

WHO ARE SURREY'S NEWCOMERS?

Every year Canada admits roughly **250,000** immigrants & refugees

Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada



Over the past decade an average **40,000** of these have chosen BC and almost **7,000** newcomers have arrived in Surrey annually. Between 2006 and 2011 **19%** of all B.C. newcomers came to Surrey.

Source: Welcome BC

Population of Surrey

Source: 2011 census

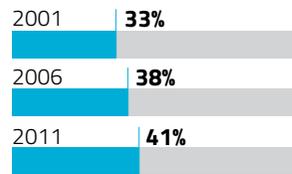
468,251

Population born outside of Canada

Source: 2011 National Household Survey

187,845

Immigrants as a percentage of Surrey's population



Source: 2011 National Household Survey

Surrey receives more **Government Assisted Refugees (GARs)** than any other B.C. municipality.

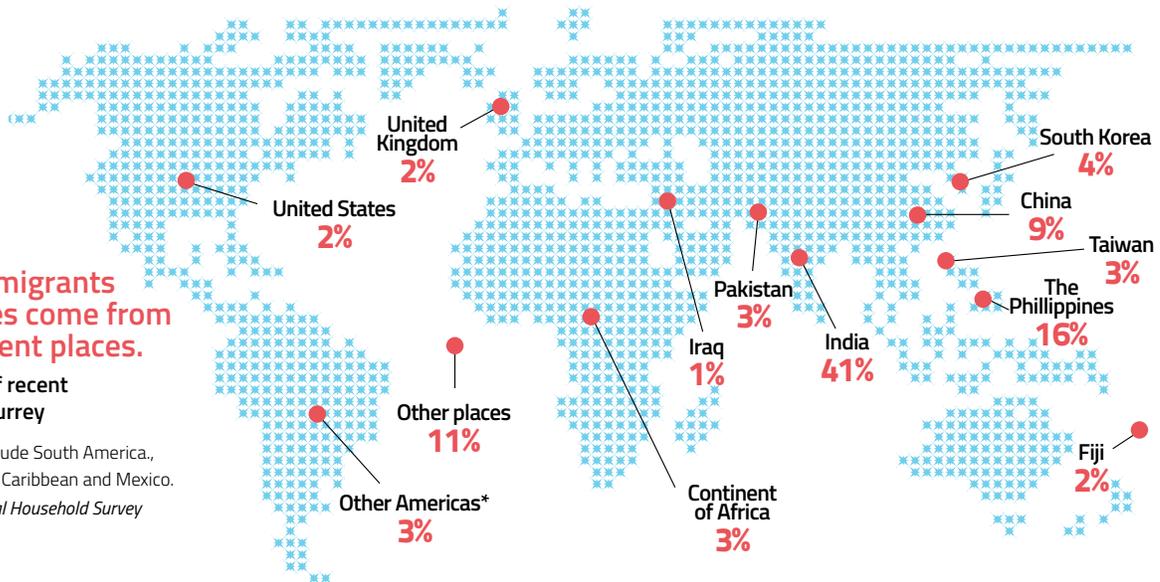
Over the past four years Surrey has received an average of **180** GARs annually—almost **30%** of the B.C. total. Local destinations of other types of refugees aren't known but if similar to GARs, Surrey has been receiving more than **400** refugees a year.

Source: ISSofBC

Surrey's immigrants and refugees come from many different places.

Place of origin of recent immigrants to Surrey

*Other Americas include South America, Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico.
Source: 2011 National Household Survey



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 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 before their arrival in Canada have been sponsored by the Government of Canada. 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.

Sources: CIC, ISSofBC

ABOUT THE SURREY LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

Established in 2014, Surrey's LIP is led by the City of Surrey and governed by a committee drawn from 30 community organizations working together to improve newcomer integration in Surrey.

SURREY'S NEWCOMERS

Newcomers come for many different reasons.



In B.C., in a typical year, about **60%** come as skilled workers who seek better economic outcomes while replenishing the labour market.

Approximately **1 in 3** arrive as family members reuniting with their relatives.



In B.C. only about **5%** come as refugees who fear persecution or threats to their lives. However, in Surrey, the proportion is somewhat higher. In fact, Surrey receives more refugees than any other B.C. municipality.

And they speak many languages.



2/3 of Metro Vancouver's Punjabi "mother tongue" population lives in Surrey.

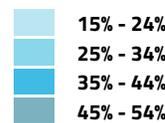
Top five languages most often spoken at home by immigrants in Surrey

30% Punjabi | **4%** Mandarin | **4%** Tagalog | **3%** Hindi | **3%** Korean

Sources: WelcomeBC, 2011 National Household Survey

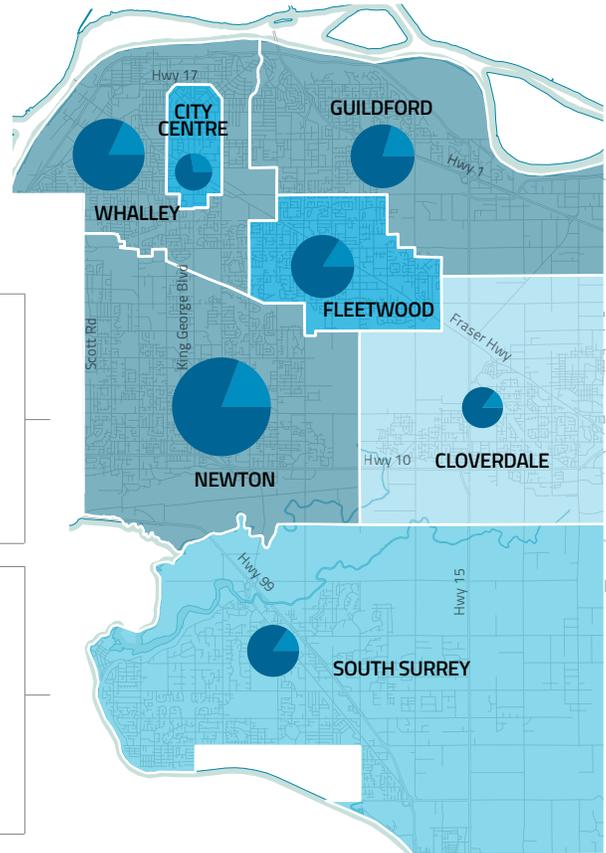
Newcomers are our neighbours.

Newcomers as a percentage of the total population by community



10,000
Size of circle indicative of size of immigrant population per area

Recent immigrants (2006-2011)
 Immigrants before 2006



COMMUNITY	TOTAL POPULATION	IMMIGRANTS	RECENT IMMIGRANTS
BRITISH COLUMBIA	4,324,455	1,191,875	185,115
CITY OF SURREY	463,340	187,840	34,880
CITY CENTRE	22,180	9,005	2,490
CLOVERDALE	54,160	10,970	1,615
FLEETWOOD	58,190	26,035	4,170
GUILDFORD	58,280	26,620	5,425
NEWTON	131,800	63,685	12,265
SOUTH SURREY	67,360	17,705	2,780
WHALLEY	71,370	33,825	6,135

Source: 2011 National Household Survey

Newcomers are young.

Percentage of Surrey residents aged 44 or younger



Median age of the population in private households

RECENT IMMIGRANTS IN SURREY	31 YEARS
TOTAL POPULATION IN SURREY	37.5 YEARS
TOTAL POPULATION IN GREATER VANCOUVER	40 YEARS

Source: 2011 Census

They are well-educated.

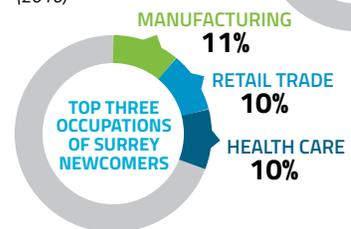
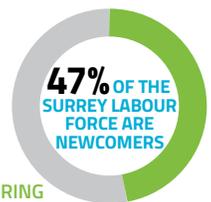
Percentage of Surrey residents possessing a Bachelor's degree or higher



Source: 2011 National Household Survey

They work hard.

Newcomers as a percentage of the total Surrey labour force (2010)



Source: 2011 National Household Survey