

# What do we know about immigrants in Winnipeg?

## How many immigrants and refugees lived in Winnipeg in 2016<sup>1</sup>?

- 23.9% of Winnipeg residents are **immigrants** (181,960)
- 13.1% of immigrants in Winnipeg also identified as a **refugee** (18,925) (Statistics Canada, 2017a)

## Demographics of immigrants and refugees in Winnipeg

The immigrant population in Winnipeg is diverse, coming from many parts of the world. The most popular source country immigrants in Winnipeg is the Philippines, followed by India, China, the United Kingdom, and Germany (Statistics Canada, 2017a). Proportionately, Winnipeg is home to the largest number of Filipino/a immigrants in Canada.

There are many languages other than English and French spoken among immigrants and refugees in Winnipeg. Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino), Punjabi (Panjabi), and Mandarin are the most common languages other than English or French spoken at home in Winnipeg households (Statistics Canada, 2017a).

Figure 1. Previous countries of residence

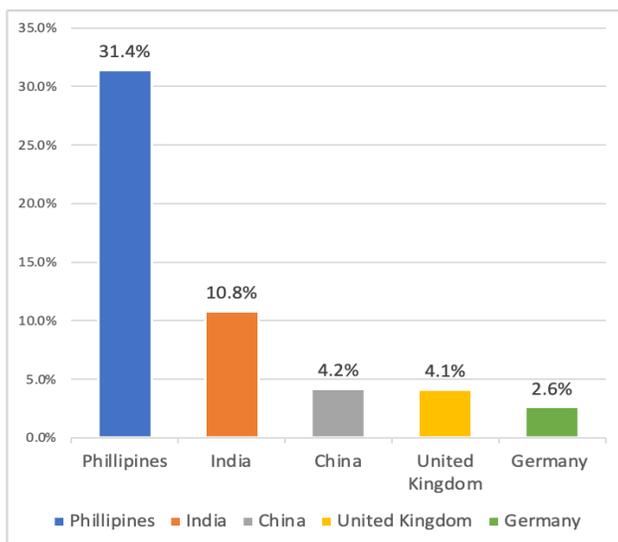
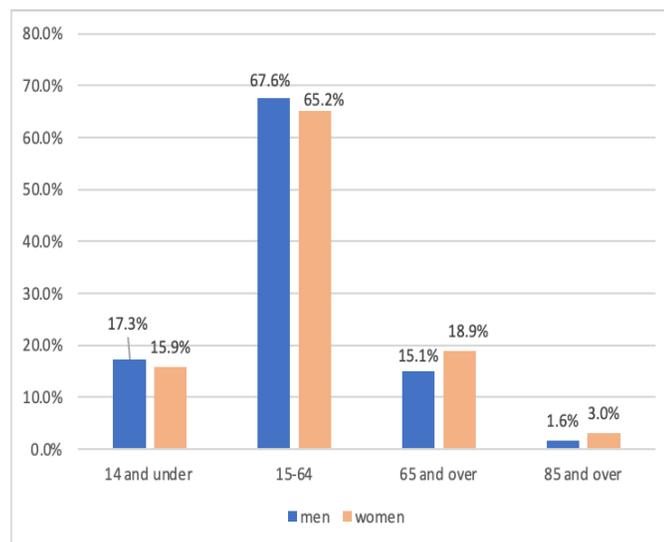


Figure 2: Age and gender distribution of immigrants in Winnipeg



(Statistics Canada, 2017a)

(Statistics Canada, 2021)

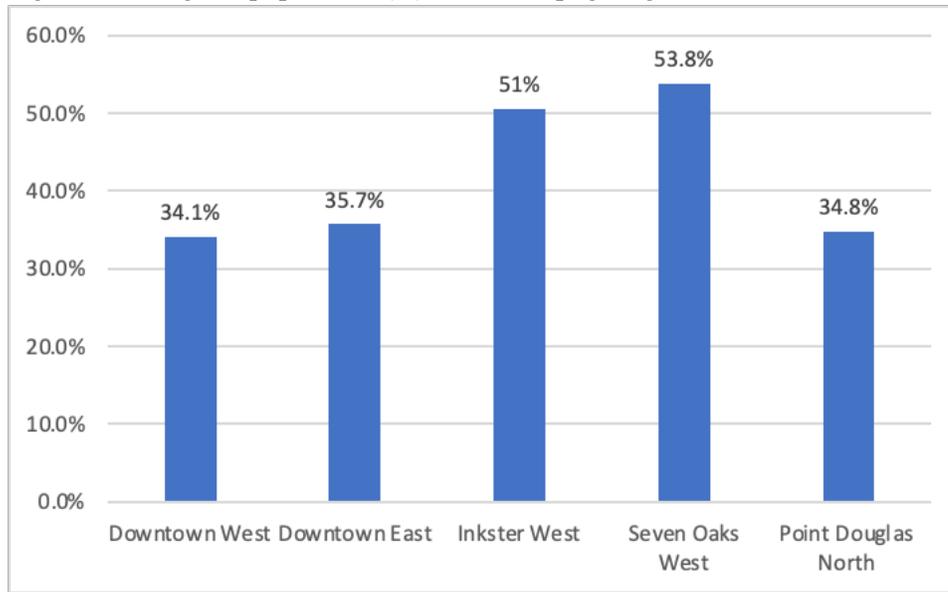
The gender distribution of immigrants in Canada shows only a 1-3% difference between men and women in all age categories. Younger age groups (14 and under and 15-64) have more men than women, compared to the older populations, which have slightly more women than men. Immigrants in Winnipeg, as well as in Canada overall, tend to be younger than the national average, which has been increasing as the baby boomer generation ages (Statistics Canada, 2021). Of the total immigrant population in Canada, 66.4% are between the ages of 15-64 (Statistics Canada, 2017a). This may be due to a significant number of individuals migrating to Canada under the economic class category (Statistics Canada, 2017b).

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<sup>1</sup> Please note, the number of immigrants as a percentage of our population in 2021 will not be available until October 26 2022 when the results of the latest Census figures are released.

## In which neighborhoods do immigrants and refugees live?

Figure 3. Immigrant population (%) in a Winnipeg neighbourhood



(City of Winnipeg, 2017), data from Statistics Canada 2016 census

Immigrants live in all neighbourhoods in our city, but some neighbourhoods have larger numbers of newcomers living in them. As indicated in the graph, Seven Oaks has the highest proportion of immigrants at 53.8%, closely followed by Inkster West (51%) and both West and East Downtown (34-35%) (City of Winnipeg, 2017). Understandably, these areas are associated with lower living costs, and greater ethnic community support (Braidotti, 2018; Zumper, 2022).

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