



# NHS BULLETIN

## National Household Survey

### FAST FACTS

- The term “National Household Survey” (NHS) in this document refers to the National Household Survey of Canada conducted by Statistics Canada between May and August of 2011. This was a voluntary survey sent to 4.5 million households across Canada to gather social and economic information about the population.
- The term “Census” in this document refers to the Census of Population conducted by Statistics Canada. The most recent Census was conducted on May 10, 2011. The Census is designed to provide information about people and housing units in Canada.
- Due to the voluntary nature of the 2011 NHS, caution must be used when interpreting the data. Further, due to changes in data reporting and survey methodology from 2006 and previous census years, direct comparisons, including the calculation of growth rates, percentage and absolute changes, should not be made.
- In contrast to the 2011 Census population of 507,096 for Waterloo Region, NHS data was collected for 499,610 people who were living in private households. It does not include those living in collectives such as nursing homes or group homes.

For more information on National Household Survey statistics please refer to Statistics Canada’s website: [www.statcan.gc.ca](http://www.statcan.gc.ca)

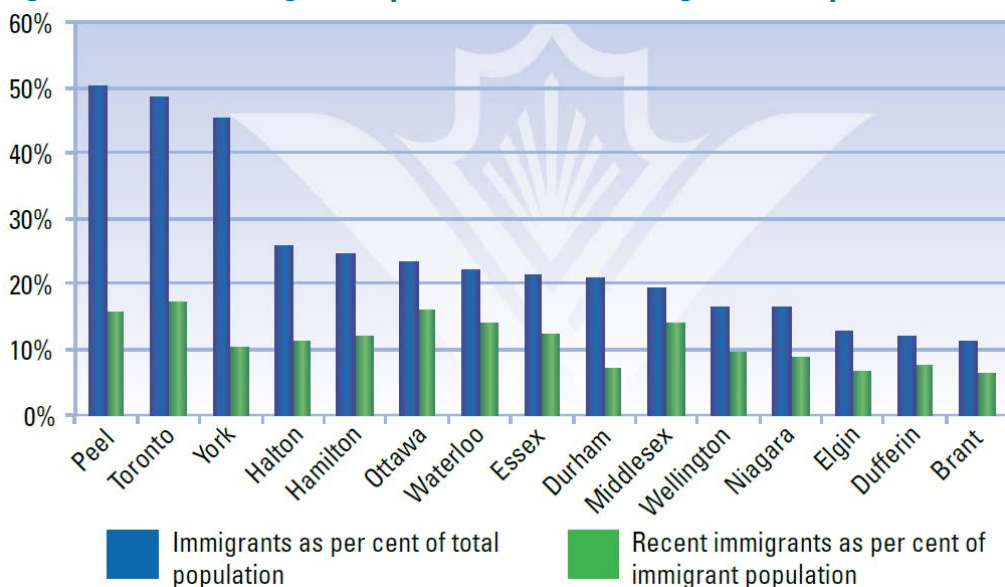
### Immigration and Citizenship Statistics from the 2011 Census for Waterloo Region

#### Immigration population

The face of Waterloo Region is influenced over time by the people who have moved here from other regions of the world. *Immigrants* are defined as those people who were born outside of Canada and have settled here permanently – some immigrants have lived in Canada for a number of years, while others are recent arrivals. In total, there were 111,495 residents of Waterloo Region who were born outside of Canada, which accounted for 22.3 per cent of the Region’s total population in 2011. This proportion was lower than that of Ontario (28.5 per cent), but higher than the national proportion (20.6 per cent).

To put this in context, approximately 40 per cent of all new Canadians live in Ontario, with Quebec as a distant second most common destination at 20 per cent (Statistics Canada, Migration: International, 2013). Within Ontario, Peel Region had the highest foreign-born population by proportion in Ontario at 50.5 per cent, followed by Toronto at 48 per cent and representing the highest number of immigrants (1,252,215). Greater Toronto Area municipalities are generally the most common destinations for new Canadians as shown in Figure 1. Waterloo Region has the seventh highest proportion in Ontario at 22.3 per cent, and 11th in Canada, up from eighth and 13th in the previous Census period. In terms of recent immigration, meaning those who arrived between 2006 and 2011, Waterloo Region had the fifth highest proportion in Ontario after Toronto, Peel, Ottawa, and Middlesex (including London).

Figure 1: Ontario Immigrant Population as a Percentage of the Population, 2011



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey by Census Division

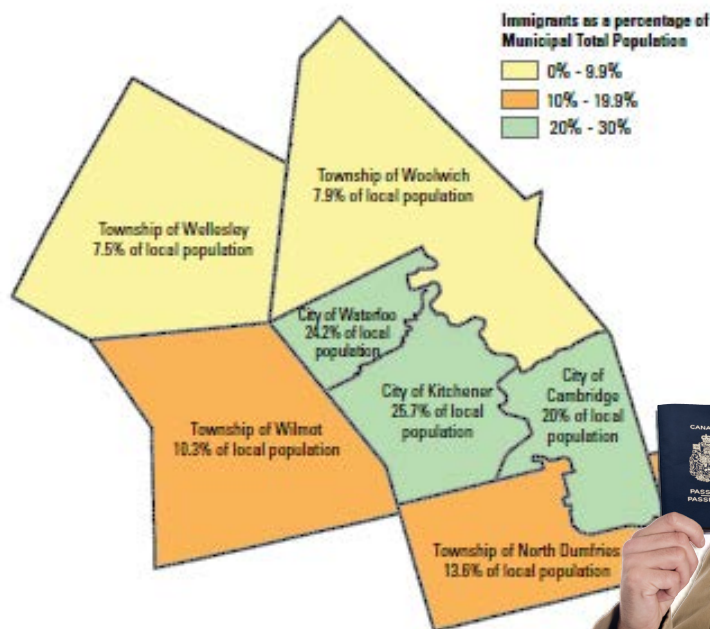
Settlement patterns within Waterloo Region also reflect the tendency of immigrants to settle in cities. Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo accounted for 95 per cent of Waterloo Region's immigrant population, representing over 105,000 people, as shown in Table 1 and in Figure 2. Of the Region's four rural townships, North Dumfries had the highest proportion of immigrants at 13.6 per cent of its total population, while Wilmot had the highest number at 1,980.

**Table 1: Immigrant Population for Waterloo Region by Municipality, 2011**

Name	Total Population in Private Households	Total Immigrant Population	Percentage of Total Immigrant Population
<b>Waterloo Region</b>	<b>499,610</b>	<b>111,495</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Cambridge	125,060	25,295	22.6
Kitchener	215,950	56,430	50.6
Waterloo	97,095	23,910	21.4
North Dumfries	9,310	1,265	1.1
Wellesley	10,710	800	0.7
Wilmot	18,965	1,980	1.8
Woolwich	22,515	1,820	1.6

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey by Census Subdivision

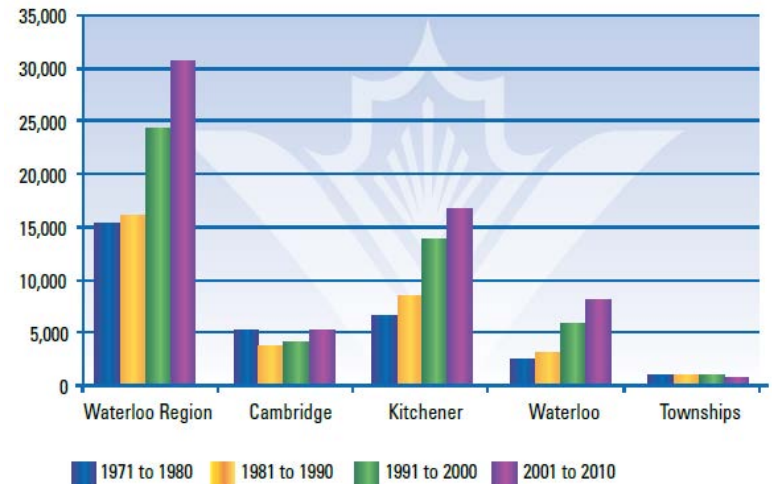
**Figure 2: Waterloo Region Immigrants by Area Municipality, 2011**



## Period of Immigration

Waterloo Region continues to see an increase in its foreign-born population over time. Immigrants who arrived in the Region in just the last 10 years made up well over a quarter of the overall immigrant population. Additionally, the number of immigrants who arrived in this period (30,815) is the largest the Region has seen in any 10 year period, dating back to 1971. Specifically, the three cities have each seen increasing numbers of immigrants since 1981, as shown in Figure 2.

**Figure 2: Waterloo Region Immigrant Population by 10 Year Period of Immigration**

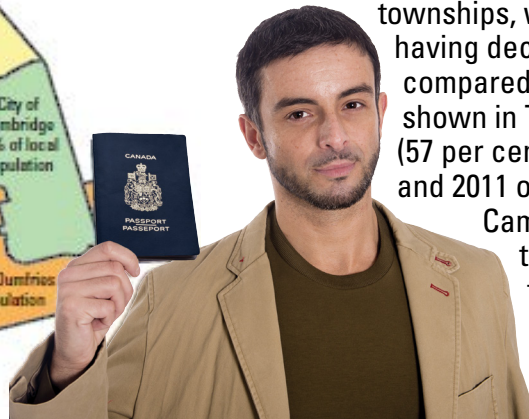


Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey by Census Subdivision

## Recent Immigrants

Recent immigrants were a key component of Waterloo Region's population growth between 2006 and 2011. Recent immigration as a proportion of net population growth was higher locally than it was in the previous two Census periods, but less than what was seen at the provincial and national levels over the same period.

Despite the townships having high overall population growth rates, recent immigrants coming to the Region are commonly settling in urban areas. Of the 15,465 new Canadians who settled in Waterloo Region over this period, only 400 (2.5 per cent) did so in one of the townships, with three of four townships having declining immigration numbers compared to the previous five years, as shown in Table 2. Much of the immigration (57 per cent) to the Region between 2006 and 2011 occurred in Kitchener, and while Cambridge's growth declined from the previous five year period, the three cities still accounted for over 97 per cent of the total recent immigration.



**Table 2: Waterloo Region's Recent Immigrant Population, 2001-2006 and 2006-2011**

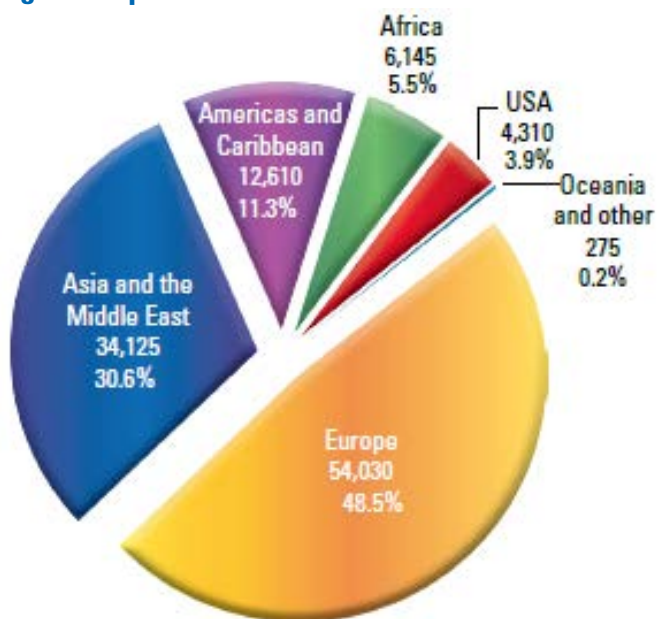
Name	Recent Immigrants 2001-2006	Recent Immigrants 2006-2011	Percentage Change
<b>Waterloo Region</b>	<b>15,355</b>	<b>15,465</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Cambridge	3,075	2,135	-30.6
Kitchener	7,860	8,805	12.0
Waterloo	3,950	4,140	4.8
North Dumfries	75	40	-46.7
Wellesley	100	130	30.0
Wilmot	125	90	-28.0
Woolwich	170	120	-29.4

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey by Census Subdivision

### Place of Birth

While Europe continues to be the most common place of birth reported by immigrants living in Waterloo Region, 2011 marked the first time that the number of European immigrants made up less than half of the Region's total immigrant population. As Figure 3 shows, Asia and the Middle East is a common place of birth, accounting for just over 30 per cent of the Region's total immigrant population. The Americas and the Caribbean, Africa, and the United States make up most of the remaining immigrant population.

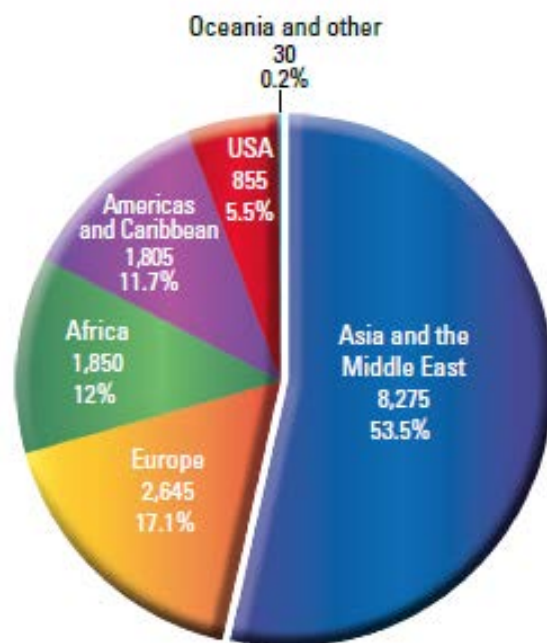
**Figure 3: Place of Birth for Waterloo Region Total Immigrant Population**



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey by Census Division

While Europe has historically been the primary origin of Waterloo Region's immigrant population, this has been changing. Over half of the recent immigrants are now coming from Asia and the Middle East, while Europe is the origin of just 17.1 per cent of recent immigrants. Africa also contributed a larger proportion of recent immigrants compared to its share of the overall immigrant population, as shown in Figure 3.

**Figure 4: Place of Birth for Waterloo Region, Recent Immigrant Population, 2006-2011**



Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey by Census Division

Specifically, by country of origin, India and China accounted for 18.5 per cent of the total recent immigrant population in the Region in 2011 as shown in Table 3. The United States was the third most common country of birth for recent immigrants, making up 5.5 per cent of the total recent immigrants. Columbia represented one third of the arrivals from the Americas and Caribbean, while another 405 came from Mexico. Romania and the United Kingdom represent the two most common European countries of birth for recent immigrants, and accounted for 40 per cent of all recent immigrants to the Region from Europe. Ethiopia (310) and Somalia (285) were the most frequent countries of birth for recent African immigrants.



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**Table 3: Top Twenty Countries of Birth for Recent Immigrants to Waterloo Region, 2011**

Country	Recent Immigrants	Percentage of Total Recent Immigrants
India	1,475	9.5
China	1,395	9.0
USA	855	5.5
Pakistan	810	5.2
Iraq	795	5.1
Columbia	605	3.9
Romania	585	3.8
Iran	500	3.2
Philippines	480	3.1
United Kingdom	470	3.0
Mexico	405	2.6
South Korea	360	2.3
Ethiopia	310	2.0
Somalia	285	1.8
Egypt	280	1.8
Russian Federation	245	1.6
Vietnam	205	1.3
Bangladesh	200	1.3
Syria	200	1.3
Afghanistan	180	1.2

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey by Census Division

### Citizenship

In 2011, 93.6 per cent of Waterloo Region's population reported having Canadian citizenship. This suggests that despite a rapidly growing immigrant population, citizenship remains an important goal for newcomers into the Region. As shown in Table 4, Wellesley has the highest percentage of Canadian citizens and Waterloo the lowest, while overall the cities in the Region tend to have lower percentages of citizens than the four townships. Additionally the percentage of Canadian citizens 18 years and older tends to be lower than the overall averages. The Region's citizenship rate is slightly higher than both the provincial (91.7 per cent) and national (92.3 per cent) rates.

**Table 4: Citizenship of Population in Waterloo Region, 2011**

Name	Canadian Citizens, 2011					
	Region Total	Percentage of Total Population	Region Total Over 18	Percentage of Total Pop. 18+	Region Total Under 18	Percentage of Total Pop. U18
<b>Waterloo Region</b>	<b>474,460</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>365,170</b>	<b>92.8</b>	<b>109,290</b>	<b>96.3</b>
Cambridge	121,120	95.6	91,875	94.7	29,245	98.2
Kitchener	202,990	92.6	158,390	92.0	44,595	95.1
Waterloo	89,900	91.0	70,150	90.0	19,750	94.8
North Dumfries	9,085	97.3	6,870	96.8	2,215	99.1
Wellesley	10,500	98.0	7,115	98.5	3,385	96.9
Wilmot	18,705	97.3	14,220	96.7	4,490	99.6
Woolwich	22,160	95.7	16,545	94.9	5,615	98.4

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey by Census Subdivision

**Immigrant** – “refers to a person who is or has ever been a landed immigrant/ permanent resident. This person has been granted the right to live in Canada permanently by immigration authorities. Some immigrants have resided in Canada for a number of years, while others have arrived recently. Some immigrants are Canadian citizens, while others are not. Most immigrants are born outside Canada, but a small number are born in Canada. In the 2011 National Household Survey, ‘Immigrants’ includes immigrants who landed in Canada prior to May 10, 2011.”

**Non-Permanent Resident** – “refers to a person from another country who has a work or study permit or who is a refugee claimant, and any non-Canadian-born family member living in Canada with them.”

**Private Household** – “a person or group of persons who occupy a private dwelling and do not have a usual place of residence elsewhere in Canada.”

**Recent Immigrant** – refers to those who came to Canada at some point in the five years preceding May 10th, 2011.

Source: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey Dictionary, 2011

#### How to Source:

The Regional Municipality of Waterloo. Immigration National Household Survey Bulletin. 2011 NHS Bulletin Series. Kitchener, Ontario. 2014.

For more information on how information was collected on immigration for the National Household Survey please consult the *Place of Birth, Generation Status, Citizenship and Immigration Reference Guide*: [www12.statcan.gc.ca/nhs-enm/2011/ref/guides/99-010-x/99-010-x2011008-eng.pdf](http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/nhs-enm/2011/ref/guides/99-010-x/99-010-x2011008-eng.pdf)

For more information, including the NHS classification of ethnic origins please see the 2011 NHS dictionary: [www12.statcan.gc.ca/nhs-enm/2011/ref/dict/index-eng.cfm](http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/nhs-enm/2011/ref/dict/index-eng.cfm)



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