

RECENT IMMIGRANTS IN YORK REGION'S NINE LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

CITY OF MARKHAM

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Key Findings

Using Statistics Canada 2006 and 2016 Censuses data, this report provides an analysis of the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the recent immigrant¹ population in the City of Markham. Key findings include:

- The recent immigrant population in Markham increased by ten per cent between 2006 and 2016. This was less than the growth rate of Markham's total population (+26 per cent)
- Between 2006 and 2016, the proportion of recent immigrants in Markham with no knowledge of English or French increased from 19 per cent to 29 per cent. In 2016, Markham had the largest proportion of recent immigrants with no knowledge of either official language among all York Region municipalities.
- According to the 2016 Census, over half (57 per cent) of all recent immigrants living in Markham were born in China
- In 2016, forty-five per cent of recent immigrants in Markham between the ages of 25 and 64 held a bachelor's degree or higher, compared with 44 per cent of the general population of the municipality
- In 2016, the unemployment rate of recent immigrants in Markham (12 per cent) was approximately five percentage points higher than the rate for the total population in Markham (7.3 per cent)
- The median employment income of recent immigrants in Markham was \$16,191; approximately half of the median employment income for the general population in the municipality (\$32,242)

¹ Recent immigrants are immigrants who receive permanent resident status in Canada within the five-year period preceding the census year. The period for the 2016 Census is January 1, 2011 to May 10, 2016.

Section I: Introduction/Background

Immigration continues to change the demographic and cultural diversity of Canada's population. York Region is no exception. In 2016, 47 per cent (515,225) of York Region residents were born outside of Canada creating an immigrant population that is third highest in Ontario behind Peel Region and the City of Toronto. Among them, 403,235 landed in Canada between 1980 and 2016. Fifty-six per cent (227,190) came as economic immigrants selected for their ability and potential to contribute to Canada's economy.

While the majority of the immigrant population arrived in Canada prior to 2001, York Region continues to attract recent immigrants (those who landed in Canada between 2011 and May 10, 2016). In 2016, more than 51,000 recent immigrants called York Region their home, placing York Region as the second-fastest growing region for its growth in recent immigrants in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area after Halton Region.

The report *Snapshot of Recent Immigrants in York Region and Its Nine Local Municipalities* (thereafter *Snapshot*) presents a demographic and socio-economic profile of York Region's recent immigrant population and serves as a tool to assist decision makers in the public sector and social service providers to deliver policies and services that respond to the region's changing demographics.

This report includes analyses specifically about Markham recent immigrants' settlement patterns, language skills, education and employment levels, and other important socio-economic characteristics using Statistics Canada 2016 and 2006 Censuses data. Socio-demographic data plays an integral role in identifying service needs, driving evidence-based decision-making and developing business intelligence for municipalities, businesses and service providers in York Region. By paying attention to demographic and socio-economic issues and trends, the Regional Municipality of York and its community partners, including employers, will be able to more effectively plan and deliver services and programs to meet the changing needs of York Region's population, thereby helping recent immigrants to successfully integrate and thrive.

This report on Markham forms one of ten individual analyses for York Region and each of its local municipalities. Each report is presented as a separate document to facilitate targeted access to local information.

To access the Regional report and the local municipal reports, follow these links:

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Section II Analysis: Recent Immigrants in the City of Markham²

Between 2006 and 2016, the City of Markham grew by more than 67,000 residents to a total population of nearly 329,000. Approximately 58 per cent of this population – or 192,220 residents – were immigrants, including 20,660 recent immigrants who immigrated to Canada between 2011 and 2016 (approximately 11 per cent of Markham’s total immigrant population).

POPULATION

In 2016, 40 per cent of recent immigrants in all of York Region lived in Markham.

Population change in Markham, 2016 compared to 2006

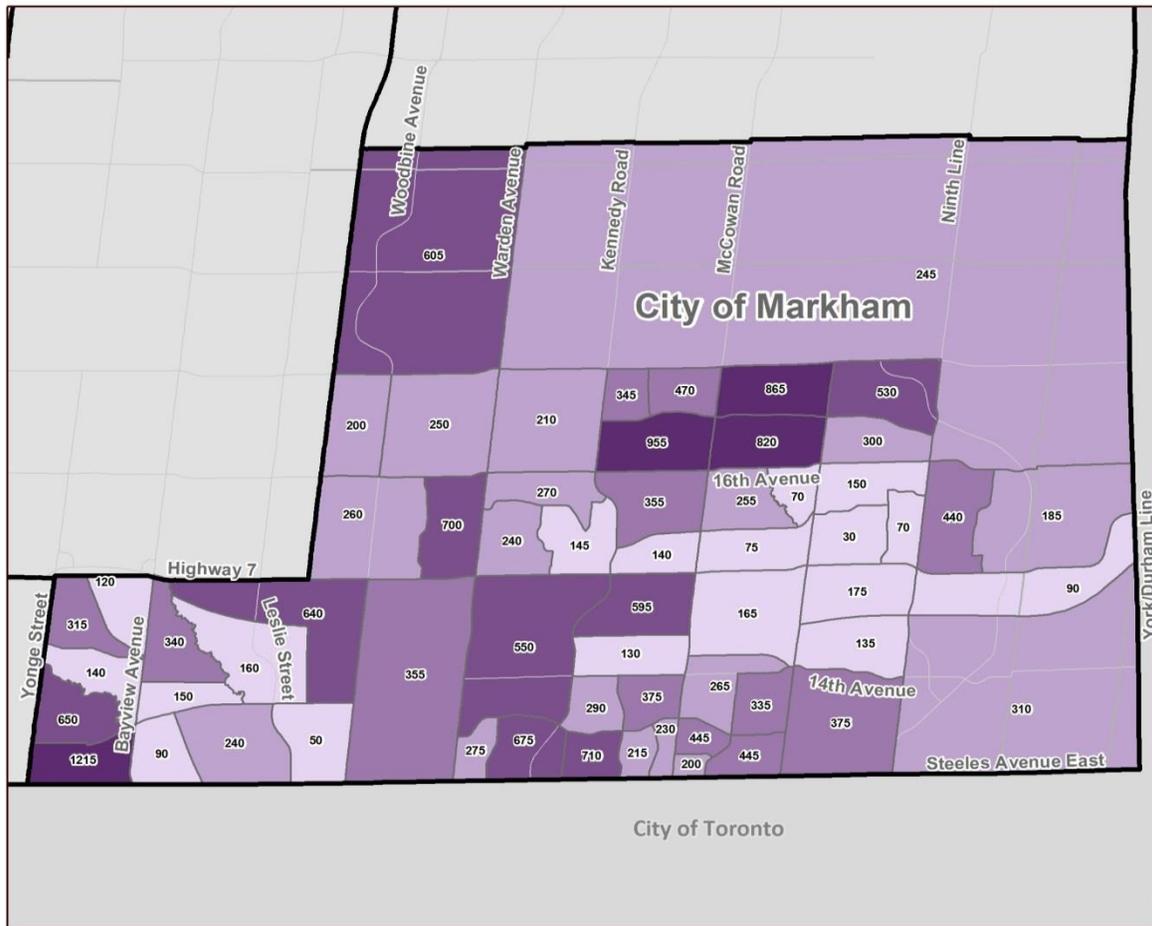
	2016		2006		Change since 2006	
	Number of people	Percentage of the total population	Number of people	Percentage of the total population	Number of people	Percentage change
Recent Immigrants	20660	6.3%	18875	7.2%	+1785	+9.5%
Total Population	328970	--	261573	--	+67397	+25.8%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 and 2016 Censuses.

- In 2016, approximately 20,660 recent immigrants lived in Markham, representing six per cent of Markham's total population and 40 per cent of recent immigrants in York Region

² In this report, totals may not add due to random rounding by Statistics Canada. Similarly, percentages, which are calculated on rounded data, may not necessarily add up to exactly 100 per cent.

Recent Immigrant Distribution in Markham, 2016 Census (Total: 20,660)



Legend

Recent immigrants by census tract as a proportion of total municipal recent immigrants (20,660).

- 0.1% - 0.8%
- 0.9% - 1.5%
- 1.6% - 2.3%
- 2.4% - 3.4%
- 3.5% - 5.9%
- No Data Available
- Municipal Boundary

Number indicates number of recent immigrants in each census tract. Totals may not add due to rounding.

Recent Immigrants: Immigrants who have landed in Canada between January 1, 2011 to May 10, 2016.

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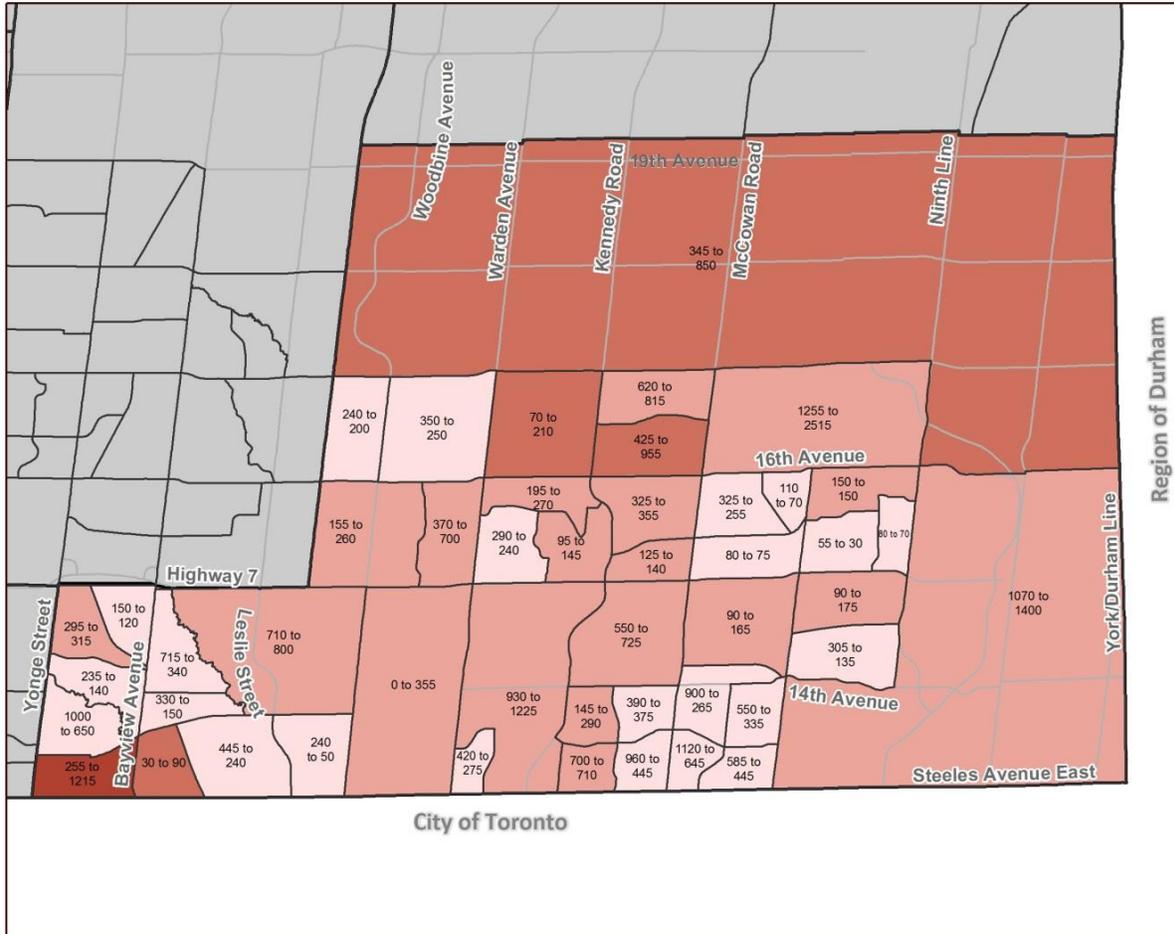
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- Recent immigrants were widely distributed across Markham in 2016, with particularly high proportions in the Thornhill area and in the neighborhoods north of 16th Avenue east and west of Mc Cowan Road

Recent Immigrant Growth in Markham

9.5% Between 2006 and 2016 Censuses



Legend

Percentage growth of recent immigrants by census tract between 2006 and 2016 census. Displayed with 2006 census tracts.

Recent Immigrants: Immigrants who have landed in Canada in the 5 years preceding the census year. Totals may not add due to rounding.

- Negative growth
- 0 to 100%
- 101 to 300%
- 301 to 1000%
- > 1001%
- Municipal Boundary

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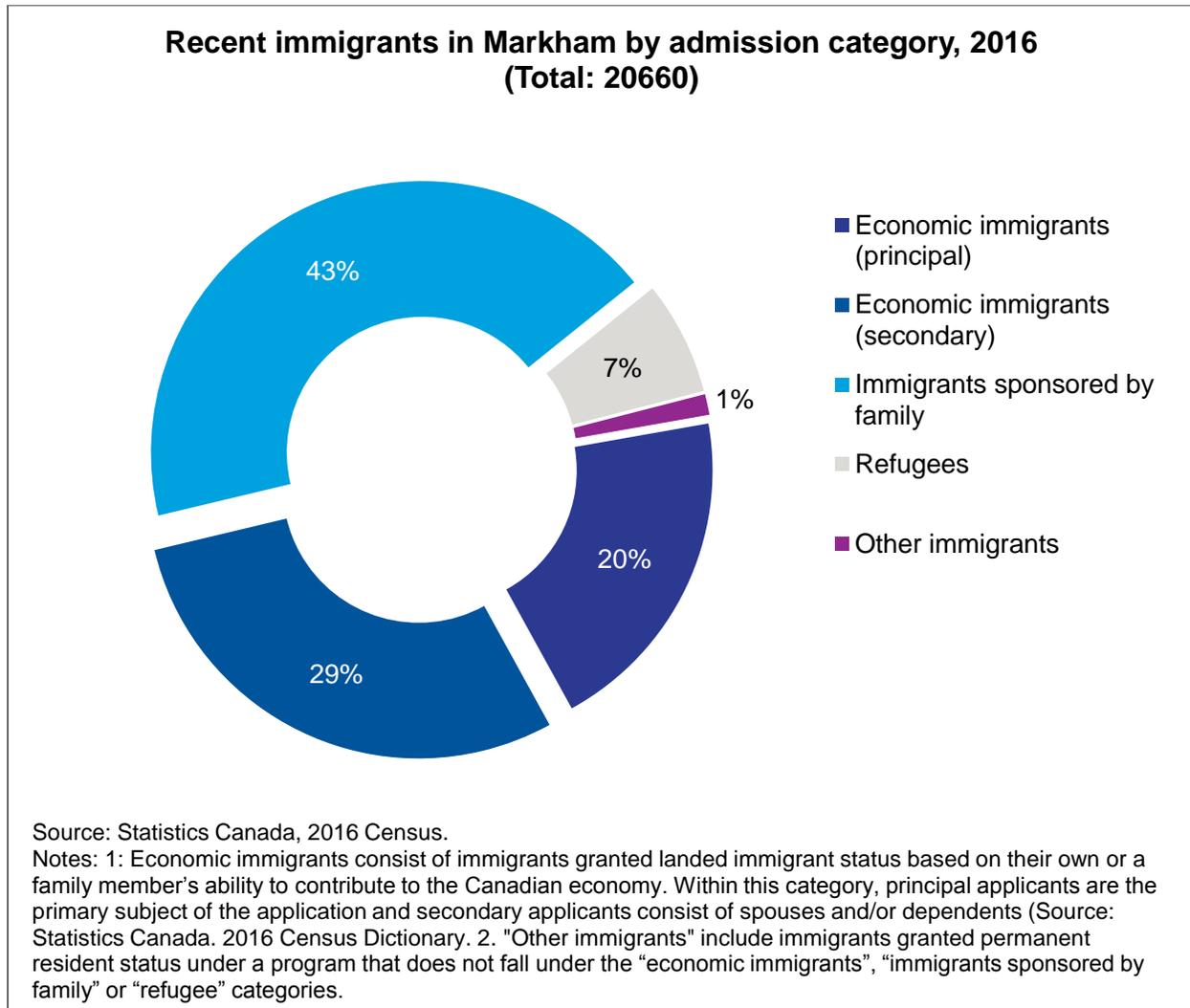
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- The recent immigrant population in Markham increased by ten per cent between 2006 and 2016. This was less than the growth rate for the total population of the municipality (+26 per cent)

- Between 2006 and 2016, growth in the population of recent immigrants was uneven in Markham, with southern parts of Thornhill and northern areas of the city experiencing high levels of growth while certain areas in the central and southern portion of the city experienced declines in the recent immigrant population

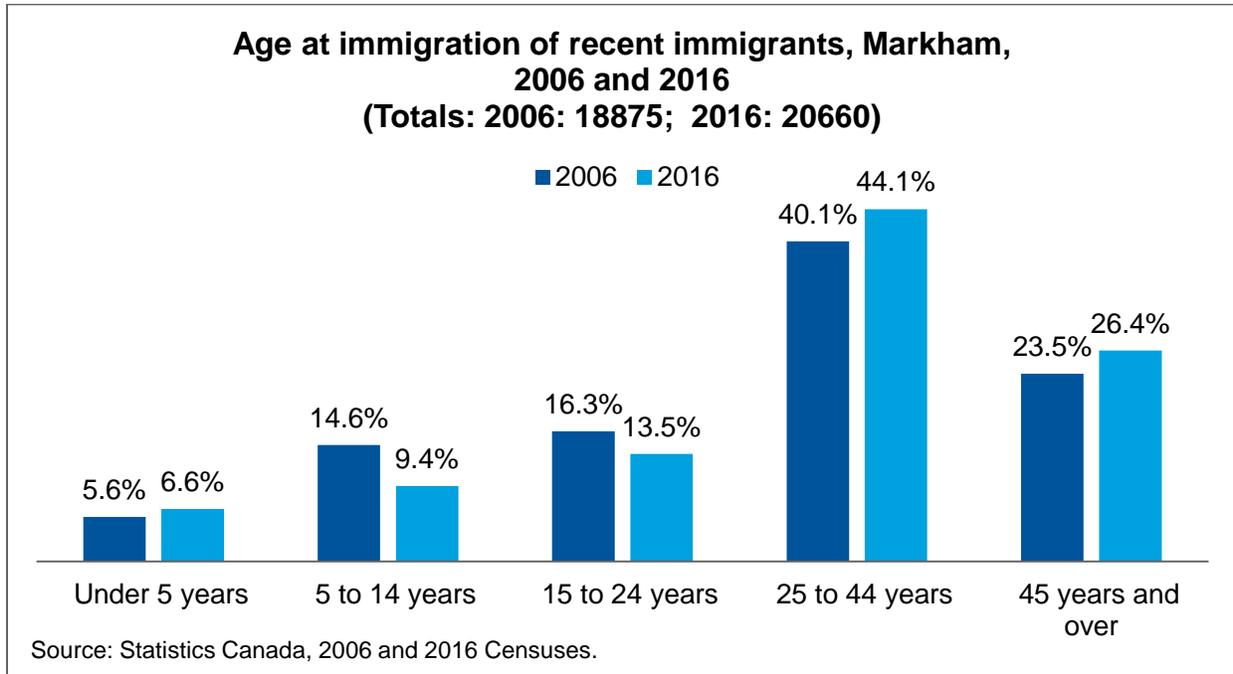
ADMISSION AND LANDING

Almost half of recent immigrants in Markham were economic immigrants.



- Economic immigrants comprised 49 per cent of recent immigrants in Markham in 2016
- Markham's recent immigrant population had the highest number of refugee claimants (1,400) among York Region municipalities, representing approximately a 37 per cent share of York Region's recent immigrant refugees

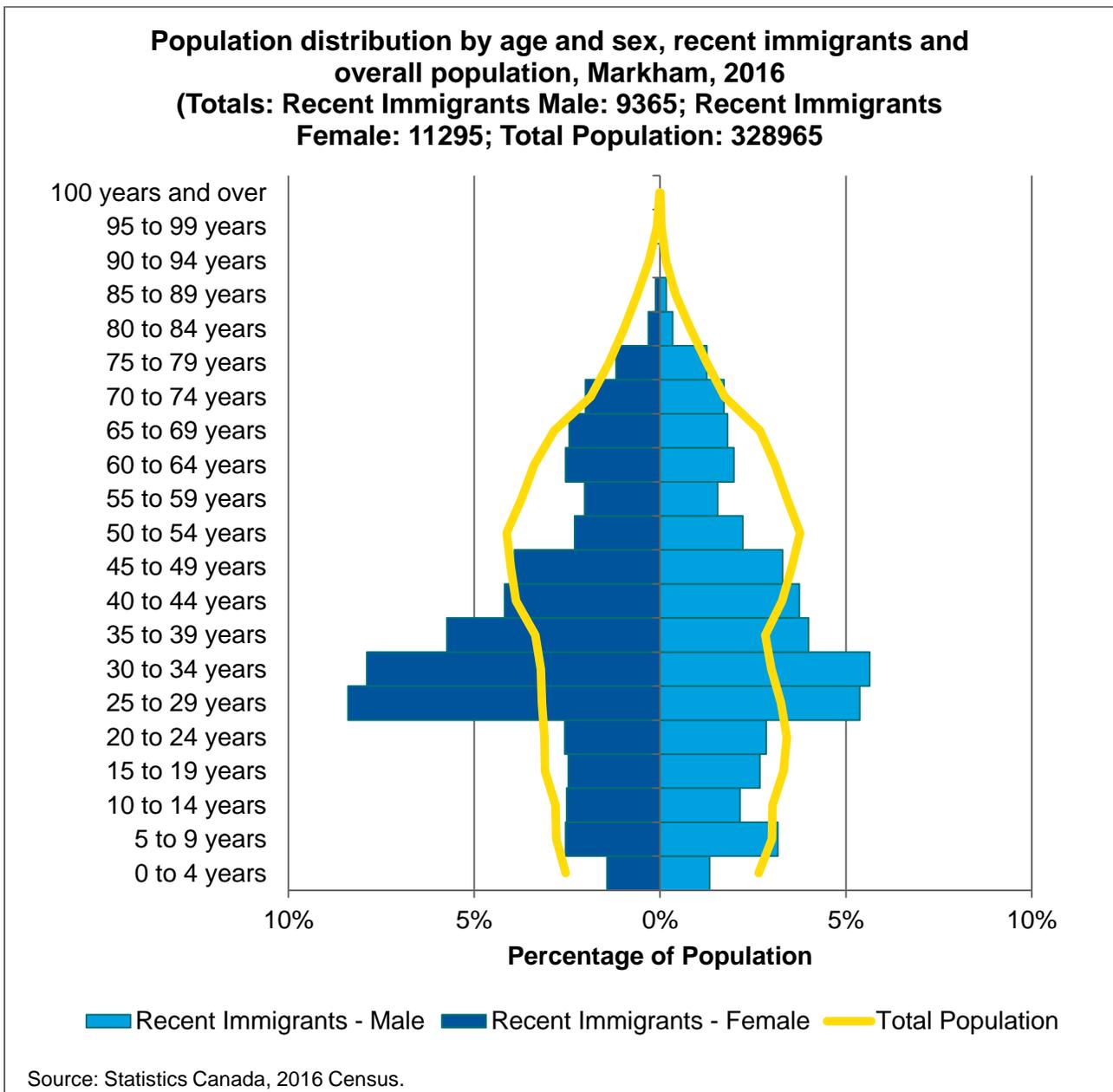
Over two thirds of recent immigrants in Markham were 25 years or older at time of immigration.



- In 2016, approximately 16 per cent of recent immigrants in Markham were under the age of 15 when they immigrated to Canada, from 20 per cent in 2006
- The proportion of recent immigrants who were 45 years and over at the time of immigration increased from 23 per cent in 2006 to 26 per cent in 2016

AGE AND SEX

Recent immigrants in Markham were generally younger than the overall population and represented a higher percentage of women.



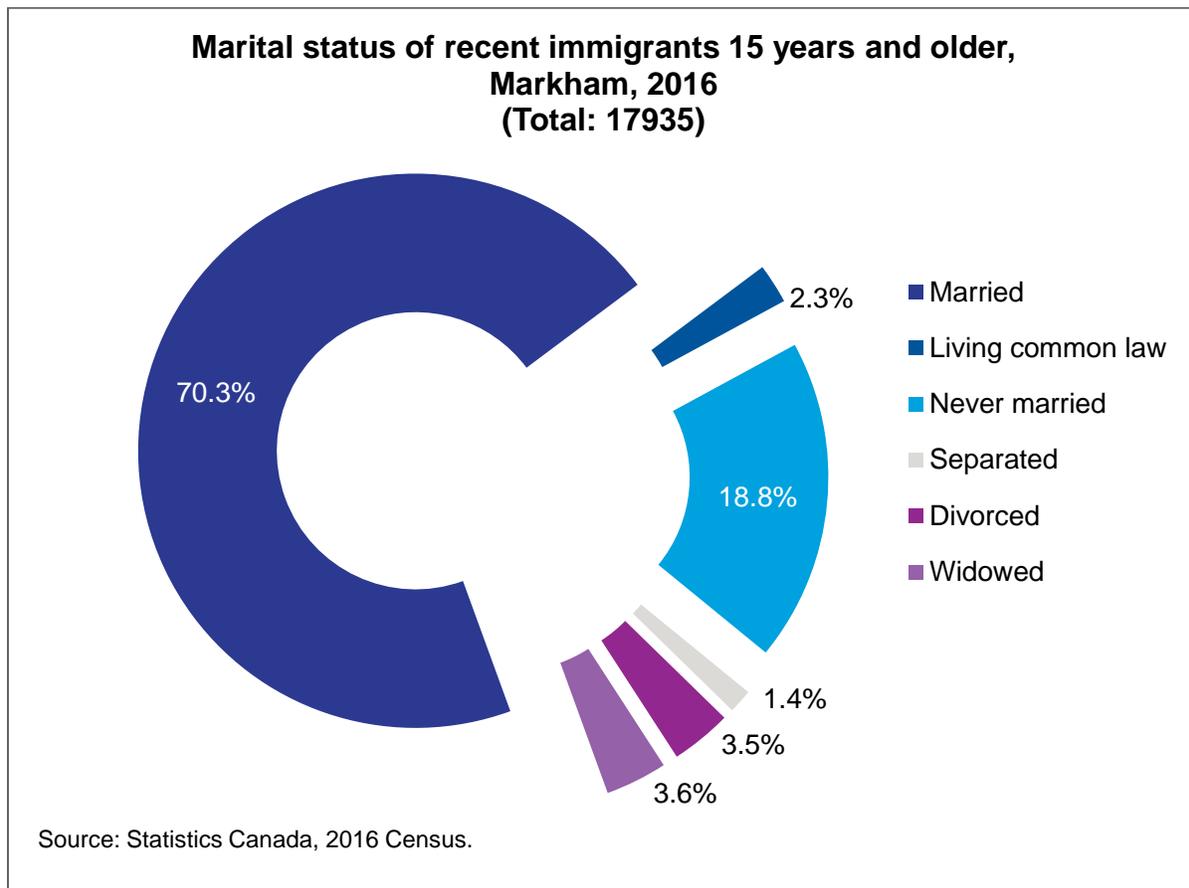
The population pyramid shows the percentage of the recent immigrant population by age and gender. The line on the graph represents the percentage of Markham's population in each age cohort.

- The median age for recent immigrants in Markham in 2016 was 35. The median age for Markham's total population was 41.1
- In 2016, 58 per cent of recent immigrants in Markham were between the ages of 20 and 49, compared to 40 per cent of the municipality's total population

- There were 83 men for every 100 women within Markham's recent immigrant population in 2016. In comparison, there were 95 men for every 100 women within the municipality's total population

MARITAL STATUS

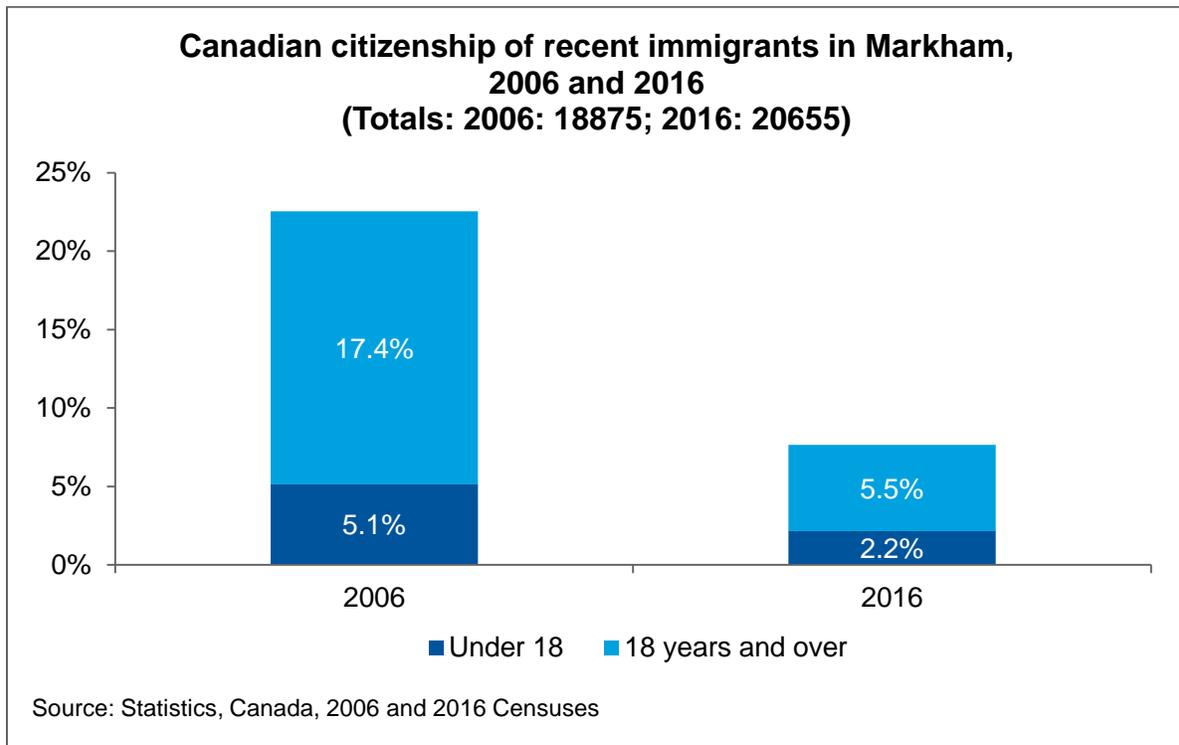
More than two thirds of recent immigrants over the age of 15 in Markham were married.



- Seventy per cent of recent immigrants in Markham were married in 2016, a small increase from 68 per cent in 2006

CITIZENSHIP

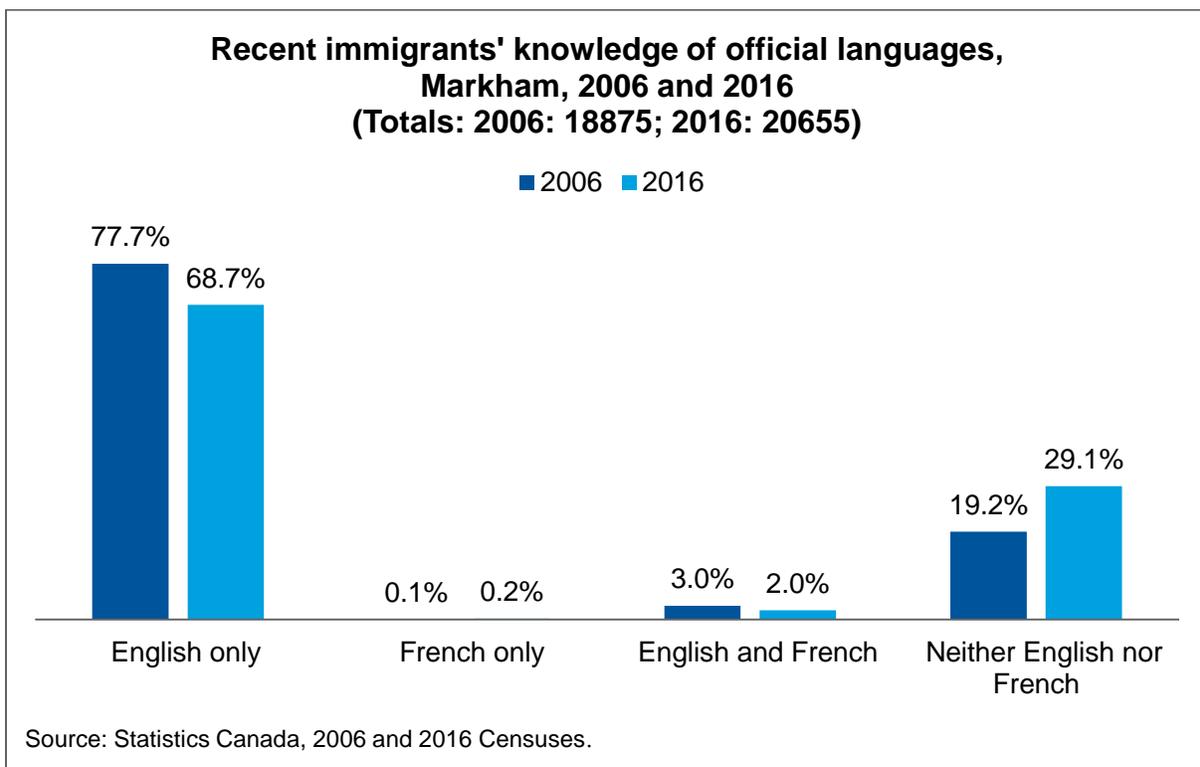
The share of recent immigrants in Markham who were Canadian citizens declined by almost two thirds between 2006 and 2016.



- Eight per cent of recent immigrants in Markham were Canadian citizens in 2016, from 23 per cent in 2006

LANGUAGE

Recent immigrants in Markham were less likely to have knowledge of at least one of Canada's official languages³ in 2016 than in 2006.



- In 2016, 29 per cent of recent immigrants in Markham had no knowledge of English or French, the largest proportion among York Region municipalities and an increase from 19 per cent in 2006
- Lack of knowledge of either official language was fairly equally distributed between males (28 per cent) and females (30 per cent) among recent immigrants in Markham

³ Statistics Canada defines knowledge of official languages as the ability to conduct a conversation in either English or French (Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census Dictionary).

Top non-official languages⁴ spoken most often at home by recent immigrants, Markham, 2016

Rank	Language	Number of recent immigrants	Percentage of recent immigrants	Percentage change since 2006
1	Mandarin	7750	37.5%	+482.7%
2	Cantonese	2975	14.4%	+34.3%
3	Persian (Farsi)	1510	7.3%	+97.4%
4	Tamil	440	2.1%	-66.9%
5	Urdu	360	1.7%	-53.8%
6	Korean	310	1.5%	-64.0%
7	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	285	1.4%	-34.5%
8	Arabic	160	0.8%	-30.4%
9	Russian	145	0.7%	-73.1%
10	Gujarati	140	0.7%	-70.5%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 and 2016 Censuses.

Notes: 1. Growth in the number of recent immigrants speaking a Chinese language may be inflated due to new features in the electronic version of the 2016 Census which prompted respondents to specify a particular language rather than “Chinese” as a broader category (Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census Language Reference Guide).

2. “N/A” indicates that a percentage could not be calculated, either because the total for that category was zero or because the category was not reported separately in 2006.

- Markham was one of only two municipalities in York Region where the number of recent immigrants indicating English as the language spoken most often at home was exceeded by another language (together with Richmond Hill)
- In 2016, almost three quarters (73 per cent) of recent immigrants in Markham usually spoke a language at home other than English or French
- Mandarin was the language most commonly spoken at home among recent immigrants in Markham
- Mandarin (38 per cent) was more than twice as common as English alone (15 per cent) and exceeded the combined total proportion of those speaking English alone, as well as English with other languages (26 per cent)

Nearly one third (31 per cent) of employed recent immigrants living in Markham used a language other than English or French as their main language at work.

⁴ Data in this table is limited to single-response, non-official language selections for questions about the languages spoken most often at home in the 2006 and 2016 censuses. Responses of “both English and French” have been excluded from the chart, as have multiple-response categories, such as “English and non-official language” and “French and non-official language.” However, in order to best reflect the relative frequency of all home languages, including both official and non-official languages, percentage calculations are based on the total recent immigrant population for the municipality, including individuals who selected one of the excluded options.

Top non-official languages⁵ used most often at work by recent immigrants aged 15 years and older, Markham, 2015-2016⁶

Rank	Language	Number of recent immigrant population	Percentage of recent immigrant population
1	Mandarin	2075	19.8%
2	Cantonese	920	8.8%
3	Persian (Farsi)	80	0.8%
4	Chinese, n.o.s. ⁷	50	0.5%
5	Tamil	30	0.3%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 and 2016 Censuses.

- Mandarin was the most commonly used language at work, spoken by 20 per cent of recent immigrant workers
- In 2016, 61 per cent of recent immigrants in Markham indicated that English alone was the language primarily used at work, with another seven per cent indicating that either French alone or a combination of official and non-official languages was used. The combined percentage (69 per cent) was the lowest proportion of all nine municipalities in York Region

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⁶ Data for languages used most often at work is reported by Statistics Canada as of May 10, 2016 for individuals 15 years and older who worked since January 1, 2015 (Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census Dictionary).

⁷ n.o.s. = not otherwise specified.

PLACE OF BIRTH

In 2016, more than half (57 per cent) of recent immigrants in Markham were born in China.

Top places of birth for recent immigrants in Markham, 2016

Rank	Place of Birth	Number of recent immigrants	Percentage of recent immigrant population	Percentage change since 2006
1	China	11785	57.1%	+113.7%
2	Iran	1695	8.2%	+91.5%
3	India	1255	6.1%	-52.2%
4	Philippines	880	4.3%	-10.2%
5	Pakistan	670	3.2%	-34.3%
6	Hong Kong	625	3.0%	-22.4%
7	Sri Lanka	580	2.8%	-63.6%
8	Korea, South	390	1.9%	-59.8%
9	United States	385	1.9%	-10.5%
10	Egypt	170	0.8%	+54.5%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 and 2016 Censuses.

- China was the fastest-growing place of birth among recent immigrants in Markham, increasing by 114 per cent since 2006. The number of recent immigrants born in Iran and Egypt also increased compared with 2006

VISIBLE MINORITY⁸

Almost all recent immigrants in Markham belonged to a visible minority group in 2016.

Recent immigrants by visible minority group, Markham, 2016

Visible minority group	Number of recent immigrants	Percentage of recent immigrant population	Percentage change since 2006
South Asian	2820	13.6%	-48.0%
Chinese	13020	63.0%	+84.2%
Black	300	1.5%	+22.4%
Filipino	815	3.9%	-11.9%
Latin American	115	0.6%	-39.5%
Arab	275	1.3%	-19.1%
Southeast Asian	105	0.5%	-51.2%
West Asian	1685	8.2%	+93.7%
Korean	415	2.0%	-57.2%
Japanese	20	0.1%	-20.0%
Visible minority, n.i.e. ⁹	35	0.2%	-75.9%
Multiple visible minorities	240	1.2%	+6.7%
Not a visible minority	805	3.9%	-63.7%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 and 2016 Censuses.

- Between 2006 and 2016, the percentage of recent immigrants in Markham belonging to one or more visible minorities increased from 88 per cent to 96 per cent. In 2016, Markham had the highest proportion of visible minorities among York Region municipalities
- In 2016, the top two visible minority groups among recent immigrants in Markham were Chinese (63 per cent) and South Asian (14 per cent)
- Between 2006 and 2016, the fastest growing visible minority groups among recent immigrants in Markham were West Asian (+94 per cent) and Chinese (+84 per cent)

⁸ The term 'visible minority' is used by Statistics Canada to describe "persons, other than Aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour" (Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census Dictionary).

⁹ n.i.e. = not included elsewhere.

ETHNIC ORIGIN

Recent immigrants in Markham belonged to more than 90 different ethnic origins in 2016.

Top ethnic origins for recent immigrants in Markham, 2016

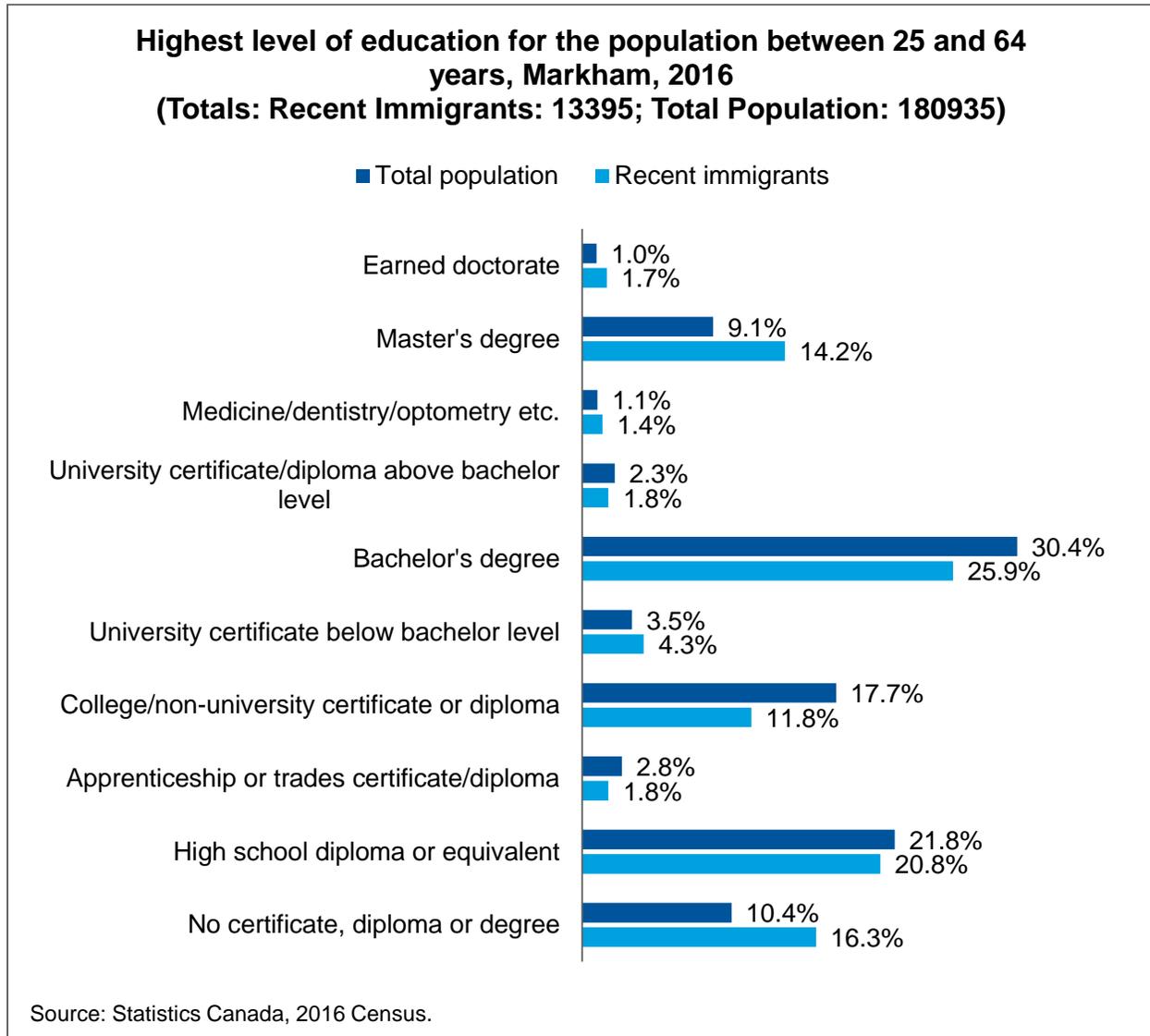
Rank	Ethnic Origin	Number of recent immigrant population	Percentage of recent immigrant population	Percentage change since 2006
1	Chinese	13145	63.6%	+24.8%
2	Iranian	1685	8.2%	+3.4%
3	East Indian	1600	7.7%	-11.0%
4	Filipino	855	4.1%	-0.7%
5	Pakistani	490	2.4%	-1.3%
6	Korean	425	2.1%	-3.1%
7	Sri Lankan	400	1.9%	-3.4%
8	Egyptian	180	0.9%	+0.1%
9	Tamil	175	0.8%	-1.1%
10	Russian	165	0.8%	-2.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 and 2016 Censuses.

- In 2016, nearly two thirds (64 per cent) of recent immigrants in Markham claimed Chinese as their ethnic origin

EDUCATION

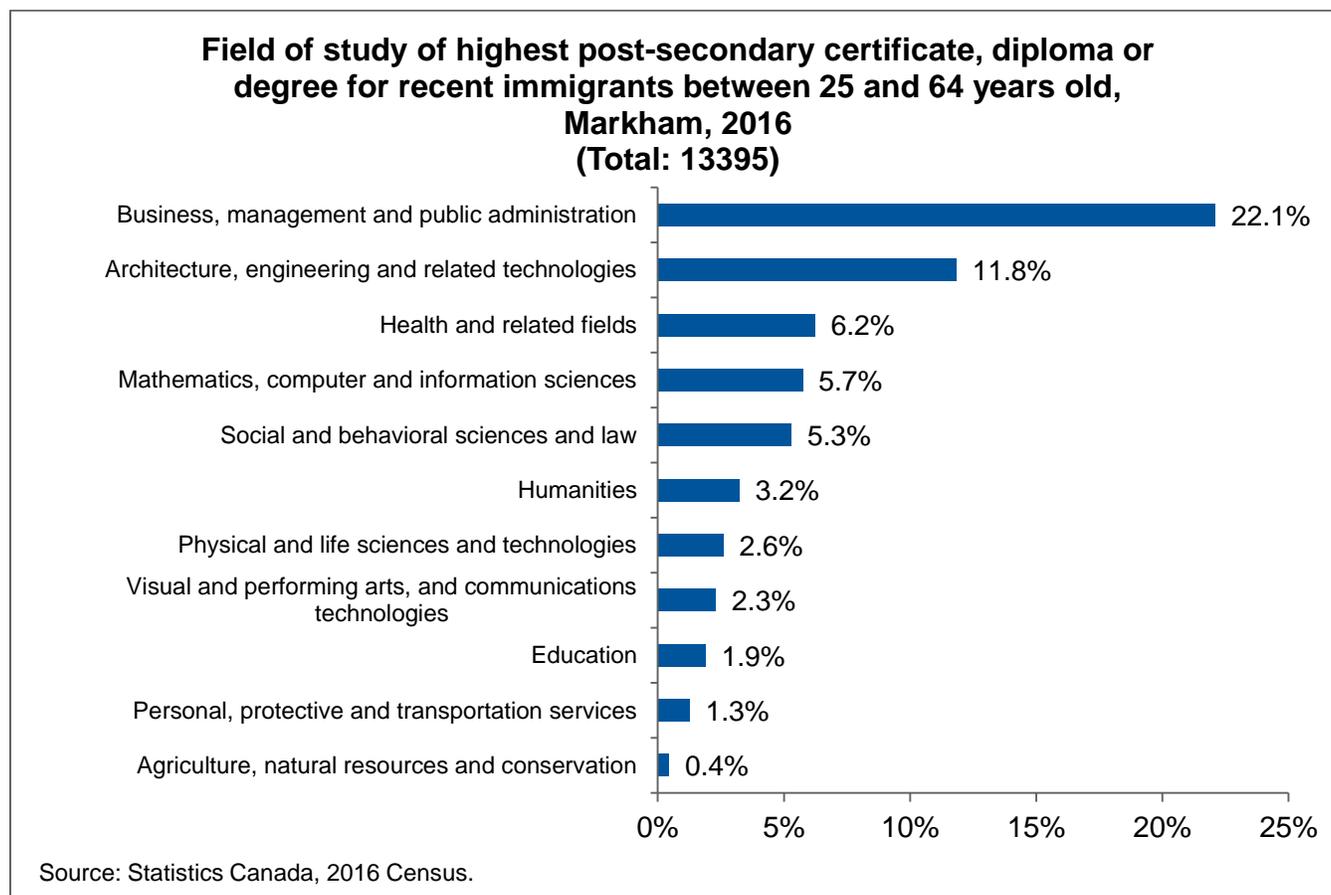
In 2016, almost half of recent immigrants in Markham between the ages of 25 and 64 had a bachelor's degree or higher.



- In 2016, 45 per cent of recent immigrants in Markham between the ages of 25 and 64 held a bachelor's degree or higher, compared with 44 per cent of the general population of the municipality
- Recent immigrants were less likely than the general population of the municipality to hold a bachelor's degree as their highest educational attainment, but more likely to hold a graduate-level degree
- In 2016, 37 per cent of recent immigrants in Markham had a high school education or less, a greater proportion than the general population of the municipality (32 per cent)
- The proportion of recent immigrants with a high school diploma or less increased slightly from 34 per cent in 2006 to 37 per cent in 2016

- At the same time, the proportion of recent immigrants with a bachelor's degree or higher also increased, from 43 per cent in 2006 to 45 per cent in 2016

Nearly one quarter (22 per cent) of recent immigrants in Markham between the ages of 25 and 64 held degrees in the fields of business, management and public administration.



- Thirty-seven per cent of Markham recent immigrants in between 25 and 64 years of age held no post-secondary certificate or degree
- Approximately one in three (34 per cent) recent immigrants in Markham between the ages of 25 and 64 held degrees in either business/public administration or architecture/engineering

In Markham three-quarters of recent immigrants with a postsecondary degree or diploma (ages 25-64) studied at an educational institution outside of Canada.

Location of study where the highest postsecondary degree or diploma was attained by recent immigrant degree-holders aged 25 to 64, Markham, 2016¹⁰

Location of study	Number of recent immigrant population	Percentage of recent immigrant population
China	2390	28.4%
Canada	2105	25.0%
India	610	7.2%
Philippines	455	5.4%
United States	255	3.0%
United Kingdom	215	2.6%
France	20	0.2%
Other	2375	28.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 and 2016 Censuses.

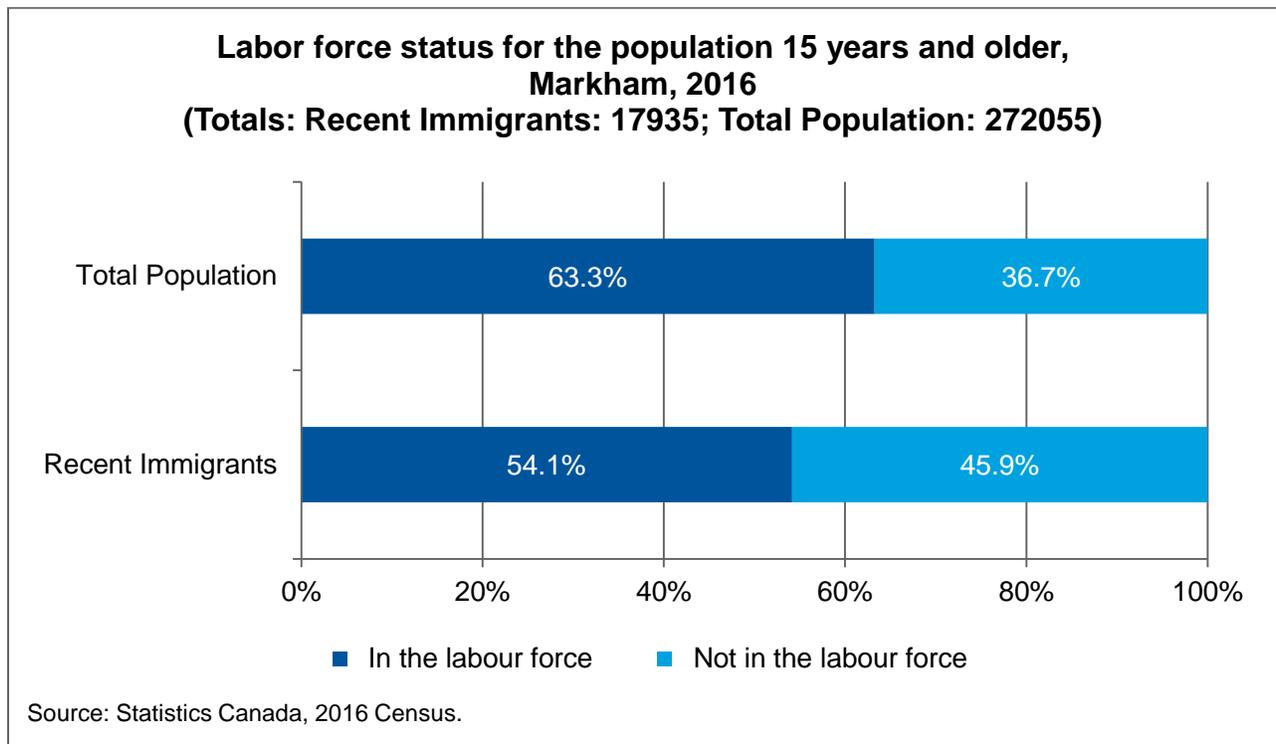
Notes: 1. Statistics Canada publicly reports only the top six locations of study outside of Canada, as reported on the national level. All other locations of study outside of Canada are tabulated together under the heading "Other." 2. Data refers to recent immigrants between the ages of 25 and 64 who had earned postsecondary degrees or diplomas as of 2016.

- China was the most common location of study among recent immigrants in Markham between 25 and 64 years old, accounting for 28 per cent of highest degrees held in 2016

¹⁰ Data in the table refers to recent immigrants between the ages of 25 and 64 who had earned postsecondary degrees or diplomas as of 2016.

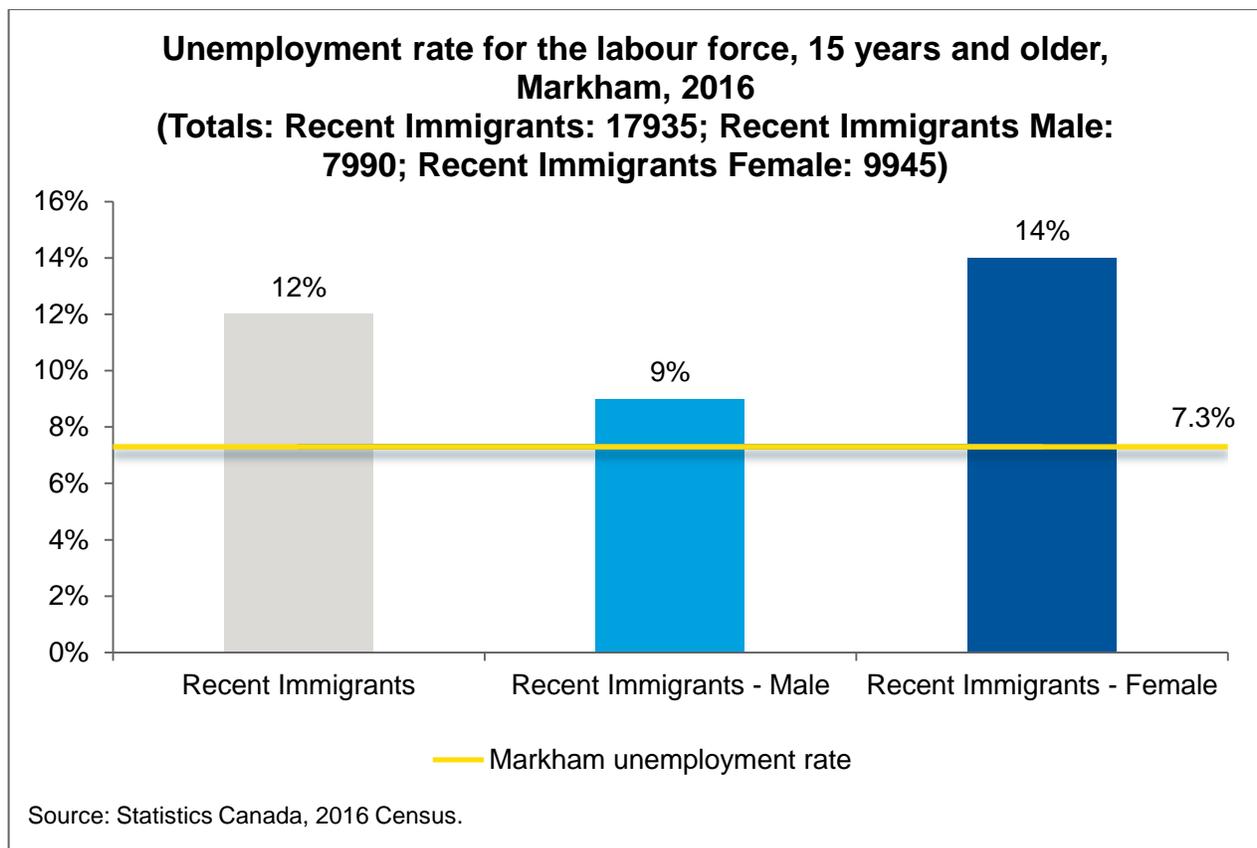
LABOUR FORCE¹¹ PARTICIPATION

Recent immigrants were less likely to participate in the labour force and experienced a higher unemployment rate than the general population of Markham.



- Fifty-four per cent of recent immigrants in Markham were either employed or seeking employment in 2016 compared with 63 per cent of the overall population

¹¹ The 'labour force' consists of persons who are either employed or unemployed (i.e. not currently working, but actively seeking employment or having arrangements to begin/return to paid work) during the reference week. For the 2016 Census, the reference week is May 1, 2016 to May 7, 2016 (Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census Dictionary).



- The unemployment rate¹² among recent immigrants in Markham (12 per cent) was approximately five percentage points higher than the rate for the general population (7.3 per cent) in the municipality
- Among recent immigrants in Markham, women had a higher unemployment rate (14 per cent) than men (nine per cent)

Recent immigrant workers in Markham were more likely to work part time and/or part year than the general population and were about as likely to be self-employed.¹³

- Approximately one third (34 per cent) of recent immigrant workers in Markham, 15 years and older, were employed in full-year, full-time jobs in 2015, while 66 per cent worked part year and/or part time. Among Markham's general population, 51 per cent worked in full-year, full-time jobs, and 49 per cent held part-year and/or part-time positions
- The proportion of recent immigrant workers who were self-employed increased from 13 per cent in 2006 to 15 per cent in 2016. The rate among the total population in 2016 was 14 per cent

Nearly one in three (31 per cent) employed recent immigrants living in Markham worked in a sales and service-related occupation in 2015-2016.

¹² The unemployment rate for the recent immigrant category that is supplied by Statistics Canada is rounded to the nearest whole number.

¹³ 'Self-employed' includes individuals whose primary employment involves operating a business, farm or professional practice. It also includes unpaid family workers within a family business (Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census Dictionary).

Occupations of recent immigrant workers 15 years and older who worked between January 1, 2015 and May 7, 2016, Markham

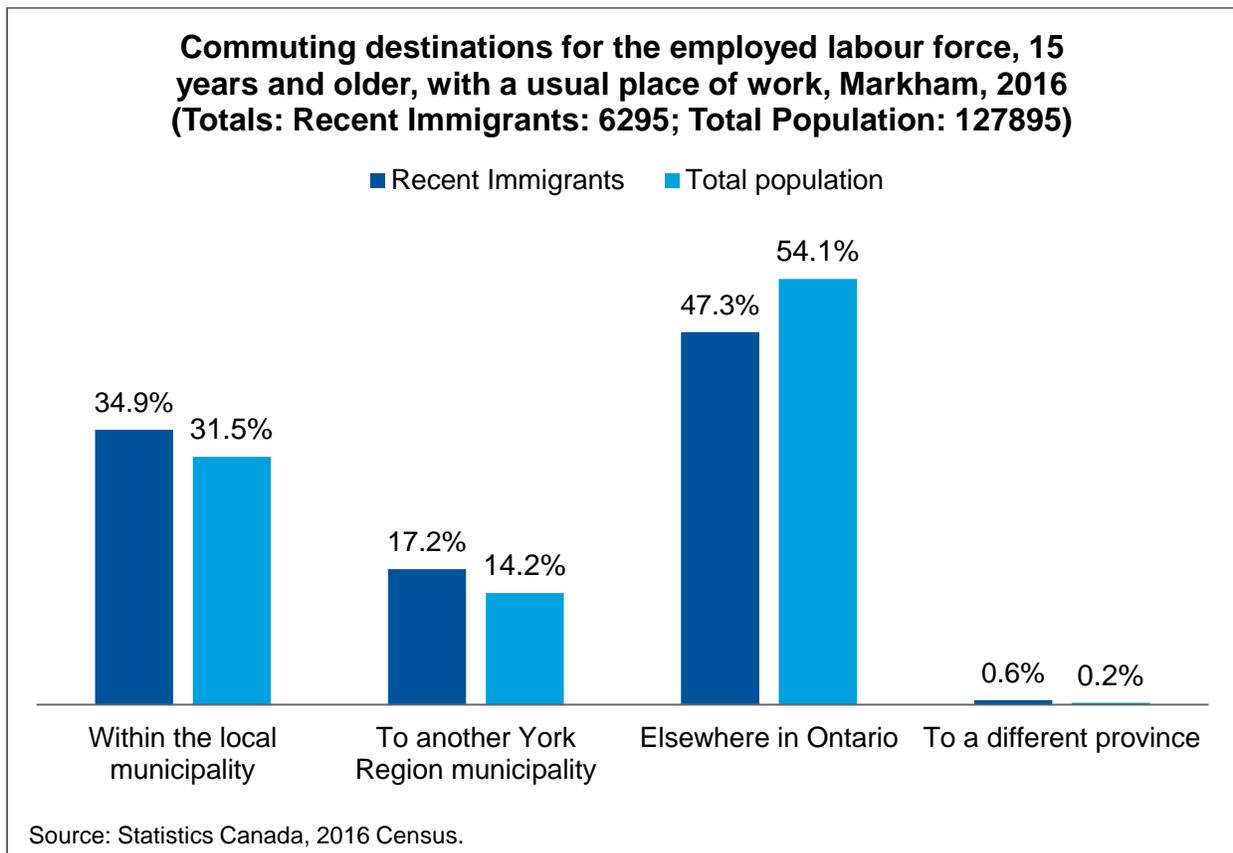
Occupation	Number of recent immigrant population	Percentage of recent immigrant population	Percentage change since 2006
Sales/service	2885	31.4%	+11.6%
Business and administration	1460	15.9%	-10.2%
Natural/applied sciences	1140	12.4%	+26.7%
Management	965	10.5%	+5.5%
Trades/transport	830	9.0%	+0.0%
Education, law, and government services	755	8.2%	+18.0%
Manufacturing and utilities	565	6.1%	-51.7%
Health	285	3.1%	-13.6%
Art, culture, and recreation	255	2.8%	+41.7%
Natural resources/agriculture	55	0.6%	+57.1%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2006 and 2016 Censuses.

- The number of recent immigrants in Markham in most occupational fields increased between 2006 and 2016. However, three occupational areas, Business, Manufacturing, and Health experienced declines

COMMUTING¹⁴

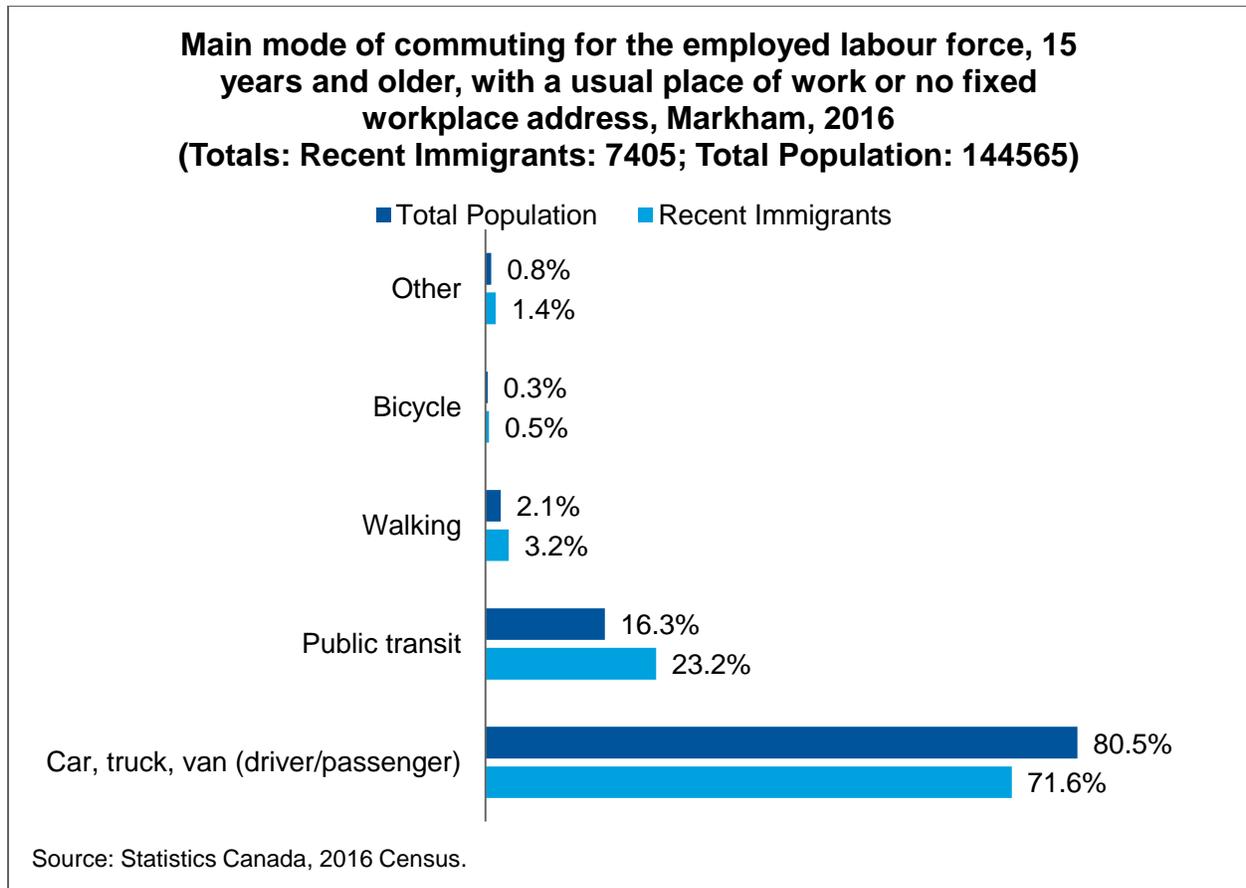
Recent immigrant commuters in Markham were more likely (52 per cent) than Markham commuters in general (46 per cent) to travel to a place of work within York Region.



- Almost half (48 per cent) of recent immigrant commuters in Markham travelled to work destinations outside York Region, representing the second-highest percentage (together with Vaughan) among York Region municipalities

¹⁴ Statistics Canada's 2016 Census data for commuting does not include individuals who work from home, or individuals who commute for purposes other than employment. In the case of the variable 'Commuting Destination', workers with no fixed workplace address are also excluded.

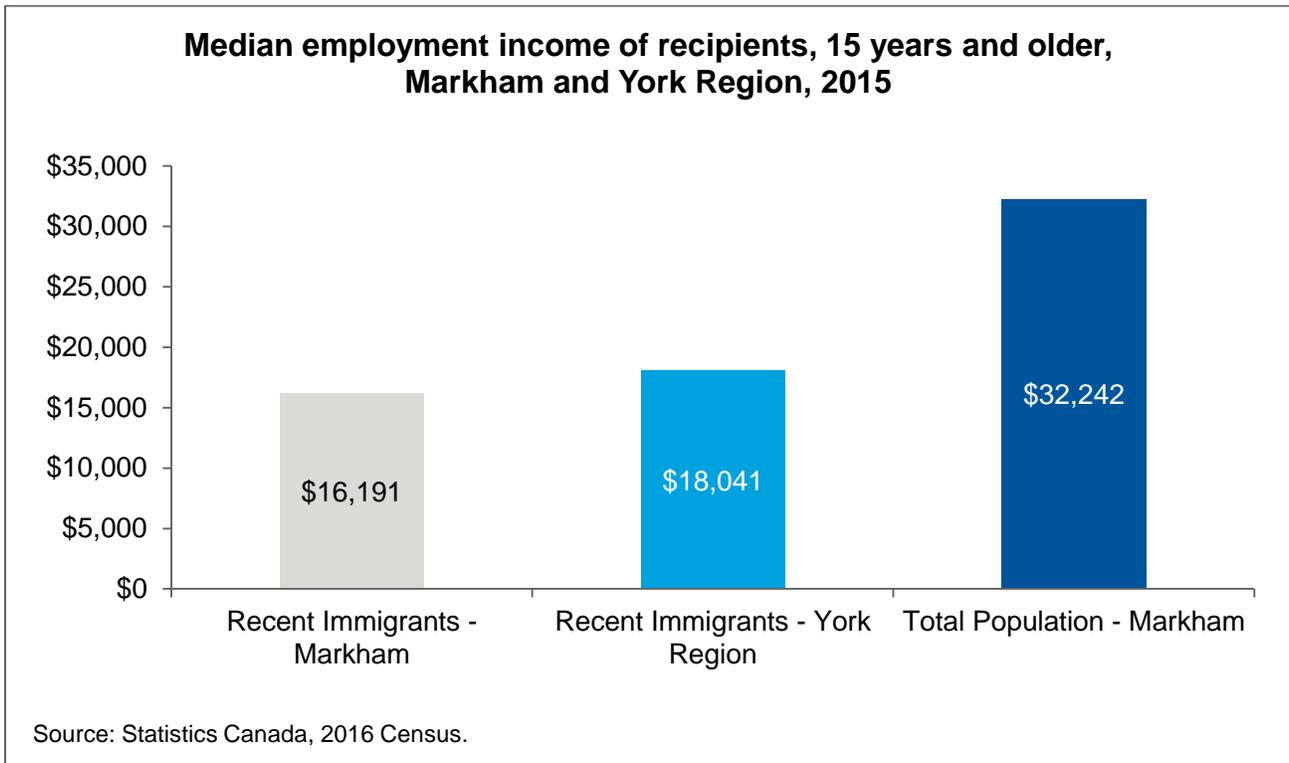
Recent immigrant commuters in Markham are more likely than Markham commuters in general to rely on public transit as their primary method to get to work.



- Twenty-three per cent of recent immigrant commuters in Markham rely on public transit as their primary method to get to work, compared to 16 per cent of the total population of the municipality
- Recent immigrant commuters in Markham were also more likely to rely on modes of transportation other than a personal vehicle or public transit, such as walking or bicycling

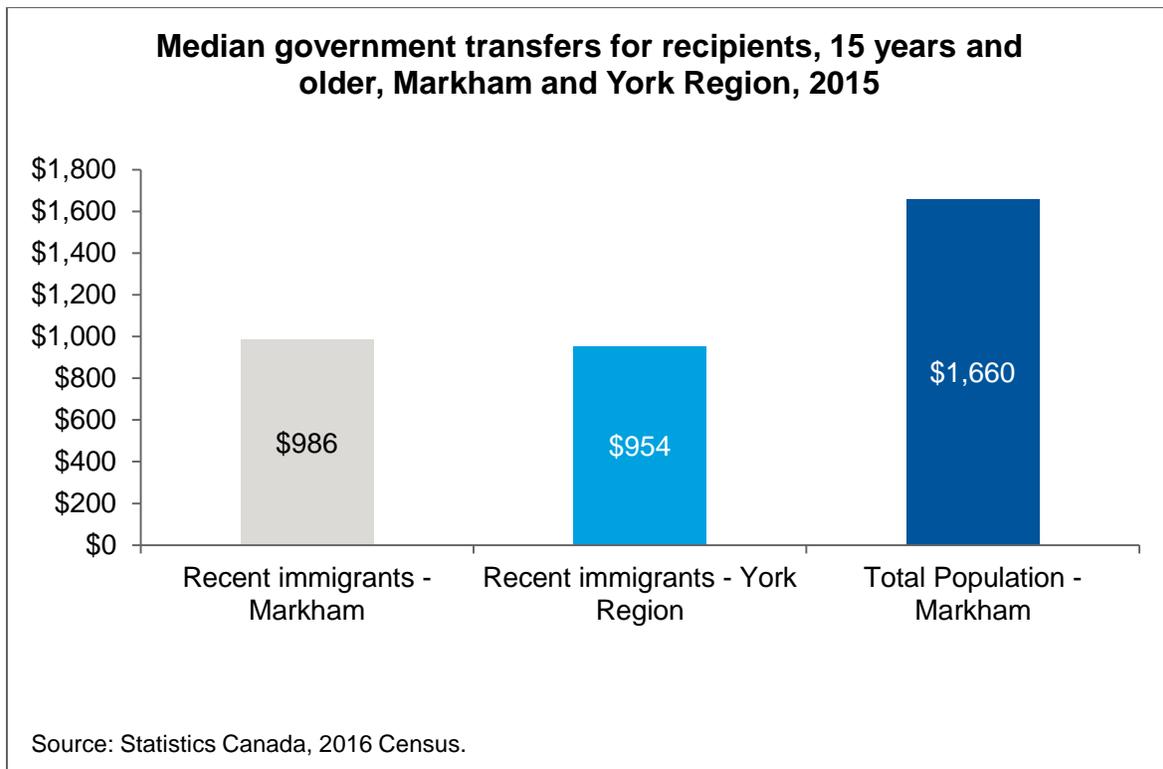
INCOME¹⁵

Recent immigrants in Markham earned less from employment and received less in government transfers than the overall population.



- The median employment income among recent immigrants in Markham (\$16,191) was approximately half of the median employment income for the general population (\$32,242)
- The median employment income among recent immigrants in Markham (\$16,191) was the lowest median employment income among York Region municipalities

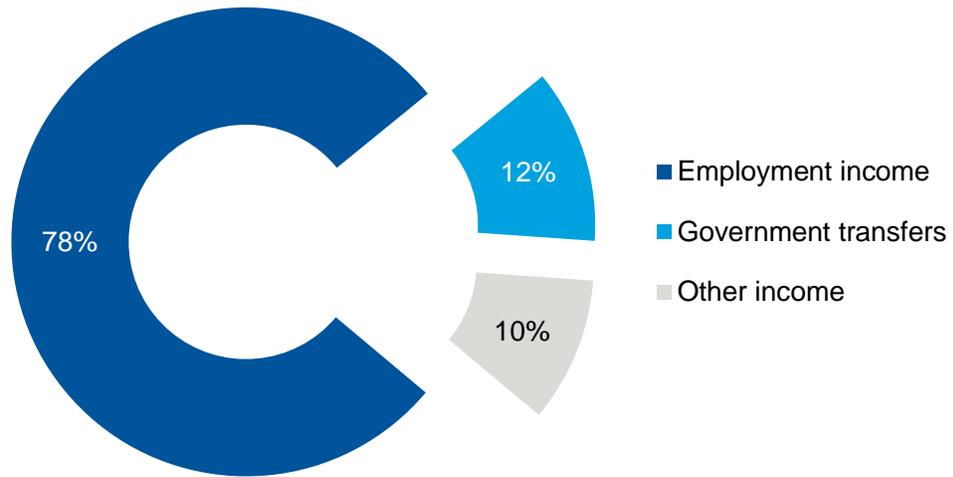
¹⁵ Employment income includes “all income received as wages, salaries and commissions from paid employment and net self-employment income from farm or non-farm unincorporated business and/or professional practice during the reference period,” which in the 2016 Census was the calendar year 2015 (Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census Dictionary).



- The median amount of government transfers¹⁶ received by recent immigrants in Markham (\$986) was less than two thirds of the median transfer for the general population (\$1,660) of the municipality
- In 2015, 12,895 recent immigrants received government transfers, representing 81 per cent of recent immigrants 15 years of age or older, who reported an income in 2015

¹⁶ According to Statistics Canada, government transfers include “all cash benefits received from federal, provincial, territorial or municipal governments during the reference period,” which was 2015 for the 2016 Census. This includes Old Age Security pension, Employment Insurance, child benefits, workers compensation benefits, etc. (Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census Dictionary).

Composition of total income for recent immigrants, 15 years and older, Markham, 2015

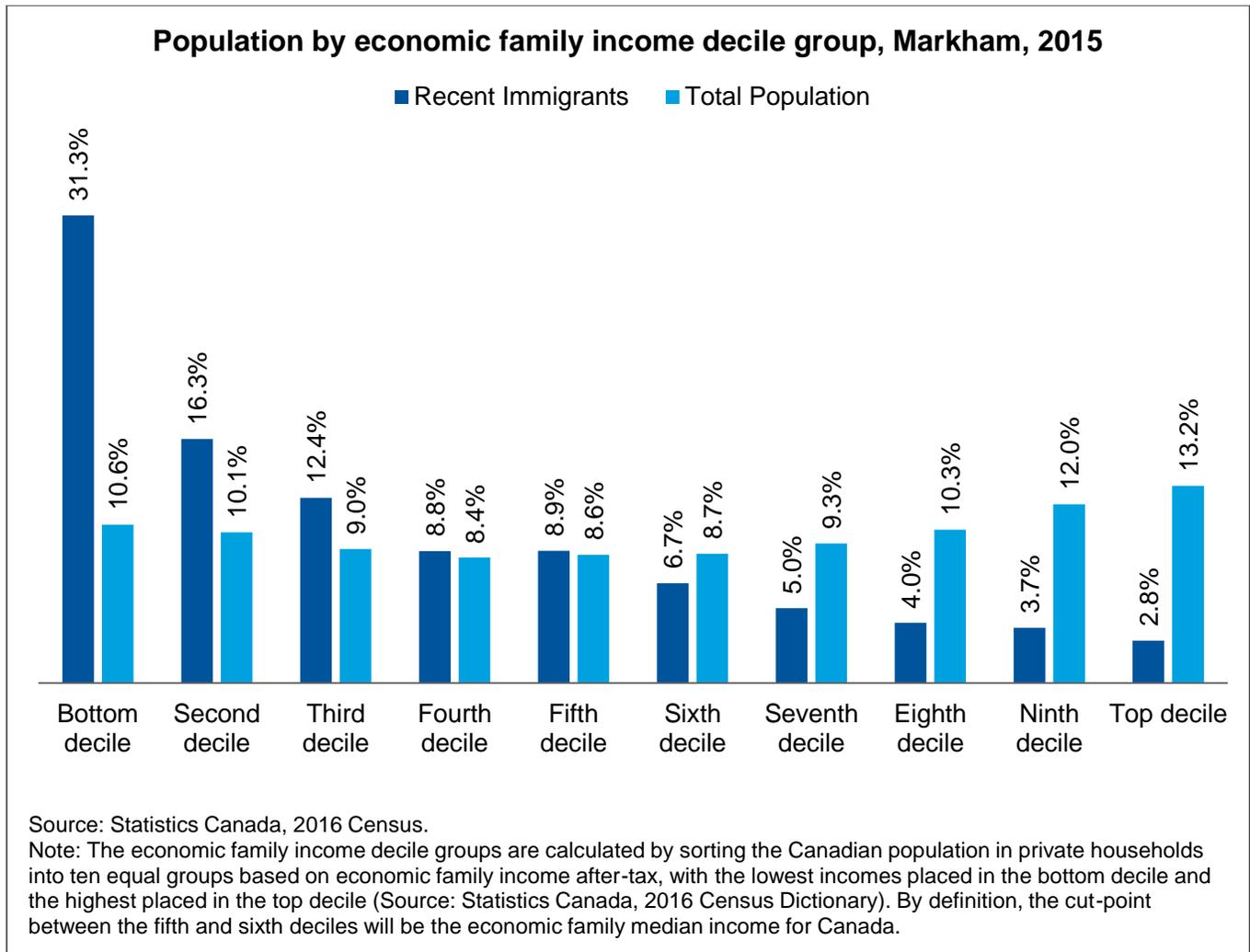


Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census.

Note: "Other income" includes income not received as payment for employment or as a government transfer (i.e. income from investments, private retirement accounts and other types of market income).

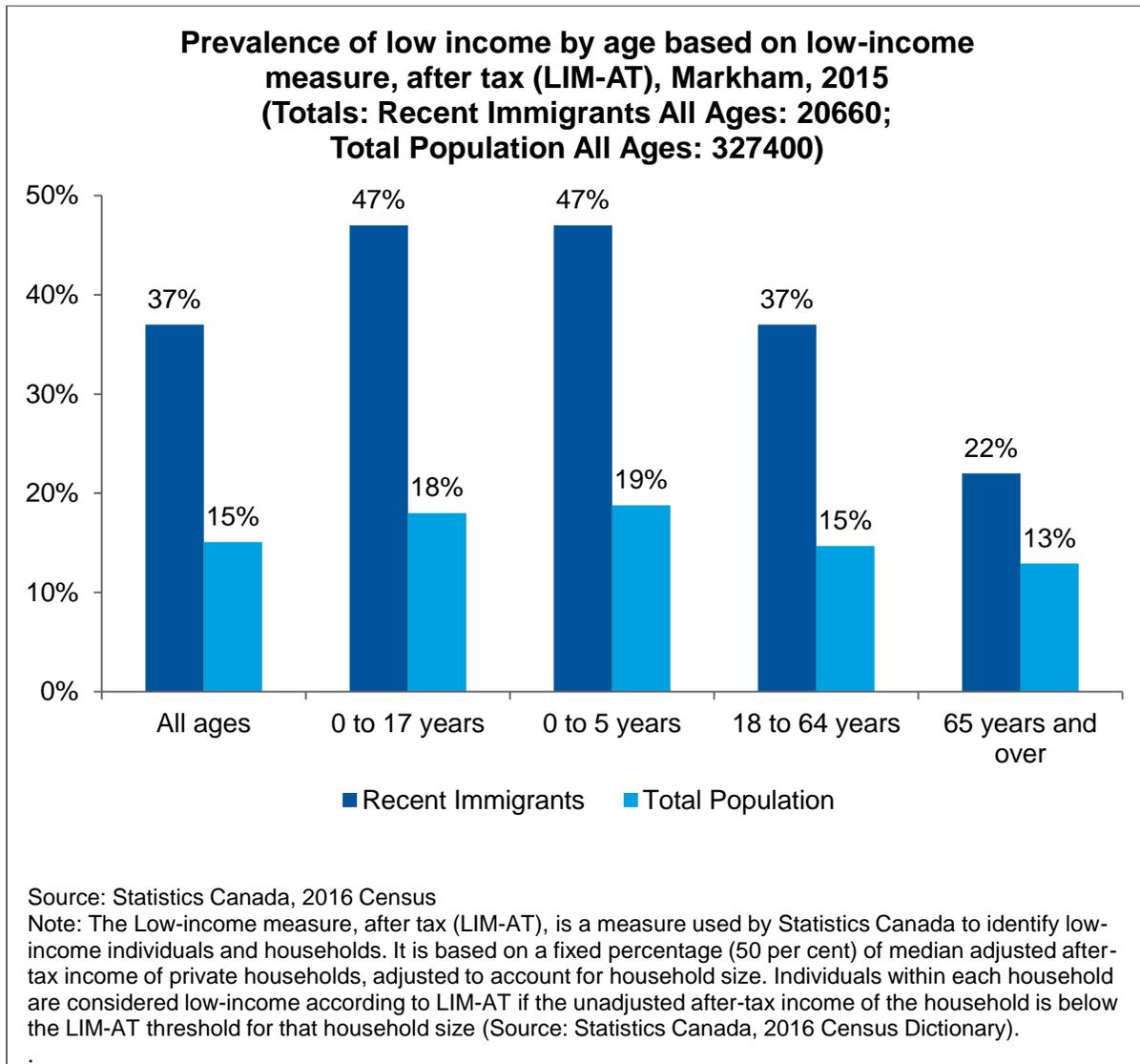
- In 2015, recent immigrants in Markham relied on employment for 78 per cent of their total income, compared with 77 per cent among the total population in the municipality

Compared to Markham’s overall population, recent immigrants were overrepresented within lower income levels and underrepresented in higher income levels.



- In 2015, 78 per cent of recent immigrants in Markham had an after-tax family income at or below the median family income for Canada (in the bottom five deciles), the highest proportion among York Region municipalities. Of the Markham general population, 47 per cent had a family incomes at similar levels
- Recent immigrant men (79 per cent) and women (77 per cent) were comparable in the likelihood of having family incomes at or below the national median
- Thirty-one per cent of recent immigrants in Markham had after-tax family incomes in the bottom ten per cent for family incomes in Canada. Eleven per cent of Markham’s total population had family incomes at similar levels

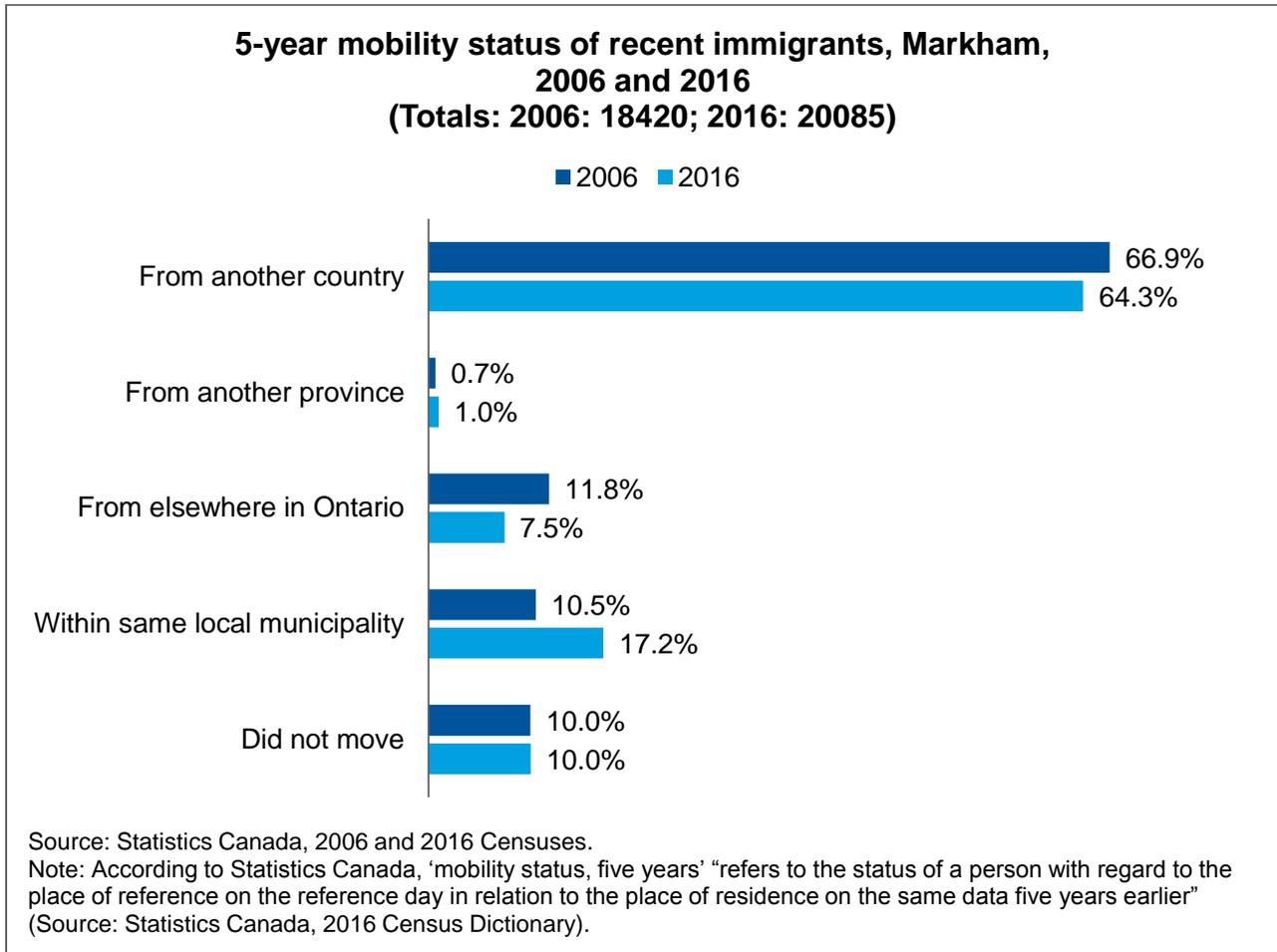
Recent immigrants in Markham were more than twice as likely as the general population to live in a low-income household.



- In 2015, Markham, along with Newmarket and Richmond Hill, had the highest percentage of recent immigrant children ages zero to five, living in low-income families (47 per cent)
- Markham also had the highest percentage of recent immigrant seniors living in low-income families (22 per cent) out of all York Region municipalities

MOBILITY

In 2016, nearly two thirds (64 per cent) of recent immigrants in Markham had relocated from another country within the previous 5 years.



- In 2016, the percentage of recent immigrants in Markham who relocated from another country within the preceding five years (64 per cent) was slightly lower than in 2006
- Thirty-six per cent of recent immigrants received their permanent resident status within the last five years but had already been residing in Canada in May 2011
- Markham and East Gwillimbury had the highest proportions (27 per cent) of recent immigrants who either did not move, or moved within the local municipality between 2011 and 2016

METHODOLOGY AND REFERENCES

For further information regarding the research methodology and sources for this report, see the main report for York Region. The link below provides direct access to this information:

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