

## **Preface**

Statistics Canada conducts its *Census of Population* every five years with the most recent census having occurred in 2006. The Census provides information on the demographic, social and economic conditions of the population on Census day (May 16 in 2006).

While the Census aims to enumerate all permanent residents of Canada, it will miss some residents while counting others more than once. In acknowledgement of this Statistics Canada publishes a net undercount that is used to adjust the population count. Based on these adjustments BC Stats produces quarterly and annual population estimates.

The City of Surrey's Planning Department also maintains building permit statistics. The number of existing buildings (updated with new constructions and demolitions) provides an accurate estimate of occupied dwellings. The dwelling count is combined with Statistics Canada Census variables to produce the City of Surrey's demographic profiles.

Where possible a comparison is made between the current and previous censuses. A regional comparison is also provided between Surrey and key municipal neighbours. Finally, for the purpose of this and other fact sheets, Surrey is divided into six communities: Cloverdale, Fleetwood, Guildford, Newton, South Surrey, and Whalley. City Centre is also identified as a sub-community planning area within Whalley. Unless otherwise indicated, statistical information provided at the community and sub-community level is based on a twenty percent sample of the Census enumeration.

# Citizenship and Immigration

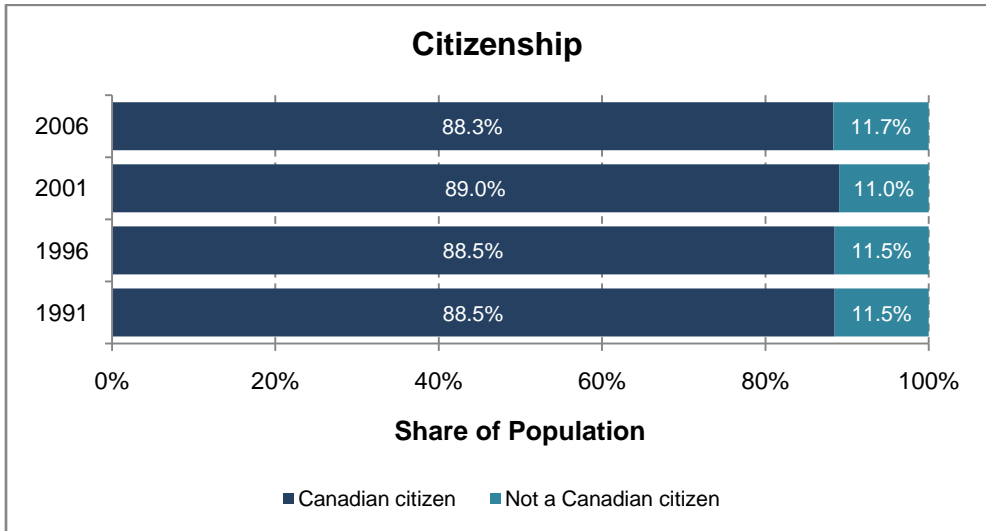
The Census provides information on the citizenship of the population and the place of birth of immigrants, distinguishing between all immigrants and recent immigrants. The former category refers to individuals who are now, or were previously, a landed immigrant, while the latter only includes those who were a landed immigrant between January 1, 2001 and Census Day in 2006. Both categories may include Canadian citizens, but not those who were Canadian at birth.

In 2006 Statistics Canada modified the manner in which place of birth information is provided. Where the 2006 Census provided place of birth information by region of the world and by selected countries, previous Censuses provided it solely by country. Furthermore the countries included relate to those that are most common at the national level at the time of that particular census. These countries will change from one census to the next and may not include (though unlikely) ones that are of interest in Surrey, but which comprise only a small share of the national immigrant population. This, along with the lack of regional (region of the world) place of birth information in previous censuses, limits in some cases the ability to make comparisons between 2006 and previous census years.

In considering the information contained in this fact sheet note that an individual may be of multiple nationalities (multiple citizenships) including Canadian. Additionally, place of birth is not a proxy for citizenship, ethnicity or language.

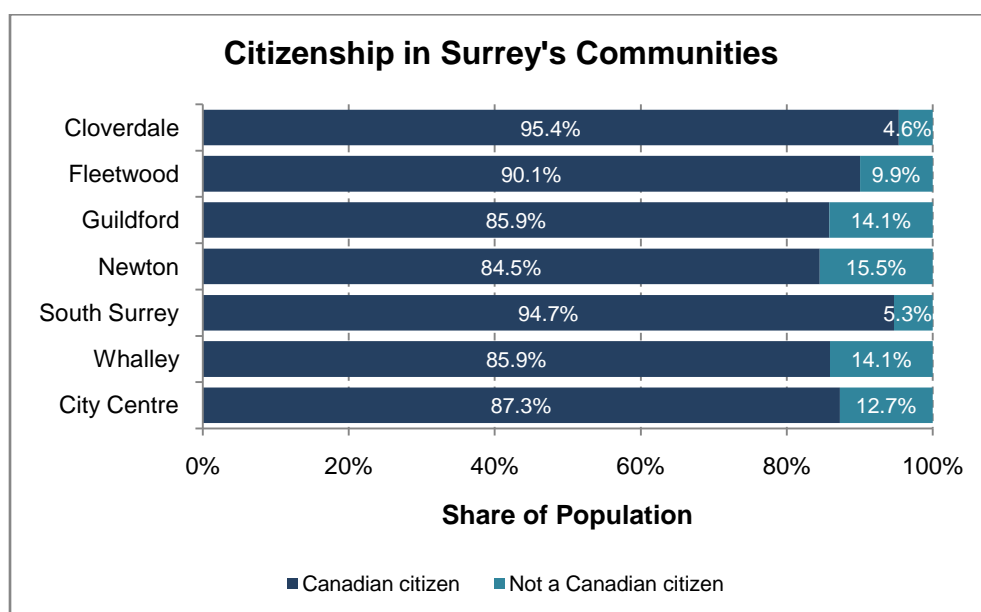
## Citizenship

The Census inquires of all residents their citizenship. Where an individual claims multiple citizenships each nationality is recorded. The statistics presented here indicate whether an individual has Canadian citizenship regardless of any other nationalities claimed. Between 1991 and 2006 the share of Surrey’s population with Canadian citizenship has remained steady at around eighty-nine percent. Since the last Census there has been a very marginal decrease in the share of the population with Canadian citizenship.



## Citizenship in Surrey's Communities

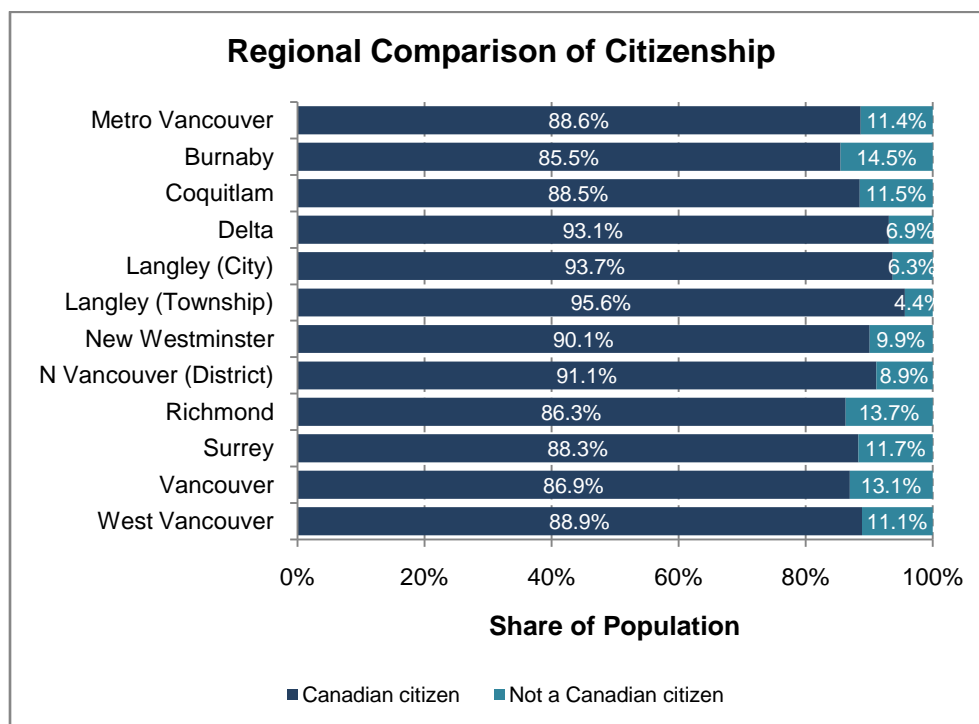
The share of the population without Canadian citizenship in Surrey's communities ranged from 4.6% in Cloverdale to 15.5% in Newton. In addition to Cloverdale, South Surrey (5.3%) is considerably below the rest of Surrey in the share of its population that is without Canadian citizenship.



	Cloverdale	Fleetwood	Guildford	Newton	South Surrey	Whalley	City Centre	Surrey
Total population by citizenship	37,705	50,040	52,235	109,385	59,890	83,190	17,560	392,450
Canadian citizens	35,955	45,070	44,845	92,470	56,720	71,495	15,325	346,565
Canadian citizens under age 18	9,610	11,995	11,310	27,080	11,695	18,730	3,050	90,420
Canadian citizens age 18 and over	26,345	33,075	33,540	65,395	45,025	52,765	12,275	256,145
Not Canadian citizens	1,745	4,970	7,390	16,915	3,170	11,690	2,235	45,890

## Regional Comparison of Citizenship

Throughout the region individuals without Canadian citizenship comprised a varying share of a municipality's population (from under five percent to nearly fifteen). Surrey, at 11.7%, was near the Metro Vancouver average of 11.4%, in marked contrast to the neighbouring municipalities of Delta (6.9%), Township of Langley (4.4%), City of Langley (6.3%), and White Rock (5.9%).

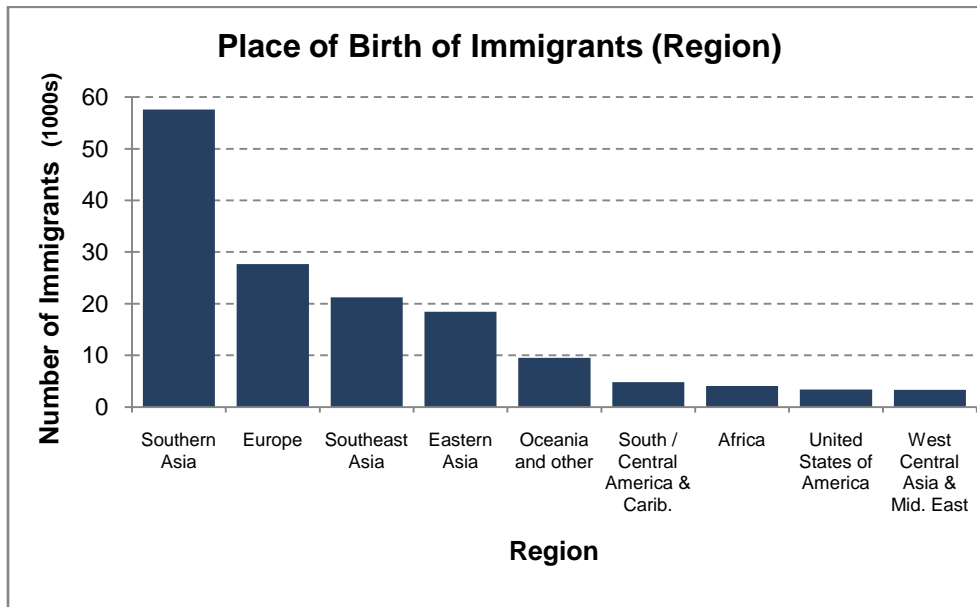


## Place of Birth

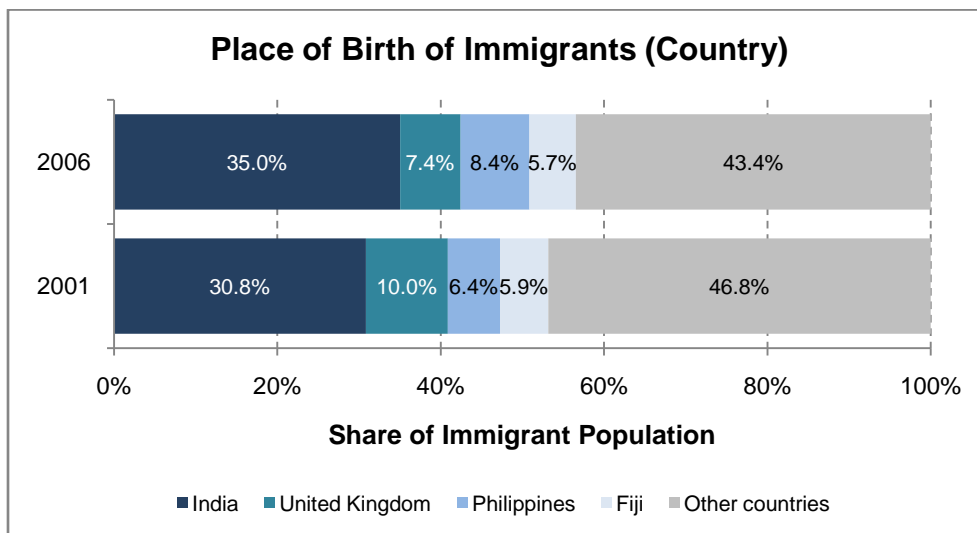
The Census reports the place of birth of all permanent residents of Canada. Permanent residents may either be non-immigrants (Canadian citizens by birth) or immigrants (either naturalized Canadian citizens or landed immigrants – individuals who have been granted the right to live permanently in Canada). Most (but not all) immigrants were born outside Canada. Non-permanent residents are individuals residing in Canada on a temporary work or study permit, or as a refugee claimant. The Census does not track the place of birth of non-permanent residents.

In 2006 there were 238,620 non-immigrants residing in Surrey while in 2001 there were 228,040. Although the non-immigrant population grew in numbers between 2001 and 2006, as a share of total population non-immigrants declined from 65.9% to 60.8%. As an additional point of interest, individuals born in British Columbia increased their share of the non-immigrant population from 70.8% in 2001 to 73.4% in 2006.

Surrey was home to 150,230 immigrants (38.3% of the population) in 2006. The most common regions of birth were Southern Asia (38.3% of immigrants), Europe (18.4%), Southeast Asia (14.1%), and Eastern Asia (12.3%). In 2001 there were 114,725 immigrants living in Surrey. This amounted to 33.2% of the population. Prior to 2006 the Census did not report place of birth according to region (only individual countries of birth), thereby preventing an accurate comparison between years.



The most common countries of birth among Surrey’s immigrants were India (52,635 persons), the Philippines (12,640), the United Kingdom (11,110), and Fiji (8,590), the same four (and in the same order) as in 2001.



## Place of Birth in Surrey’s Communities

In each community except South Surrey and Cloverdale immigrants comprised more than forty percent of the population. In those two communities they comprised 24.1% and 18.8% respectively. Place of birth characteristics for immigrant populations varied considerably from one community to another. For instance, 62.1% of immigrants living in Newton were born in Southern Asia, while only 5.0% of immigrants living in South Surrey and 10.3% of immigrants living in Guildford were born in that region of the world.

Southern Asia was the most common region of birth among immigrants living in Whalley, in Newton, and in Fleetwood and second most common in Cloverdale. Europe was the most common region of birth among immigrants living in South Surrey and in Cloverdale and second or third in all other communities. Southeast Asia and Eastern Asia were also prominent regions of birth in several of Surrey's communities.

There was even greater variation in the predominant countries of birth of immigrants among Surrey's communities. Some notable countries of birth were India (56.8% of immigrants in Newton, 40.1% in Whalley, 29.7% in Fleetwood, and 20.0% in Cloverdale), the Philippines (15.4% in Guildford and 10.4% in Whalley), the United Kingdom (26.8% in South Surrey and 16.3% in Cloverdale), Fiji (10.2% in Whalley), and South Korea (12.3% in Guildford).

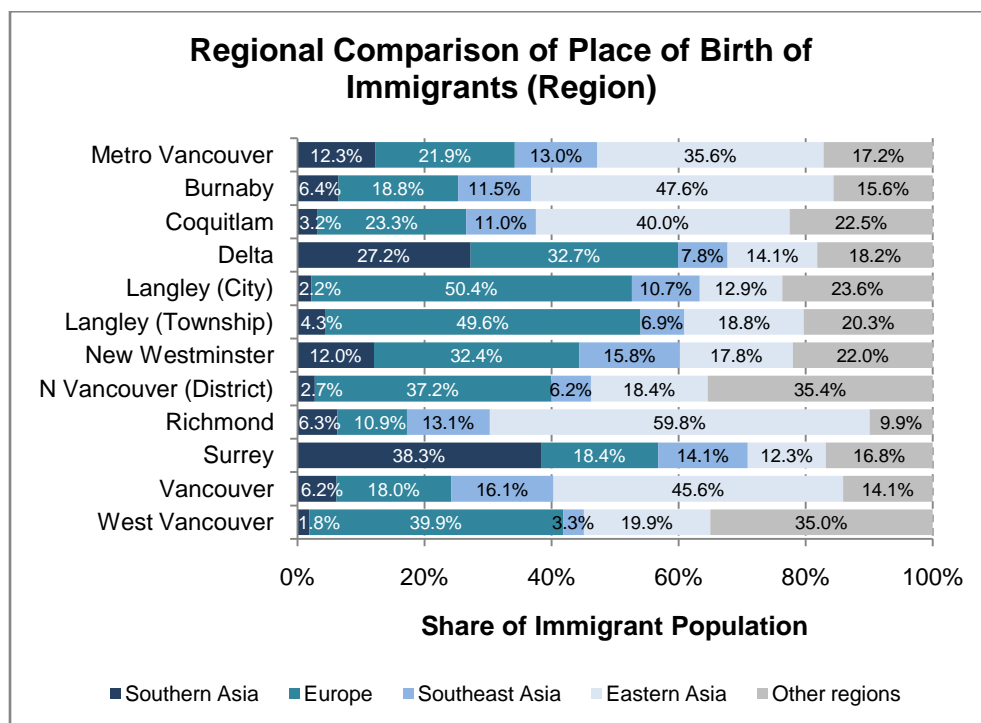
The following table indicates the place of birth of immigrants in Surrey and its communities according to region and a select number of the most prominent countries. The countries listed are not exclusive of the regions of the world listed. Neither is each necessarily a prominent source of immigrants in every community (take for instance Fiji); however, they are the five most common places of birth for immigrants in Surrey as a whole.

	Cloverdale	Fleetwood	Guildford	Newton	South Surrey	Whalley	City Centre	Surrey
Immigrants	7,085	20,750	22,485	49,330	14,435	36,140	6,930	150,230
Southern Asia	1,505	6,850	2,320	30,620	720	15,585	830	57,600
Europe	2,625	3,605	4,040	5,070	7,635	4,700	1,475	27,675
Southeast Asia	855	4,135	5,420	4,130	725	5,945	1,755	21,210
Eastern Asia	880	3,455	7,345	2,000	2,530	2,255	1,120	18,465
Oceania and other	265	990	575	3,445	430	3,845	385	9,560
South / Central America & Caribbean	315	555	850	1,270	430	1,425	500	4,850
Africa	240	280	645	1,075	645	1,190	505	4,080
United States of America	300	240	495	785	1,055	560	120	3,435
West Central Asia & Middle East	100	640	800	935	270	610	225	3,350
India	1,415	6,155	1,885	28,040	645	14,495	780	52,635
Philippines	425	2,020	3,460	2,665	305	3,765	1,040	12,640
United Kingdom	1,155	1,335	1,110	2,380	3,865	1,270	395	11,110
Fiji	140	895	510	3,295	45	3,690	360	8,590
Korea, South	310	1,230	2,765	185	750	475	350	5,720

## Regional Comparison of Place of Birth

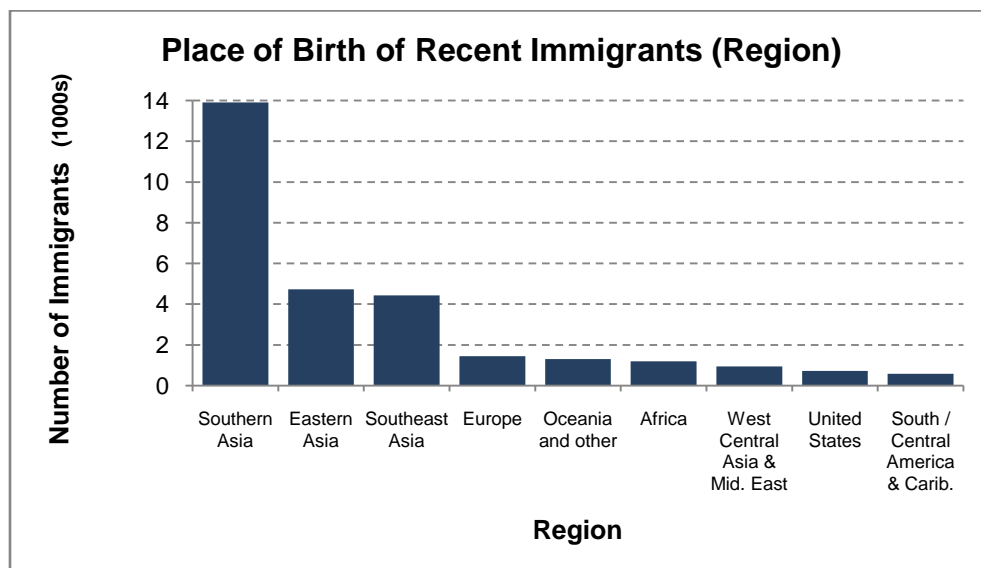
Surrey had the second largest immigrant population (after Vancouver) in 2006 and also ranked fifth in the region for the share of the population that immigrants comprise. At 38.3% of the population it was slightly below the Metro Vancouver average of 39.6%. Immigrants from Southern Asia comprised a larger share of the immigrant population in Surrey than in any other

municipality in the region. Surrey also had relatively small shares of its immigrant population born in Europe and in Eastern Asia compared to other municipalities.

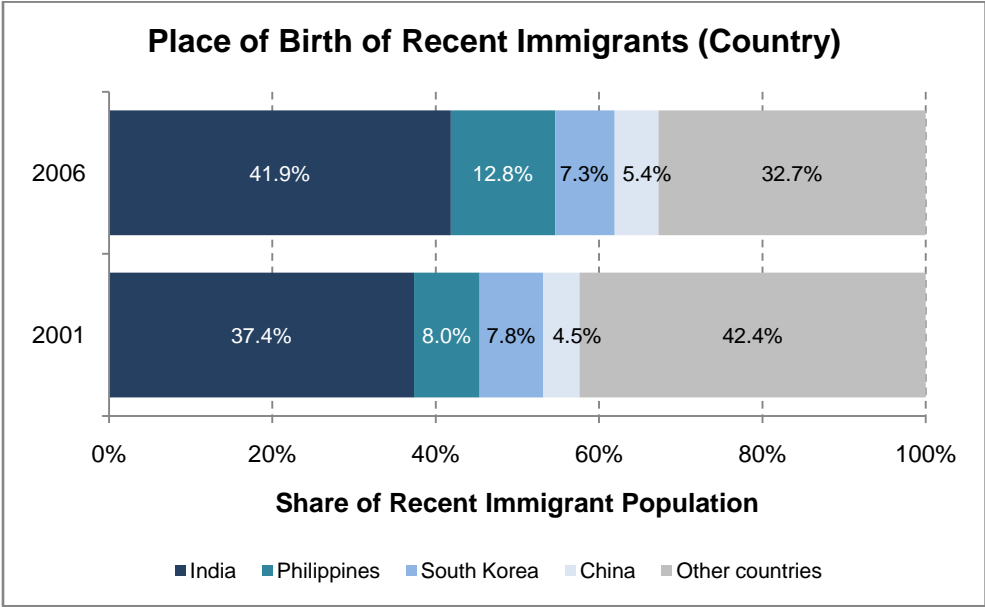


## Recent Immigration

The Census defines recent immigrants as those who were landed immigrants any time between January 1, 2001 and Census Day 2006. The breakdown of the recent immigrant population by region of birth differs somewhat from that of the total immigrant population. Nonetheless, the same regions were the most common places of birth in both populations – Southern Asia (47.6%), Eastern Asia (16.2%), and Southeast Asia (15.2%).



The most common countries of birth of recent immigrants were India (12,235 persons), the Philippines (3,730), South Korea (2,135), and China (1,570). As might be expected, immigrants from the United Kingdom were not among the most common countries of birth of recent immigrants.



In total there were 29,235 recent immigrants living in Surrey in 2006 (7.4% of its population). Five years earlier in 2001 there were 23,880 recent immigrants or 6.9% of the population.

### Recent Immigration in Surrey’s Communities

The prevalence of recent immigrants among the populations of Surrey’s communities ranged from 2.5% in Cloverdale to 9.9% in Newton. The profile of recent immigrants in each community also varied. For instance 73.8% and 54.1% of the respective recent immigrant populations of Newton and Whalley were born in Southern Asia, while in South Surrey and Guildford Southern Asia was the place of birth of only 4.3% and 8.7% of their respective recent immigrant populations. The most prominent place of birth of recent immigrants in the latter two communities was Eastern Asia with 46.8% and 39.1% respectively, with an additional 31.4% of recent immigrants in Guildford born in Southeast Asia. The two largest groups in Fleetwood and Cloverdale were Southern Asia and Eastern Asia, but with smaller shares of their respective recent immigrant populations than in other communities.

The most common countries of birth among the recent immigrant populations of Surrey’s communities also varied considerably. Notable countries of birth included India (64.7% of recent immigrants in Newton, 47.4% in Whalley, 35.2% in Fleetwood, and 23.7% in Cloverdale), the Philippines (27.8% in Guildford, 13.2% in Cloverdale, 12.8% in Whalley, and 12.5% in Fleetwood), South Korea (22.9% in South Surrey, 19.3% in Guildford, 15.5% in Fleetwood, and 13.7% in Cloverdale), China (13.8% in Guildford and 12.7% in South Surrey), and the United States (11.3% in South Surrey).



	Cloverdale	Fleetwood	Guildford	Newton	South Surrey	Whalley	City Centre	Surrey
Recent immigrants	950	2,970	5,135	10,785	1,850	7,540	1,575	29,235
Southern Asia	235	1,120	445	7,960	80	4,080	250	13,905
Eastern Asia	190	840	2,010	405	865	415	250	4,725
Southeast Asia	170	505	1,610	915	95	1,125	405	4,430
Europe	75	110	310	280	320	335	170	1,440
Oceania and other	25	55	130	515	25	560	95	1,310
Africa	140	25	255	220	100	455	270	1,190
West Central Asia & Middle East	10	220	205	235	65	185	30	935
United States	90	35	75	155	210	155	20	720
South / Central America & Caribbean	0	55	100	95	90	220	85	575
China, People's Republic of	15	185	710	165	235	255	150	1,570
India	225	1,045	330	6,985	75	3,570	220	12,235
Philippines	125	370	1,425	810	30	965	330	3,730
Korea, South	130	460	990	30	425	100	70	2,135

## Regional Comparison of Recent Immigration

Surrey had the second largest population (after Vancouver) of recent immigrants in 2006 and also ranked fifth in the region for the share of the population that recent immigrants comprised. At 7.4% of the population it was slightly above the Metro Vancouver average of 7.2%. Recent immigrants from Southern Asia comprised a larger share of the immigrant population in Surrey than in any other municipality in the region. Surrey also has relatively small shares of its recent immigrant population born in Eastern Asia.

