

ABBOTSFORD'S NEWCOMERS

GET TO KNOW ABBOTSFORD'S NEWCOMERS

These are some of the ways in which prospective immigrants can apply to come to Canada:

- Most come to Abbotsford through Family or Economic Class.
- In BC only about **5%** of newcomers come as refugees who fear persecution or threats to their lives. There are over **300 Sudanese refugees** living in Abbotsford.
- In 2012 there were **278 foreign temporary workers** in Abbotsford-Mission.
- In the Fraser Valley, on average there are **3,000 temporary agricultural workers** on farms.

Abbotsford's immigrant population increased by **26%** between 2001 and 2011, notably higher than the increase of **19%** for the **entire Fraser Valley Regional District**.

In the National Household Survey in 2011, it showed that there were **33,935** immigrants living in Abbotsford, of which

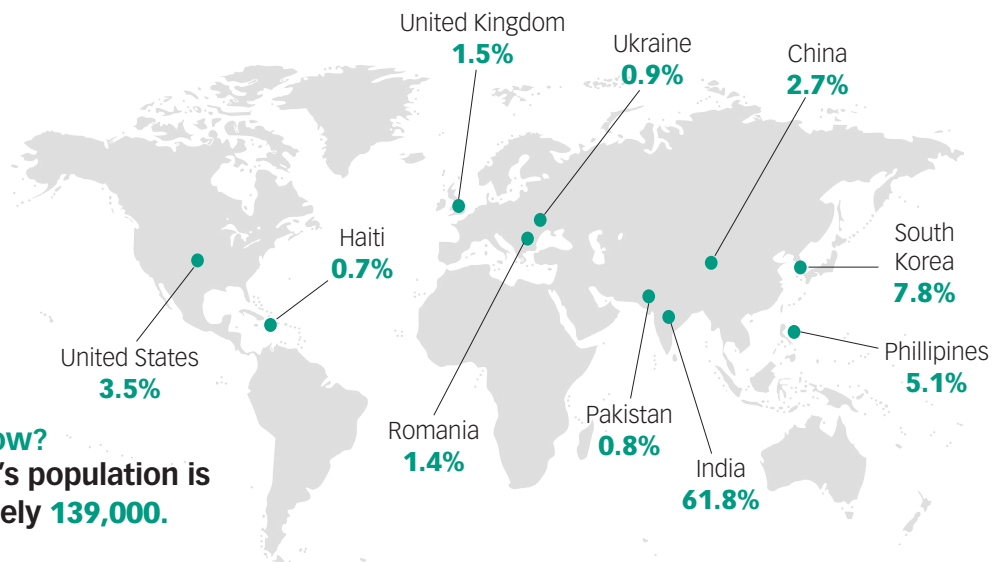
16% were recent immigrants. This is higher than the FVRD's **13%**.

Abbotsford is a diverse community made of many different ethnic and cultural groups, of which **23% of the population is of South Asian descent**.

From 2006 to 2011, approximately **1000** immigrants settled annually in Abbotsford.

Abbotsford's immigrants come from many different places.

Top 10 places of origin for recent immigrants to Abbotsford.



Did you know? Abbotsford's population is approximately **139,000**.

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 have arrived during the 2006-2011 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 have been sponsored by the government of Canada prior to arrival. They receive financial and other supports for up to one year.

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

GARS and privately Sponsored Refugees are called **Conventional Refugees** and hold Permanent Resident status upon arrival.

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WHO ARE ABBOTSFORD'S NEWCOMERS?

They work hard – 35% of immigrants in Canada worked in agriculture, transportation, warehousing and manufacturing as the top sector.

They are young – 38% of recent immigrants were between the ages of 25 to 44 years (core working age) when they arrive in Canada.

They are well educated – In 2011, of the age group 25 to 64, approximately 32% of recent immigrants had a bachelor's degree or higher. This percentage was significantly higher than the 17% for Canadian-born residents.



WHAT LANGUAGES DO ABBOTSFORD'S RECENT IMMIGRANTS SPEAK?

Recent Immigrants	5,430	100.0%
Single Responses	5,010	92.3%
English	975	18.0%
Non-Official Languages	4,005	73.8%
Punjabi (Punjabi)	2,995	55.2%
Korean	395	7.3%
Spanish	80	1.5%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	80	1.5%
Mandarin	65	1.2%
Other non-official languages	390	7.2%

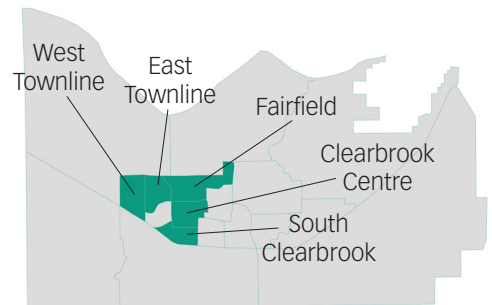
In 2011, more than half (56%) of Abbotsford's immigrants spoke non-official languages often at home, compared to 74% of its recent immigrant population.

Punjabi ranked at the **top of the list**. 45% of immigrants and 55% of recent immigrants spoke Punjabi most often at home.

SNAPSHOT OF 5 DIVERSE ABBOTSFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD POPULATIONS BY SELF-REPORTED ETHNICITY

West Townline		
South Asian	6,205	63%
Canadian	1,210	12%
English	1,015	10%
German	895	9%
Scottish	545	6%

Fairfield		
South Asian	3,095	36%
English	1,775	21%
German	1,500	18%
Canadian	1,085	13%
Scottish	825	10%



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East Townline		
South Asian	6,505	60%
Canadian	1,215	11%
Punjabi	1,120	10%
German	1,070	10%
English	870	8%

Clearbrook Centre		
English	2,707	23%
German	2,535	22%
Canadian	1,791	15%
Scottish	1,725	15%
South Asian	1,585	14%

South Clearbrook		
South Asian	1,895	26%
English	1,665	23%
Canadian	1,645	22%
German	1,575	21%
Scottish	1,160	16%

*Data includes single and multiple responses.



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