

HAMILTON IMMIGRANT SURVEY 2025

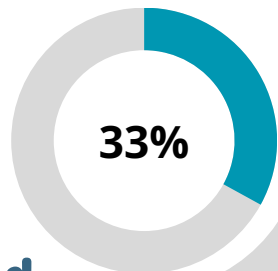


Housing Affordability and Suitability



More than **6 in 10** participants said their **housing** was **unaffordable** compared to 4 in 10 in 2023.

One-third of participants said their **housing** was **not suitable** for their needs, a 10% increase from 2023.



Cost of living, finding work, and finding affordable housing continue to be **top challenges** facing participants.

Over 600 immigrants participated in the **largest bi-annual survey** of immigrants in **Hamilton**



Income and Employment



More than **7 in 10** participants reported that their **income** was **not sufficient** for their needs.



Less than half of participants reported that they were **employed**, which is 20% lower than in 2023.

Among those employed, **only half** of participants said their job **matched their qualifications**.



Services Used

Most services were rated **positively**.



Public transit was the **top service** used by participants, followed by **health**.

Well-being Indicators



72% of participants reported having a **positive settlement** experience.

About three quarters of participants reported a **strong sense of belonging**.



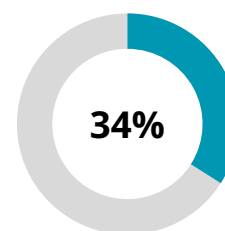
Younger participants were **less likely** to report a **strong sense of belonging**.

49% of participants described **Hamilton** as **very welcoming**, giving it a rating of 8-10.



7 in 10 participants reported **excellent** or **good health**.

Refugees were **less likely** than other immigrant groups to rate their **health positively**.



Over one-third of participants reported feeling **very isolated**.

This was **higher** among **international students, youth** (ages 16-24), and **refugee claimants**.

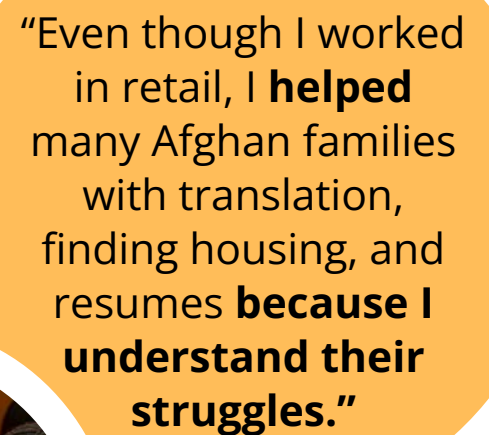
Just over half of the participants said that they felt **extremely** or **very safe** in **Hamilton**.

About **one-third** of participants reported they experienced **discrimination** mainly due to **race or skin colour**, and in **public spaces** and **employment contexts**.





Volunteering was one of the **most frequently** mentioned **contributions** by participants.



Solutions and Suggestions to Community Leaders

Read what participants had to say,
in their own words:

“Provide more information about job opportunities and facilitate interaction with employers. Strengthen the processes that allow for the recognition of academic degrees.”

“Improve access to resources: Ensure immigrants have easy access to information about housing, healthcare, education, and employment.”

"Acknowledge and address systemic barriers like racism."

“Extend services to temporary residents (students and workers).”

“A one-stop newcomer centre would help us find jobs, housing, and support without going to ten different places.”



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