



IMMIGRANT DEMOGRAPHICS ABBOTSFORD, B.C.

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Your quick and easy look at facts and figures around immigration. Newcomers are an important and growing part of your community. Here's what you need to know.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS:

CENSUS refers to the population Census of Canada, which is taken at five-year intervals and counts persons and households and a wide variety of characteristics to provide a statistical portrait of the country.

TOTAL POPULATION refers to the total population counts in private households of a specific geographic area, regardless of immigration status.

IMMIGRANTS includes persons who are, or who have ever been, landed immigrants or permanent residents. In the 2016 Census of Population, 'Immigrants' includes immigrants who landed in Canada on or prior to May 10, 2016.

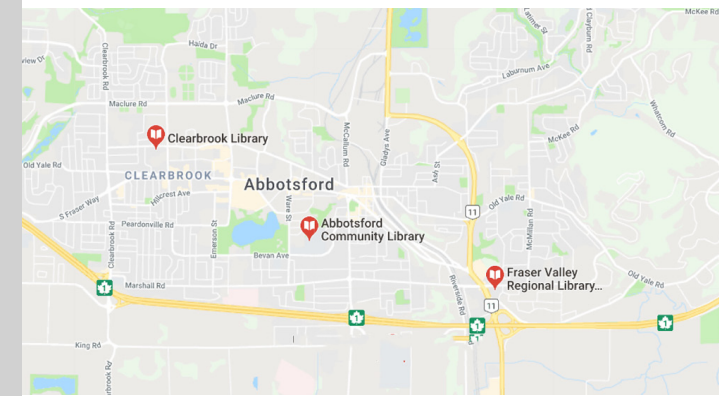
RECENT IMMIGRANTS are immigrants who arrived in Canada between January 1, 2011 and May 10, 2016.

METRO VANCOUVER comprises 21 municipalities, one electoral district and one First Nation located in the southwest corner of British Columbia's mainland. It is bordered by the Strait of Georgia to the west, the U.S. border to the south, Abbotsford and Mission to the east, and unincorporated mountainous areas to the north.

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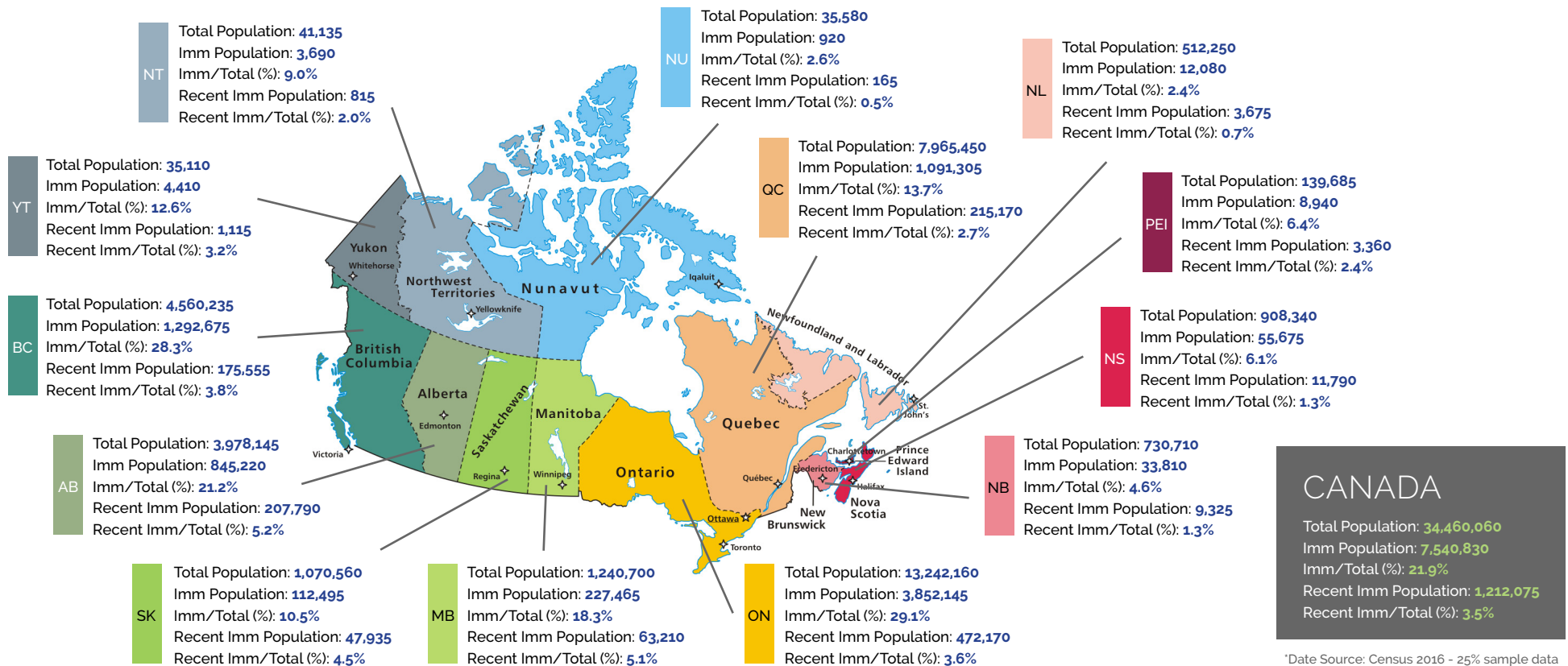
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Abbotsford is located in the Lower Mainland region of British Columbia, adjacent to Metro Vancouver. The municipality's southern boundary is the Canada–United States border. In Canada, it is bordered by the Township of Langley to the west, the Fraser River and the District of Mission to the north, and the City of Chilliwack to the east. There are three Fraser Valley Regional Library branches within Abbotsford



Map source: Google Maps

NATIONAL/PROVINCIAL IMMIGRATION TOTALS (CENSUS 2016)



*Date Source: Census 2016 - 25% sample data

- British Columbia has the second highest immigrant population compared to any other province or territory in Canada, only Ontario has a greater immigrant population. Census 2016 reported that a total of 1,292,675 immigrants made B.C. their home, representing 17.1% of Canada's total immigrant population. More than half (51.1%) of Canada's immigrants live in Ontario and 14.5% live in Quebec. The Prairie Provinces are home to 15.7% of Canada's immigrants.
- In the last census period, B.C. received fewer recent immigrants (175,555) than Ontario (472,170), Quebec (215,170) and Alberta (207,790).
- 28.3% of British Columbia's population was born outside Canada, second to Ontario (29.1%) and notably higher than the national level of 21.9%.

POPULATION AND IMMIGRATION – MAINLAND / SOUTHWEST BC (CENSUS 2016 AND NHS 2011)

COMMUNITY	TOTAL POPULATION 2016	TOTAL POP. GROWTH (%) 2011-2016	IMM POPULATION 2016	IMM/TOTAL (%) 2016	RECENT IMM POPULATION 2016	RECENT IMM / TOTAL (%) 2016	IMM POP GROWTH (#) 2011 - 2016	IMM POP GROWTH (%) 2011 - 2016
British Columbia	4,560,235	5.6%	1,292,675	28.3%	175,555	3.8%	100,800	8.5%
Metro Vancouver	2,426,235	6.5%	989,540	40.8%	142,530	5.9%	76,230	8.3%
Vancouver	618,210	4.6%	262,770	42.5%	37,330	6.0%	4,020	1.6%
Surrey	511,545	10.6%	220,155	43.0%	36,335	7.1%	32,310	17.2%
Richmond	196,665	4.1%	118,305	60.2%	15,245	7.8%	5,430	4.8%
Burnaby	230,080	4.3%	115,145	50.0%	16,065	7.0%	3,970	3.6%
Coquitlam	138,090	9.8%	61,060	44.2%	9,530	6.9%	8,980	17.2%
Abbotsford	138,555	5.9%	38,225	27.6%	5,440	3.9%	4,290	12.6%
Delta	100,840	2.4%	31,240	31.0%	3,355	3.3%	2,720	9.5%
North Vancouver, District	84,875	1.8%	26,505	31.2%	3,240	3.8%	1,535	6.1%
New Westminster	69,905	7.6%	24,375	34.9%	3,500	5.0%	2,635	12.1%
Langley District	115,835	12.6%	22,495	19.4%	2,615	2.3%	3,980	21.5%
North Vancouver, City	52,185	9.8%	19,930	38.2%	3,740	7.2%	2,170	12.2%
West Vancouver, District	41,680	-0.5%	18,615	44.7%	2,940	7.1%	1,485	8.7%
Port Coquitlam	57,900	4.7%	18,430	31.8%	1,940	3.4%	2,050	12.5%
Maple Ridge	80,975	8.2%	15,460	19.1%	1,520	1.9%	2,530	19.6%
Chilliwack	82,210	7.5%	10,985	13.4%	1,070	1.3%	1,335	13.8%
Port Moody	33,450	1.6%	10,755	32.2%	1,220	3.6%	365	3.5%
Langley, City	25,315	3.2%	4,395	17.4%	525	2.0%	590	15.5%
White Rock	19,120	3.2%	4,895	25.6%	535	2.7%	360	7.9%
Pitt Meadows	18,425	4.7%	3,955	21.5%	385	2.1%	-35	-0.9%

Note: Table ordered by number of total immigrants.

* Data Source: Census 2016 - 25% sample data; NHS 2011

POPULATION AND IMMIGRATION – MAINLAND / SOUTHWEST BC (CENSUS 2016 AND NHS 2011)

- Abbotsford is the most populous municipality in the Fraser Valley Region and one of the most populous municipalities outside Metro Vancouver by both total population and immigrant population. In 2016, Abbotsford had 138,555 total residents of which 38,225 (27.6%) were immigrants.
- 81.2% of B.C.'s recent immigrants lived in the Metro Vancouver region. Of which 80% resided in Vancouver, Surrey, Richmond, Burnaby and Coquitlam. Abbotsford was home to 5,440 recent immigrants, representing 76.2% of the Fraser Valley Region's recent immigrant population and 3.1% of BC's recent immigrant population.
- Abbotsford had a modest increase in its total population with a significant increase in its immigrant population between 2011 and 2016. Census 2016 reported an increase of 5.9% for the City's total population and 12.6% for its immigrant population. In comparison, Metro Vancouver experienced a 6.5% growth in total population and an 8.3% growth in its immigrant population.



3.1% of Metro Vancouver's recent immigrants live in **Abbotsford**



Between 2011 - 2016, Abbotsford received

5,440 RECENT IMMIGRANTS

POPULATION AND IMMIGRATION TRENDS: ABBOTSFORD

IMMIGRATION TRENDS (2001 - 2016)

	Abbotsford			Metro Vancouver		
	Total Population*	Immigrants**		Total Population*	Immigrants	
		Number	% of Total Population		Number	% of Total Population
2016	141,397	38,220	27.6%	2,463,431	989,540	40.8%
2011	133,497	33,930	25.9%	2,313,328	913,310	40.0%
2006	124,258	31,950	25.7%	2,116,581	831,265	39.6%
2001	115,495	27,030	23.4%	1,986,965	738,555	37.5%

*Data source: Census data (100% data);

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- In 2016, immigrants made up 27.6% (38,220) of Abbotsford's total population, significantly lower than the 40.8% for Metro Vancouver.
- During the last census period, Abbotsford saw a significant influx of immigrants. Between 2011 and 2016, Abbotsford recorded an increase of 12.6% in its immigrant population, double the 6.2% increase over the census 2006-11 period.
- Over past census periods, immigration was a key driver of population growth for Abbotsford. Since 2001, Abbotsford has seen an increase of 41.4% (11,190) in its immigrant population, significantly outpacing the 16.6% growth in the City's Canadian born population over the same period.

IMMIGRANT ARRIVALS BY PERIOD OF IMMIGRATION (CENSUS 2016)

- Census 2016 shows that recent immigrants made up 14.2% (5,435) of the City's total immigrant population, marginally lower than the proportion of 14.4% for Metro Vancouver.
- Compared to the census 2006-11 period, Abbotsford's recent immigrant population remained steady in comparison to the census 2011-16 period, while the Metro Vancouver Region received slightly fewer newcomers over the same period. Census 2011 showed that 5,425 and 155,125 recent immigrants arrived in Abbotsford and Metro Vancouver respectively.

	Abbotsford		Metro Vancouver	
	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	38,220	100%	989,540	100.0%
2011 to 2016	5,435	14.2%	142,535	14.4%
2006 to 2010	5,565	14.6%	143,580	14.5%
2001 to 2005	5,190	13.6%	124,890	12.6%
1991 to 2000	8,485	22.2%	247,835	25.0%
1981 to 1990	4,310	11.3%	120,730	12.2%
Before 1981	9,230	24.1%	209,975	21.2%

POPULATION BY AGE AT IMMIGRATION (CENSUS 2016 AND NHS 2011)

- Canada's immigration policy generally results in the arrival of many "working age" immigrants; between 2011 and 2016, more than 57.9% of Abbotsford's recent immigrants were between 15 and 44 years of age upon arrival in Canada. This is significantly smaller than the 62.7% for Metro Vancouver over the same period and the 63.4% for Abbotsford in the last census period (2006-11).
- In the census 2011-16 period, 28.8% of Abbotsford's recent immigrants were aged 45 and over, significantly larger than the Metro Vancouver proportion of 20% over the same period and the 23.2% for Abbotsford in the previous census period (2006-11).

	Abbotsford				Metro Van	
	Census 2016		NHS 2011		Census 2016	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Recent Immigrants	5,440	100%	5,425	100%	142,530	100.0%
Under 5 years	210	3.9%	250	4.6%	8,370	5.9%
5 to 14 years	515	9.5%	470	8.7%	16,365	11.5%
15 to 24 years	895	16.5%	1,390	25.6%	19,855	13.9%
25 to 44 years	2,255	41.5%	2,050	37.8%	69,485	48.8%
45 years and over	1,565	28.8%	1,260	23.2%	28,450	20.0%

TOP 10 PLACES OF BIRTH - BY TOTAL AND RECENT IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS (CENSUS 2016)

Canada			British Columbia			Metro Vancouver			Abbotsford					
	#	%		#	%		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Recent Immigrants	1,212,075	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	175,555	100.0%	Recent Immigrants	142,530	100%	Total Immigrants	38,220	100%	Recent Immigrants	5,435	100%
Philippines	188,805	15.6%	China	38,105	21.7%	China	35,890	25.2%	India	20,400	53.4%	India	3,540	65.1%
India	147,190	12.1%	India	27,455	15.6%	India	21,380	15.0%	United Kingdom	2,480	6.5%	Philippines	405	7.5%
China	129,015	10.6%	Philippines	26,685	15.2%	Philippines	20,200	14.2%	United States	1,415	3.7%	Korea, South	220	4.0%
Iran	42,075	3.5%	Iran	8,645	4.9%	Iran	8,315	5.8%	Philippines	1,240	3.2%	China	130	2.4%
Pakistan	41,480	3.4%	Korea, South	8,030	4.6%	Korea, South	6,635	4.7%	Netherlands	1,150	3.0%	United States	120	2.2%
United States	33,060	2.7%	United Kingdom	6,535	3.7%	United States	4,065	2.9%	Germany	810	2.1%	United Kingdom	100	1.8%
Syria	29,950	2.5%	United States	6,490	3.7%	United Kingdom	3,850	2.7%	Paraguay	765	2.0%	Syria	95	1.7%
United Kingdom	24,445	2.0%	Mexico	2,885	1.6%	Taiwan	2,325	1.6%	Korea, South	760	2.0%	El Salvador	45	0.8%
France	24,150	2.0%	Taiwan	2,500	1.4%	Mexico	2,295	1.6%	China	660	1.7%	Jamaica	45	0.8%
Korea, South	21,710	1.8%	Japan	2,290	1.3%	Iraq	1,850	1.3%	Viet Nam	635	1.7%	Romania	40	0.7%
Other places	530,195	43.8%	Other places	45,935	26.3%	Other places	35,825	25.0%	Other places	7,905	20.7%	Other places	695	13.0%

- In B.C. and Metro Vancouver, China was the single largest source country of recent immigrants for the 2011 and 2016 census period. Nationally, the Philippines was the largest source country for recent immigrants to Canada.
- India was the second largest source country for recent immigrants to Metro Vancouver (15.0%) and BC (15.6%). In Abbotsford, India was the single largest source country for both its total immigrant (53.4%) and recent immigrant populations (65.1%) in 2016, even larger than the City's Census 2011 levels - 52.4% and 61.8% for its total and recent immigrant population respectively.
- Census 2016 shows visible minorities accounted for one third (33.7%) of Abbotsford's total population, led by the single largest group - people of South Asian decent (25.5%). Among recent immigrants, 91.5% reported as a visible minority; led by people of South Asian decent (66.9%).

NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS BY IMMIGRATION CATEGORY (2016)

Admission category and applicant type for the immigrant population in private households who landed between 1980 and 2016 - 25% sample data.

	Abbotsford				Metro Vancouver			
	Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants		Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total Immigrants	29,480	100%	5,435	100%	794,150	100.0%	142,530	100.0%
Economic Immigrants	7,295	24.7%	1,815	33.4%	461,955	58.2%	89,850	63.0%
Principal Applicants	2,860	9.7%	785	14.4%	176,955	22.3%	38,630	27.1%
Secondary Applicants	4,430	15.0%	1,030	19.0%	285,000	35.9%	51,215	35.9%
Immigrants Sponsored by Family	20,135	68.3%	3,420	62.9%	249,920	31.5%	42,665	29.9%
Refugees	1,975	6.7%	185	3.4%	71,115	9.0%	9,260	6.5%
Other Immigrants	80	0.3%	15	0.3%	11,160	1.4%	760	0.5%

*Note: 'Other immigrants' includes immigrants who were granted permanent resident status under a program that does not fall within the Economic Immigration Program, Family Class or the Refugee and Protected Persons categories. Other Immigrants category includes those who were granted permanent resident status under public policy or humanitarian and compassionate cases.

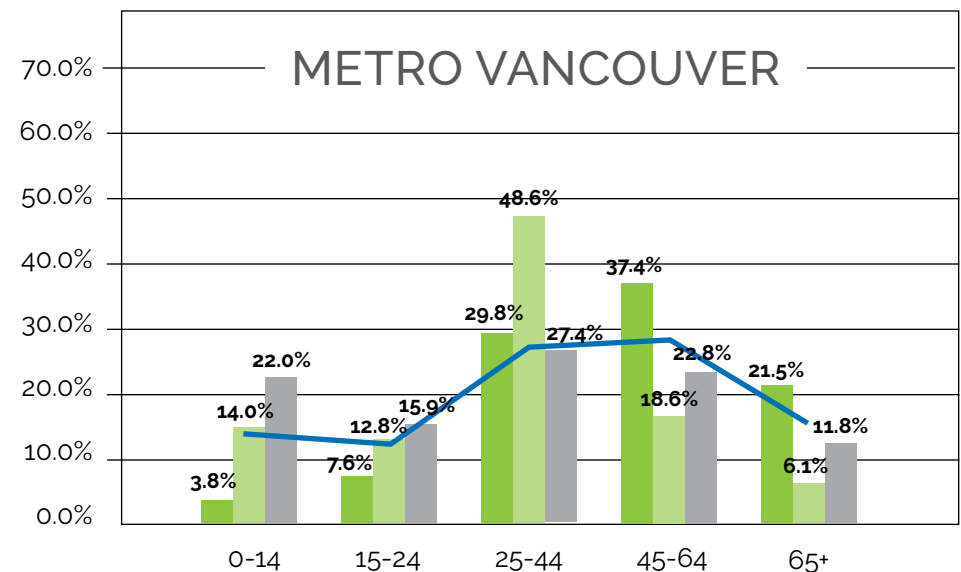
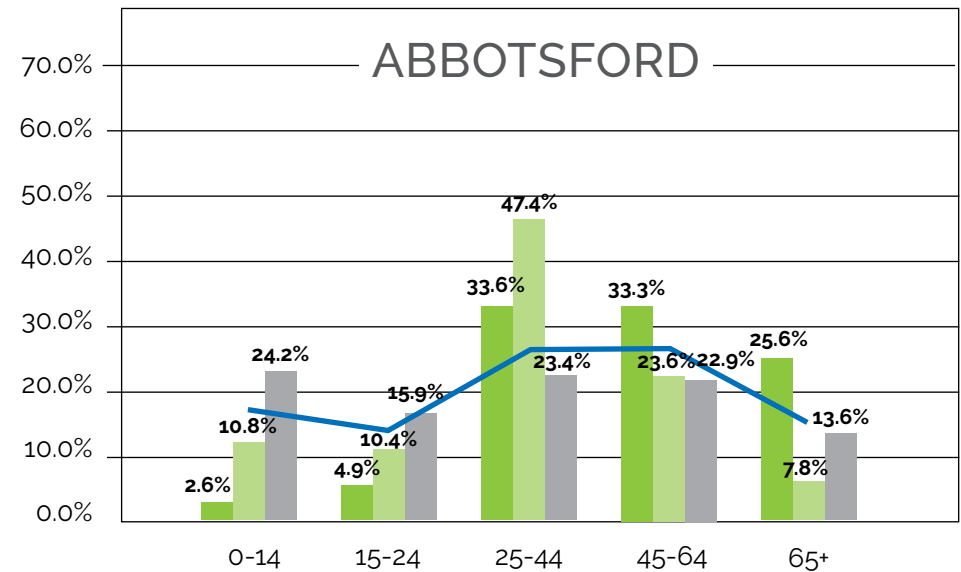
- Unlike Metro Vancouver and most other municipalities that have large immigrant populations, economic immigrants make up a small portion of the immigrant population in Abbotsford. In 2016, only 24.7% of its total immigrant population and 33.4% of its recent immigrant population arrived under the economic class, significantly smaller than the Metro Vancouver's regional level (58.2% of total immigrants and 63% of recent immigrants).
- In contrast, Abbotsford received a significantly larger proportion of immigrants sponsored by family members: 68.3% for its total immigrant population and 62.9% for its recent immigrant population, compared to Metro Vancouver's levels: 31.5% for its total immigrant population and 29.9% for its recent immigrant population.

AGE DISTRIBUTION – ABBOTSFORD (CENSUS 2016)

- Immigration is commonly viewed as a key economic solution to Canada's aging population. In 2016, the average age of Abbotsford's recent immigrants was 37.6, compared to 50.7 for its total immigrant population and 39.9 for its total population.
- In 2016, working age immigrants (25-64 years) made up 66.9% and 71.0% of Abbotsford's total immigrant and recent immigrant populations respectively, significantly higher than the 46.3% of its Canadian born population.
- Abbotsford's Canadian born population has a much larger proportion (24.2%) of people between the ages of 0-14, compared to their total immigrant (2.6%) and recent immigrant peers (10.8%).
- In contrast, Abbotsford's total immigrant population had a significantly larger proportion of seniors (65+) at 25.6% compared to its recent immigrant population at 7.8% and its Canadian born population at 13.6%.

AGE DISTRIBUTION - METRO VANCOUVER (CENSUS 2016)

- In general, Abbotsford had a slightly younger population (39.9) than Metro Vancouver where the average age was 41 for its total population. However, Abbotsford had an older immigrant population compared to the Region where the average age was 34.7 for the recent immigrant population and 49 for the total immigrant population.

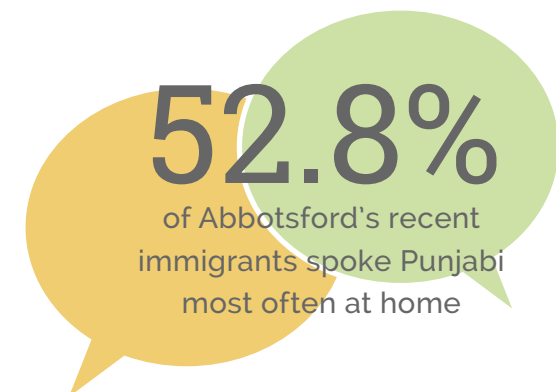


LANGUAGE

TOP 5 NON-OFFICIAL HOME LANGUAGES (CENSUS 2016)

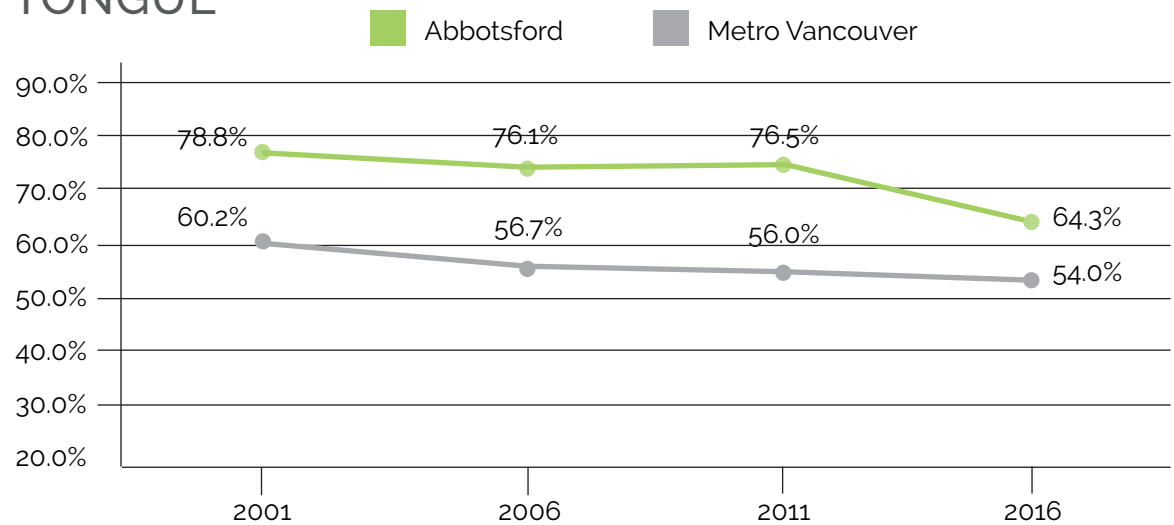
		Abbotsford				Metro Vancouver		
	#	%		#	%	#	%	
Total Immigrants	38,220	100%	Recent Immigrants	5,435	100%	Recent Immigrants	142,535	100.0%
Non-Official Languages	20,875	54.6%	Non-Official Languages	3,720	68.4%	Non-Official Languages	88,570	62.1%
Punjabi (Panjabi)	16,100	42.1%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	2,870	52.8%	Mandarin	26,905	18.9%
Korean	580	1.5%	Korean	165	3.0%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	12,940	9.1%
German	510	1.3%	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	140	2.6%	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	7,790	5.5%
Spanish	445	1.2%	Spanish	100	1.8%	Persian (Farsi)	7,055	4.9%
Mandarin	420	1.1%	Arabic	100	1.8%	Cantonese	6,095	4.3%
Other Non-Official Languages	2,820	7.4%	Other Non-Official Languages	345	6.4%	Other Non-Official Languages	27,785	19.4%

- In 2016, more than two thirds (68.4%) of Abbotsford's recent immigrants spoke non-official languages most often at home, compared to 54.6% of its immigrant population. Punjabi was the single most commonly spoken home language by both Abbotsford's recent immigrants (52.8%) and total immigrants (42.1%).
- NHS 2011 reported a very similar profile: 73.8% of recent immigrants and 55.8% of total immigrants in Abbotsford spoke non-official languages often at home; 55.2% of recent immigrants and 44.7% of total immigrants spoke Punjabi most often at home.
- As the second most commonly spoken home language for recent immigrants in Metro Vancouver, Punjabi was significantly less prevalent in the Region than it was in Abbotsford: 9.1% for Metro Vancouver vs. 52.8% for Abbotsford.



LANGUAGE TRENDS (2001 - 2016) - BY % OF POPULATION WITH ENGLISH ONLY AS A MOTHER TONGUE

- Before 2011, more than three quarters of Abbotsford's residents had English as their mother tongue. Between 2011 and 2016, this share dropped to 64.3%, although still about 10% higher than Metro Vancouver's level of 54.0%.



LANGUAGES SPOKEN MOST OFTEN AT WORK (CENSUS 2016) BY % OF IMMIGRANT POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

- Slightly more than one third (34.2%) of Abbotsford's recent immigrants spoke non-official languages at work, almost double the share of 17.8% for Metro Vancouver's recent immigrants and 17.7% for Abbotsford's total immigrants.
- Punjabi was the single most common non-official language at work spoken by the City's recent immigrants (31.2%) and total immigrants (15.7%).

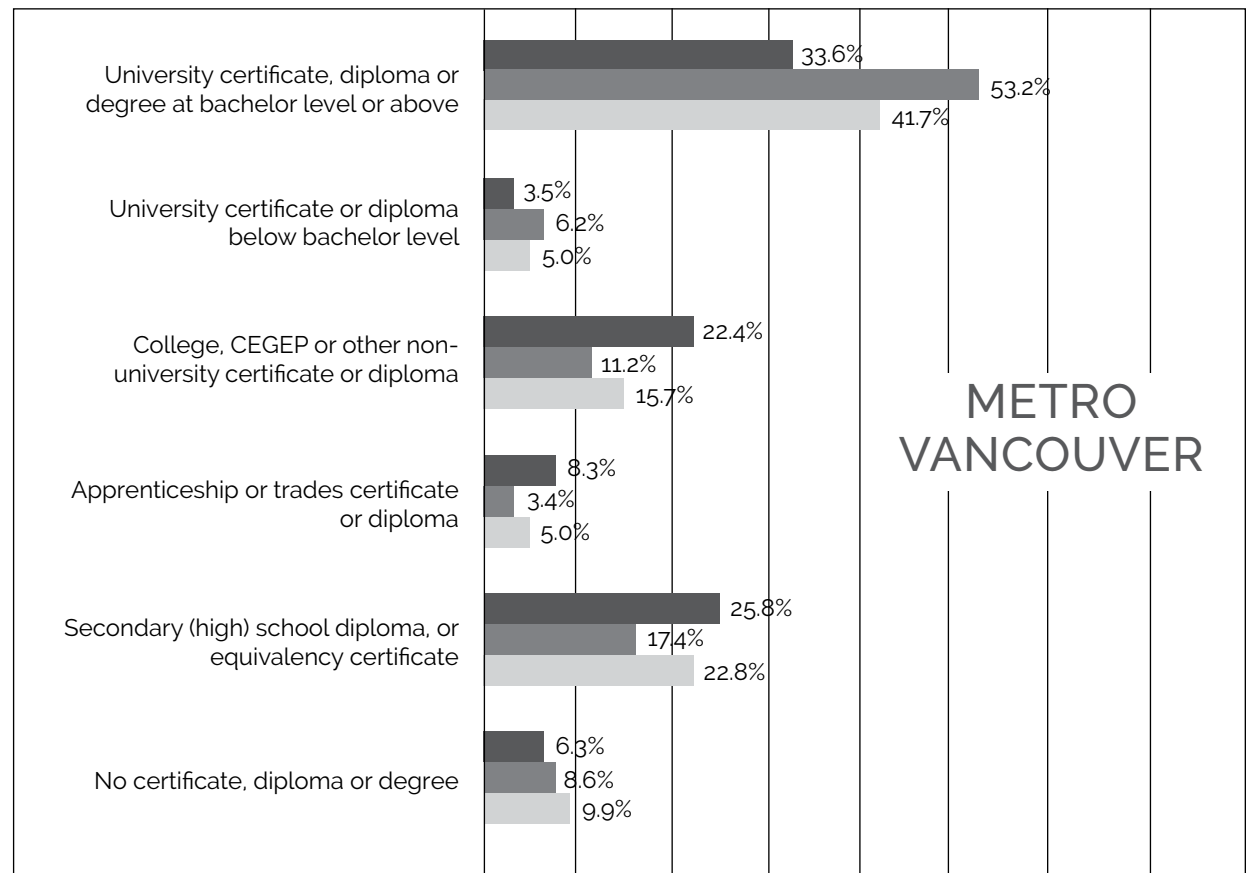
Abbotsford				Metro Vancouver	
Total Immigrants		Recent Immigrants		Recent Immigrants	
Non-Official Languages	17.7%	Non-Official Languages	34.2%	Non-Official Languages	17.8%
Punjabi (Panjabi)	15.7%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	31.2%	Mandarin	6.9%
Vietnamese	0.4%	Korean	1.0%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	4.5%
Korean	0.4%	Spanish	0.7%	Cantonese	2.4%

- NHS 2011 reported a similar profile of non-official languages at work. In 2011, 32.6% of recent immigrants and 18.9% of total immigrants spoke non-official languages at work; 29.9% of recent immigrants and 17.2% total immigrants spoke Punjabi often at work.

EDUCATION LEVEL (CENSUS 2016)

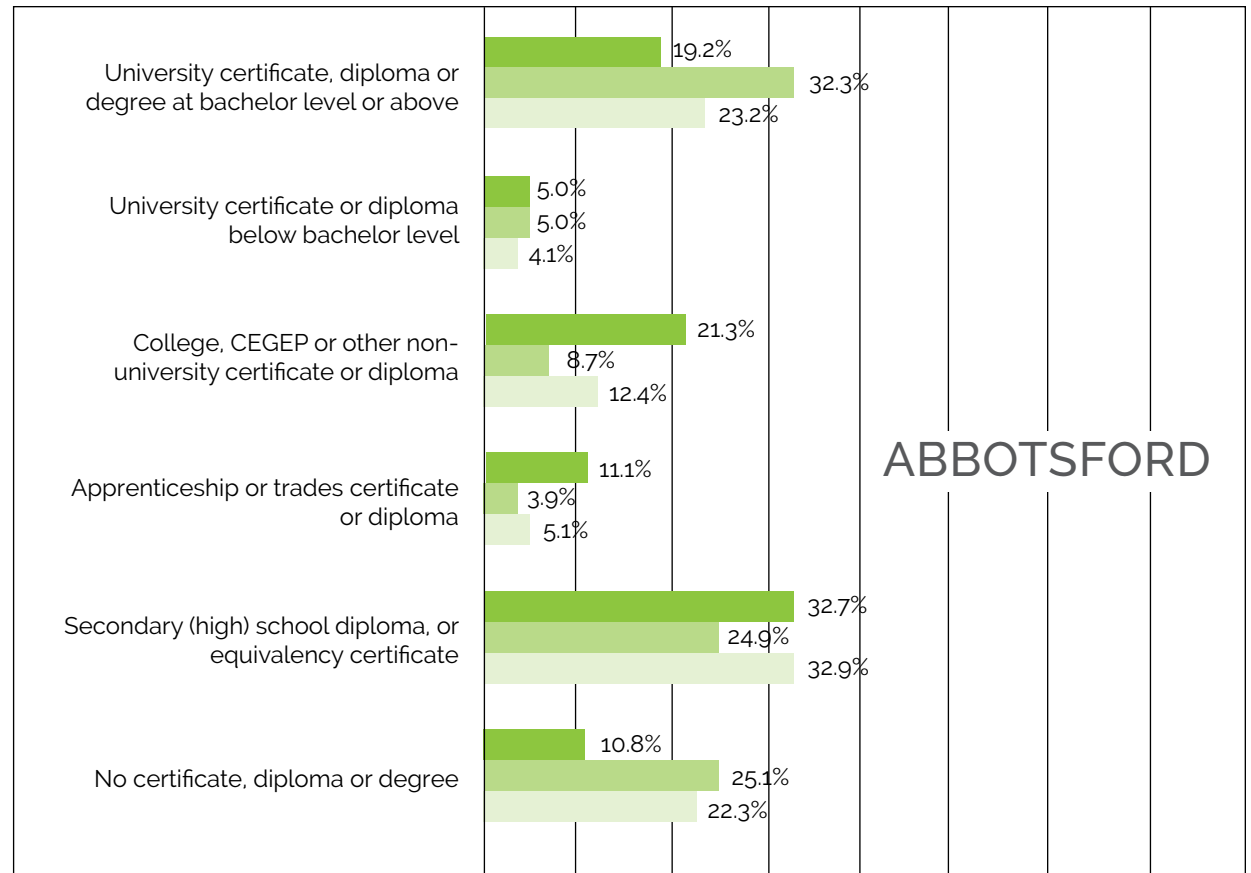
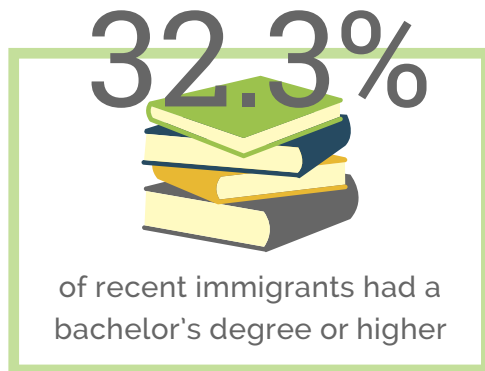
HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION - BY % OF POPULATION AGED 25 TO 64 YEARS

- Compared with Metro Vancouver, Abbotsford had a smaller proportion of residents having a bachelor's degree or higher, regardless of their immigration status. In contrast, Abbotsford had a noticeably larger proportion of residents with apprenticeship or trades certificates or diplomas as well as in the high school or equivalency category.
- Nonetheless, Abbotsford's recent immigrants are still more likely to have a bachelor's degree or higher than the Canadian-born population and longer term immigrants. Census 2016 shows 32.3% of the City's recent immigrants between the ages of 25 to 64 had a bachelor's degree or higher, significantly higher than the proportion of their Canadian born counterparts (19.2%) and total immigrant population (23.2%).



- % of Canadian Born - Metro Vancouver
- % of Recent Immigrants - Metro Vancouver
- % of Total Immigrants - Metro Vancouver

- Compared to the previous census period (2006-2011), Abbotsford saw a gradual growth in its share of college and university educated residents. In 2011, the corresponding percentages for those with a bachelor's degree or higher were: 32.1% of recent immigrants, 17.0% of the Canadian born population and 20.6% of its total immigrant population.
- At a regional level, Metro Vancouver was also home to a greater proportion of college and university educated immigrants compared to their Canadian born counterparts. 53.2% of recent immigrants and 41.7% of total immigrants had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 33.6% of the Canadian born population.



- % of Canadian Born - Abbotsford
- % of Recent Immigrants - Abbotsford
- % of Total Immigrants - Abbotsford

LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY (CENSUS 2016)

EMPLOYMENT / UNEMPLOYMENT RATES IN 2015 FOR POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

	Abbotsford			Metro Vancouver		
	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
Total population aged 15 years and over	75,405	37,210	4,850	1,112,275	952,340	122,615
In the labour force	50,365	23,385	3,515	769,910	585,610	80,025
Participation rate (%)	66.8%	62.8%	72.5%	69.2%	61.5%	65.3%
Employment rate (%)	62.9%	57.7%	60.2%	65.3%	57.8%	59.2%
Unemployment rate (%)	5.9%	8.2%	16.8%	5.7%	5.9%	9.3%

23,385 
**IMMIGRANTS IN ABBOTSFORD'S
 LABOUR FORCE (2015)**

- In 2015 there were 23,385 immigrants and 3,515 recent immigrants in Abbotsford's labour force. Immigrants and recent immigrants represented 31.7% and 4.8% of the labour force respectively, compared with 2010 levels of 29.6% and 5.0% (NHS 2011).
- 16.8% of Abbotsford's recent immigrants were unemployed in 2015, significantly higher than its total immigrant labour force (8.2%) as well as their Canadian born counterparts (5.9%) for the same period. However, this represents a decrease in unemployment from 2010 when the rate was 19.8% for recent immigrants (Census 2011).
- Compared to the Metro Vancouver region, Abbotsford had higher unemployment rates: 8.2% vs. 5.9% for total immigrants, 16.8% vs. 9.3% for recent immigrants and 5.9% vs. 5.7% for the Canadian born population.

OCCUPATION DISTRIBUTION (CENSUS 2016)

DISTRIBUTION OF TOP TEN OCCUPATIONS - BY % LABOUR FORCE POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

	Abbotsford			Metro Vancouver			
	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Canadian Born	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	
11 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	4.2%	14.9%	21.3%	44-45 Retail trade	11.1%	11.0%	12.2%
48-49 Transportation and warehousing	6.2%	13.1%	9.0%	62 Health care and social assistance	9.6%	10.9%	7.7%
31-33 Manufacturing	8.9%	12.0%	11.9%	54 Professional; scientific and technical services	9.8%	9.9%	10.8%
62 Health care and social assistance	9.8%	9.6%	8.8%	72 Accommodation and food services	7.6%	9.0%	13.0%
44-45 Retail trade	11.9%	7.9%	6.7%	31-33 Manufacturing	5.1%	7.7%	7.2%
23 Construction	10.5%	7.5%	8.5%	23 Construction	7.8%	6.5%	7.7%
72 Accommodation and food services	6.7%	7.4%	9.8%	48-49 Transportation and warehousing	5.2%	6.0%	3.9%
81 Other services (except public administration)	5.6%	5.2%	4.8%	61 Educational services	8.5%	5.8%	4.7%
56 Administrative and support, waste management and remediation services	4.4%	4.2%	4.4%	52 Finance and insurance	4.6%	5.1%	3.7%
41 Wholesale trade	4.2%	3.7%	4.7%	56 Administrative and support; waste management and remediation services	4.1%	5.0%	5.8%

- Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting was the largest sector for both total immigrants (14.9%) and recent immigrants (21.3%) in Abbotsford, while it did not make the top 10 sectors for Metro Vancouver's labour force.
- Manufacturing, transportation and warehousing were the following two largest sectors for Abbotsford's immigrants, with 25.1% of the City's total immigrant workers and 20.9% of its recent immigrant workers working in these two sectors.
- Retail trade was the largest sector for Canadian born population in Abbotsford (11.9%) and Metro Vancouver (11.1%). Retail trade was also one of the biggest sectors for Metro Vancouver's immigrant population, with 11.0% its total immigrants and 12.2% of recent immigrants in the Region working in retail trades. However, there was a relatively small proportion of Abbotsford's total immigrants (7.9%) and recent immigrants (6.7%) working in this sector.

INCOME (CENSUS 2016)

TOTAL INCOME IN 2015 FOR INDIVIDUALS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

	Abbotsford			Metro Vancouver		
	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
Population aged 15 years and over	112,615	37,210	4,850	2,064,585	952,340	122,620
Average income \$	\$40,098	\$34,181	\$23,307	\$46,821	\$40,437	\$28,845
Median income \$	\$29,741	\$25,682	\$17,988	\$32,612	\$27,642	\$19,625
Prevalence of low income in 2015, based on after-tax low-income measure (%)	12.8%	13.3%	19.3%	16.5%	20.5%	33.5%

- In 2015, the median income of Abbotsford's recent immigrant population was \$17,988, notably less than the median income of \$25,682 for the immigrant population and \$29,741 within the City's total population.
- Abbotsford's labour force earned significantly less than their counterparts at the Metro Vancouver regional level: \$17,988 vs. \$19,625 for recent immigrants, \$25,682 vs. \$27,642 for total immigrants and \$29,741 vs. \$32,612 for the total population.
- Nonetheless, the economic performance of Abbotsford's residents, regardless of immigration status, improved from the previous census period. Census 2016 reported an increase of 9.0% in median income from \$16,508 in 2010 for recent immigrants, 8.8% increase from \$23,612 in 2010 for its immigrant population and 12.5% growth from \$26,428 in 2010 for the City's total population.
- Census 2016 shows that recent immigrants were still more likely to live on a low income. In 2015, 19.3% of Abbotsford's recent immigrant population aged 15 years and over were in the low-income bracket, compared with 13.3% of the total immigrant population and 12.8% of the City's total population. Nonetheless, the City has had a reduction in the percentage of immigrants living on a low income since census 2011 which recorded 22.6% of recent immigrants, 13.9% of immigrants and 14.0% of the total population living on a low income.

EMPLOYMENT INCOME IN 2015 OF INDIVIDUALS AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER WHO WORKED FULL YEAR, FULL TIME

	Abbotsford			Metro Vancouver		
	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants	Total Population	Total Immigrants	Recent Immigrants
Population aged 15 years and over	112,615	37,210	4,850	2,064,615	952,340	122,620
Population who worked full year, full time and with employment income in 2010	33,705	8,950	720	637,390	258,940	25,630
Average income \$	\$57,017	\$49,552	\$37,765	\$67,916	\$61,567	\$53,737
Median income \$	\$49,454	\$43,171	\$34,346	\$54,955	\$49,407	\$41,559

- About 14.8% of Abbotsford's recent immigrants worked full time for a full year with employment income in 2015, significantly lower than 24.1% for total immigrants and 29.9% for the City's total labour force.
- Abbotsford's residents had a smaller proportion of people who worked full time and a full year than Metro Vancouver where 20.9% of recent immigrants, 27.2% of total immigrants and 30.9% of the total population had a full-time job in 2015.
- Compared with the previous census period, there were slightly fewer full time job opportunities for Abbotsford's workers. In 2010, 19.4% of recent immigrants, 27.3% of immigrant workers and 32.1% of Canadian-born workers worked full time and for a full year.
- In 2015, Abbotsford's recent immigrants who worked full-time and for a full year earned \$34,346, about 30.5% less than the median income of the City's total full-time workers (\$49,454). The City's total immigrant population earned 12.8% less than their Canadian-born counterparts.
- In general, Abbotsford's labour force earned more in 2015 than in 2010. Census 2016 shows an increase of 5.4% in median income for total immigrants and 6.5% for its total labour force. However, Abbotsford's recent immigrants earned 4.1% less in 2015 than 2010, indicating a widening gap in income between recent immigrants and the rest of the residents in the City.

ABOUT NEWTOBC

NewToBC

NewToBC partners with libraries and community service providers to develop, deliver, and promote services and resources that support immigrant settlement and integration in communities across the province. NewToBC uses innovative approaches and emerging technologies to deliver three key activities.

1. NewToBC operates the **Library Champions Project** in communities across Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley.
2. NewToBC develops, updates and disseminates a variety of library and settlement information resources for new immigrants.
3. NewToBC uses social media platforms to share information about settlement resources, volunteer opportunities, and no cost workshops, training and community events of interest to new immigrants in Southwest BC. Go to our **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **LinkedIn** feeds to find out more.

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