

IMMIGRANT VOICES: HAMILTON IMMIGRANT SURVEY 2023 REPORT



Housing



About 4 in 10 Participants said their **housing was unaffordable**.

Housing unaffordability was higher among newcomers, racialized immigrants, refugees, refugee claimants, international students and Ukrainian temporary residents.

About one-quarter of participants said they lived in housing that was not suitable for their needs.

25%



Income and Employment



About 7 in 10 Participants said their **income was not sufficient** for their needs.

Refugees, international students and newcomers were most likely to report their income was inadequate.

About half of participants that were working reported **underemployment**.



This was **higher** among newcomers, temporary residents, refugees, racialized participants, and women.

About **700** immigrants participated in the survey – the **largest survey** of immigrants in **Hamilton**

Well-being Indicators



About **one-third** of participants were satisfied with their lives.

Family class immigrants reported the **highest satisfaction** among all groups of immigrants.



About 7 in 10 Participants reported a **strong sense of belonging** in Hamilton.

Nearly half of participants felt very safe in Hamilton. Women and those who have been here more than five years were less likely to report feeling safe.



34% Participants reported experiencing **discrimination** in the past year. Refugee claimants, temporary foreign workers, racialized individuals, and refugees were most likely to report discrimination.

Participants said they felt very isolated in the past year. This was **substantially higher** among international students, newcomers and racialized immigrants

Services Used



The most frequently used services were **public transit, health, education, and recreation** across all groups of immigrants.

Community Contributions



Around **one-quarter** of participants said they were volunteering or donating to charities.



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