 years (core working age) when they arrived in Canada.

	Number	%		Number	%
Total Immigrants	52,075	100%	Recent Immigrants	8,345	100%
Under 5 years	4,635	8.9%	Under 5 years	665	8.0%
5 to 14 years	9,895	19.0%	5 to 14 years	1,505	18.0%
15 to 24 years	9,025	17.3%	15 to 24 years	1,025	12.3%
25 to 44 years	22,730	43.6%	25 to 44 years	3,665	43.9%
45 years and over	5,800	11.1%	45 years and over	1,485	17.8%

Top 10 Places of Birth - by Total and Recent Immigrant Population

- South Korea, China, and Iran were the three most common source countries, for both the total and recent immigrant population. Moreover, the share of immigrants from these three countries increased significantly over the past five years, accounting for 45.8% of recent immigrants.

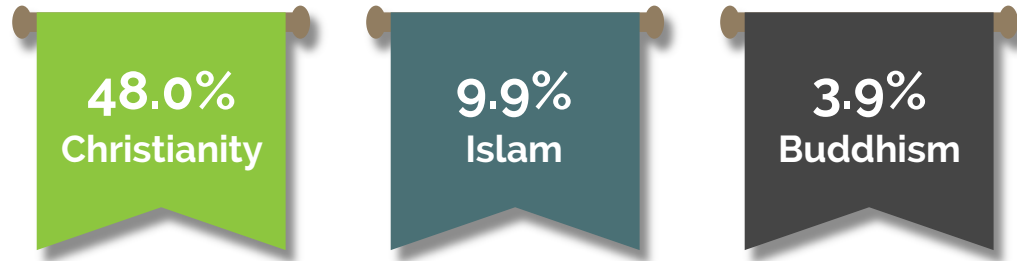
	Number	%		Number	%
Total Immigrants	52,075	100%	Recent Immigrants	8,345	100%
China	7,100	13.6%	South Korea	1,390	16.7%
Korea; South	5,890	11.3%	China	1,345	16.1%
Iran	4,965	9.5%	Iran	1,095	13.1%
Hong Kong SAR	4,570	8.8%	Philippines	970	11.6%
Philippines	3,660	7.0%	Taiwan	390	4.7%
United Kingdom	2,735	5.3%	Mexico	275	3.3%
Taiwan	2,290	4.4%	United States	240	2.9%
India	1,495	2.9%	United Kingdom	205	2.5%
United States	1,075	2.1%	Iraq	190	2.3%
Romania	1,050	2.0%	Romania	175	2.1%
Other places	17,245	33.1%	Other places	2,070	24.7%

Share of Population by Religion – Ranked by % of Total Immigrant Population

- In 2011, close to 60% of Coquitlam's residents had a religious affiliation.
- Christianity was the most commonly reported religious affiliation for both immigrants and Canadian-born residents; accounting for 48% of the immigrant population, 44.8% of its recent immigrant population, and 49.4% of its Canadian-born population.
- Muslims accounted for 9.9% of Coquitlam's immigrant population and 14.4% of the recent immigrant population respectively.

	Total Immigrant	Recent Immigrant	Canadian Born	Total Pop.
Total population	52,075	8,350	72,945	125,020
Christian	48.0%	44.8%	49.4%	48.9%
Muslim	9.9%	14.4%	1.8%	5.2%
Buddhist	3.9%	3.1%	0.7%	2.0%
Hindu	1.5%	1.9%	0.5%	0.9%
Sikh	1.4%	1.1%	0.9%	1.1%
Jewish	0.3%	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%
Traditional (Aboriginal) Spirituality	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other religions	1.5%	2.3%	1.0%	1.2%
No religious affiliation	33.5%	32.2%	45.0%	40.2%

Christianity was the most commonly reported religious affiliation by the immigrant population, followed by Islam and Buddhism.



LANGUAGE ABILITY (CENSUS 2011 & NHS 2011)

Top 5 Non-official Home Languages - by Total and by Recent Immigrant Population

- In 2011, over two-thirds (68.6%) of Coquitlam's recent immigrants spoke non-official languages most often at home, compared to 54.9% of its recent immigrant population.
- Korean was the leading non-official language spoken at home by both immigrant and recent immigrant populations. Immigrants who spoke Korean most often at home accounted for 9.6% of the immigrant population and 14.3% recent immigrants.

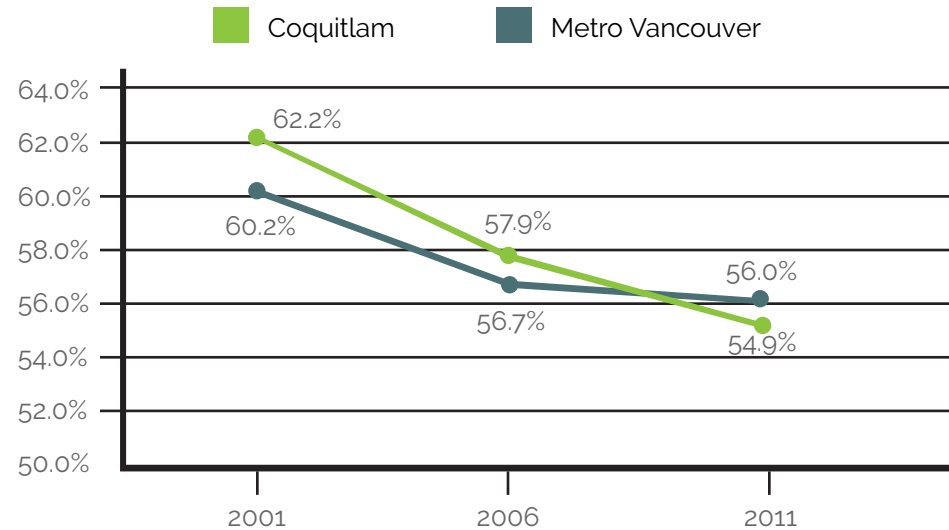
	Number	%		Number	%
Total Immigrants	52,075	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	8,345	100.0%
Single responses	47,720	91.6%	Single responses	7,695	92.2%
English	19,105	36.7%	English	1,970	23.6%
Non-official languages	28,580	54.9%	Non-official languages	5,725	68.6%
Korean	5,015	9.6%	Korean	1,195	14.3%
Cantonese	3,970	7.6%	Persian (Farsi)	1,085	13.0%
Persian (Farsi)	3,765	7.2%	Mandarin	780	9.3%
Mandarin	3,600	6.9%	Chinese, n.o.s.	630	7.5%
Chinese, n.o.s.	3,375	6.5%	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	345	4.1%
Other non-official languages	8,855	17.0%	Other non-official languages	1,690	20.3%



Over half (54.9%) of Coquitlam's immigrants spoke non-official languages often at home.

Language Trend - By % of Population with English Only as a Mother Tongue

- 54.9% of Coquitlam's residents spoke English only as their mother tongue, slightly lower than the regional percentage (56% for Metro Vancouver).
- The proportion of Coquitlam's residents whose mother tongue was English only declined from 62.2% in 2001 to 54.9% in 2011. This trend was comparable to that of Metro Vancouver.



Languages Spoken Most Often at Work - By % of Immigrant Population Aged 15 Years and Over

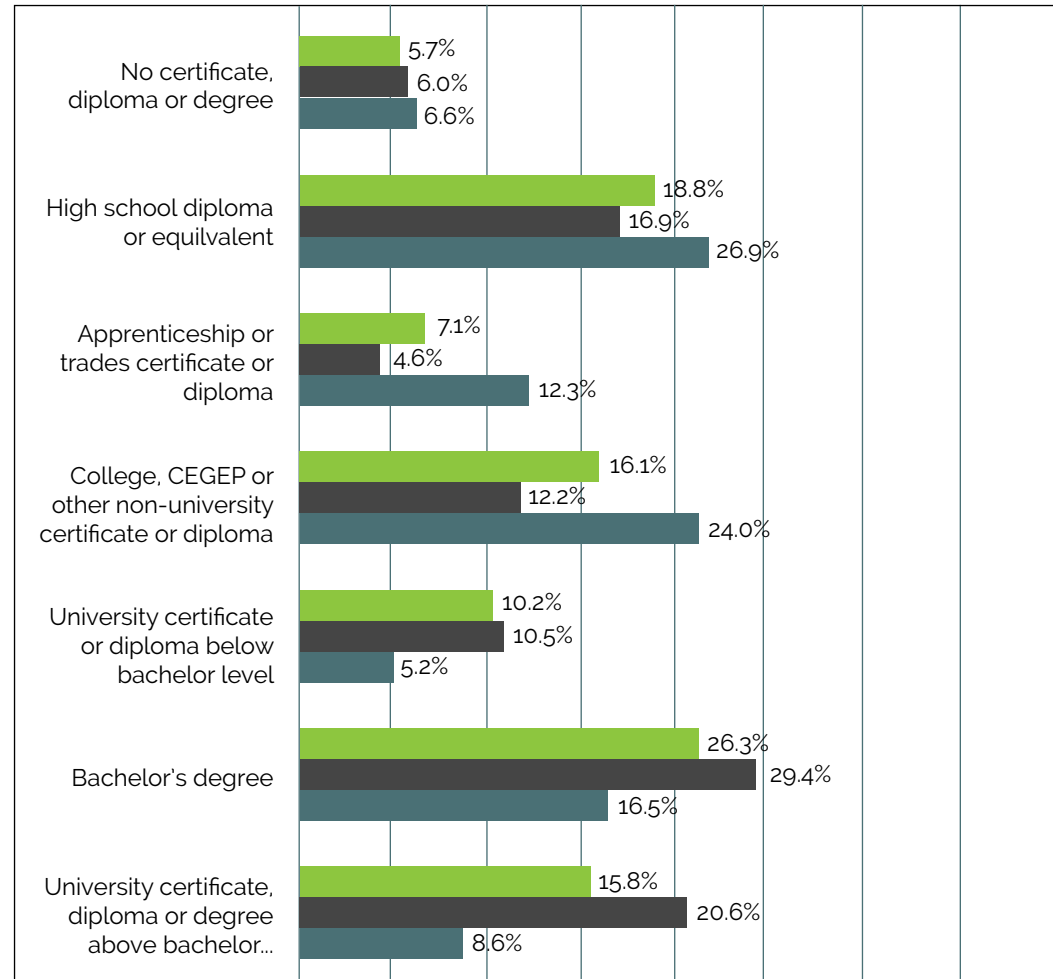
- NHS 2011 shows the majority of Coquitlam's immigrants spoke one of the official languages (English or French) most often at work. 8.5% of immigrants and 17.5% of recent immigrants spoke non-official languages often at work.
- Korean was the most commonly spoken non-official language at work by both immigrants (2.7%) and recent immigrants (6.6%).

	Total Immigrant		Recent Immigrant
Total Population (number)	32,825	Total Population (number)	4,150
Single responses	96.5%	Single responses	96.9%
English	87.9%	English	79.3%
Non-official languages	8.5%	Non-official languages	17.5%
Korean	2.7%	Korean	6.6%
Chinese, n.o.s.	1.7%	Chinese, n.o.s.	3.4%
Cantonese	1.6%	Mandarin	3.3%

EDUCATION ATTAINMENT (NHS 2011)

Highest Level of Education by % of Population Aged 25 to 64 Years – Coquitlam

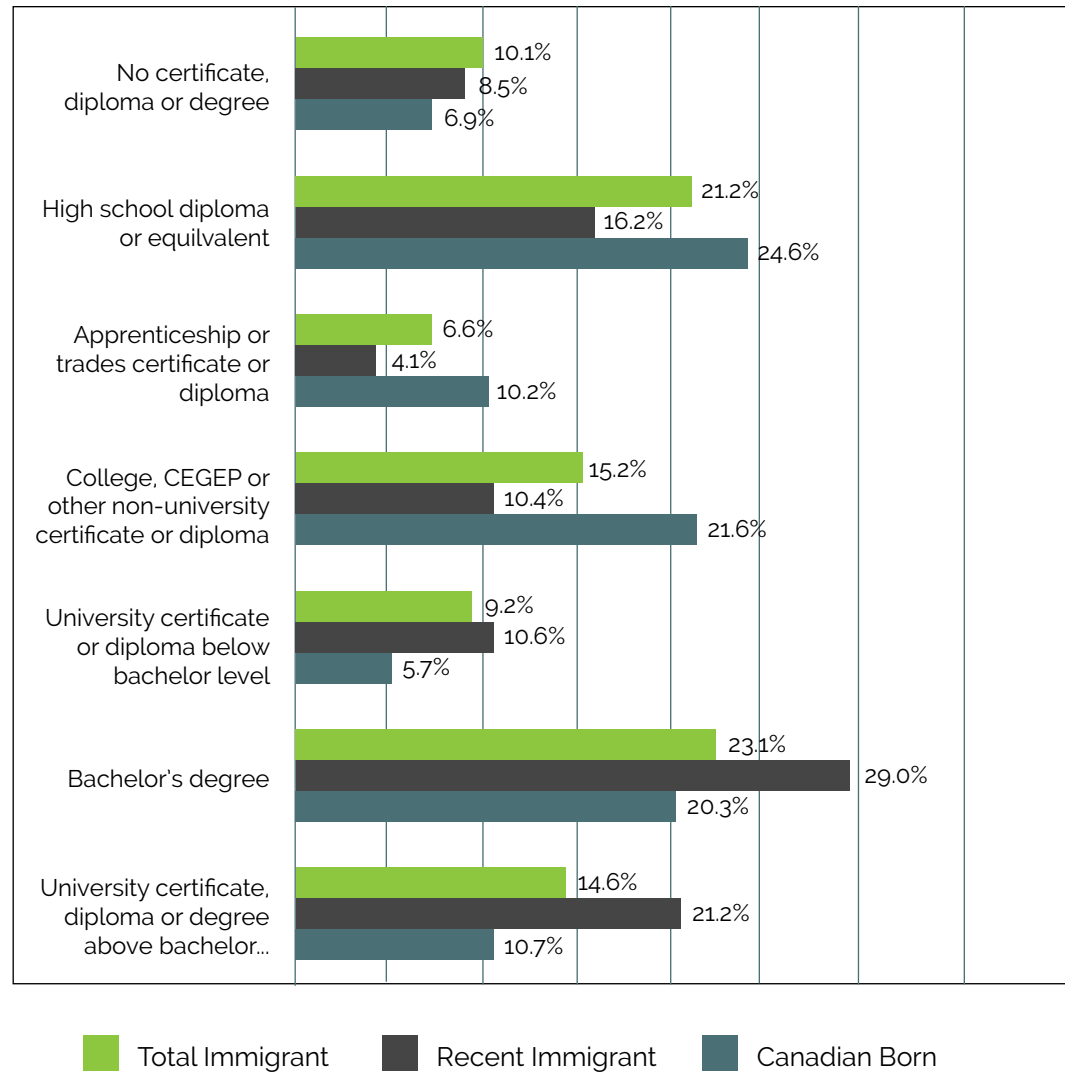
- In 2011, of the age group 25 to 64, 50% of recent immigrants living in Coquitlam had a bachelor degree or higher, doubling the proportion of their Canadian-born counterparts (25.1%).



■ Total Immigrant
 ■ Recent Immigrant
 ■ Canadian Born

Highest Level of Education by % of Population Aged 25 to 64 Years – Metro Vancouver

- Compared to Metro Vancouver (37.7%), Coquitlam (42.1%) received a higher proportion of immigrants with a bachelor's degree or higher. (NHS 2011)



Highest Level of Education by % of Senior Population Aged 65 Years and Over

- In 2011, 32.2% of recent immigrant seniors living in Coquitlam had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to Canadian-born counterparts (13.7%) and Coquitlam's immigrant seniors (19.8%).

	Canadian Born Seniors	Immigrant Seniors	Recent Immigrant Seniors
No certificate, diploma or degree	19.7%	23.5%	15.6%
High school diploma or equivalent	28.5%	22.7%	25.6%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	14.0%	12.7%	4.4%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	19.1%	16.2%	18.9%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	5.0%	5.1%	5.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	13.7%	19.8%	32.2%

LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY (NHS 2011)

Employment / Unemployment Rates in 2010 for Population Aged 15 Years and Over

- In 2010 there were 31,075 immigrants and 3,920 recent immigrants in Coquitlam's labour force. Immigrants and recent immigrants represented 44.6% and 5.6% of the labour force respectively.
- 8.3% of Coquitlam's immigrants were unemployed in 2010, somewhat higher than for their Canadian-born counterparts (6.3%). Moreover, recent immigrants experienced a two-digit unemployment rate at 14%.
- Unsurprisingly, immigrant youth (20 to 24 years) experienced a higher unemployment rate at 16.8%, somewhat higher than the share of recent immigrant youth (12%).

	Age 15 Years and Over			Youth (20-24 Years)		Seniors (65+ Years)	
	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrant	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrant	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrant
Total population aged 15 years and over	48,925	6,615	55,465	3,210	445	7,480	455
In the labour force	31,075	3,920	38,645	2,085	250	945	40
Participation rate	63.5	59.3	69.7	65	56.2	12.6	8.8
Employment rate	58.2	51.1	65.3	54	49.4	12.2	6.6
Unemployment rate	8.3	14.0	6.3	16.8	12	4.2	0

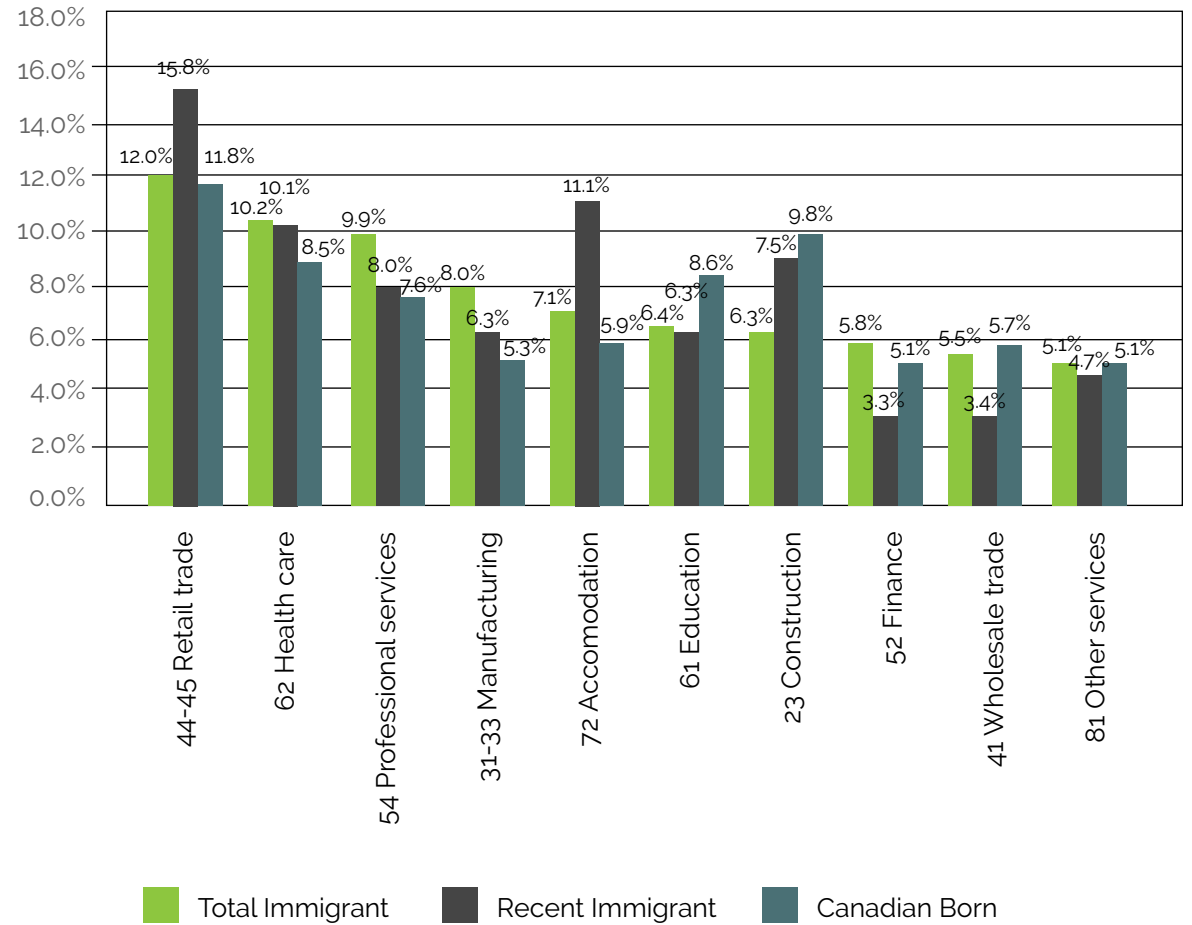
Distribution of Occupations - by % of Population Aged 15 Years and Over Ranked by the Share of Immigrant Population

- Retail trade (11.8%), construction (9.8%) and education (8.6%) ranked as the top three occupational sectors for Coquitlam's Canadian born residents.
- Retail trade (12%), health care and social assistance (10.2%), and professional, scientific and technical services (9.9%) ranked as the top three occupational sectors Coquitlam's immigrants.
- Retail trade (15.8%), accommodation and food services (11.1%) and health care and social assistance (10.1%) ranked as the top three occupational sectors for Coquitlam's recent immigrants.

Total labour force population aged 15 years and over by industry - North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 2007	Total Imm.	Recent Imm.	Canadian Born
44-45 Retail trade	12.0%	15.8%	11.8%
62 Health care and social assistance	10.2%	10.1%	8.5%
54 Professional, scientific and technical services	9.9%	8.0%	7.6%
31-33 Manufacturing	8.0%	6.3%	5.3%
72 Accommodation and food services	7.1%	11.1%	5.9%
61 Educational services	6.4%	6.3%	8.6%
23 Construction	6.3%	7.5%	9.8%
52 Finance and insurance	5.8%	3.3%	5.1%
41 Wholesale trade	5.5%	3.4%	5.7%
81 Other services (except public administration)	5.1%	4.7%	5.1%
48-49 Transportation and warehousing	4.2%	2.8%	5.1%
56 Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	3.8%	4.6%	3.6%
91 Public administration	3.2%	1.9%	6.9%
51 Information and cultural industries	3.1%	2.3%	3.8%
53 Real estate and rental and leasing	3.0%	2.2%	2.0%
71 Arts, entertainment and recreation	1.6%	1.3%	1.7%
22 Utilities	0.9%	0.6%	1.0%
11 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	0.3%	0.8%	0.3%
21 Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	0.3%	0.5%	0.4%
55 Management of companies and enterprises	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%

Top 10 Occupations – by % of Population Aged 15 Years and Over Ranked by the Share of Immigrant Population

- Compared to their Canadian born counterparts, a greater proportion of Coquitlam's recent immigrants worked in accommodation and food services (5.2% higher), and retail trade sector (4% higher).



INCOME (NHS 2011)

Total Income in 2010 of Population Aged 15 Years and Over

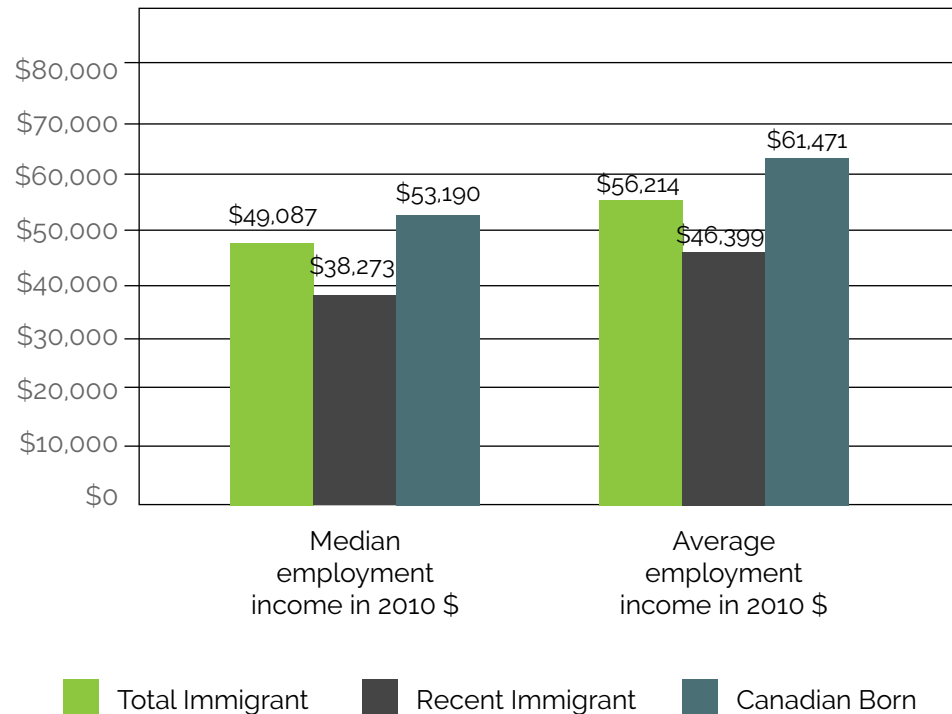
- In 2010, 45.9% of Coquitlam's recent immigrant population aged 15 years and over were in the low income bracket. This rate was significantly higher than 17.3% of the City's total population in the low income bracket.
- In 2010, the median income of Coquitlam's recent immigrant population was \$15,517, notably less than the median income of \$24,027 by immigrant population. Moreover, recent immigrants had almost 50% less than the median income within the city's total population (\$29,112).

	Total Immigrant	Recent Immigrant	Total Population
Population aged 15 years and over	48,925	6,615	104,390
Median income \$	\$24,027	\$15,517	\$29,112
Average income \$	\$34,234	\$24,057	\$39,072
Prevalence of low income in 2010 based on after-tax low-income measure (%)	23.4	45.9	17.3

Employment Income in 2010 of Population Aged 15 Years and Over Who Worked Full Year, Full Time

- About 30.3% of immigrants and 18.4% of recent immigrants worked full time for a full year with employment income in 2010, compared to 33.6% of the city's total labour force.
- Discrepancies in employment income among immigrants, recent immigrants, and total residents, who worked full time and full year in 2010, were less than the gaps in the total income of those aged 15 years and over. In 2010, the median income (\$38,273) of recent immigrants who worked full time and full year was approximately 30% less than the median employment income of the total population.

	Total Immigrant	Recent Immigrant	Total Population
Population aged 15 years and over	48,920	6,615	104,390
Population who worked full year, full time and with employment income in 2010	14,840	1,215	35,075



NewToBC

NewToBC unites 18 public library systems in southwestern British Columbia in the planning, development and provision of library-based settlement services to newcomer immigrants. The project also aims to recognize, promote, support, sustain, and complement the tremendous settlement services offered by partner libraries and by other immigrant serving organizations and community groups. NewToBC helps partner libraries adapt to the evolving needs of newcomer immigrants by identifying emerging opportunities, by adopting promising practices, and by supporting innovative settlement and integration services. Ultimately, NewToBC is meant to enhance each of the partner libraries' ability to help build welcoming and diverse communities.

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