

Preface

Every five years, Statistics Canada conducts a Census of Population in order to develop a statistical portrait of Canada and its people. The most recent Census was conducted in May 2011.

At the time of the last Census, Statistic Canada replaced the long form Census that collected social and economic data with a voluntary National Household Survey (NHS). The 2011 Census questionnaire consisted of the same eight demographic and linguistic questions that appeared on the 2006 Census short-form questionnaire, with the addition of two questions on language. The content of the new NHS is similar to that of the 2006 Census long questionnaire; however, changes were made to some questions and sections of the questionnaire. For example, in the 2011 NHS changes were made to the questions used to measure Aboriginal identity; a new component of income is measured; and, the universe for determining generation status was expanded to include the entire population.

Comparability

The Global Non-response Rate (GNR) is used to ascertain the level of non-response to the National Household Survey. Due to the voluntary nature of the survey, the NHS is subject to greater non-response bias.

Change in survey method or content can affect the comparability of the data over time. Statistics Canada states that it is impossible to determine whether, and to what extent, differences in a variable are attributable to change or to non-response bias. As a result, caution must be exercised when NHS estimates are compared with data from the 2006 Census long form.

Fact Sheet Overview

The community demographic profiles in this series provide a comparison between the current and previous censuses, Surrey and key Metro Vancouver municipalities, as well as between each of Surrey's six communities: Cloverdale, Fleetwood, Guildford, Newton, South Surrey, and Whalley. City Centre is also identified as a sub-community planning area within Whalley.

For the purpose of this and other facts sheets in the series, the term "National Household Survey" (NHS) refers to the National Household Survey of Canada conducted by Statistics Canada. The voluntary survey collected social and economic information about the people of Canada between May and August 2011. The term "Census" in this document refers to the Census of Population conducted by Statistics Canada on May 10, 2011. The Census provides information about the people and housing units in Canada.

CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

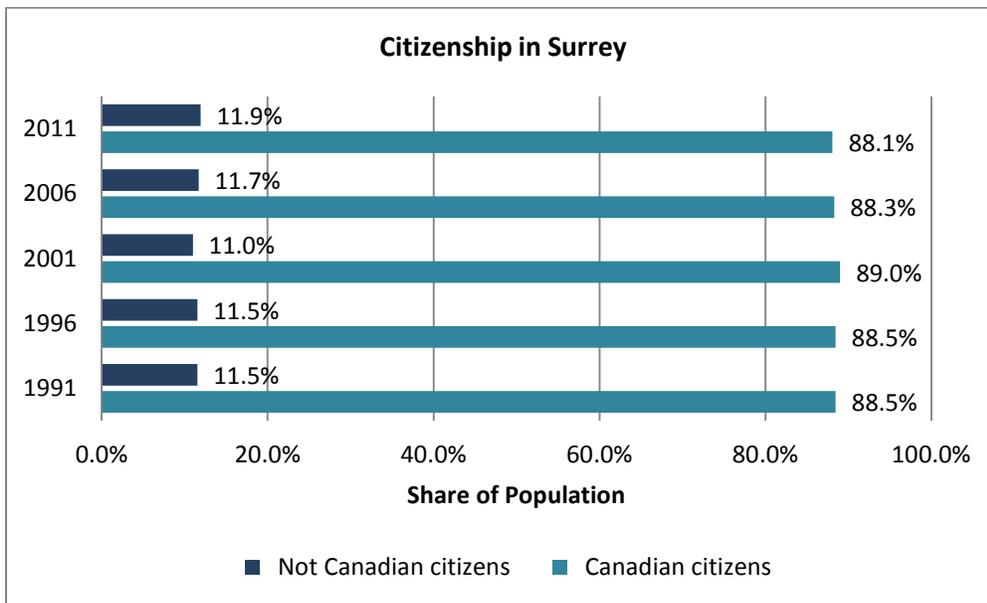
The 2011 National Household Survey (NHS) collects information on the place of birth, parents' places of birth, citizenship and immigration status of people living in Canada. This data is used to produce information on the movement, generation status, and diversity of Canadians.

An immigrant refers to persons who are or have been a landed immigrant / permanent residents. This person was granted the right to live in Canada permanently by immigration authorities. A non-immigrant is a person who is a Canadian citizen by birth.

CITIZENSHIP

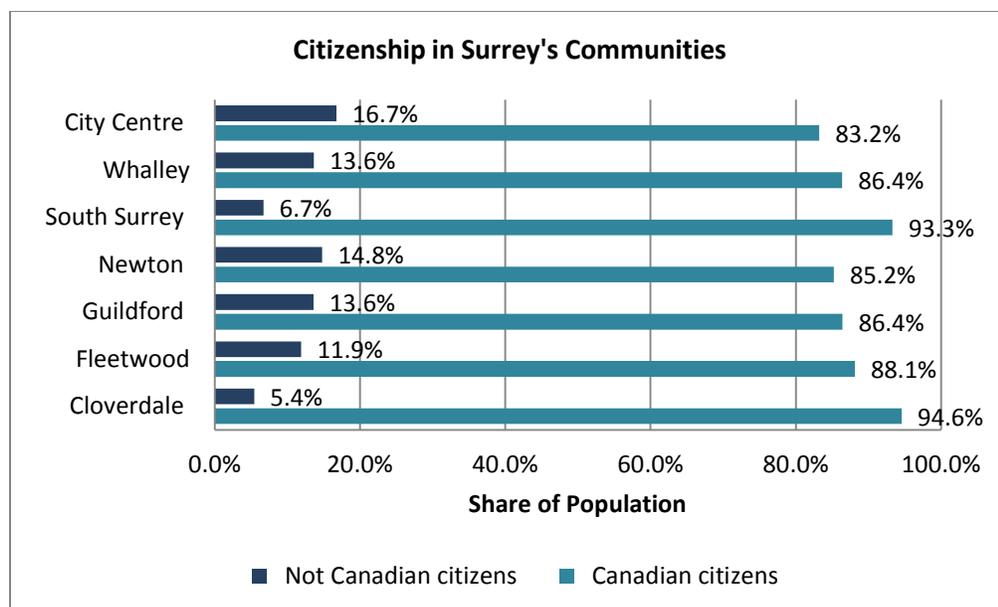
Citizenship is the legal citizenship status of a person, by birth or naturalization. A person may have more than one citizenship.

Over the past 20 years, the share of the population with Canadian citizenship in Surrey has remained relatively constant. In 2011, 88.1% of Surrey's population was a Canadian citizen, only marginally down from 88.5% in 1991.



Citizenship in Surrey's Communities

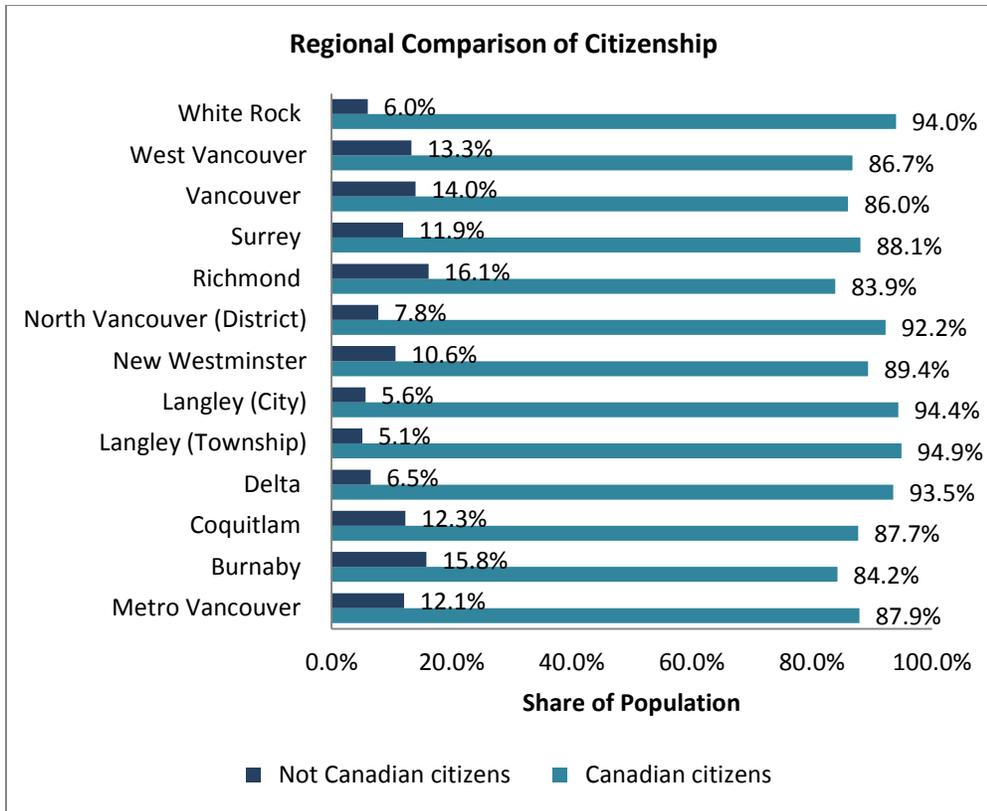
In 2011, South Surrey (93.3%) and Cloverdale (94.6%) had the greatest proportion of residents with Canadian citizenship. Comparatively, in City Centre, 83.2% of residents had Canadian citizenship.



	Cloverdale	Fleetwood	Guildford	Newton	South Surrey	Whalley	City Centre	Surrey
Total population in private households by citizenship	54155	58190	58285	131800	67355	71370	22185	463340
Canadian citizens	51215	51270	50365	112330	62840	61650	18465	408130
Canadian citizens aged under 18	13150	12500	11865	31120	12495	16390	3385	100900
Canadian citizens aged 18 and over	38065	38770	38505	81210	50345	45260	15080	307230
Not Canadian citizens	2945	6925	7915	19465	4520	9725	3715	55210

Regional Comparison of Citizenship

In 2011, the proportion of residents with Canadian citizenship in Surrey (88.1%) was comparable to that of the Metro Vancouver region (87.9%).

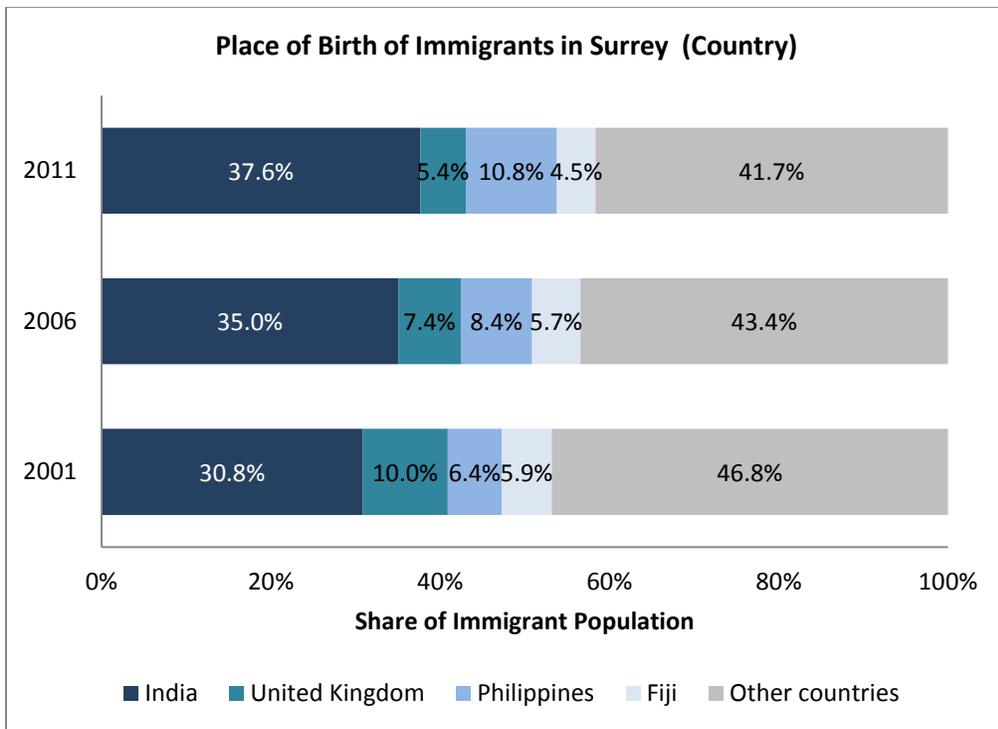
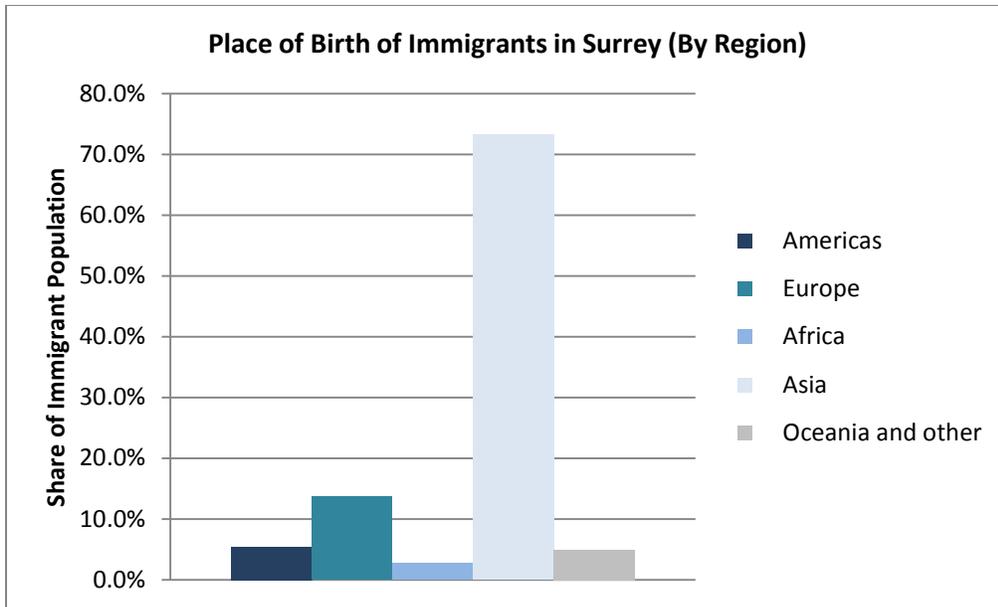


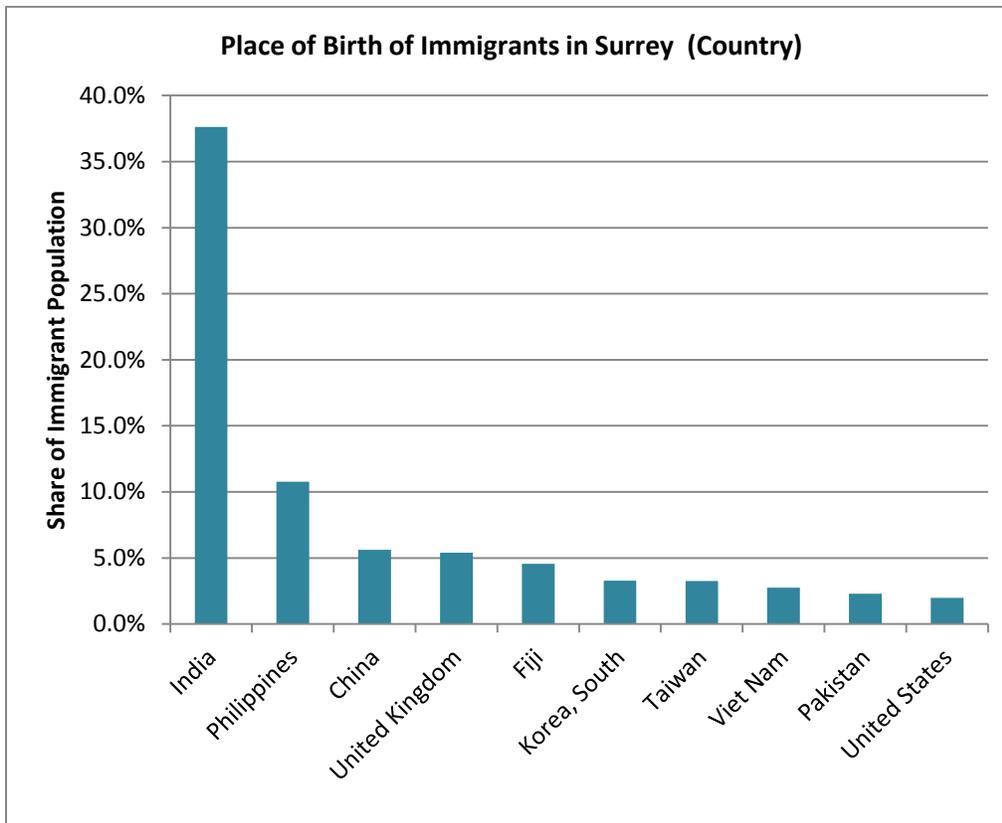
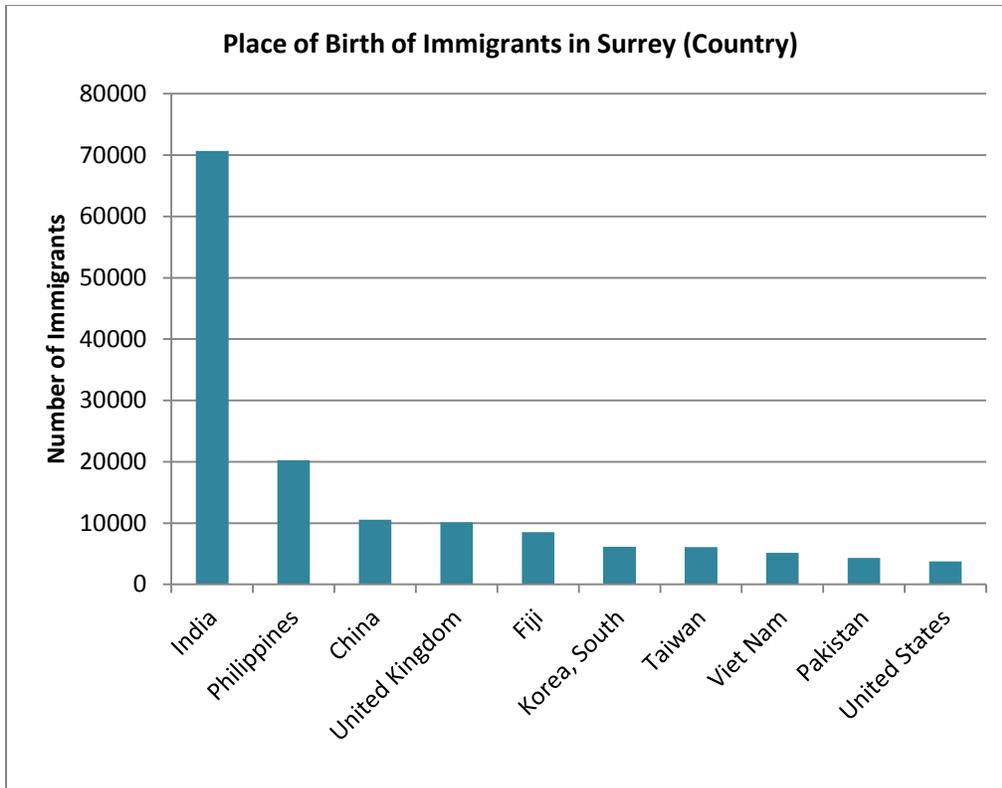
PLACE OF BIRTH

Place of Birth refers to the province, territory within Canada or country outside of Canada in which a person was born. Boundaries at the current time, not the time of birth, are used to define geographic locations.

In 2011, there were 187,840 immigrants residing in Surrey. Immigrants with a place of birth in an Asian country made up the largest proportion of Surrey’s population (73.3%).

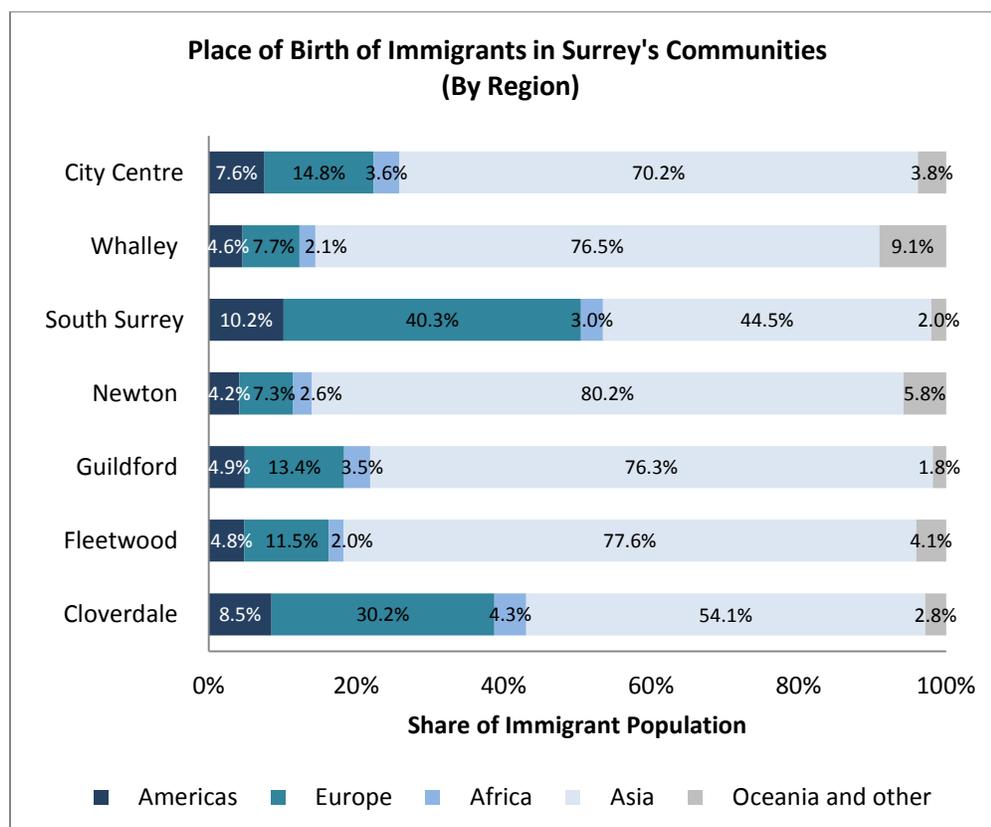
The proportion of Surrey residents born in India increased between 2001 and 2011. In 2011, 37.6% of Surrey’s immigrant population was born in India, compared to 30.8% in 2001. The proportion of residents from the Philippines also increased during this period, from 6.4% in 2006 to 10.8% in 2011.





Place of Birth in Surrey's Communities

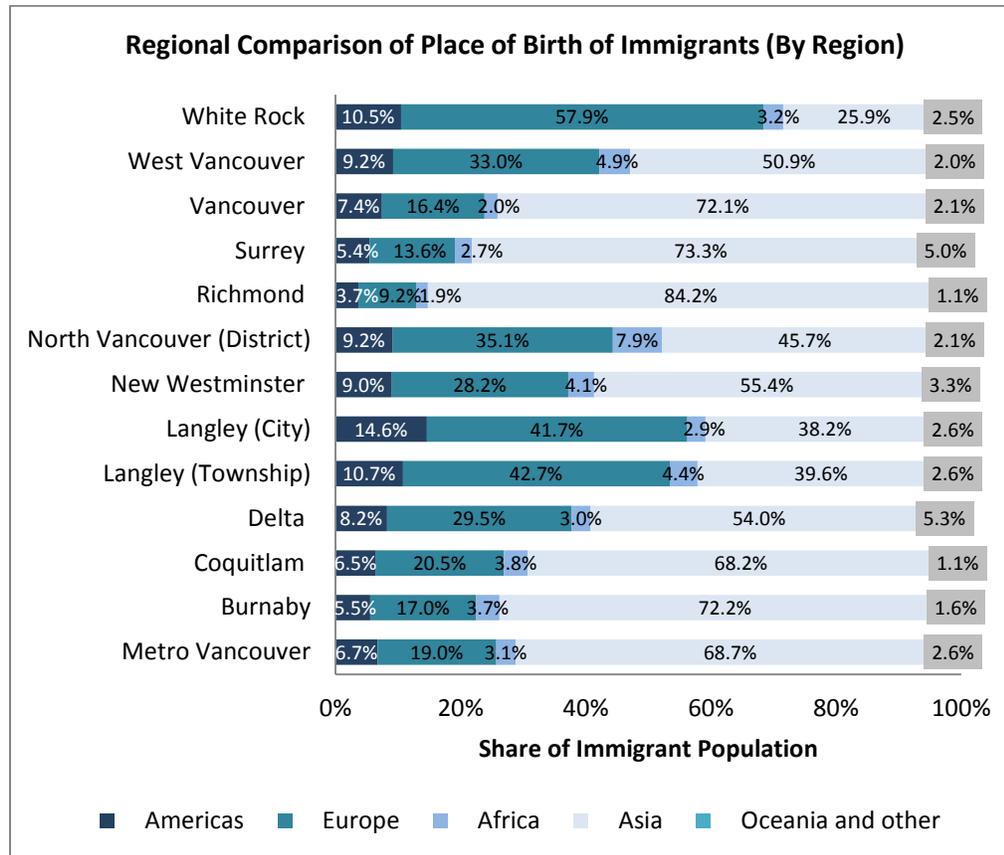
Immigrants born in Asian countries made up the greatest proportion of the immigrant population in all of Surrey's communities. In Newton 80.2% of the immigrant population was born in Asia. Comparatively, in South Surrey, 44.5% of the immigrant population was born in Asia and 40.3% of the immigrant population was born in a European country.



	Cloverdale	Fleetwood	Guildford	Newton	South Surrey	Whalley	City Centre	Surrey
Immigrants	10970	26035	26620	63690	17705	33825	9005	187840
Americas	935	1245	1300	2655	1800	1550	680	10175
Europe	3315	2995	3580	4630	7135	2620	1330	25605
Africa	475	520	945	1625	530	720	320	5135
Asia	5935	20215	20305	51090	7880	25865	6325	137615
Oceania and other	310	1055	485	3685	355	3070	345	9310
China	495	1555	3085	1055	2510	670	1200	10570
Fiji	205	1010	380	3590	30	3040	285	8545
India	2190	8250	2360	38015	1230	17680	960	70680
Philippines	935	4105	5335	4340	445	3460	1620	20240
United Kingdom	1350	1035	925	2365	3420	785	240	10125

Regional Comparison of Place of Birth

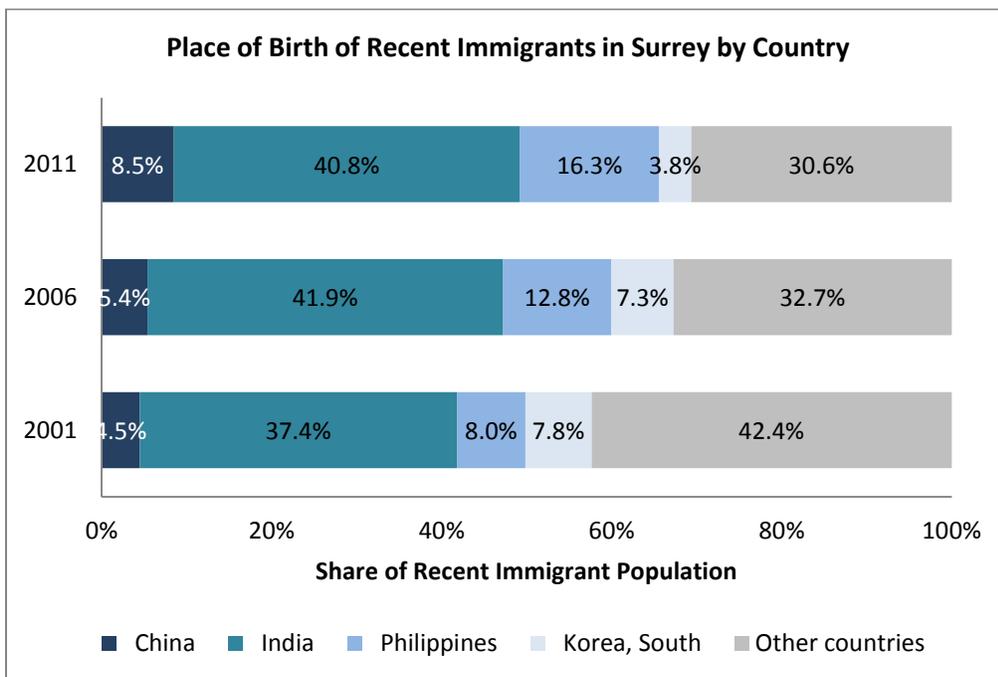
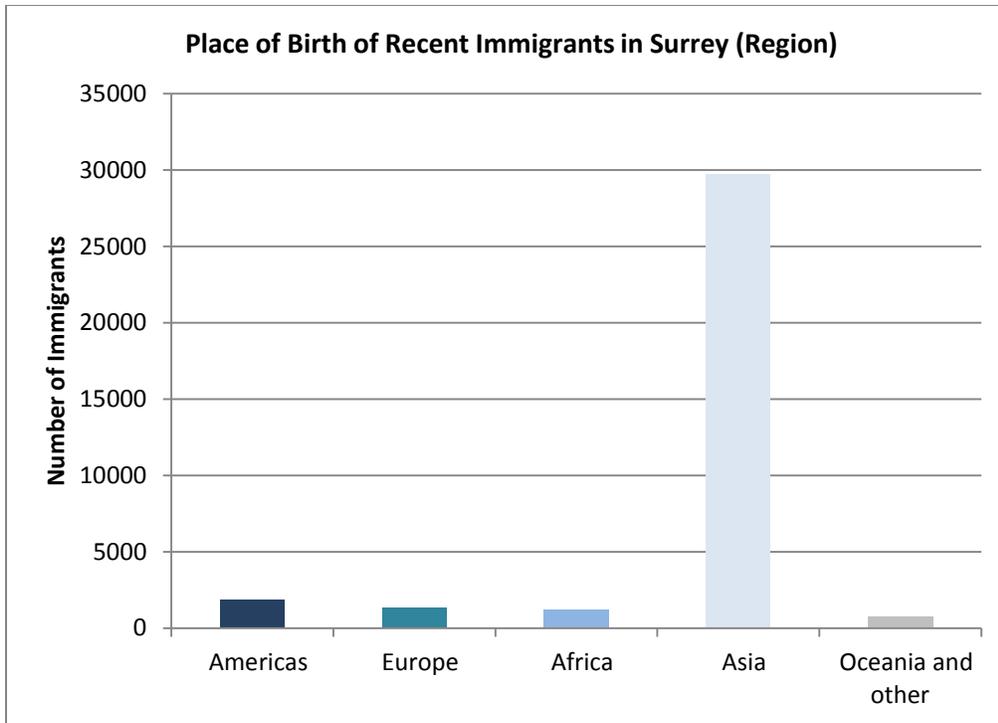
In 2011, 73.3% of Surrey’s immigrant population was born in an Asian country. Comparatively, across the Metro Vancouver region, 68.7% of immigrants were born in an Asian country. Surrey had proportionately fewer immigrants born in a European country (13.6%) compared to other Metro Vancouver municipalities.



RECENT IMMIGRATION

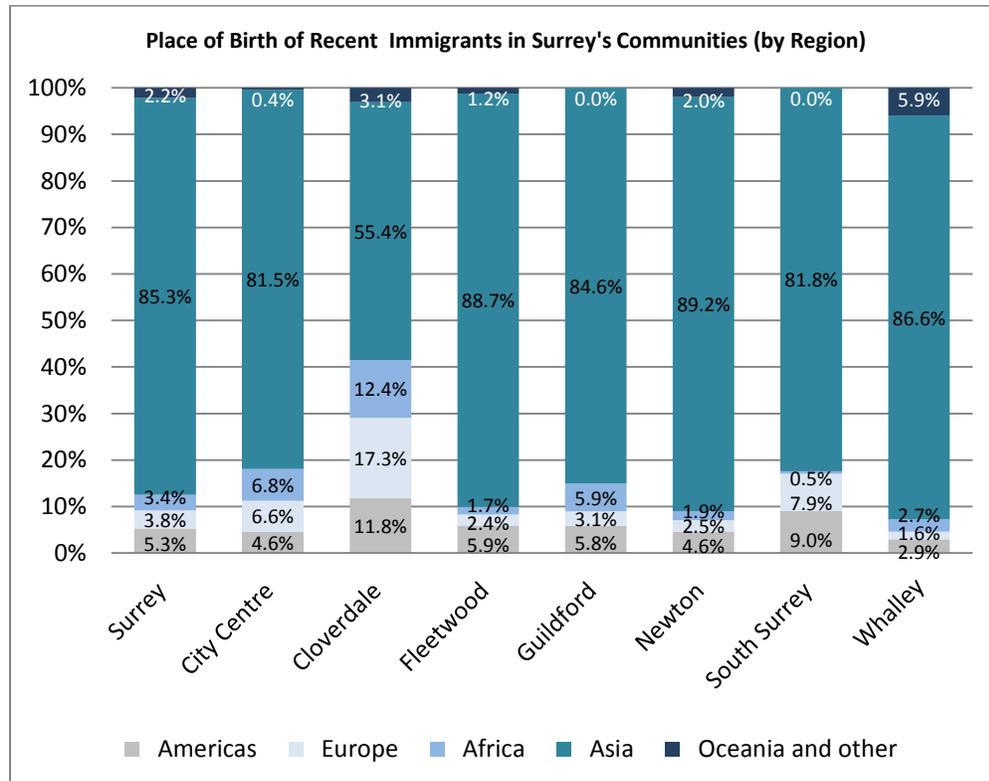
Recent immigrants are immigrants who landed in Canada between January 1, 2006 and May 10, 2011. Immigrant refers to a person who is or has ever been a landed immigrant / permanent resident and has been granted the right to live in Canada permanently by immigration authorities.

In 2011, 29,745 of Surrey’s residents immigrated to Canada from an Asian country. The largest proportion of recent immigrants in Surrey were from India (40.8%), followed by the Philippines (16.3%) and China (8.5%).



Recent Immigration in Surrey’s Communities

In 2011, Newton (89.2%), Fleetwood (88.7%), and Whalley (86.6%) had the greatest proportion of recent immigrants born in Asian countries of all Surrey communities. Cloverdale had comparatively fewer recent immigrants born in Asian countries (55.4%) and a comparatively greater proportion of recent immigrants born in European (17.3%) or African (12.4%) countries.



In 2011, Newton had the most recent immigrants born in India (8,400), and Guildford had the most recent immigrants born in the Philippines (1,775). The largest number of recent immigrants born in China was in South Surrey (1,240).

	Cloverdale	Fleetwood	Guildford	Newton	South Surrey	Whalley	City Centre	Surrey
Total recent immigrant population in private households by selected places of birth	1615	4170	5425	12265	2780	6135	2490	34880
Americas	190	245	315	560	250	180	115	1855
Europe	280	100	170	305	220	100	165	1340
Africa	200	70	320	235	15	165	170	1180
Asia	895	3700	4590	10935	2275	5315	2030	29745
Oceania and other	50	50	0	240	0	365	10	755
India	290	1465	365	8400	40	3470	190	14215
Philippines	275	1000	1775	1035	95	875	645	5700
China	80	275	680	100	1240	150	425	2955
South Korea	90	285	415	25	250	0	255	1330
Taiwan	35	105	405	45	530	25	30	1165
Pakistan	0	65	55	750	0	90	20	1005
United States	100	100	135	235	145	55	45	810
United Kingdom	150	45	70	200	110	15	15	610
Iraq	0	15	330	30	0	55	55	485

Regional Comparison of Recent Immigration

In 2011, Surrey had the second largest proportion of recent immigrants born in Asia (85.3%) after Richmond (91.9%). Comparatively, across the Metro Vancouver region 78.4% of recent immigrants were born in an Asian country.

