**National Household Survey—Highlights**

The results of the first National Household Survey (NHS) were released on May 8, 2013 and contain data related to citizenship, country of birth, ethnic origin, religion and language. AMSSA has created this Info Sheet to highlight what relevant information is available for BC communities and how it can be accessed.

**NHS Highlights—Demographics, Source Countries, Languages, Ethnic Origins, Age Groups and Religions**

All data is based on the total number of recent immigrants that arrived between 2006-2011, unless otherwise noted.

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<td><strong>Demographics</strong></td>
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<td>Recent Immigrant Arrivals (2006 - 2011)</td>
<td>1,162,915</td>
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<td>Male Arrivals</td>
<td>555,250 (47.7%)</td>
<td>87,110 (47.1%)</td>
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<td>Female Arrivals</td>
<td>607,670 (52.3%)</td>
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<td>% of Total Population that is Foreign Born at end of 2011</td>
<td>20.6%</td>
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<td><strong>Source Countries</strong></td>
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<td>Number of Countries of Birth amongst Recent Immigrants</td>
<td>188</td>
<td>140</td>
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<td>Top 3 Source Countries of Recent Immigrants</td>
<td>Philippines (13.1%), China (10.5%), India (10.4%)</td>
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<td><strong>Language</strong></td>
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<td>Number of Languages spoken amongst Recent Immigrants</td>
<td>118</td>
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<td>Top 3 Languages of Recent Immigrants (Excluding English/French)</td>
<td>Tagalog (9.9%), Arabic (6.9%), Punjabi (5.3%)</td>
<td>Mandarin (11.9%), Punjabi (11.6%), Tagalog (10.9%)</td>
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<td><strong>Ethnic Origin</strong></td>
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<td>Top 3 Ethnicities amongst Recent Immigrants</td>
<td>South Asian (18.5%), Filipino (12.6%), Chinese (12.1%)</td>
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<td>% of Recent Immigrants that are a Visible Minority</td>
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<td>80.4%</td>
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<td>2001 - 2005 Age Breakdown</td>
<td>Under 15 (12.6%), 15 to 24 (15.8%), 25 to 54 (61.6%), 55 to 64 (5.7%), 65 and older (4.3%)</td>
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<td>Under 15 (19.2%), 15 to 24 (14.5%), 25 to 54 (58.6%), 55 to 64 (4.4%), 65 and older (3.3%)</td>
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<td><strong>Religion</strong></td>
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<td>Number of Religious Affiliations amongst Recent Immigrants</td>
<td>84</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>Top 3 Religious Affiliations amongst Recent Immigrants</td>
<td>Christian (47.5%), No religious affiliation (19.5%), Muslim (17.4%)</td>
<td>Christian (38.5%), No religious affiliation (32.4%), Sikh (10.9%)</td>
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11, 12. See above: Footnote 1.


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HOW TO ACCESS NATIONAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY INFORMATION FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

A NHS Profile of your community will contain the information below. This information is available for all reporting municipalities across Canada and is based on the entire population (immigrant and non-immigrant) living within that municipality in 2011:

- Citizenship
- Immigrant status and period of immigration
- Age at immigration
- Immigrant status and selected places of birth
- Recent immigrants by selected place of birth
- Religion
- Languages spoken
- Generation status
- Visible minority population
- Ethnic origin population

**Upcoming NHS Data Release:**

- **June 26, 2013:** Labour, mobility, migration, education
- **Aug. 14, 2013:** Income and housing


However, only 25 Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs) across British Columbia have additional information broken down for recent immigrants (arrived between 2006-2011). See [Footnote 15](#) for a full list of the 25 CMAs for which this data is available. **Link:** [http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/nhs-enm/2011/dp-pd/dt-td/index-eng.cfm](http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/nhs-enm/2011/dp-pd/dt-td/index-eng.cfm).

**Note:** It is possible to correlate this information on recent immigrants across two data sets. For example, one can determine the number of recent immigrants who arrived from a specific source country and who fall within a specific age group.

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OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

These online information sources provide additional information on Canada, BC and BC communities:

**CANSIM**

Statistics Canada’s socioeconomic database. The following data is available under the Ethnic Diversity and Immigration category:

- Citizenship
- Education, training and skills
- Integration of newcomers
- Immigrants and non-PR residents
- Visible minorities
- Labour market and income
- Health status/access to care
- Ethnic groups

**Link:** [http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/cansim/](http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/cansim/)

**CIC Statistics Database: Facts and Figures**

Demographic information on new permanent and temporary residents. The data is divided into national, provincial and a limited number of urban areas. Preliminary figures for 2012 are available.


**WelcomeBC: Regional Profiles and Fact Sheets**

Immigration and diversity profiles on BC communities (based on 2006 data), as well as fact sheets on im/migration and regional trends (up to 2011 data).

**Link:** [http://www.welcomebc.ca/Immigrate/about-bc/facts-landing/](http://www.welcomebc.ca/Immigrate/about-bc/facts-landing/)

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15. The following Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs) have detailed information available for recent immigrants: Abbotsford - Mission, Campbell River, Chilliwack, Courtenay, Cranbrook, Dawson Creek, Duncan, Fort St. John, Kamloops, Kelowna, Nanaimo, Parksville, Penticton, Port Alberni, Powell River, Prince George, Prince Rupert, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Squamish, Terrace, Vancouver, Vernon, Victoria, Williams Lake. Please note that large CMAs, such as Vancouver, do not have enough responses for data to be published.


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