

WATERLOO REGION IMMIGRATION PROFILE

2006-2011



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Immigration and Citizenship¹

TOTAL IMMIGRANT POPULATION
111,495

RECENT IMMIGRANTS 2006-2011
15,465



Language⁴

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

Immigrant Arrivals²

33%* 1,295 individuals who arrived in 2012 came for employment

22%* 835 individuals came to Waterloo Region to be with their family

9%* 365 individuals came as government assisted refugees.

*of permanent residents

Housing³



of recent immigrant-led households are in core housing need—one of the highest for any group



of immigrants rent upon arrival

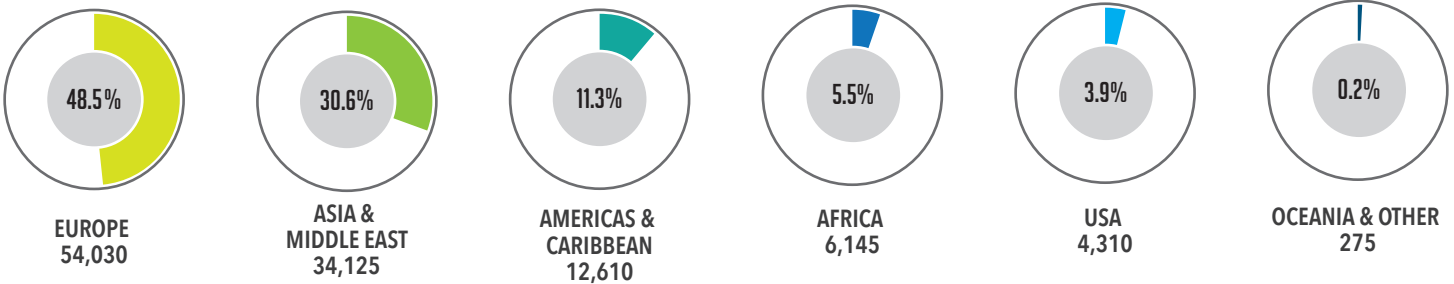


of economic immigrants transition into the housing market after 4 years

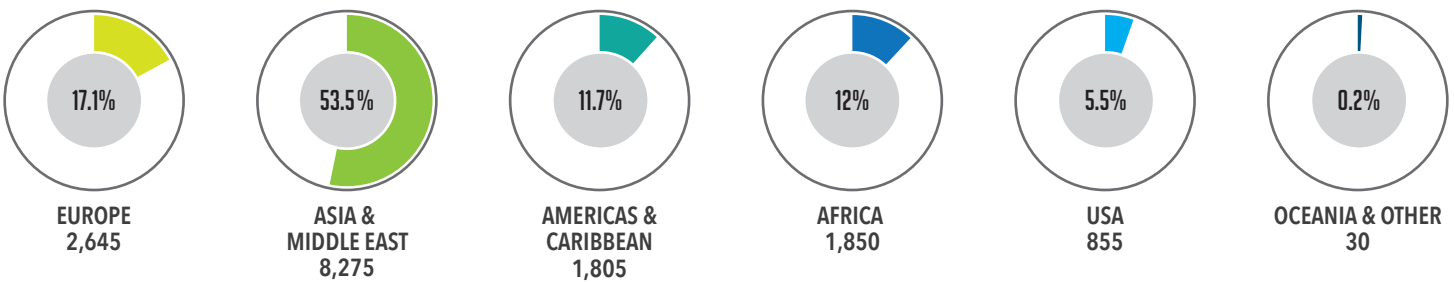
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Immigration and Citizenship, Place of Birth¹

TOTAL IMMIGRANT POPULATION



RECENT IMMIGRANT POPULATION, 2006-2011



Population & Family Composition⁵

Recent immigrants are younger than the total population in Waterloo Region

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

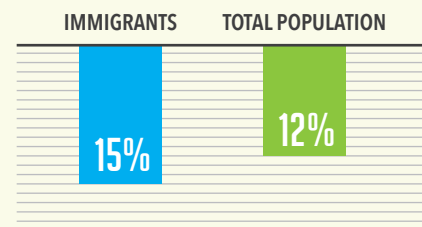


Health Status of Immigrants⁶

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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Employment, Education and Income⁷

RECENT IMMIGRANTS are twice as likely to be unemployed than established immigrants or Canadian-born individuals

LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY

	Recent Immigrants (2006-2011)		Established Immigrants (pre-2006)		Canadian Born	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Total population (15+ yrs)	12,185	100%	93,435	100%	297,580	100%
In the labour force	7,610	62%	57,920	62%	216,230	73%
Employed	6,570	54%	54,035	58%	201,525	68%
Unemployed	1,035	14%	3,895	7%	14,705	7%
Not in the Labour Force	4,585	38%	35,500	38%	81,350	27%

Income of Recent Immigrants is **45% LOWER** than Canadian born individuals

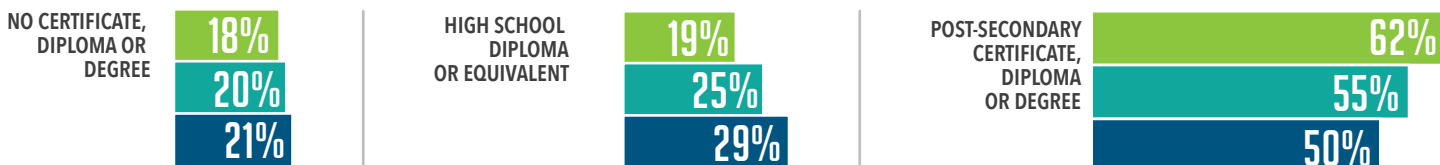


Recent Immigrants earned approx. **\$10,000 LESS** per annum compared to all of Waterloo Region

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

LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Recent Immigrants (2006-2011) Established Immigrants (pre-2006) Canadian Born



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