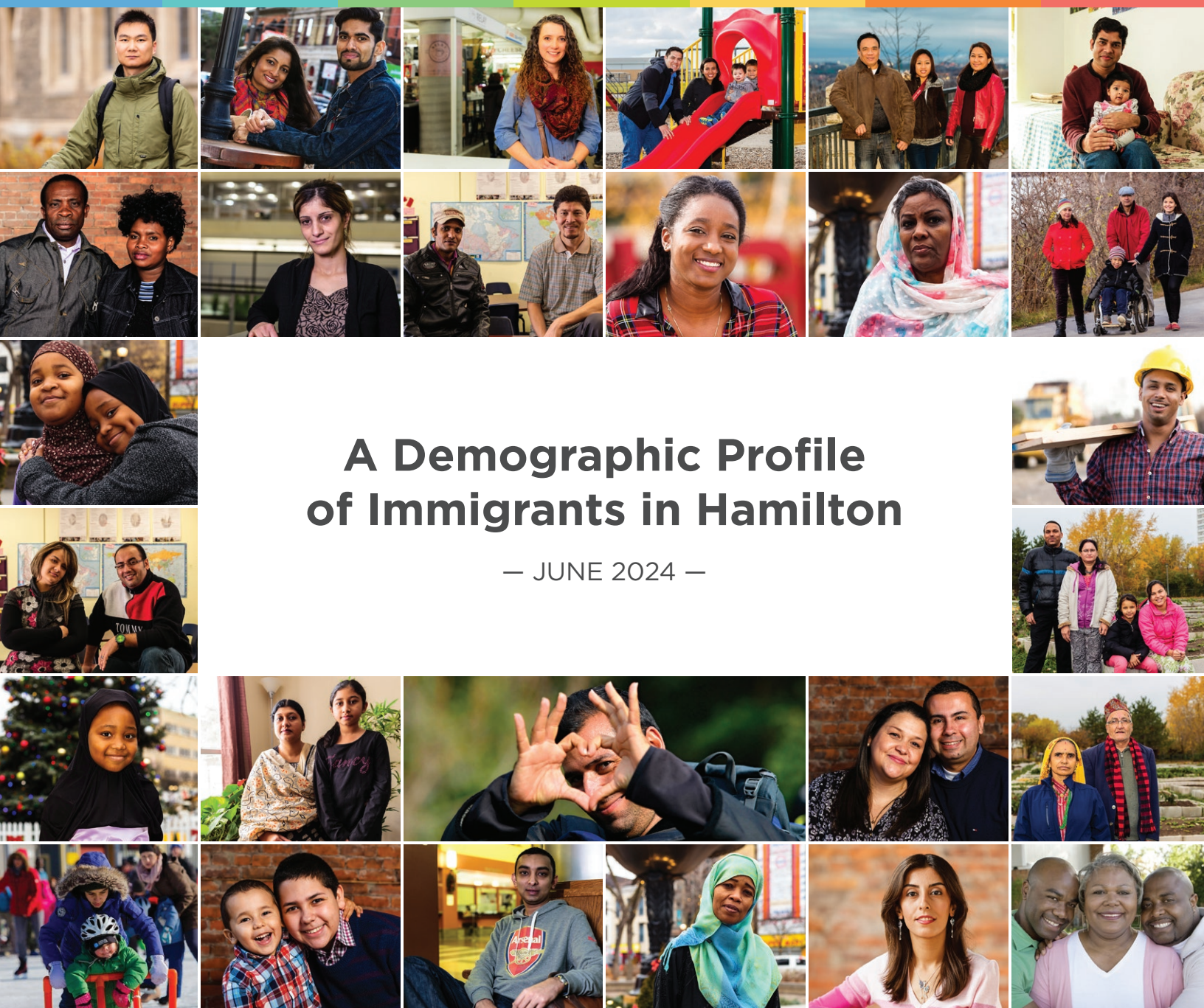




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## A Demographic Profile of Immigrants in Hamilton

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## About this Report

Hamilton's present and future continue to be shaped by immigration. Immigrants play a key role in growing Hamilton's population, contributing to the local economy, and enriching the social and cultural fabric of the city. Hamilton welcomed over 20,000 immigrants between 2016 and 2021, in addition to increasing number non-permanent residents, such as international students, temporary foreign workers and refugee claimants.

This report presents data from census 2021 on immigrants in Hamilton, including both recent and more established immigrants. Its objective is to increase our understanding of Hamilton's immigration populations, including how the characteristics of immigrants have changed over time and how Hamilton fares when compared to the province and other cities in Ontario.

In this report, "Hamilton" refers to the Hamilton Census Division which is congruent to the geographic area encompassed by the city of Hamilton. Most data in this report are derived from the 2021 Census. The report is a project led by HIPC Senior Project Manager Sarah Wayland and HIPC Program Officer Mohammad Araf and supported by the Evaluation Committee of the Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (HIPC). Louisa Wong, Performance and Evaluation Specialist in the City of Hamilton's Healthy and Safe Communities Department, was instrumental in data analysis and presentation. Adam Durrant, Business Development Analyst in City of Hamilton's Economic Development Division, reviewed the final draft of the report for accuracy.

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The Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (HIPC) is a community table whose members work together to ensure newcomers have successful settlement experiences and feel a sense of belonging in Hamilton. HIPC members represent settlement agencies, educational institutions, the private sector, municipal departments, persons with lived experiences of immigration, and more. HIPC is funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and housed within the City of Hamilton's Economic Development Division.

## **Executive Summary**

### *Population Growth and Forecasts:*

- Hamilton's population is expected to exceed 800,000 by 2051. This represents approximately 40% increase from 2021 to 2051. This is slower than the projected growth in Halton and Waterloo but higher than that of Niagara.

### *General Immigrant Demographics:*

- Close to three in 10 Hamiltonians were born outside Canada. Almost 26% of the population were immigrants, and 2.3% were non-permanent residents.
- Among recent immigrants (arrived 2016-2021), 39% were economic immigrants, 35% refugees, and 24% family sponsored immigrants.
- Two-step migration has continued to increase as 34% of recent immigrants in Hamilton were international students, temporary foreign workers, or asylum seekers prior to becoming permanent residents.
- About a quarter of the immigrant population in Hamilton arrived in Canada in the past 10 years (2011-2021), almost the same proportion as immigrants who came to Canada prior to 1980.
- Recent immigrants made up 14% of all immigrants, and were on a whole much younger than Hamilton's non-immigrant population.

### *Racialized Status:*

- The proportion of racialized people has increased to 25.1% of Hamilton's population in 2021 compared to 19% in 2016.
- Among recent immigrants, almost 85% belonged to a racialized group, with South Asian being the top racialized group followed by Arab and Black.

### *Place of Origin and Ethnicity:*

- United Kingdom was the top place of birth among all immigrants in Hamilton, but India is the top place of birth among recent immigrants. Other most common places of birth for recent immigrants were Syria, Philippines, Nigeria, and Iraq.
- Top ethnic origins reported by recent immigrants were Indian, Syrian, Filipino and Arab.

### *Employment, Income, and Education:*

- Recent immigrants had a higher labour market participation rate compared to all immigrants and the total population in Hamilton, but also had a slightly higher unemployment rate.
- The top employment industries among all immigrants and recent immigrants in Hamilton were health care and social assistance, and manufacturing.

- Recent immigrants had lower average employment earnings (\$36,800) than all immigrants (\$44,720) and the total population (\$50,020). They were also more than twice as likely as non-immigrants to live in low-income situations (19.3% vs 9.3%).
- Among both immigrants and recent immigrants, generally women were more likely to live in low-income situations than men. Among those 25-64 years of age, almost 53% of recent immigrants had a university education, higher than immigrants (35.9%) and the total population (31%).

*Linguistic Knowledge and Linguistic Groups:*

- The most common mother tongue among all immigrants in Hamilton was English at 24.5%. Arabic and Italian were other common mother tongues.
- Among recent immigrants, Arabic, Tagalog, Spanish and Punjabi were most common non-official mother tongues and languages most often spoken at home.
- Among recent immigrants, over 9% did not have knowledge of English or French compared 1.8% of the total population.

*Francophone immigration:*

- The Francophone community makes up over 2% of Hamilton's population, but they make up a bigger proportion of recent immigrants (3.9%). Africa continues to be the top region of Francophone immigration to Hamilton.

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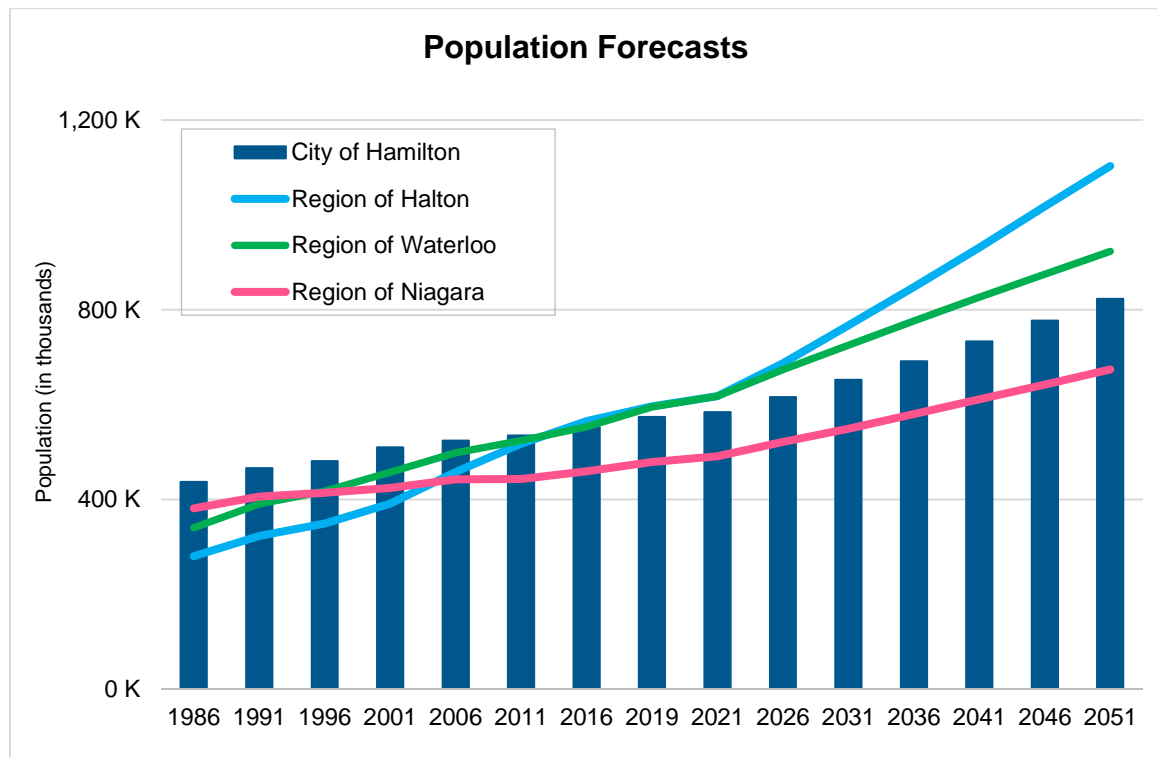
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# Population Growth and Forecast

## Population Forecast 2001-2021

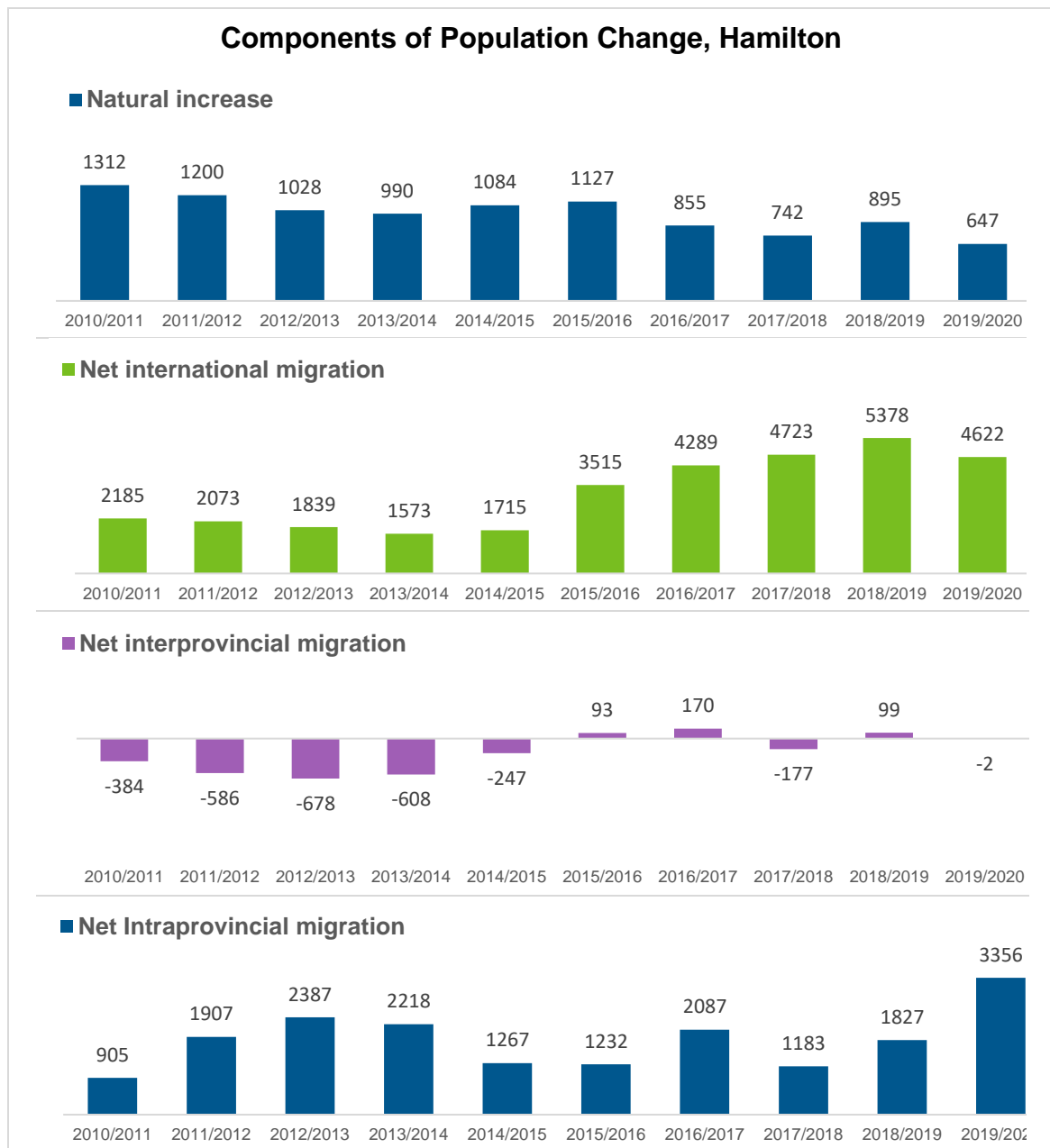
- Hamilton's population was 569,000 in 2021, and it is expected to surpass 800,000 by 2051, nearly 43% increase since 2021.
- Hamilton's population growth in the next three decades is projected to be higher than Region of Niagara but lower than Region of Waterloo and Region of Halton.



Source: Hemson Consulting Ltd, Greater Golden Horseshoe Growth Forecasts to 2051, August 2020.

## Factors of Population Growth

- Between 2010 and 2020, population growth caused by natural increases and inter-provincial migration declined in Hamilton. International migration, however, substantially increased as a component of population growth, especially since 2015.
- While intra-provincial migration fluctuated as a component of population growth in Hamilton from 2010-2020, it increased in 2019-2020 compared to the previous years.



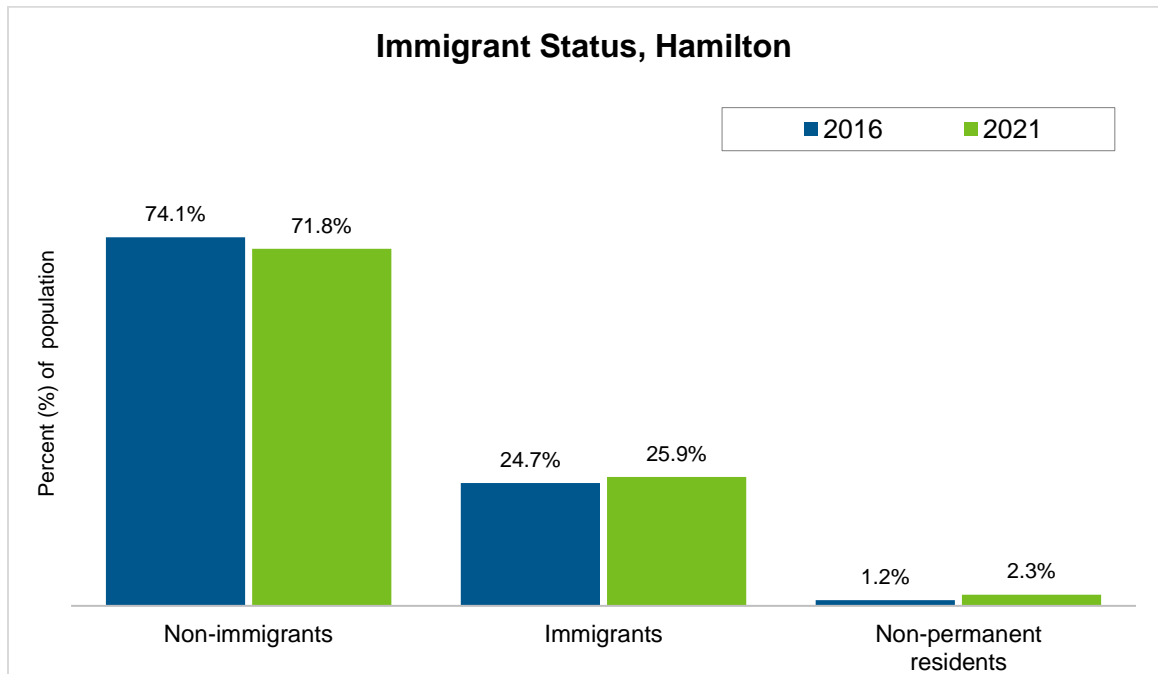
Source: Annual Demographic Estimates, Statistics Canada.



# Immigrant Population

## Immigrant Status, Hamilton

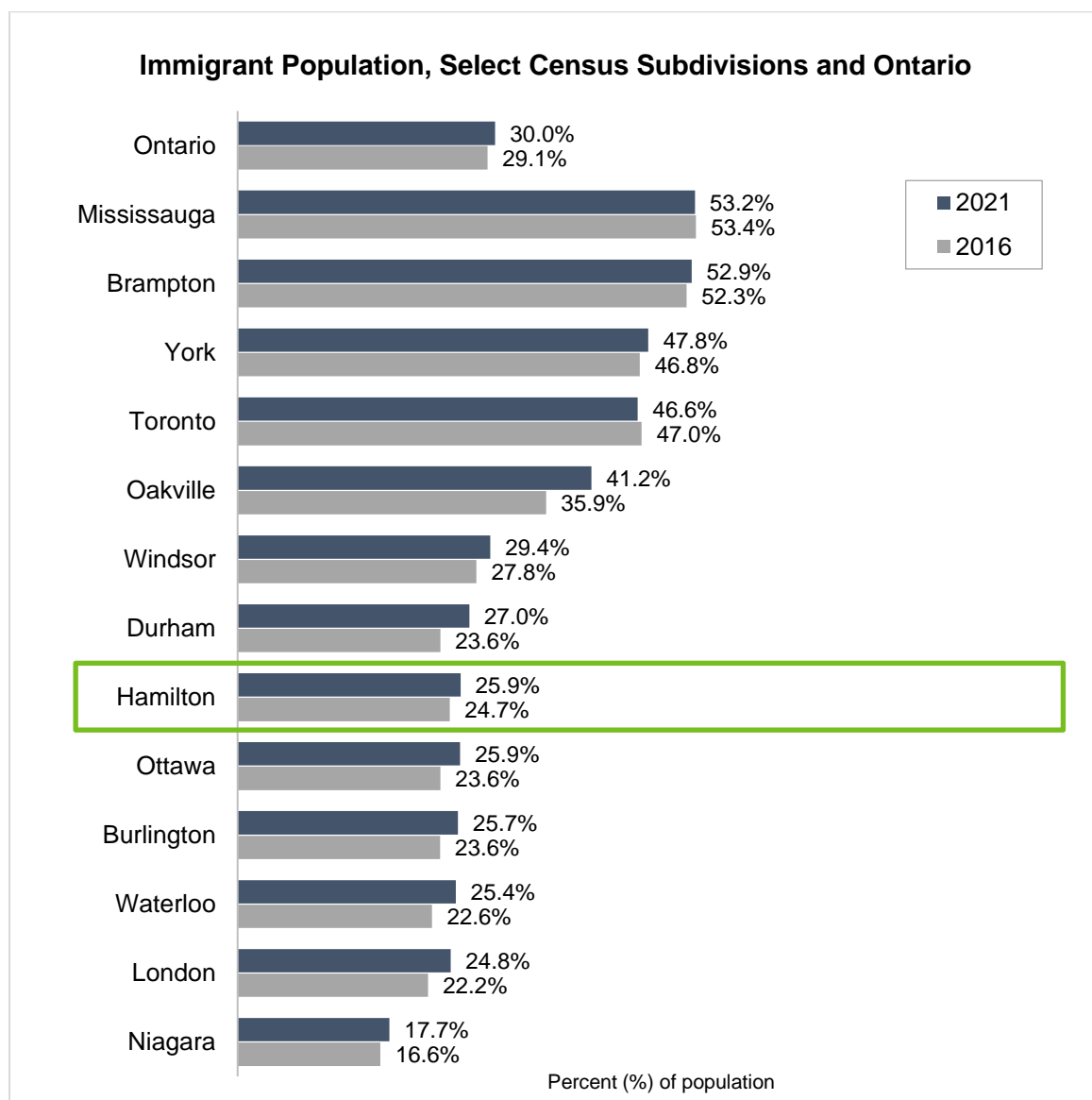
- In 2021, nearly three in 10 residents of Hamilton were born outside Canada and were either an immigrant or non-permanent resident.
- Non-permanent residents -- including international students, temporary foreign workers, and refugee claimants -- made up 2.3% of Hamilton's population in 2021. This proportion has almost doubled since 2016.
- Immigrants make up 25.9% of the population, up from 24.7% in 2016.



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## Immigrant Population in 2016 and 2021

- From 2016 to 2021, the proportion of immigrants in Hamilton's population increased by 1.2% -- from 24.7% to 25.9%. During the same period, Ontario's immigrant population grew by less than 1%.
- As a proportion of total population, the immigrant population remained almost unchanged in Toronto, Mississauga, and Brampton. Other Ontario municipalities each saw at least 1% increases.
- Oakville saw the largest proportional increase at 5.3%, followed by Durham at 3.5%, and London at 3.1%.

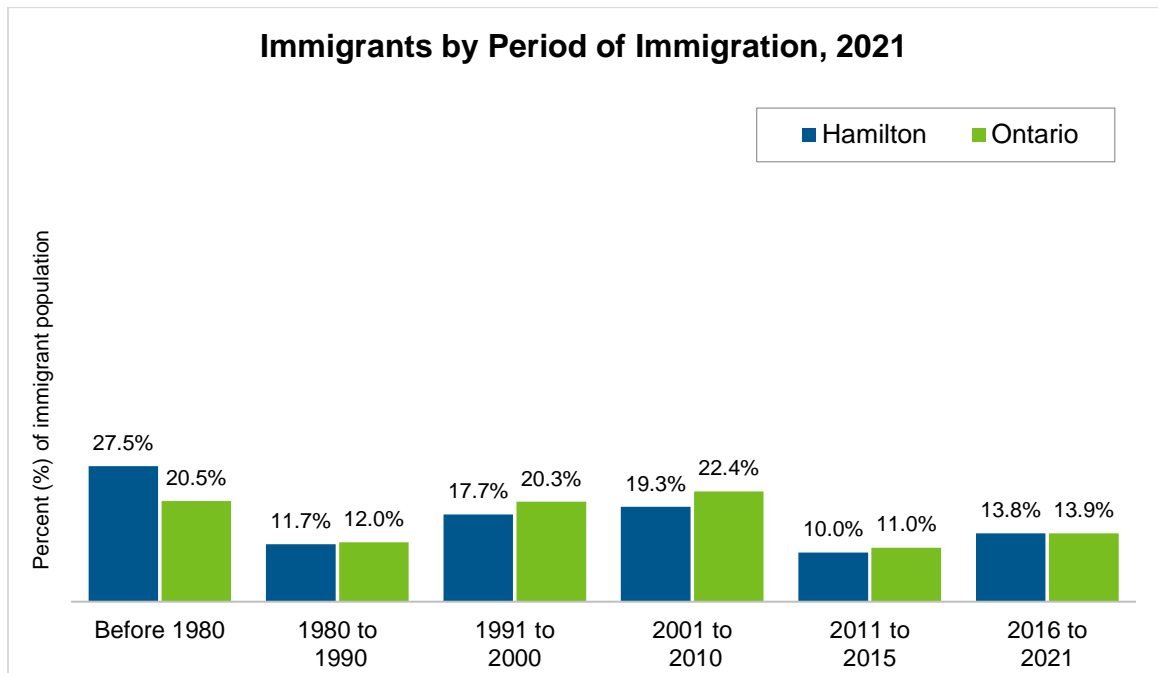


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# Immigrant Status and Period of Immigration

## Immigrants by Period of Immigration

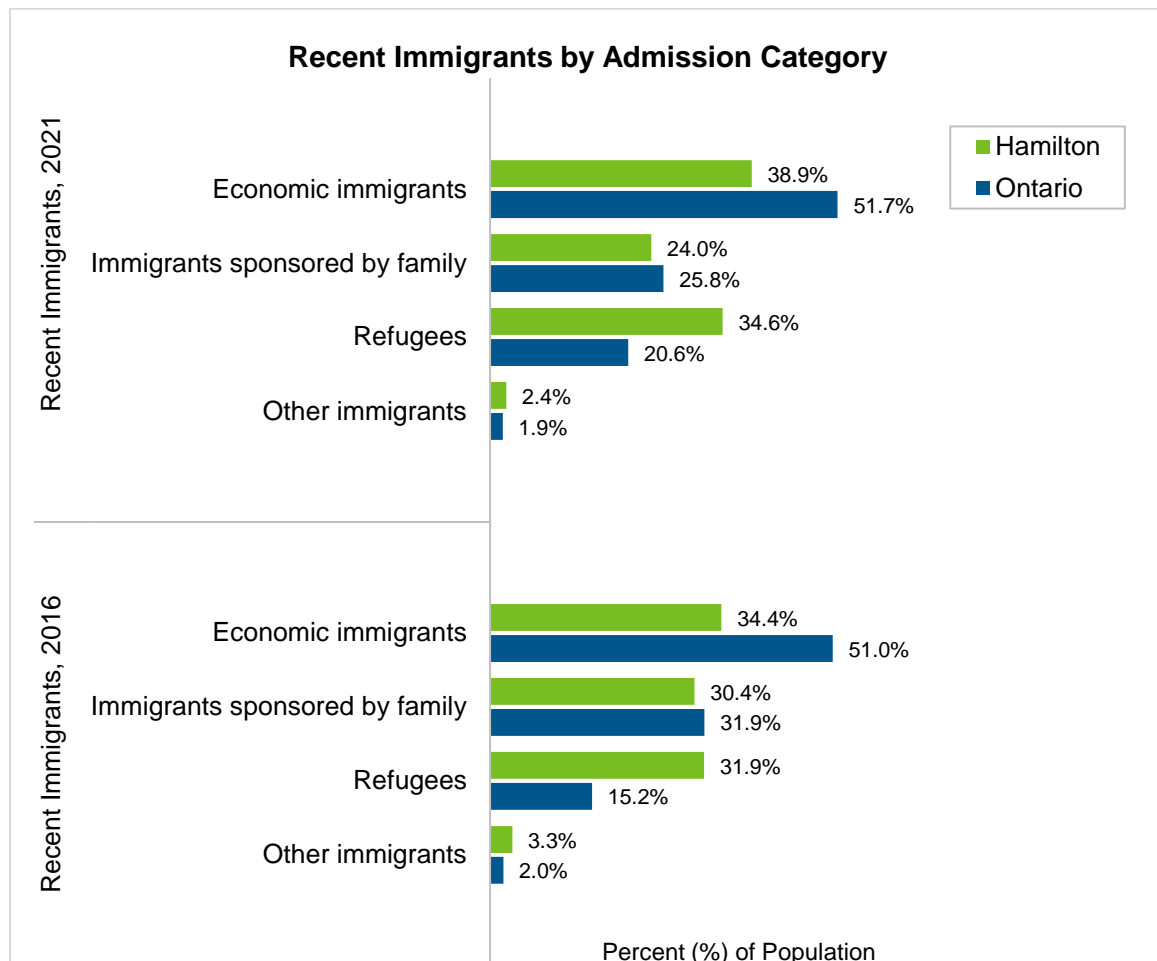
- More than one in four immigrants in Hamilton arrived before 1980. Hamilton has a larger proportion of immigrants who immigrated before 1980 than that of Ontario.
- However, similar to Ontario as a whole, almost 14% of immigrants in Hamilton arrived between 2016 and 2021.



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## Immigrants Admission Category

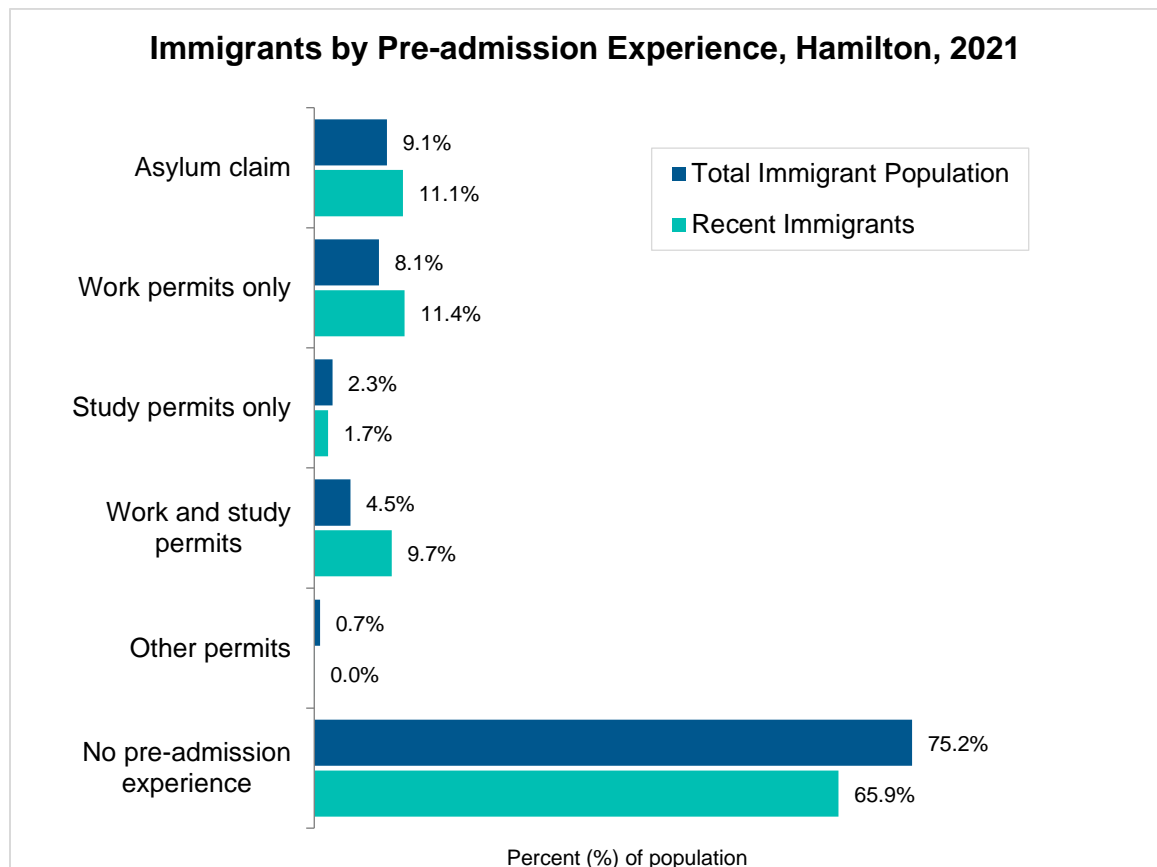
- In 2021, recent immigrants living in Hamilton were more likely to have arrived as economic immigrants than any other admission category.
- About one-third of recent immigrants in Hamilton were admitted as refugees.
- Compared to Ontario's recent immigrants, Hamilton's recent immigrant population had a higher proportion of refugees and a lower proportion of economic class immigrants in 2021.
- Since 2016, there has been an increase in the proportion of economic immigrants (from 34.4% to 38.9%) and a decrease in family class immigrants (from 30.4% to 24.0%) among the recent immigrant population in Hamilton.



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## Immigrants' Pre-Admission Experience, Hamilton

- Many immigrants in Hamilton have lived in Canada as international students, temporary foreign workers or asylum seekers prior to becoming permanent residents (known as pre-admission experience).
- In Hamilton in 2021, one-fourth of all immigrants and over one-third of recent immigrants, defined as those individuals who immigrated between 2016-2021 had pre-admission experience.

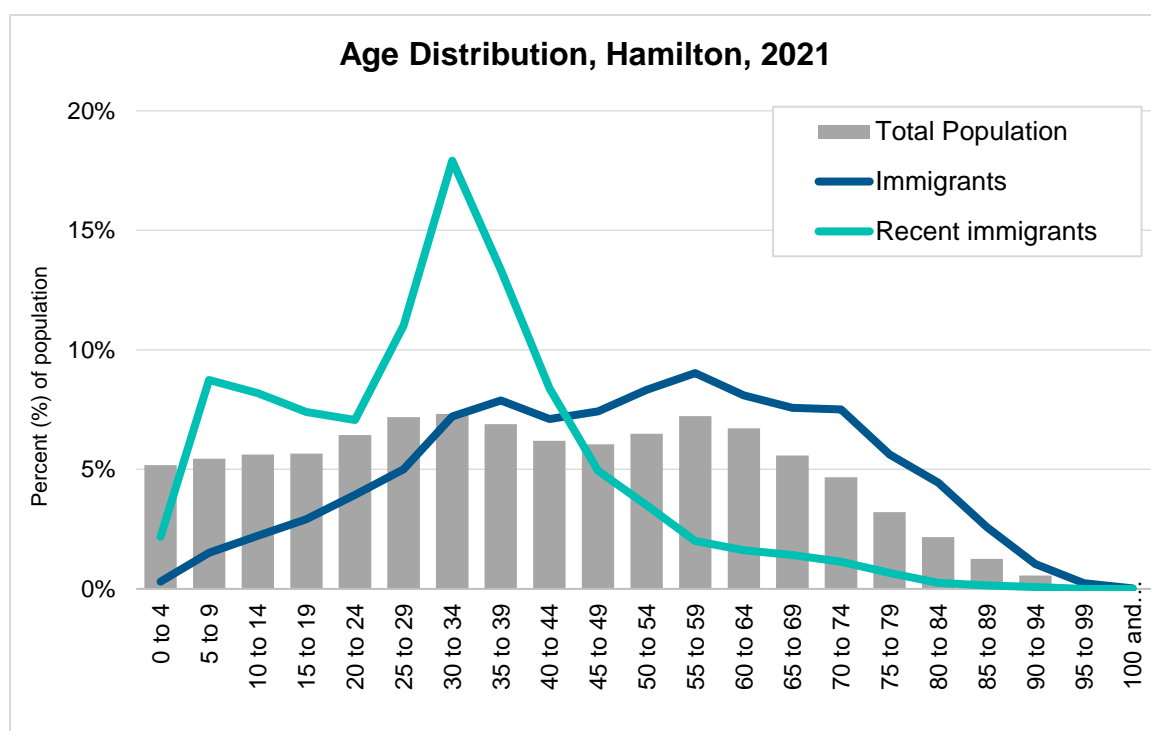


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# Age and Gender Distribution

## Age Distribution, Hamilton, 2021

- Recent immigrants in Hamilton are generally younger compared to the overall population and all immigrants.
- Just over half of recent immigrants in Hamilton (50.7%) are between the ages of 25 and 44, nearly twice the proportion of this age group among all immigrants in Hamilton and among the city's total population.
- These figures do not vary much by gender.

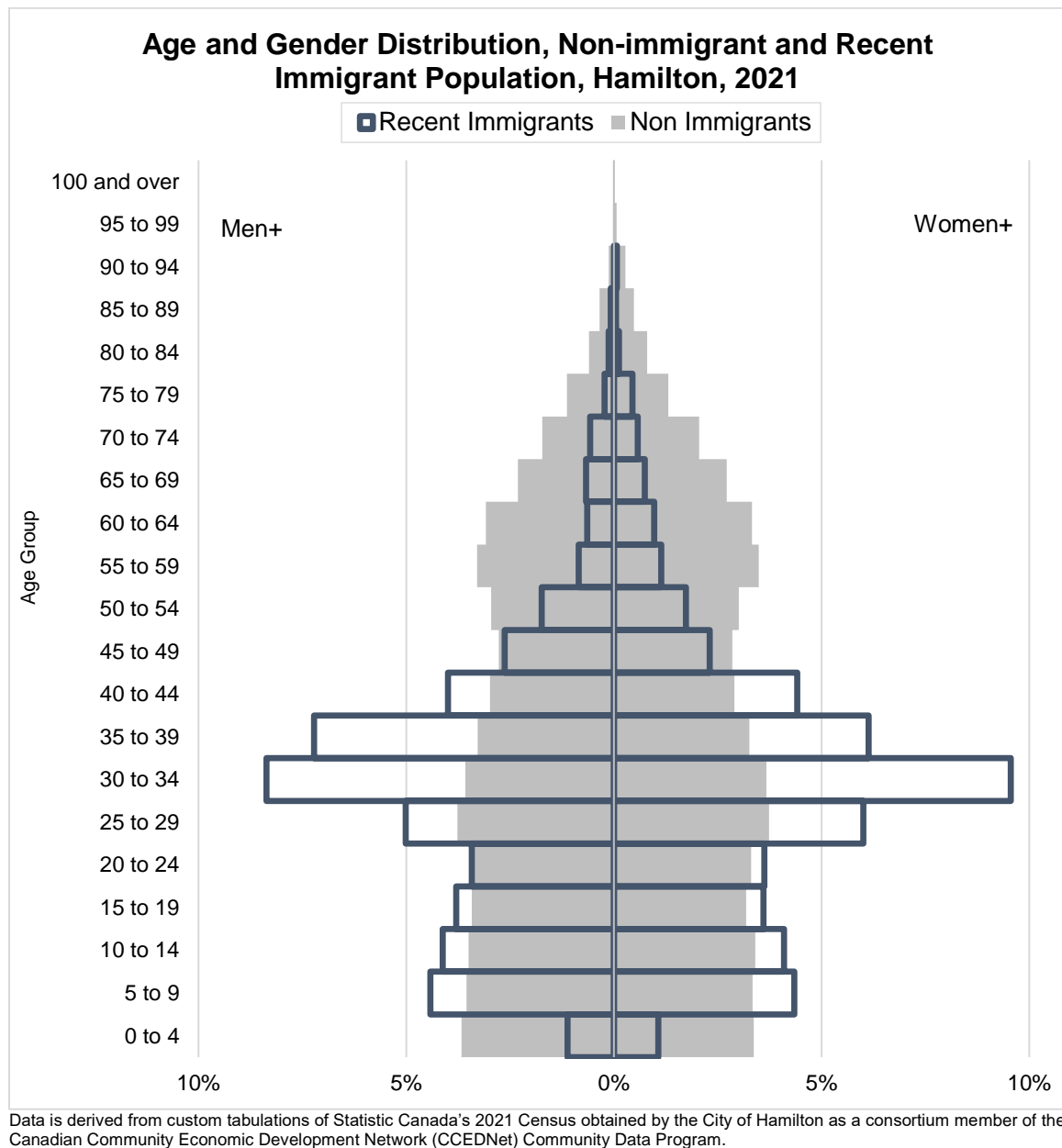


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## Age & Gender Distribution of Non-Immigrants and Recent Immigrants

- Recent immigrants were, as a whole, much younger than non-immigrants across both genders.
- The largest age cohorts among recent immigrants were aged 30 to 34, 35 to 39, and 25 to 29, with more women than men represented across these groups.
- There was a higher proportion of school-aged children between the ages of 5 to 19 years, among recent immigrants compared to the non-immigrant population.

- Overall, there were more recent immigrants identifying as women+1 than men+2.
- Data on sexual orientation was not collected in 2021.



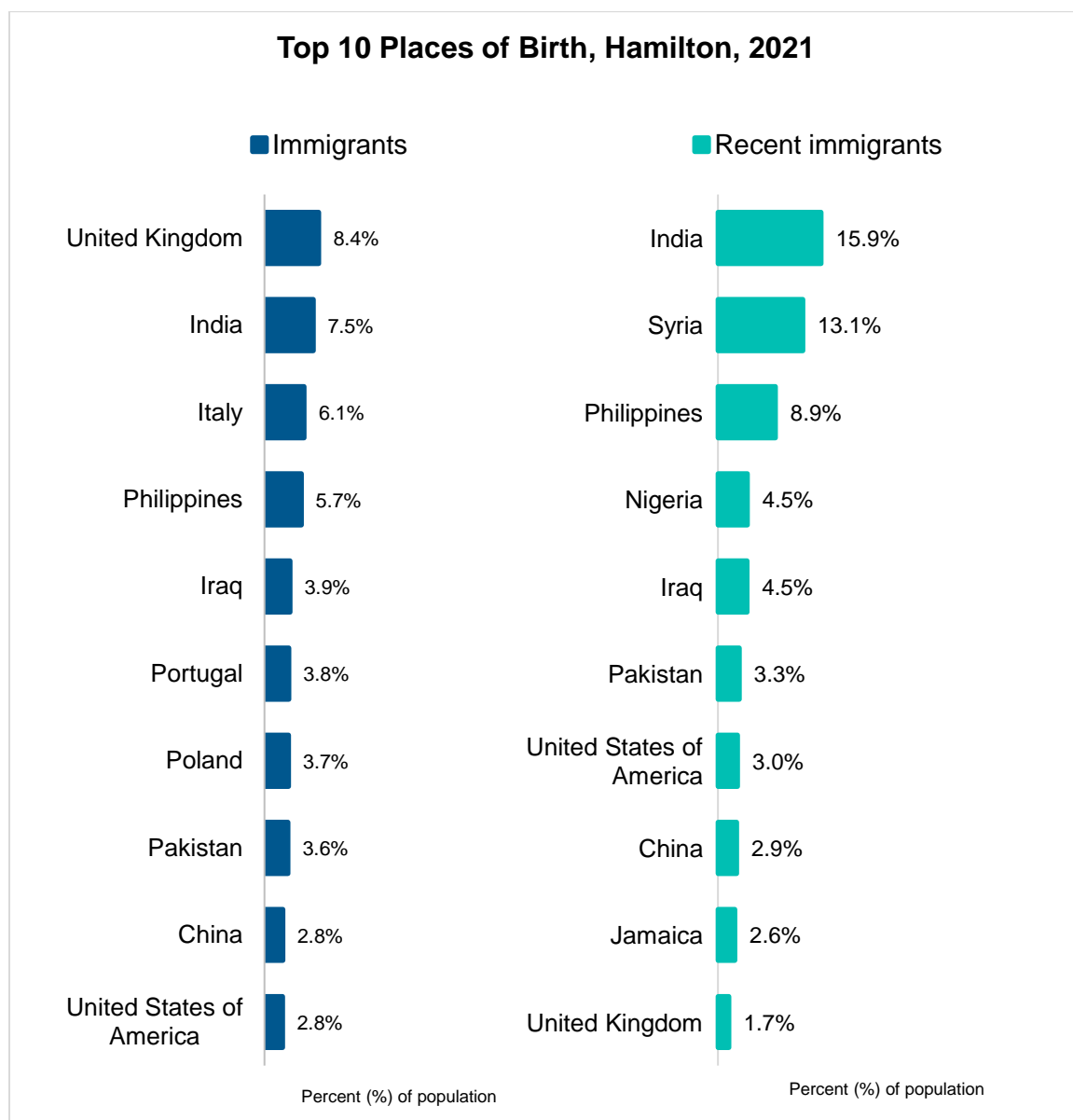
<sup>1&2</sup> In Census 2021, Statistics Canada introduced the concept of gender. Gender refers to an individual's personal and social identity as a man, woman or non-binary person (a person who is not exclusively a man or a woman). Given that the non-binary population is small, data aggregation to a two-category gender variable was necessary to protect the confidentiality of responses provided. In these cases, individuals in the category "non-binary persons" are distributed into the other two gender categories and are denoted by the "+" symbol.



## Place of Birth

### Top 10 Places of Birth, Immigrants and Recent Immigrants

- In 2021, United Kingdom, India, and Italy were the top places of birth for immigrants in Hamilton.
- India was the top country of birth among recent immigrants in Hamilton in 2021. Syria is the second most common place of birth, followed by Philippines, Nigeria, and Iraq.



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# Mother Tongues

## Top 10 Mother Tongues for Immigrants, Hamilton and Ontario

- In 2021, English was by far the most common mother tongue<sup>3</sup> for immigrants in Hamilton and overall in Ontario.
- Other common mother tongues for immigrants in Hamilton were Arabic, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and Tagalog.
- Other common mother tongues for immigrants in Ontario were Mandarin, Cantonese, Arabic and Punjabi.

Top 10 Mother Tongues for Immigrants, 2021					
Hamilton			Ontario		
Language	Count	Percent of Total Immigrants	Language	Count	Percent of Total Immigrants
English	35,660	24.5%	English	1,016,900	24.2%
Arabic	9,975	6.9%	Mandarin	250,935	6.0%
Italian	8,015	5.5%	Yue (Cantonese)	209,350	5.0%
Spanish	7,160	4.9%	Arabic	174,795	4.2%
Portuguese	5,460	3.8%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	163,620	3.9%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	5,225	3.6%	Spanish	161,165	3.8%
Polish	5,045	3.5%	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	158,695	3.8%
Punjabi (Panjabi)	4,315	3.0%	Urdu	131,130	3.1%
Serbian	4,005	2.8%	Italian	121,750	2.9%
Urdu	3,955	2.7%	Portuguese	109,080	2.6%

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<sup>3</sup> Statistics Canada defines mother tongue as "the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the person at the time the data was collected" <https://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p3Var.pl?Function=DEC&Id=34023>

## Top 10 Mother Tongues for Recent Immigrants, Hamilton and Ontario, 2021

- In Hamilton, Arabic was the top mother tongue among recent immigrants (persons landing between 2016 and 2021). In Ontario, Arabic was second to English as the top mother tongue spoken by recent immigrants.
- Other common mother tongues among recent immigrants in Hamilton were English, Tagalog, Spanish, Punjabi, Gujarati, Hindi, Mandarin, and Urdu.

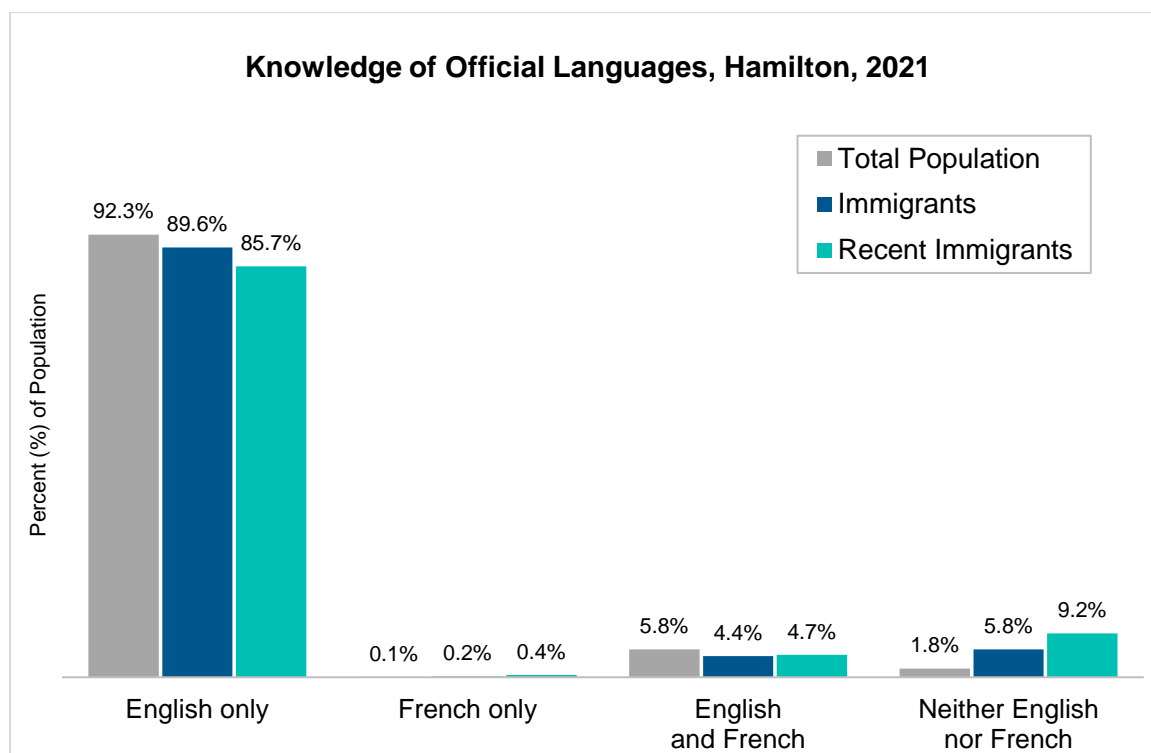
Top 10 Mother Tongues for Recent Immigrants, 2021					
Hamilton			Ontario		
Language	Count	Percent of Recent Immigrants	Language	Count	Percent of Recent Immigrants
Arabic	4,035	20.0%	English	103,200	17.7%
English	3,675	18.2%	Arabic	54,185	9.3%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	1,075	5.3%	Mandarin	45,340	7.8%
Spanish	895	4.4%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	28,205	4.8%
Punjabi (Panjabi)	825	4.1%	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	25,610	4.4%
Gujarati	550	2.7%	Hindi	22,575	3.9%
Hindi	495	2.5%	Spanish	20,645	3.5%
Mandarin	480	2.4%	Urdu	19,425	3.3%
Urdu	475	2.4%	Gujarati	13,670	2.3%
French	340	1.7%	Iranian Persian	11,070	1.9%

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# Knowledge of Official Languages

## Knowledge of Official Languages, Hamilton

- Within Hamilton's general population, 98.1% reported having knowledge of English, which includes almost 6% with knowledge of English and French.
- Among recent immigrants, 90.4% had knowledge of English, which includes 4.7% with knowledge of both English and French. Less than 10% of recent immigrants in Hamilton did not know English or French.



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# Languages Spoken Most Often at Home

## Top 10 Languages Spoken Most Often at Home by Immigrants

- In 2021, English was the most common language spoken most often at home by the immigrant population in Hamilton and Ontario. There was a slightly higher percentage of immigrants in Hamilton reporting English as the most often spoken language at home than in Ontario (52.0% vs. 47.2%).
- Other languages most often spoken at home by immigrants in Hamilton were Arabic, Spanish, Italian, Punjabi, and Tagalog.
- In Ontario, other common languages spoken most often at home by immigrants were Mandarin, Cantonese, Punjabi, Arabic and Tagalog.

Top 10 Languages Spoken Most Often at Home by Immigrants, 2021					
Hamilton			Ontario		
Language	Count	Percent of Total Immigrants	Language	Count	Percent of Total Immigrants
English	75,630	52.0%	English	1,986,125	47.2%
Arabic	6,415	4.4%	Mandarin	197,330	4.7%
Spanish	4,030	2.8%	Yue (Cantonese)	170,705	4.1%
Italian	3,415	2.3%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	130,125	3.1%
Punjabi (Panjabi)	3,340	2.3%	Arabic	102,270	2.4%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	2,910	2.0%	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	90,795	2.2%
Portuguese	2,560	1.8%	Urdu	89,095	2.1%
Polish	2,555	1.8%	Spanish	88,985	2.1%
Urdu	2,520	1.7%	Tamil	73,495	1.7%
Serbian	2,400	1.6%	Portuguese	57,065	1.4%

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## Top 10 Languages Spoken Most Often at Home by Recent Immigrants

- In 2021, the top language spoken most often at home by recent immigrants in both Hamilton and Ontario was English.
- Other languages most often spoken at home by recent immigrants in Hamilton were Arabic, Tagalog, Punjabi, Spanish Gujarati, and Mandarin. Among recent immigrants in Ontario, other languages most often spoken at home included Arabic, Mandarin, Punjabi, Tagalog, Hindi, and Urdu.

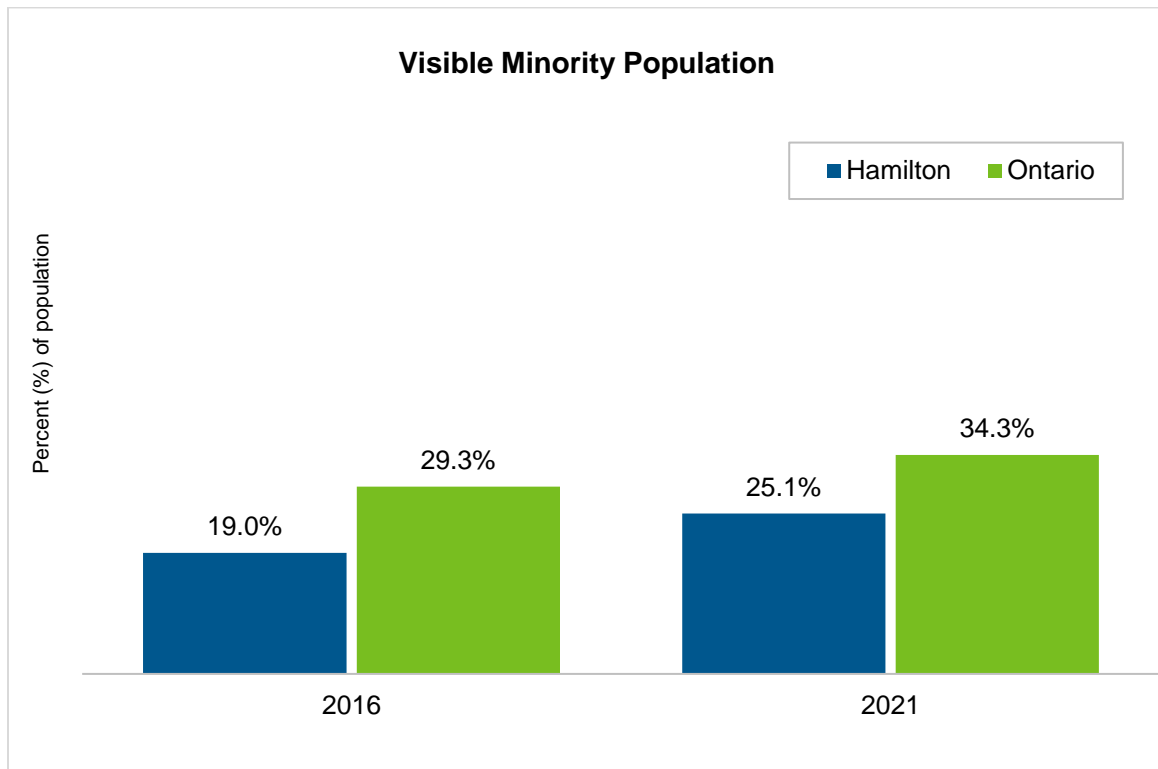
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Hamilton			Ontario		
Language	Count	Percent of Recent Immigrants	Language	Count	Percent of Recent Immigrants
English	6,925	34.4%	English	195,480	33.4%
Arabic	3,190	15.8%	Arabic	39,045	6.7%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	730	3.6%	Mandarin	37,820	6.5%
Punjabi (Panjabi)	655	3.3%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	23,435	4.0%
Spanish	655	3.3%	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	18,640	3.2%
Gujarati	470	2.3%	Hindi	14,575	2.5%
Mandarin	395	2.0%	Urdu	13,900	2.4%
Hindi	350	1.7%	Spanish	13,680	2.3%
Urdu	265	1.3%	Gujarati	10,215	1.7%
Somali	245	1.2%	Iranian Persian	9,255	1.6%

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# Racialized Status

## Racialized Population, Hamilton and Ontario, 2016 and 2021

- From 2016 to 2021, the proportion of persons reporting a racialized identity has increased in both Hamilton and Ontario.
- In 2021, 25.1% of the Hamilton population identified as racialized, compared to 19% in 2016 (6.1% increase).

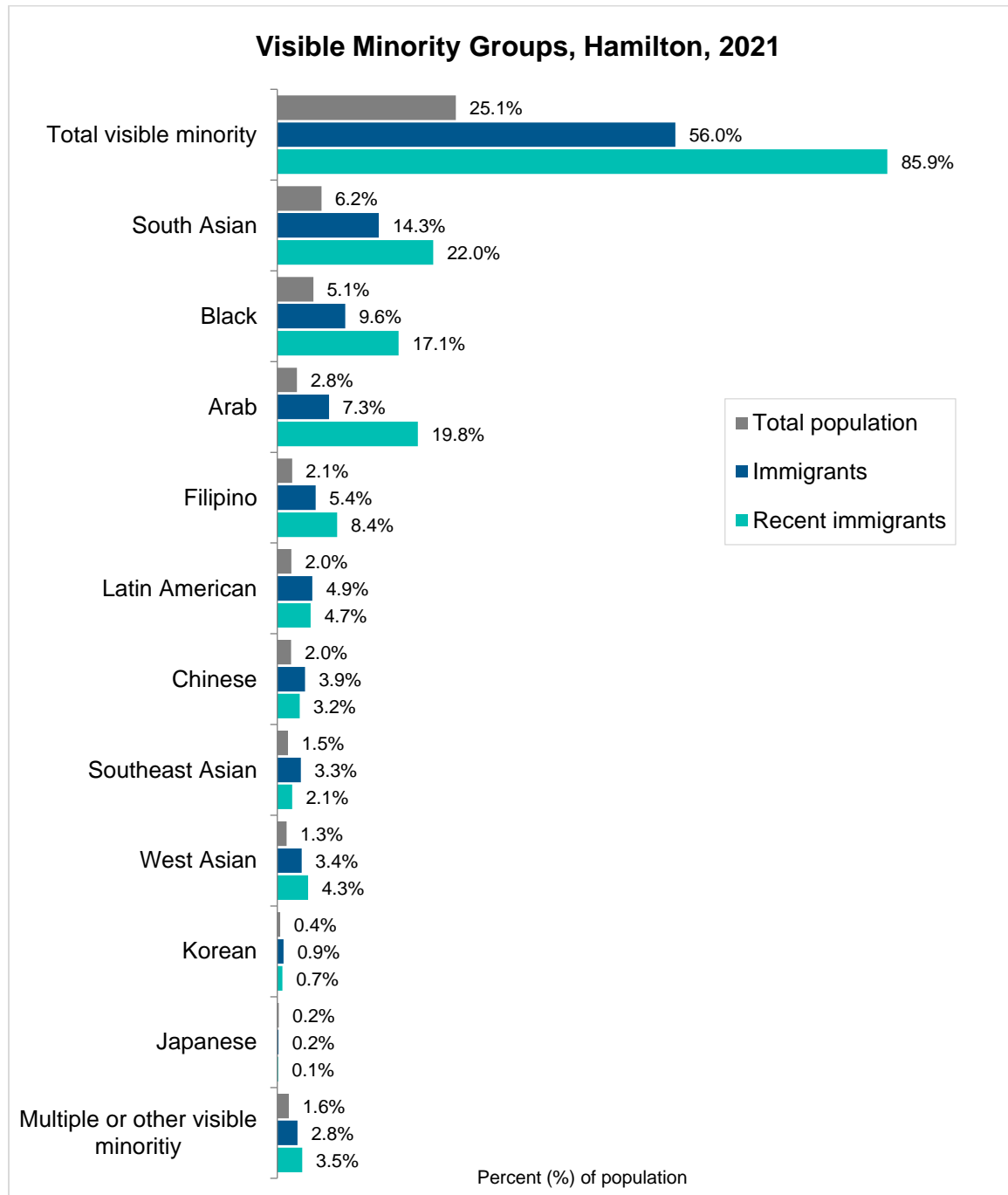


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## Racialized Groups, Hamilton, 2021

- In 2021, 85.9% of recent immigrants belonged to a racialized group, compared to 56% of all immigrants and 25.1% of the total Hamilton population.
- Among recent immigrants in Hamilton, the top racialized groups were South Asian (22%), Arab (19.8%), Black (17.1%) and Filipino (8.4%).



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# Ethnic Origins

## Top 10 Ethnic Origins of Immigrants

- In 2021, the top ethnic origins among immigrants in Hamilton were Indian (India) and Italian. Other common ethnic origins were Filipino, Chinese, Polish, English, and Portuguese.
- In Ontario, Chinese is the top ethnic origin reported by immigrants, followed by Indian (India), Filipino, Italian, Pakistani, and English.

Top 10 Ethnic Origins of Immigrants, 2021					
Hamilton			Ontario		
Ethnic Origin	Count	Percent of Total Immigrants	Ethnic Origin	Count	Percent of Total Immigrants
Indian (India)	10,665	7.3%	Chinese	511,315	12.2%
Italian	10,180	7.0%	Indian (India)	452,685	10.8%
Filipino	7,365	5.1%	Filipino	235,505	5.6%
Chinese	6,325	4.3%	Italian	162,885	3.9%
Polish	6,055	4.2%	Pakistani	136,405	3.2%
English	5,945	4.1%	English	135,840	3.2%
Portuguese	5,800	4.0%	Portuguese	115,740	2.8%
Scottish	4,440	3.1%	Polish	104,270	2.5%
Pakistani	4,370	3.0%	German	96,020	2.3%
German	4,000	2.7%	Scottish	80,350	1.9%

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## Top 10 Ethnic Origins of Recent Immigrants

- In 2021, the top ethnic origin among recent immigrants in Hamilton was Indian (India), followed by Syrian, Filipino, Arab, Chinese, and African.
- Among recent immigrants in Ontario, Indian (India) also tops the list of ethnic origins reported, followed by Chinese, Filipino, and Arab.

Top 10 Ethnic Origins of Recent Immigrants, 2021					
Hamilton			Ontario		
Ethnic Origin	Count	Percent of Recent Immigrants	Ethnic Origin	Count	Percent of Recent Immigrants
India (India)	2,820	14.0%	Indian (India)	112,085	19.2%
Syrian	1,685	8.4%	Chinese	56,275	9.6%
Filipino	1,465	7.3%	Filipino	38,870	6.6%
Arab, n.o.s.	1,445	7.2%	Arab, n.o.s.	24,285	4.2%
Chinese	630	3.1%	Pakistani	21,110	3.6%
African, n.o.s.	610	3.0%	Syrian	19,015	3.3%
Muslim	550	2.7%	Hindu	18,510	3.2%
Pakistani	545	2.7%	Punjabi	13,465	2.3%
West/Central Asian or Middle Eastern, n.o.s.	425	2.1%	Asian, n.o.s.	13,450	2.3%
Jamaican	420	2.1%	African, n.o.s.	12,885	2.2%

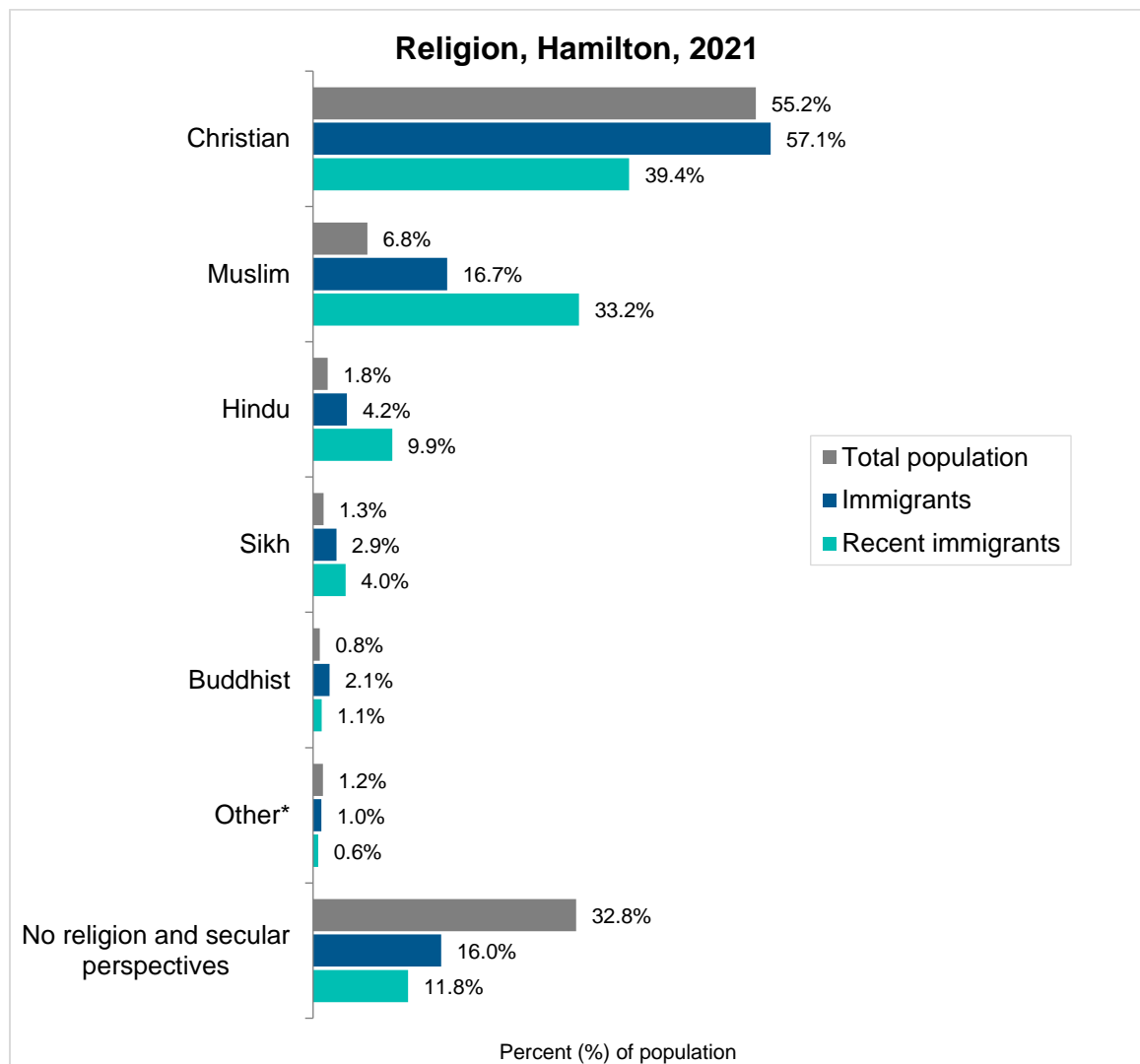
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# Religion

## Faith Communities in Hamilton

- In 2021, 57.1% of immigrants in Hamilton identified as Christian and 16.7% as Muslim.
- Among recent immigrants, 39.4% were Christian, 33.2% Muslim, 9.9% Hindu and 4.0% as Sikh.
- In Hamilton, the proportion of the population that reported “no religion or secular perspectives” was much lower among immigrants (16.0%) and recent immigrants (11.8%) when compared to the total population (32.8%).



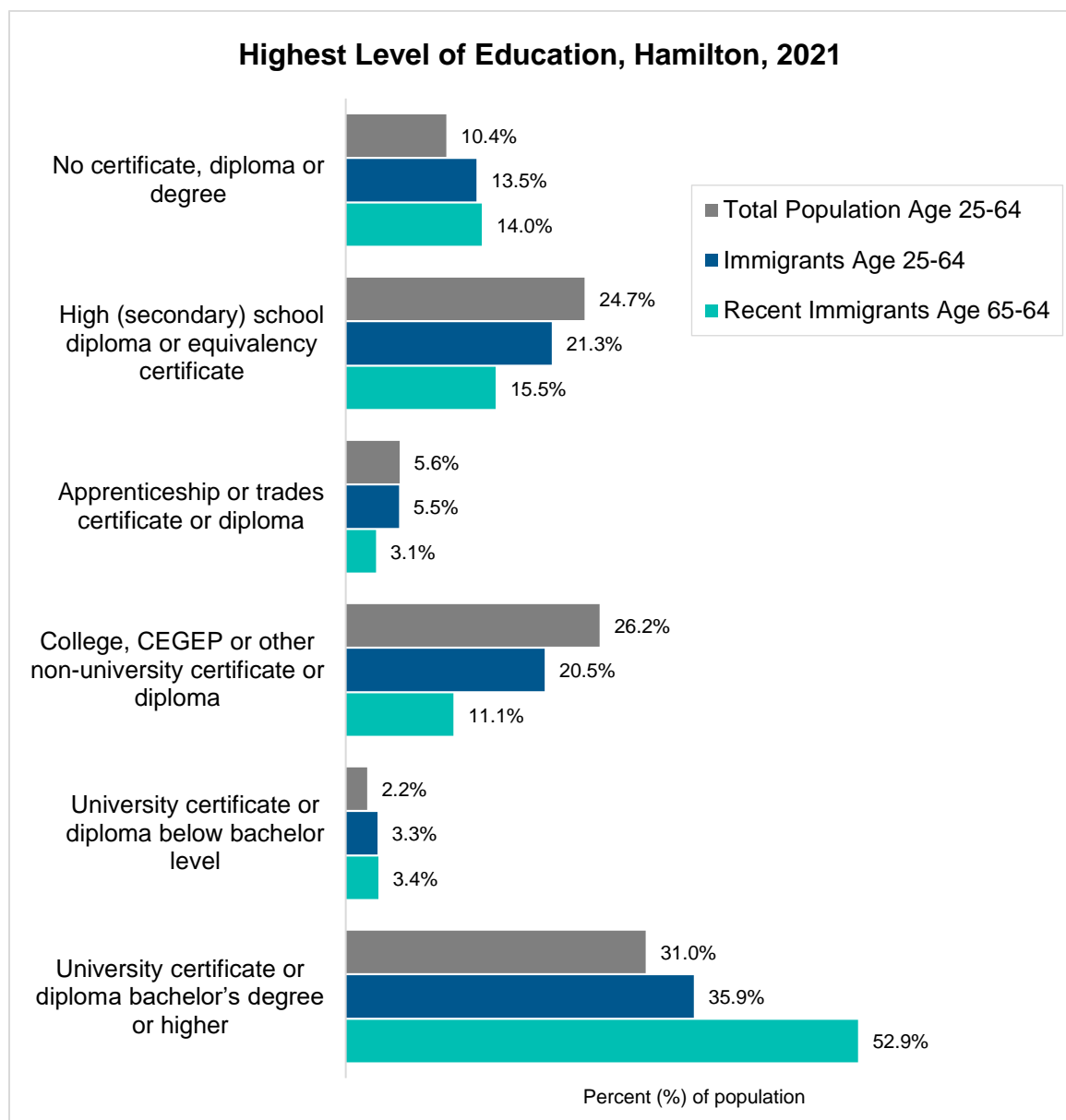
\*Other includes Jewish, Traditional (North American Indigenous) spirituality and other religions and spiritual traditions.

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# Education

## Highest Level of Education

- In 2021, the proportion of Hamilton residents aged 25 to 64 with a university education was substantially higher among recent immigrants (52.9%) than among immigrants (35.9%) and the overall population (31%).
- The proportion of population that did not have a certificate, diploma or degree was slightly higher among recent immigrants (14%) than among immigrants (13.5%) and the overall population (10.4%).

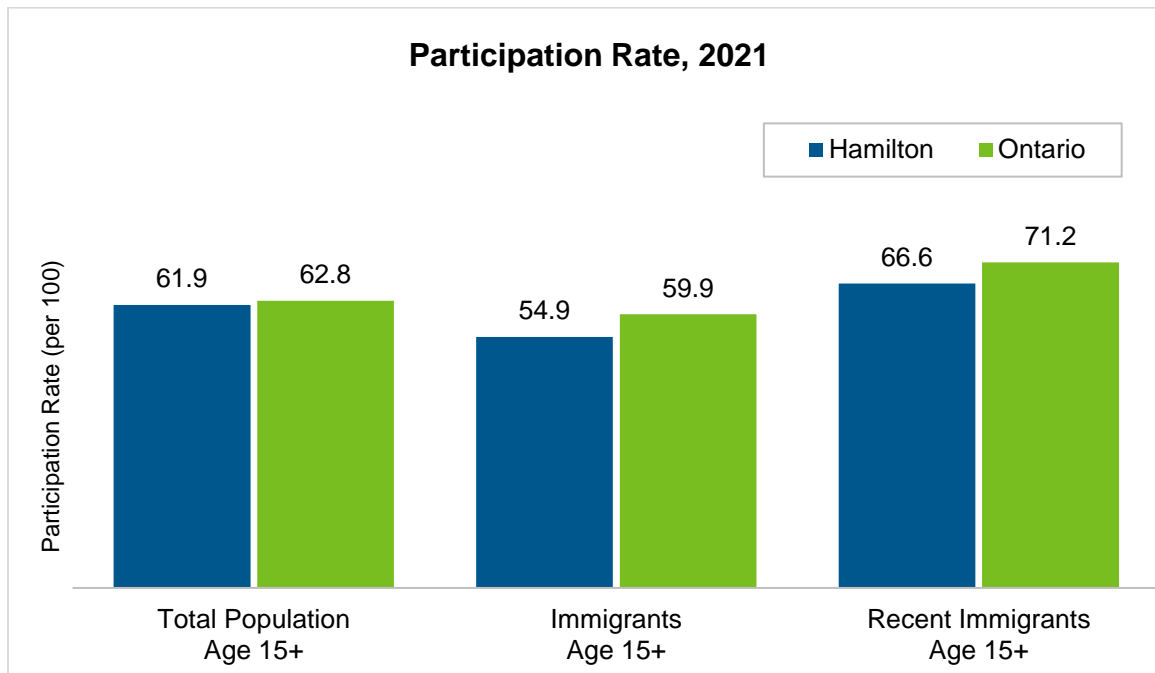


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# Employment

## Labour Market Participation Rate

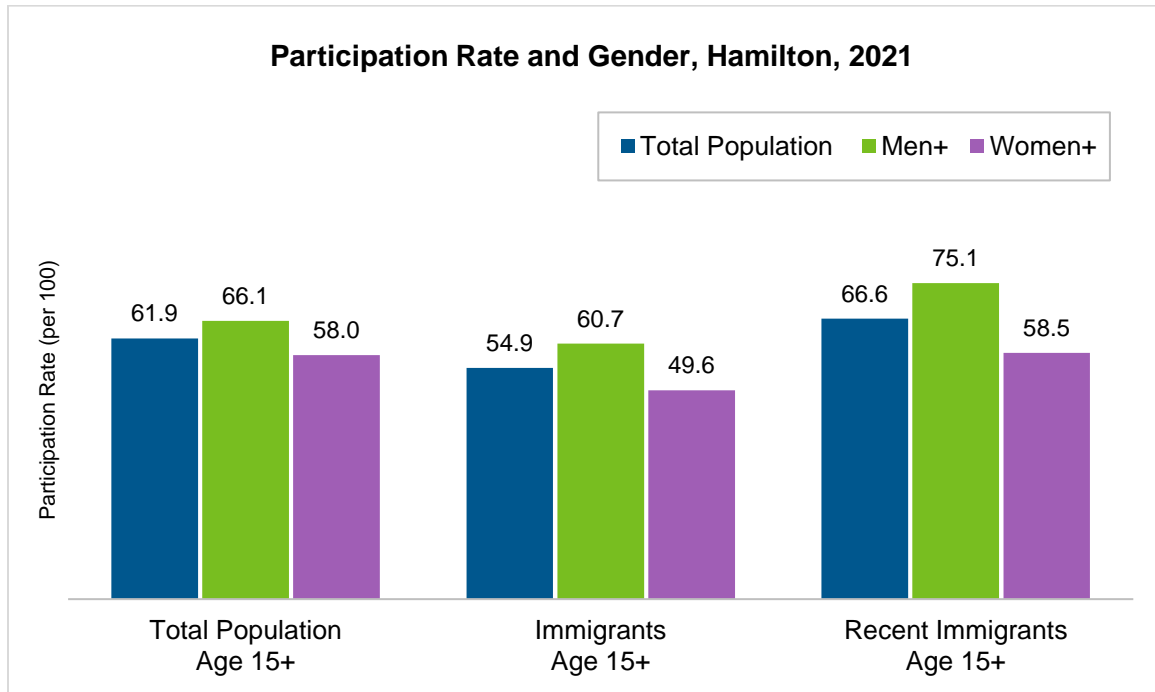
- In Hamilton, the labour market participation rate was higher among recent immigrants (66.6%) compared to all immigrants (54.9%) and the total Hamilton population (61.9%), but lower compared to Ontario's rate (71.2%).



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## Labour Market Participation Rate by Gender

- Labour market participation rates are generally lower among women compared to men, but the gender gap was more substantial among immigrants and recent immigrants.

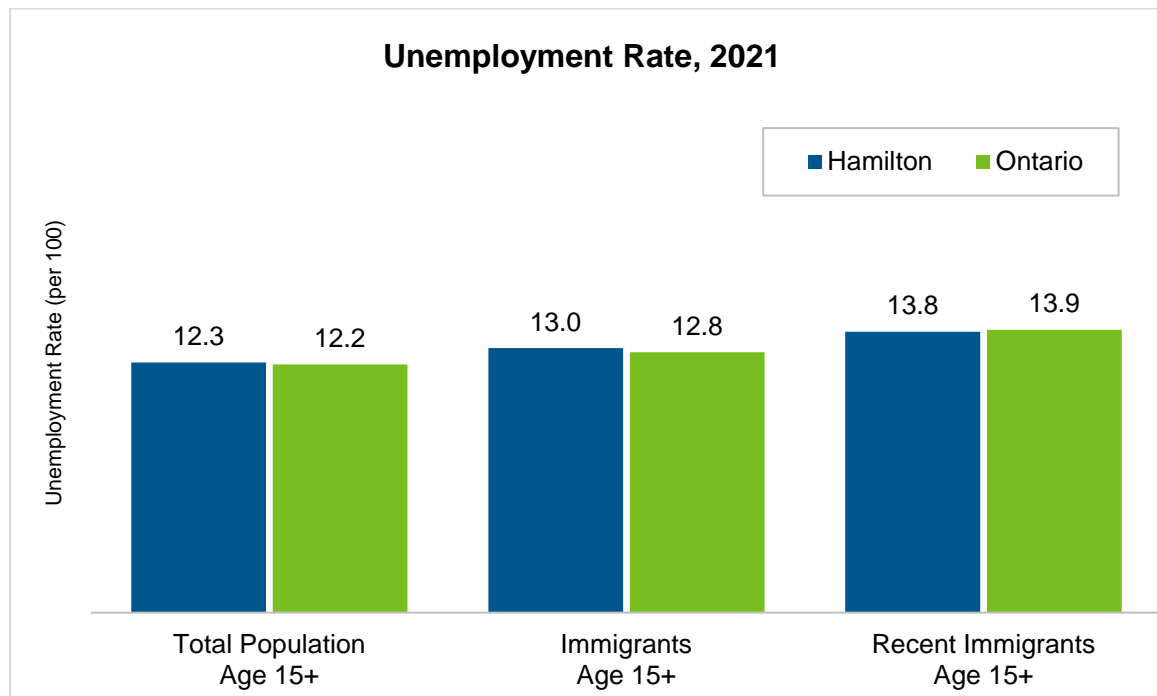


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## Unemployment Rates

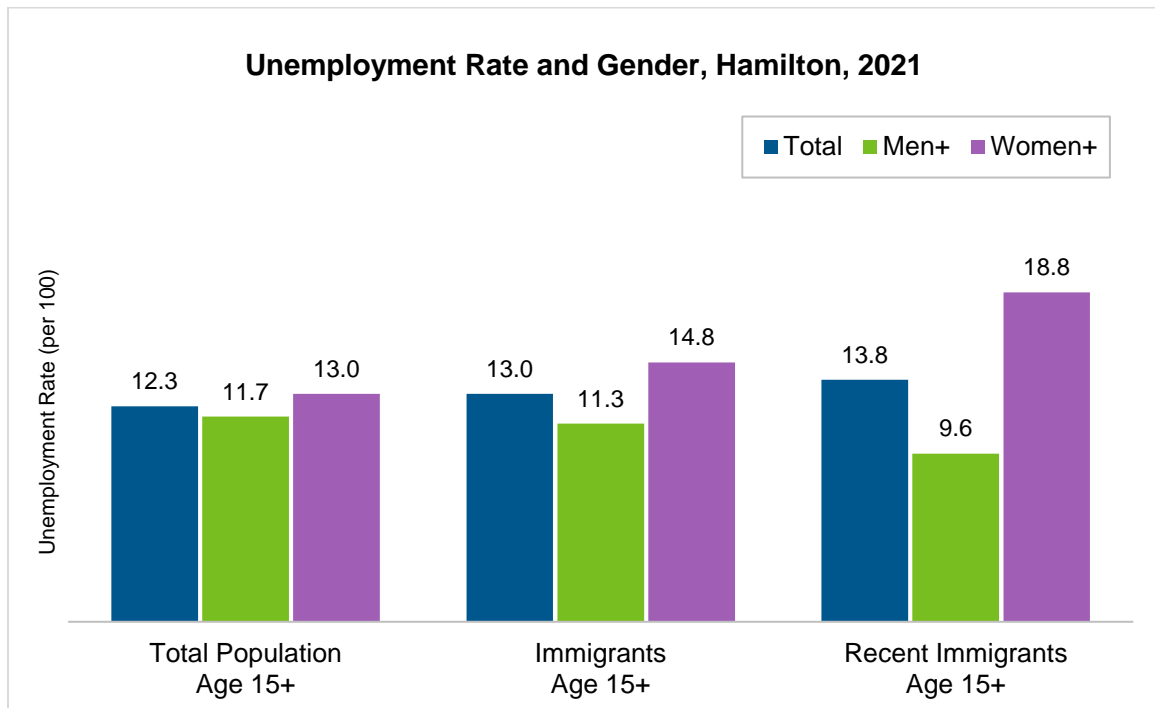
- In Hamilton, unemployment rates were just slightly higher among recent immigrants in Hamilton compared to those of all immigrants and the total population.
- Unemployment rates among immigrants and recent immigrants in Hamilton are similar to Ontario rates.
- It is worth noting that the COVID-19 pandemic caused labour market disruptions in 2020 and 2021. In 2016, the unemployment rate among the total population in Hamilton was 7%, much lower than 12.3% in 2021.



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## Unemployment Rates by Gender

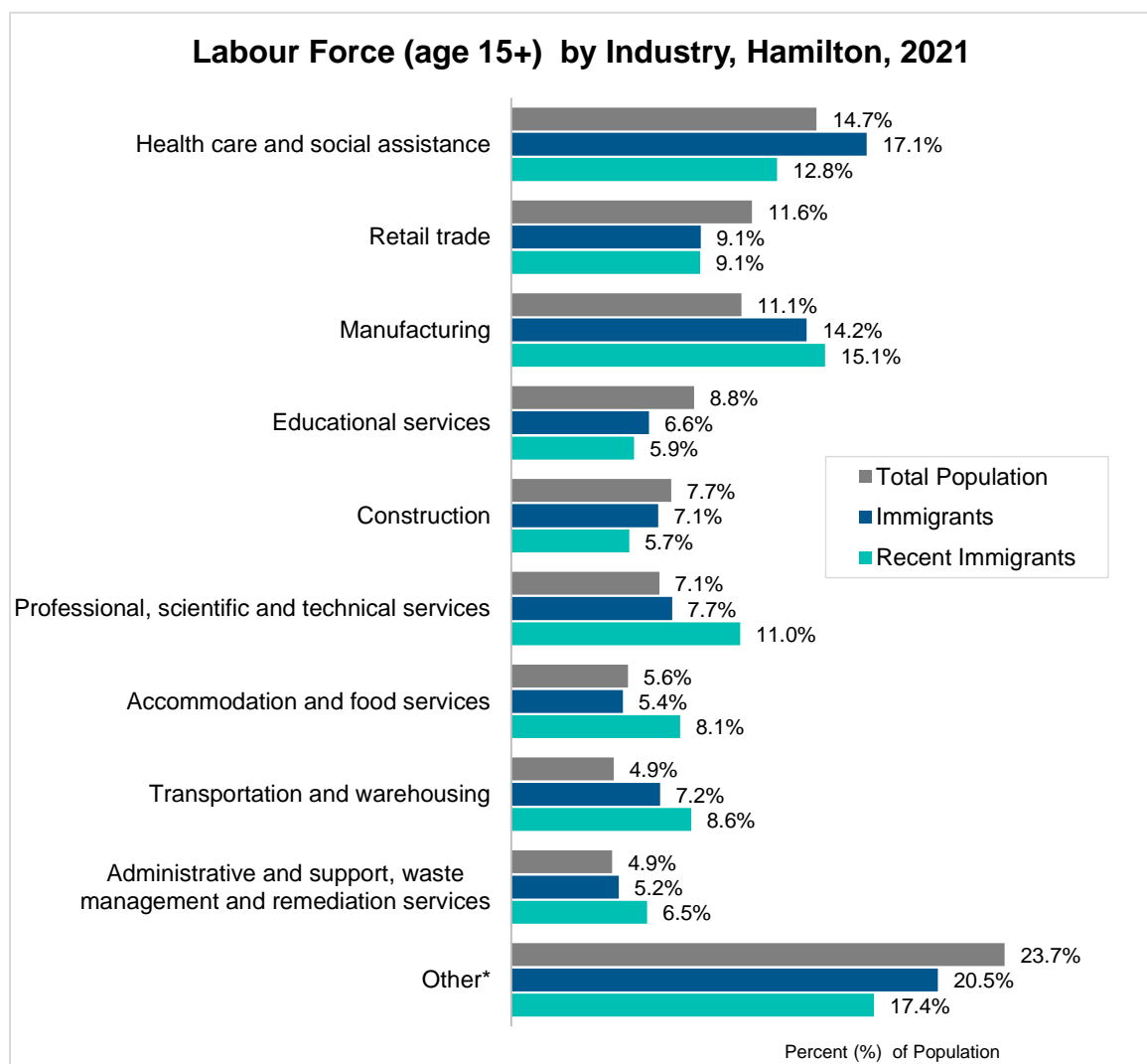
- In general, women had higher unemployment rates than men. The gender gap was more significant among the immigrant and recent immigrant groups.
- Among recent immigrants, women were twice as likely as men to be unemployed.



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## Labour Force by Industry

- The top employment industries among all immigrants in Hamilton were 1) health care and social assistance, and 2) manufacturing. Among recent immigrants, top employment industries were 1) manufacturing, 2) healthcare and social assistance, and 3) professional, scientific, and technical services.
- A smaller proportion of recent immigrants were in healthcare and social assistance, educational services, and construction than all immigrants and the total Hamilton population. A higher percentage of recent immigrants were employed in 1) professional, scientific and technical services, 2) accommodation and food services and 3) transportation and warehousing, compared to all immigrants and the total Hamilton population.

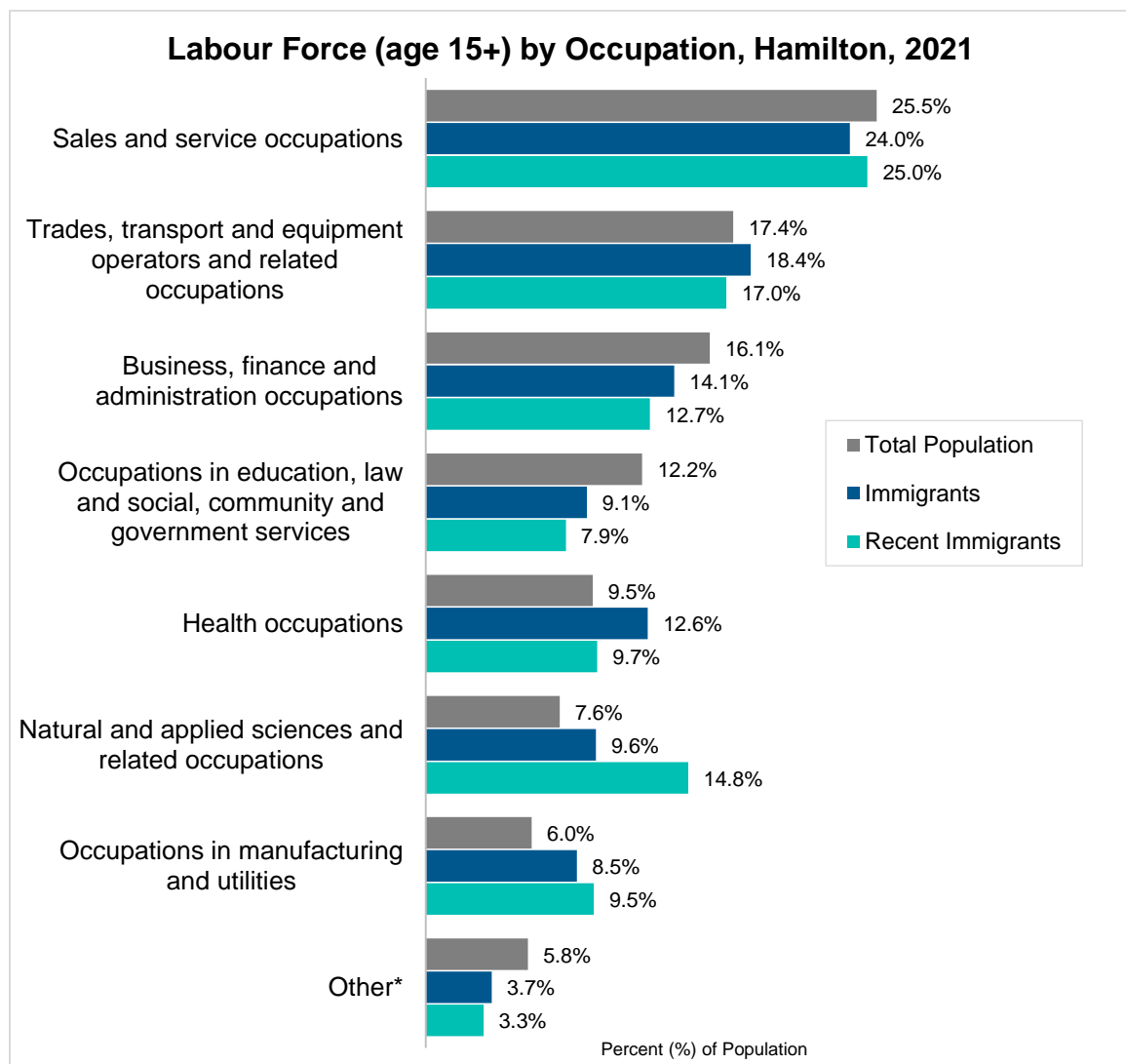


\*Other includes categories that individually comprise less than 5.0% of the population and includes: Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction; Management of companies and enterprises; Utilities; Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; Arts, entertainment and recreation; Real estate and rental and leasing; Information and cultural industries, Wholesale trade, Finance and insurance, Public Administration and other services.

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## Labour Force by Occupation

- The top occupations immigrants and recent immigrants were employed in were 1) sales and service occupations and trades, and 2) transport and equipment operators and related occupations.
- A smaller proportion of recent immigrants were in business, finance and administration occupations and occupations in education, law, social community, and government services compared to all immigrants and the overall Hamilton population.
- A larger proportion of recent immigrants were in natural and applied sciences and related occupations, and in occupations in manufacturing and utilities.



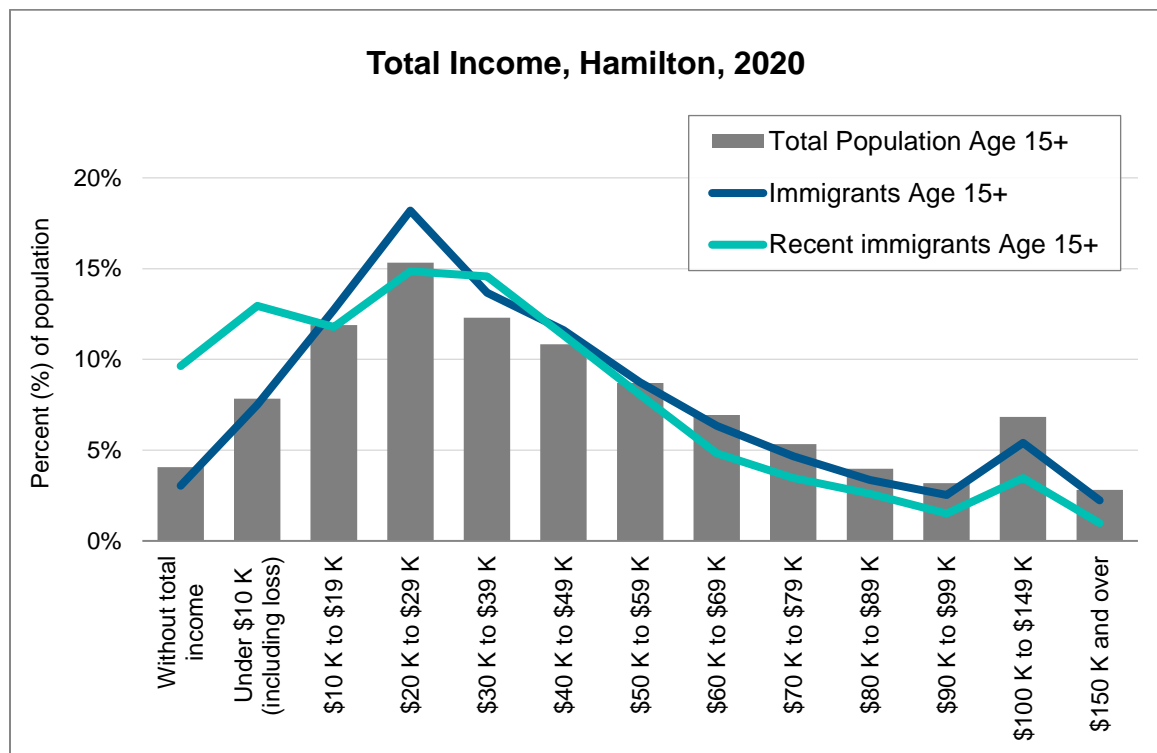
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# Income

## Total Income Categories

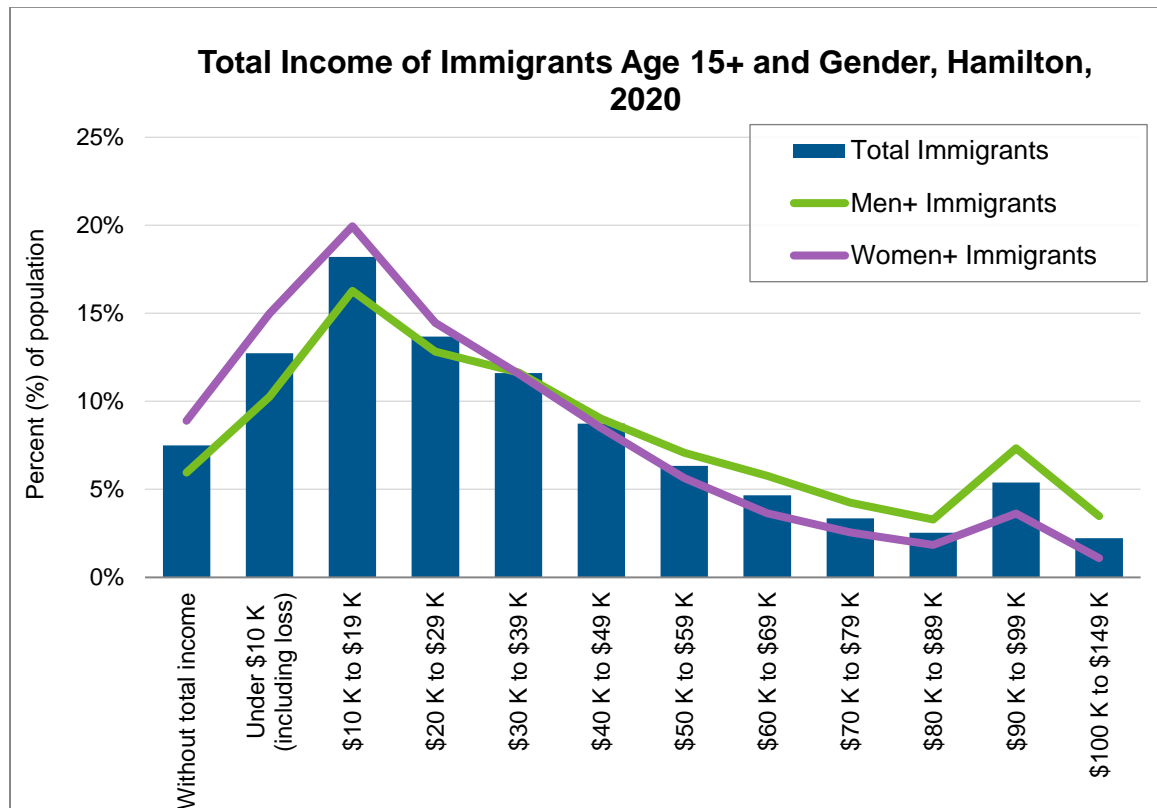
- Overall, recent immigrants had lower total income compared to the total and immigrant population.
- Over 12.9% of recent immigrants had total income under \$10,000 which is a much higher proportion than 7.5% for immigrants and 7.8% for the total population.
- Generally, a smaller proportion of recent immigrants had incomes higher than \$40,000 compared to all immigrants and the total Hamilton population.



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## Total Income of Immigrants by Gender

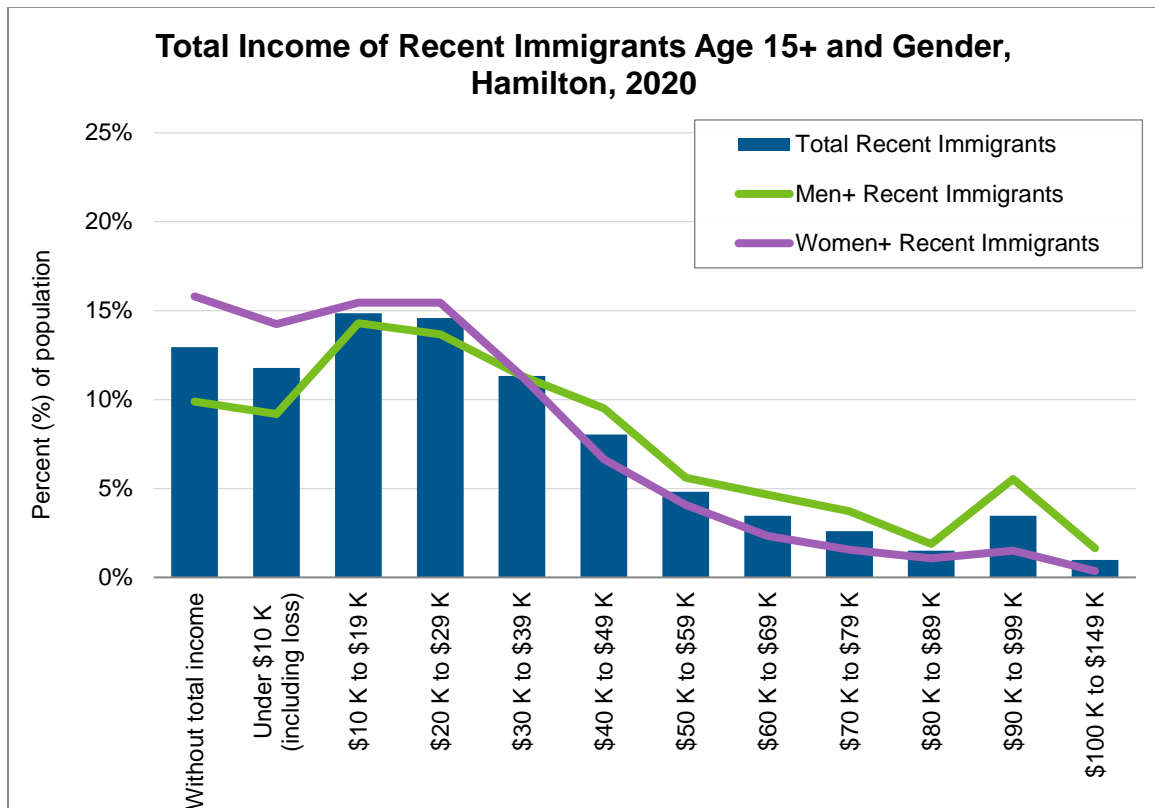
- Compared to men, immigrant women were more likely to have lower incomes (less than \$20,000) and less likely to have higher incomes (over \$40,000).



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## Total Income of Recent Immigrants by Gender

- Among recent immigrants, women were more likely than men to have incomes below \$20,000 and less likely to have incomes over \$30,000.

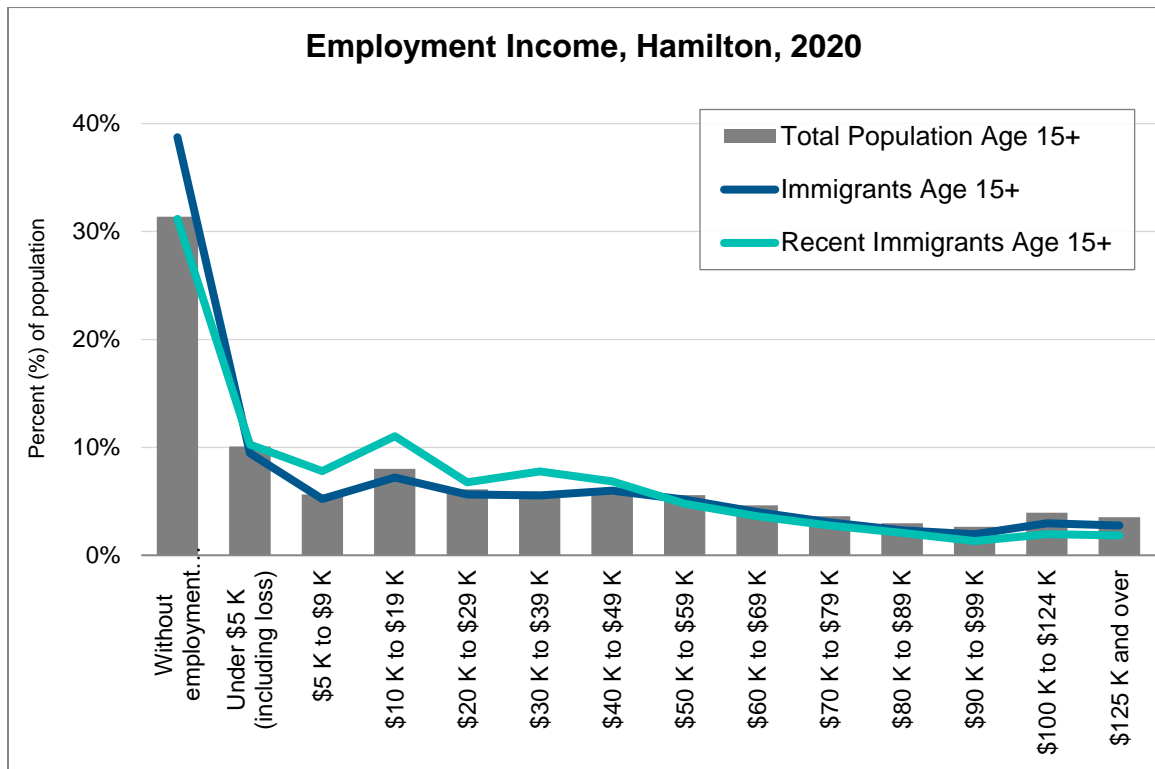


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## Employment Income Categories

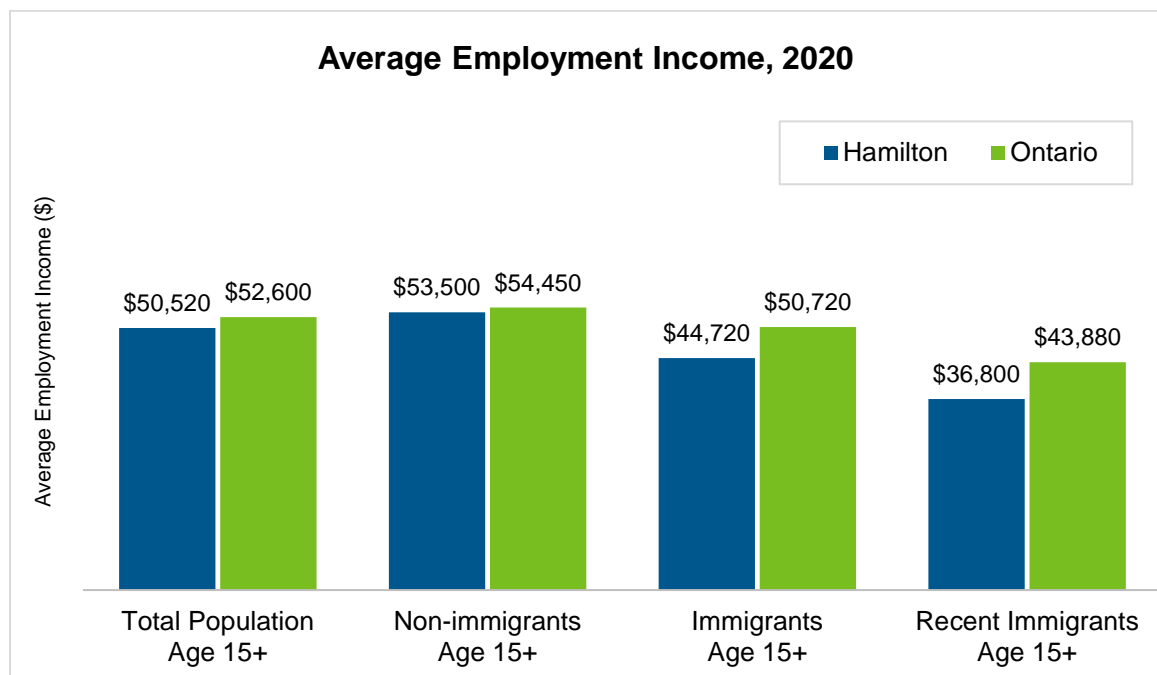
- A higher proportion of recent immigrants had employment incomes below \$40,000 and a lower proportion had employment incomes higher than \$80,000 when compared to all immigrants and the total Hamilton population.



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## Average Employment Income

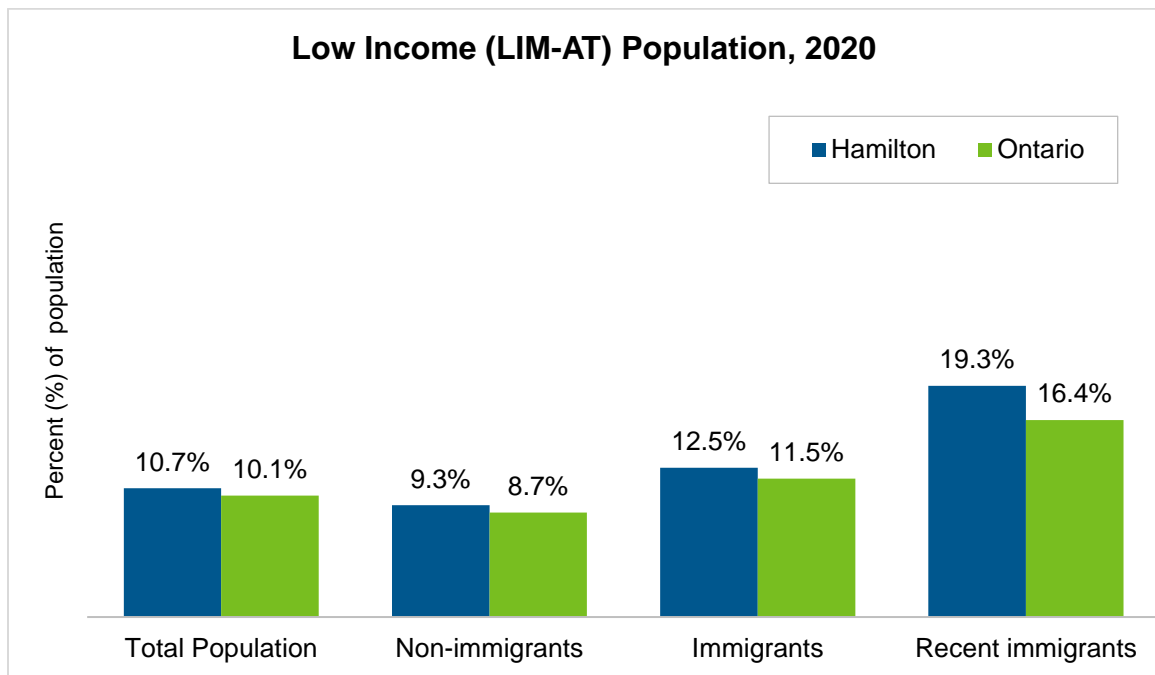
- Both in Hamilton and Ontario, recent immigrants had an average employment income that was substantially lower than those of all immigrants and the total population.
- In Hamilton, the average employment income of recent immigrants was 18% lower than that of all immigrants and 28% lower than that of the total population.
- In Hamilton, there was a 13% difference between the average employment income of immigrants and the total population.



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## Low Income (LIM-AT) Population

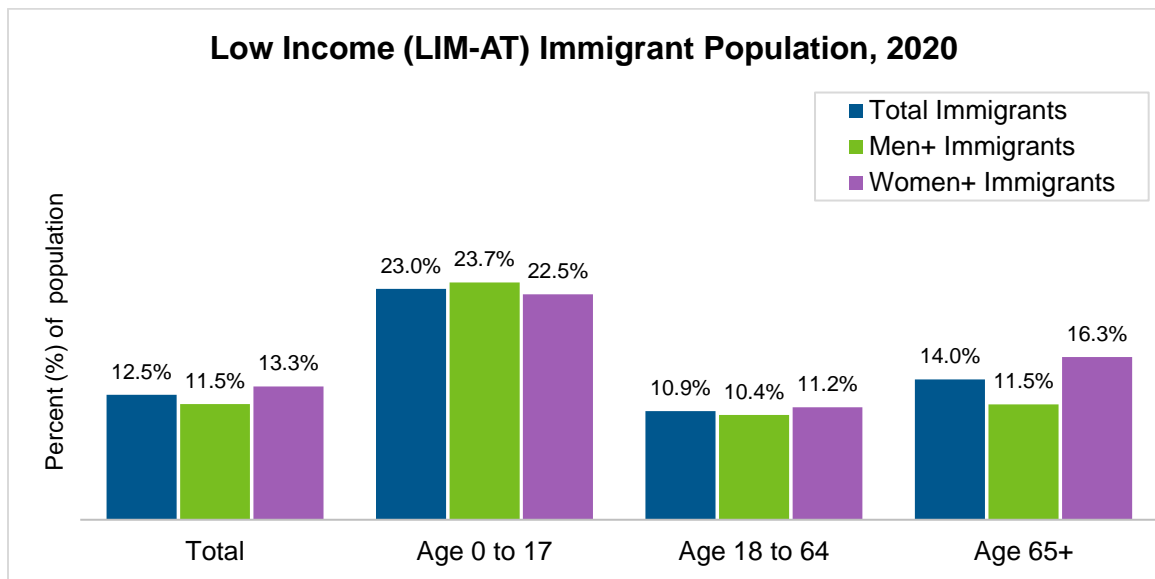
- More than one in 10 people in Hamilton and Ontario lived in low-income situations.
- Among recent immigrants in Hamilton, close to 20% lived in low-income situations, a figure that almost double the low-income rate for the total population.
- Hamilton had higher rates of recent immigrants living in low-income situations compared to Ontario.



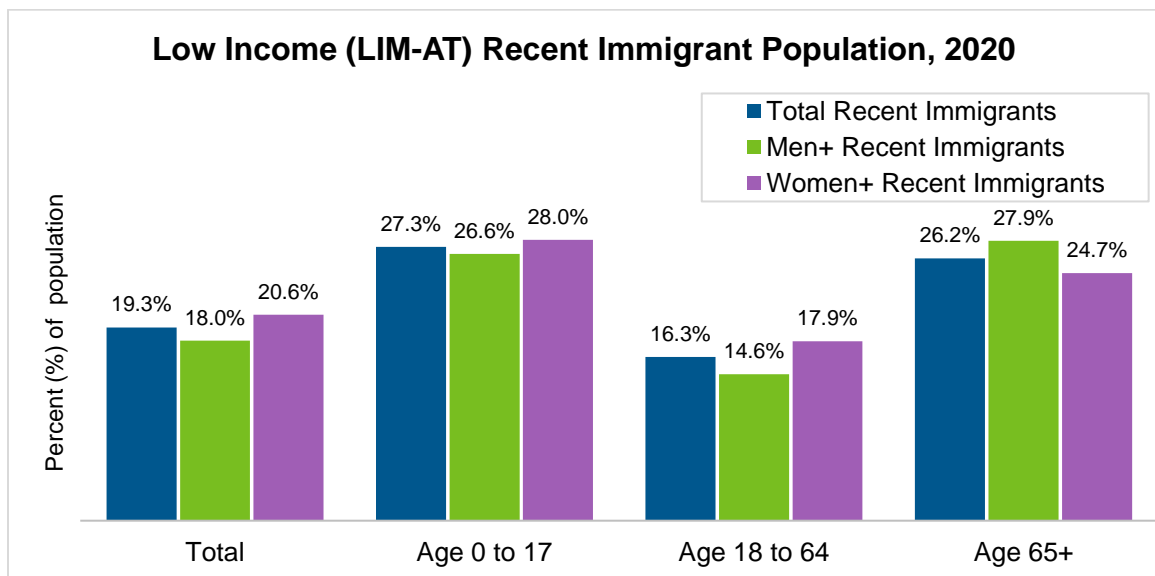
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## Low Income (LIM-AT) Population by Age and Gender

- In Hamilton, immigrant women were more likely to live in low-income situations than immigrant men. This was true across all age groups, except those 0-17 years of age.
- Among recent immigrants, women were more likely to live in low-income situations compared to men, except among those who were 65 years or older.
- Overall, immigrant and recent immigrant children (0-17 years of age) are the most likely to live in low-income situations.



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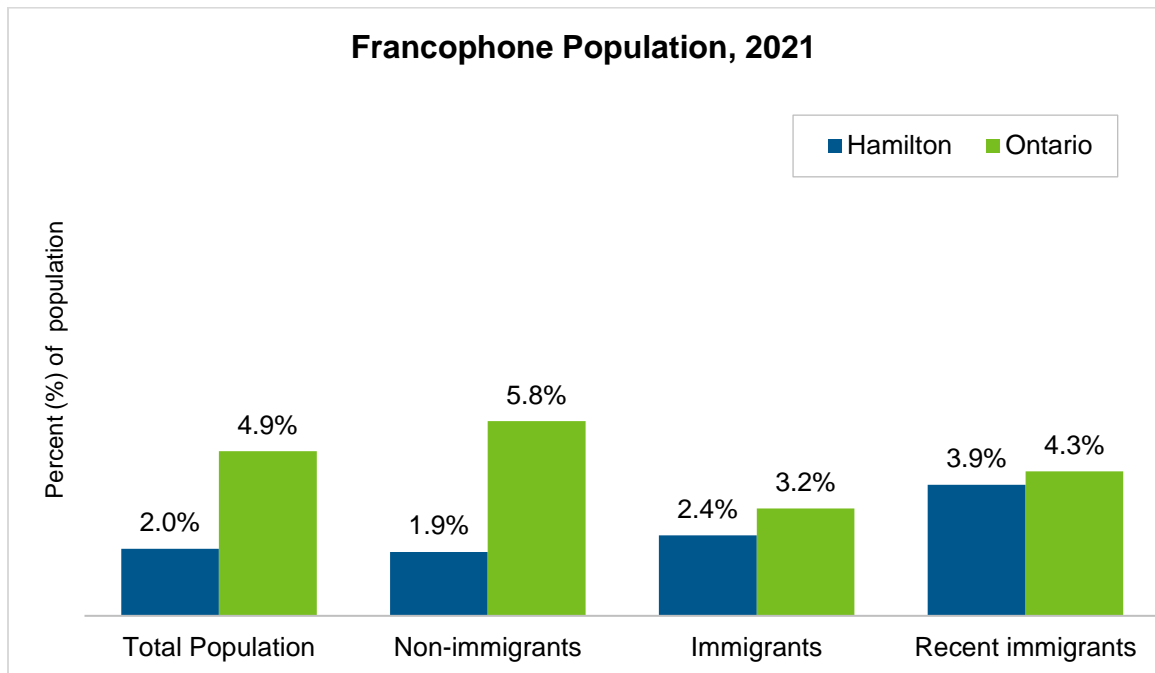


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# Francophone Immigrants

## Francophone Population

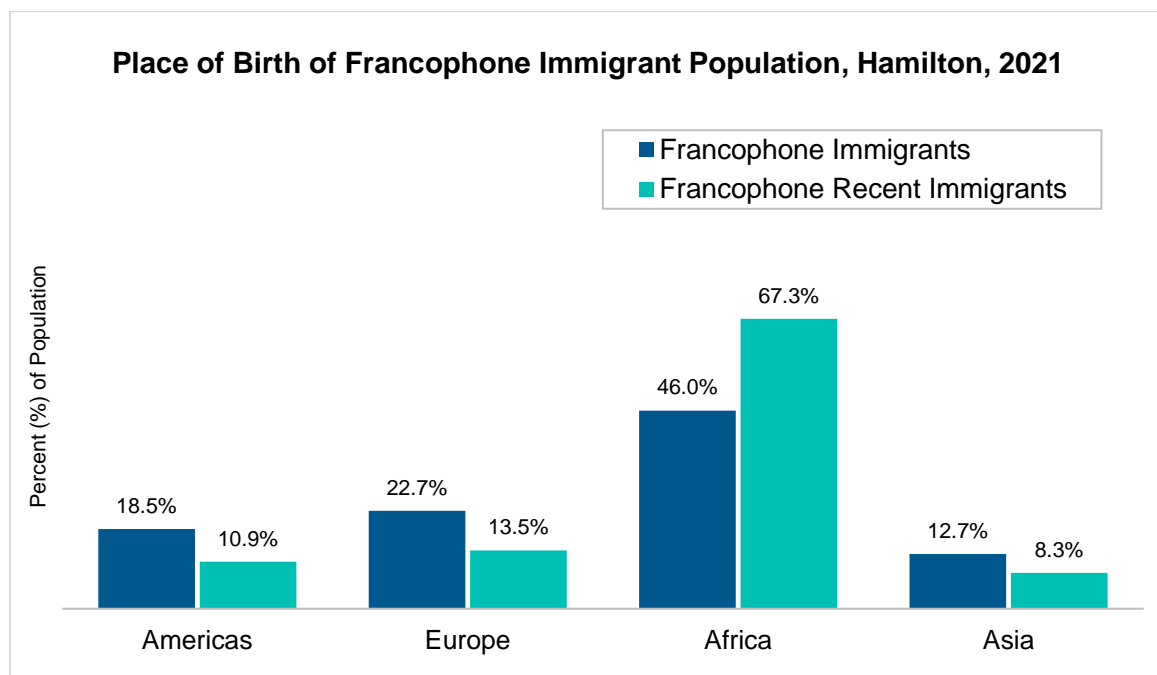
- In Hamilton, 2% of the total population, 2.4% of all immigrants and 3.9% of recent immigrants were Francophone. These were lower proportions compared to Ontario.



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## Francophone Immigrant Population's Place of Birth

- Africa continues to be the top source region of Francophone immigrants in Hamilton with 46% of francophone immigrants and 67.3% of recent francophone immigrants from Africa.
- Compared to all Francophone immigrants, smaller proportions of recent Francophone immigrants came from Americas, Europe and Asia.

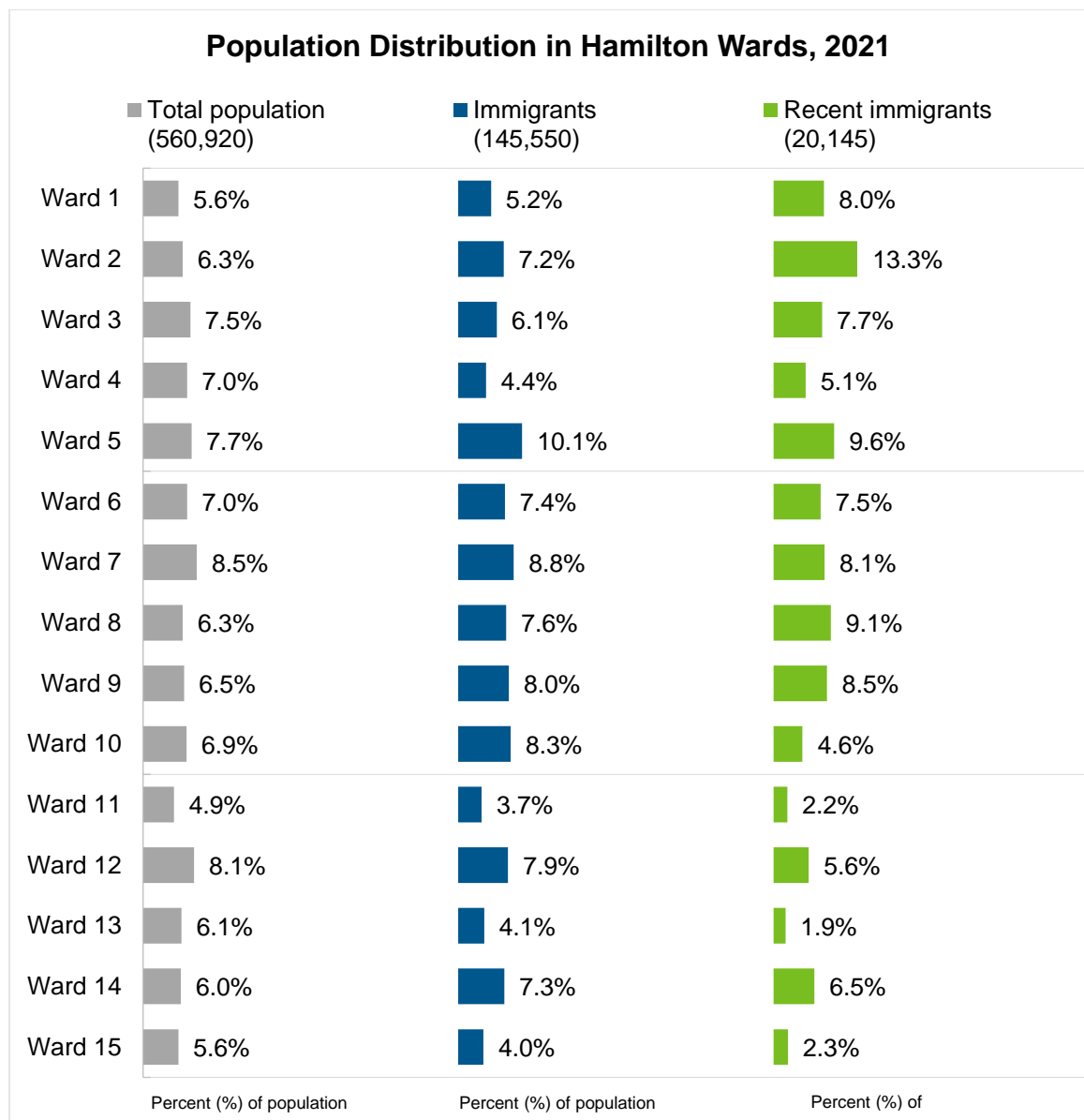


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# Population Distribution in Hamilton

## Population Distribution in Hamilton Wards

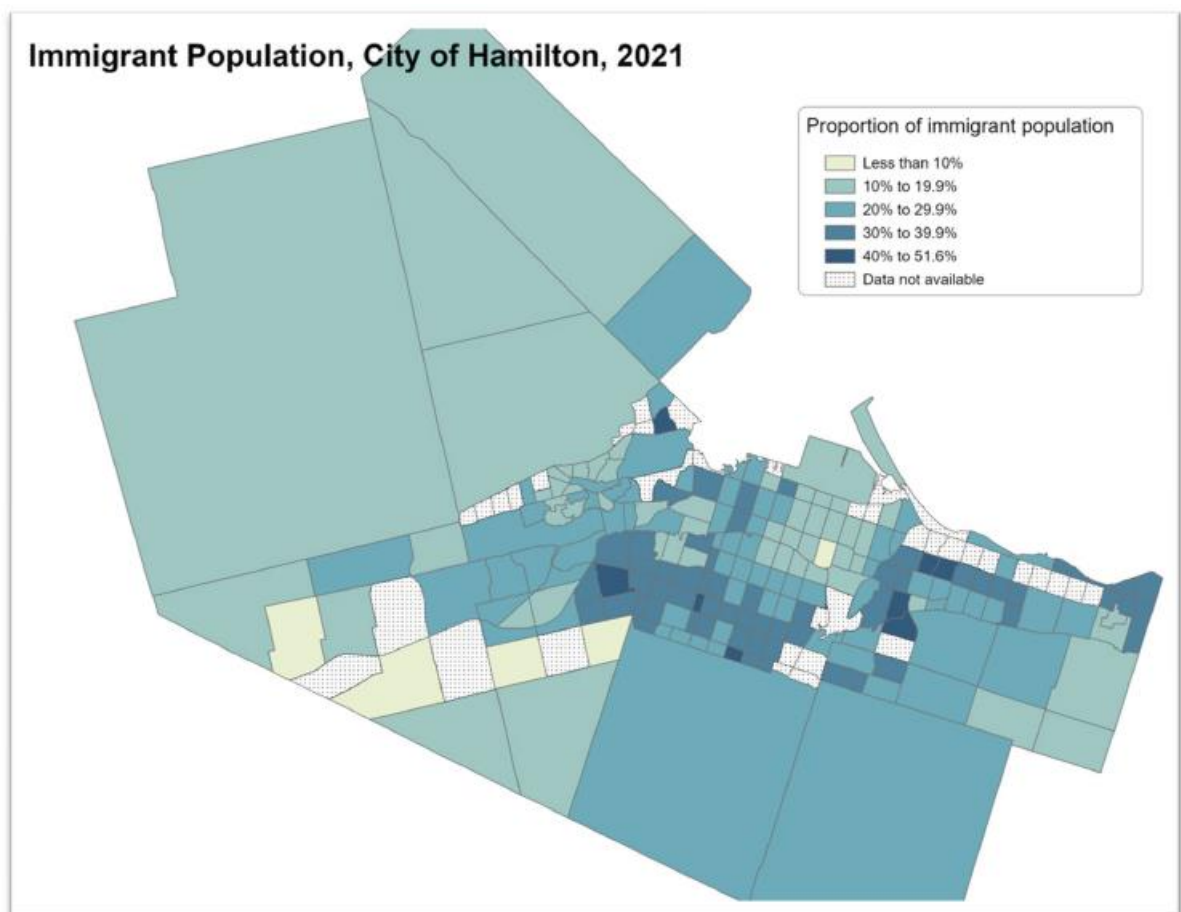
- Recent immigrants were most likely to reside in Ward 2 (13.3%), followed by Wards 5, 8, 9 and 7.
- Immigrants overall are distributed across the city, with the highest proportions in these wards: 10.1% lived in Ward 5, 8.8% in Ward 7, 8.3% in Ward 10, 8% in Ward 9, and 7.9% in Ward 12.



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## Proportion of Immigrant Population, City of Hamilton, 2021

- The proportion of immigrant population refers to the percentage of immigrants living within each marked neighbourhood boundary.
- Immigrants make up at least 10% of the population in most neighbourhoods in the city of Hamilton. In some neighbourhoods, they exceed 40%.
- The areas of Hamilton with the highest concentrations of immigrants tend to be in lower city (in and around downtown), west and east mountain (Mohawk College and Lime Ridge Mall), and in the east end of the city (Eastgate Mall).

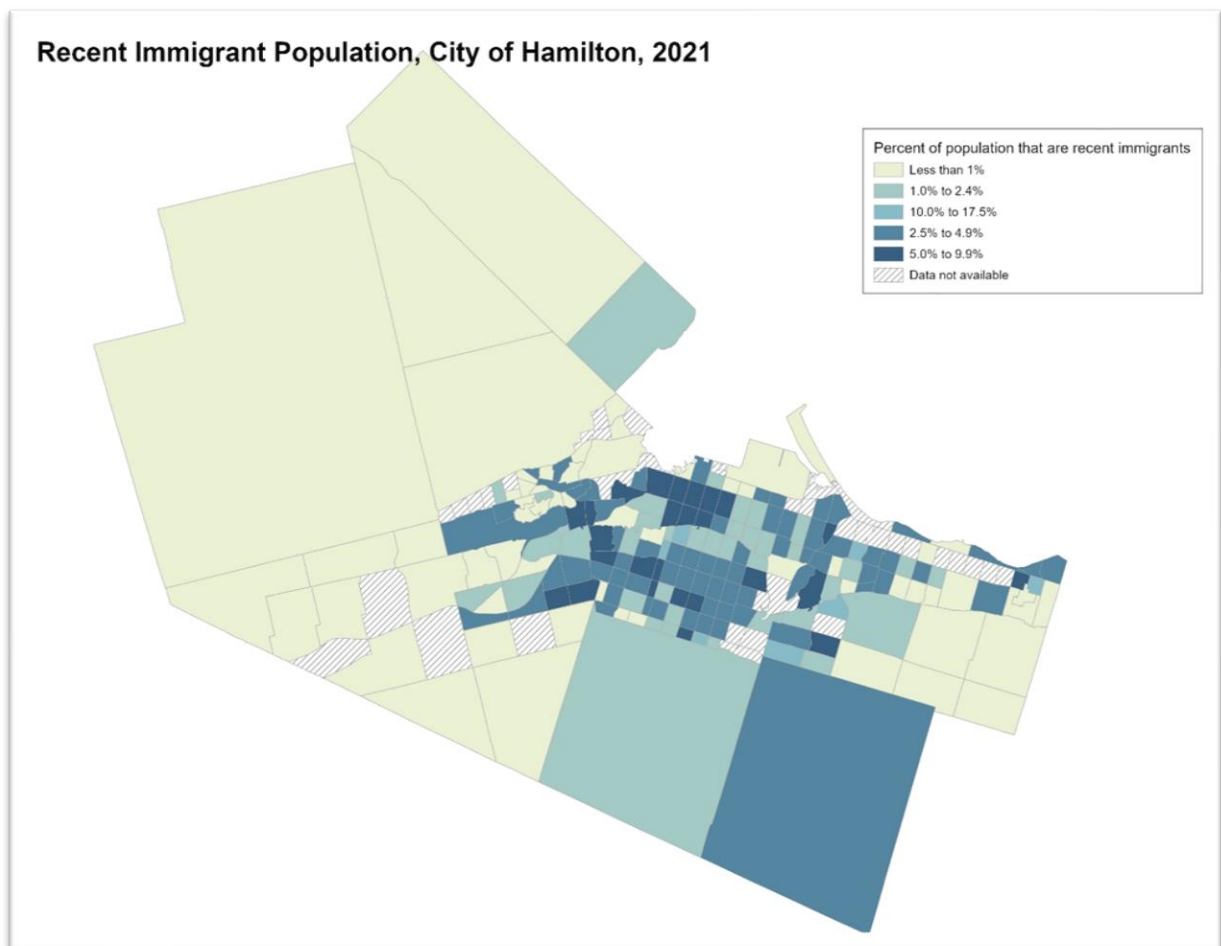


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## Proportion of Recent Immigrant Population, City of Hamilton, 2021

- Downtown neighbourhoods across Wards 1, 2 and 3 provide the largest grouping of neighbourhood boundaries with higher proportions of recent immigrants.
- Recent immigrants form more than 5% of the population in more than 25 of the City's neighbourhoods. These are found across the city, ranging from Ancaster to Stoney Creek.



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