Immigrant Arrivals

- **33%** of recent immigrants arrived in 2012 for employment.
- **22%** came to Waterloo Region to be with their family.
- **9%** came as government assisted refugees.

Language

- **ONE-THIRD** of recent immigrants to Waterloo Region had no knowledge of English or French when they received their permanent resident status.

Top 20 Mother Tongue Languages of Recent Immigrants, 2011

- Arabic
- Chinese
- Spanish
- Hindi
- Urdu
- Panjabi (Punjabi)
- Persian (Farsi)
- Russian
- Romanian
- Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)
- Gujarati
- Somali
- German
- Korean
- Pashto
- Serbian
- Amharic
- Vietnamese
- Portuguese
- Polish

Housing

- **22.8%** of recent immigrant-led households are in core housing need—one of the highest for any group.
- **80%** of immigrants rent upon arrival.
- **50%** of economic immigrants transition into the housing market after 4 years.
Recent immigrants are younger than the total population in Waterloo Region.

13% of recent immigrants are 55 years of age or older.

Young adults aged 25 to 34 years are the largest age category of recent immigrants at 31%.

10% of immigrants do not have regular access to a family doctor (2012).

Proportion of immigrants living below low income measure in 2011 (estimated):

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<th>IMMIGRANTS</th>
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Employment, Education and Income

Recent Immigrants are twice as likely to be unemployed than established immigrants or Canadian-born individuals.

Income of Recent Immigrants is 45% lower than Canadian born individuals.

Recent Immigrants earned approx. $10,000 less per annum compared to all of Waterloo Region.

It can take more than 20 years for immigrant employment income to reach median income values for Waterloo Region.

Labour Force Activity

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<td>12,185</td>
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<td>7,610</td>
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<td>6,570</td>
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<td>1,035</td>
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<td>4,585</td>
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Level of Educational Attainment

18% with NO CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA OR DEGREE
20% with HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT
21% with POST-SECONDARY CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA OR DEGREE
19% with NO CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA OR DEGREE
25% with HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT
29% with POST-SECONDARY CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA OR DEGREE
62% with NO CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA OR DEGREE
55% with HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT
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