

# Highlights for Lambton County

## Overall Statistics

- As of the 2021 census, there were 970 recent immigrants living in Lambton County (As context, there were 12,195 immigrants and 112,410 'non-immigrants' or individuals born in Canada).
- Immigrants make up 9.7% the population of Lambton County. Recent immigrants make up 0.8% of the total population and 8% of the immigrant population in Lambton County.

## Age & Family

- 14.9% of recent immigrants in Lambton County were children (0-14 years of age), compared to 2.1% of all immigrants and 17.2% of non-immigrants.
- 7.7% of recent immigrants in Lambton County were seniors (65+ years of age), compared to 49.6% of all immigrants and 21.3% of non-immigrants.
- The average age of the recent immigrant population in Lambton County was 34.6, compared to 61.1 for all immigrants and 42.6 for non-immigrants.
- 2.6% of recent immigrants in Lambton County were living alone, compared to 17.1% of all immigrants and 12.9% of non-immigrants.

## Income

- The median total income of all recent immigrants (age 15 and older, in 2020) in Lambton County was \$32,800, compared to \$40,400 for all immigrants and \$43,200 for non-immigrants.
- The average total income of all recent immigrants (age 15 and older, in 2020) in Lambton County was \$43,400, compared to \$55,450 for all immigrants and \$54,700 for non-immigrants.
- 76% of recent immigrants in Lambton County had employment income, compared to 48.1% of all immigrants and 61.1% of non-immigrants.
- 18.7% of recent immigrants in Lambton County received government transfers as part of their total income, compared to 22.1% of all immigrants and 19% of non-immigrants.
- 12.7% of recent immigrants in Lambton County reported no total income in 2020, compared to 2.7% of all immigrants and 3.1% of non-immigrants.
- 15.2% of recent immigrants in Lambton County reported total income under \$10,000 in 2020, compared to 6.4% of all immigrants and 7.5% of non-immigrants.
- 8.5% of recent immigrants in Lambton County reported total income of \$100,000 or more in 2020, compared to 12.1% of all immigrants and 11.5% of non-immigrants.
- The prevalence of low income (based on the Low-Income Measure after tax -- i.e. LIM-AT) was 21% of recent immigrants in Lambton County, compared to 10.6% of all immigrants and 9.7% of non-immigrants. (For more information about low-income measures see 'Low-income Measurement in Canada: What do different Lines and Indexes tell us?' by Statistics Canada at <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/75f0002m/75f0002m2010003-eng.htm>)
- 17% of recent immigrants in Lambton County had an adjusted after-tax family income in the bottom decile (i.e. lowest ten percent), compared to 8.1% of all immigrants and 8.3% of non-immigrants.

- 6.2% of recent immigrants in Lambton County had an adjusted after-tax family income in the top decile (i.e. top ten percent), compared to 11.5% of all immigrants and 9.9% of non-immigrants.
- 29.4% of recent immigrants in Lambton County had an adjusted after-tax family income in the top half of the total population distribution, compared to 49% of all immigrants and 52.7% of non-immigrants.

## Language

- Most recent immigrants (92.3%) in Lambton County were able to conduct a conversation in either English or French. The remaining 7.7% did not know an official language (compared to 2.3% of all immigrants and 0% of non-immigrants).
- 92.3% of recent immigrants in Lambton County know English, compared to 97.7% of all immigrants and 99.9% of non-immigrants.
- 2.1% of recent immigrants in Lambton County know French, compared to 3.9% of all immigrants and 6.5% of non-immigrants.
- 54.6% of recent immigrants in Lambton County had a non-official mother tongue (not including a minority that had multiple mother tongue languages), compared to 46.7% of all immigrants and 1.3% of non-immigrants. A mother tongue language is the first language a person learned in childhood and still understands.
- The population of Lambton County spoke many mother tongue languages (single language responses only): 4.4% of individuals with a non-official mother tongue (i.e. other than English or French) spoke Afro-Asiatic languages (e.g. Somali, Amharic, Arabic, Tigrinya, etc.), 0.9% Austro-Asiatic languages (e.g. Vietnamese, etc.), 5.1% Austronesian languages (e.g. Indonesian, Tagalog, etc.), 2.3% Dravidian languages (e.g. Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, etc.), 78.1% Indo-European languages (e.g. Albanian, Polish, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Ukrainian, Irish, German, Dutch, Danish, etc.), 12.8% Indo-Iranian languages (e.g. Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Nepali, Punjabi, Rohingya, Urdu, Kurdish, Pashto, Dari, Persian/Farsi), 29.3% Italic languages (e.g. Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish, etc.), 0% Japanese, 1.3% Korean, 0.6% Niger-Congo languages (e.g. Swahili, Yoruba, etc.), 0% Nilo-Saharan languages (e.g. Nuer, etc.), 4.3% Sino-Tibetan languages (e.g. Mandarin, Yue/Cantonese, Burmese, Karen, etc.), 0% Tai-Kadai languages (e.g. Lao, Thai, etc.), 0.4% Turkic languages (e.g. Turkish, Uyghur, etc.), and 1.4% Uralic languages (e.g. Estonian, Finnish, Hungarian, etc.).
- The mix of mother tongue languages was different for recent immigrants, where: 14.7% of individuals with a non-official mother tongue spoke Afro-Asiatic languages (e.g. Somali, Amharic, Arabic, Tigrinya, etc.), 0% Austro-Asiatic languages (e.g. Vietnamese, etc.), 23.2% Austronesian languages (e.g. Indonesian, Tagalog, etc.), 4.2% Dravidian languages (e.g. Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, etc.), 40% Indo-European languages (e.g. Albanian, Polish, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Ukrainian, Irish, German, Dutch, Danish, etc.), 25.3% Indo-Iranian languages (e.g. Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Nepali, Punjabi, Rohingya, Urdu, Kurdish, Pashto, Dari, Persian/Farsi), 12.6% Italic languages (e.g. Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish, etc.), 0% Japanese, 3.2% Korean, 4.2% Niger-Congo languages (e.g. Swahili, Yoruba, etc.), 0% Nilo-Saharan languages (e.g. Nuer, etc.), 7.4% Sino-Tibetan languages (e.g. Mandarin, Yue/Cantonese, Burmese, Karen, etc.), 0% Tai-Kadai languages (e.g. Lao, Thai, etc.), 0% Turkic languages (e.g. Turkish, Uyghur, etc.), and 0% Uralic languages (e.g. Estonian, Finnish, Hungarian, etc.).
- When at home, 47.9% of recent immigrants in Lambton County spoke English, 0% spoke French, and 16.5% spoke a non-official language at home. For comparison, 8% of all immigrants and 0.2% of non-immigrants spoke a non-official language at home. Many recent immigrants spoke

multiple languages at home, including 34% that speak both English and an unofficial language, as well as 1% that speak multiple unofficial languages at home. 31% of recent immigrants in Lambton County most often speak a non-official language at home (among those that only listed a single language that they most often speak at home).

- 70.1% of recent immigrants in Lambton County knew a non-official language (i.e. a language other than English or French), compared to 51.5% of all immigrants and 3.3% of non-immigrants.

## **Immigration & Citizenship**

- 79% of immigrants in Lambton County had become Canadian citizens.
- Immigrants make up 9.7% of the population of Lambton County (12,195 individuals were immigrants). Recent immigrants (i.e. the 970 immigrants that arrived in the 5 years before the census) made up 0.8% of the total population. The 1,440 non-permanent residents made up 1.1% of the total population. (Note that there has traditionally been a greater undercounting of non-permanent residents in the census.) Recent immigrants make up 8% of the immigrant population in Lambton County.
- 54.6% of recent immigrants in Lambton County were 25 to 44 years of age when they immigrated, compared to 37% of all immigrants. As well, 11.9% of recent immigrants were 15 to 24 years of age when they immigrated, compared to 23.4% of all immigrants.
- Recent immigrants in Lambton County come from all over the world, with 28.9% of recent immigrants born in the Americas, 6.2% born in Europe, 6.7% born in Africa, 57.7% born in Asia, and 0% born in Oceania and other places of birth. This is different than the places of birth for all immigrants in Lambton County, with 20.3% of all immigrants having been born in the Americas, 56.7% born in Europe, 3.1% born in Africa, 19.3% born in Asia, and 0.6% born in Oceania and other places of birth.
- 11.7% of the population of Lambton County were first generation, 15.3% were second generation, and 73% were third generation or more. Statistics Canada defines first generation as an individual that was not born in Canada (including both permanent and temporary residents), second generation as someone who was born in Canada but had at least one parent that was born outside of Canada, and third generation as someone who was born in Canada with both parents born in Canada.
- Immigrants come to Canada under different immigration categories. Among Lambton County immigrants arriving between 1980 to 2021: 47% came through economic categories (18.8% principal applicants and 28.2% secondary applicants - i.e. dependants), 41.7% through family categories, and 10.6% came through refugee categories.
- In Lambton County, 26.5% of immigrants since 1980 had prior experience in Canada via work/study permits or as asylum seekers. This is different for recent immigrants (who arrived in the 5 years before the census), where 33.5% had previous experience.
- Among all Lambton County immigrants that came to Canada in the last 40 years (since 1980), 5% had both study and work permits before gaining permanent residency, 13.2% previously only had a work permit, 3.7% previously only had a study permit, and 2.7% had made an asylum claim (i.e. a refugee claimant) before eventually becoming a permanent resident.
- Among only recent immigrants in Lambton County, 15.5% had both study and work permits before gaining permanent residency, 13.4% previously only had a work permit, 2.1% previously only had a study permit, and 3.1% had made an asylum claim (i.e. a refugee claimant) before eventually becoming a permanent resident.

## Racial Groups

- 5.7% of the total population of Lambton County was racialized. Among recent immigrants, 78.4% were racialized. (Statistics Canada uses the term “visible minority” to ask about racial groups.)
- 18.6% of recent immigrants in Lambton County were South Asian, 3.6% were Chinese, 12.9% were Black, 15.5% were Filipino, 9.8% were Arab, 4.6% were Latin American, 2.1% were Southeast Asian, 2.6% were West Asian, 1.5% were Korean, and 0% were Japanese. (0% of recent immigrants indicated multiple visible minorities.)

## Religion

- 74.2% of recent immigrants indicated a religious affiliation, compared to 61.6% of the total population of Lambton County.
- Religious affiliation of recent immigrants included: 0% Buddhist, 47.9% Christian, 4.6% Hindu, 0% Jewish, 15.5% Muslim, 4.6% Sikh, and 25.8% with no religion/secular perspectives.

## Employment & Education

- The employment rate for recent immigrants (age 15 and older) in Lambton County was 61.4%, compared to 37% of all immigrants and 51% of non-immigrants.
- The unemployment rate for recent immigrants in Lambton County was 14.3%, compared to 10.3% of all immigrants and 11.3% of non-immigrants.
- 38.6% of recent immigrants (age 15 and older) in Lambton County worked full time for the full year (compared to 23.3% of all immigrants and 29.5% of non-immigrants) - while 27.7% of recent immigrants worked part time and/or part of the year (compared to 19.3% of all immigrants and 28.6% of non-immigrants).
- 63.3% of recent immigrants in Lambton County had a post-secondary certificate, diploma, or degree, compared to 59.1% of all immigrants and 54.1% of non-immigrants.
- 50.7% of recent immigrants (age 25 to 64 years) in Lambton County had a post-secondary certificate, diploma, or degree - from outside Canada.
- 64.7% of recent immigrants (age 15 and older) in Lambton County worked as an employee in a permanent position (compared to 66.8% of all immigrants and 72% of non-immigrants) - while 21% of recent immigrants worked in a temporary position (compared to 11.8% of all immigrants and 13.3% of non-immigrants).

## Additional Data and Notes

- Statistics Canada also provides a profile of the population as a whole for various geographies (including Canada as a whole, provinces, census divisions (regions), census sub-divisions (cities and communities), census metropolitan areas (larger city areas) at <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm>
- If wanting to compare to 2016 Census data for the total population, Statistics Canada Census Profiles are available at <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm>
- The 2021 census data was collected in May 2021. It therefore does not include any changes that occurred since that time (e.g., recent waves of immigrants or temporary residents).

Monthly data on new permanent resident arrivals is available from Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) at <https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/f7e5498e-0ad8-4417-85c9-9b8aff9b9eda>

- While the national census is widely seen as a very reputable source of data, Statistics Canada acknowledges that some groups (including recent immigrants and non-permanent residents - also referred to as temporary residents) are typically undercounted. Net undercounts for groups with non-official mother tongues were estimated to be approximately 6% (Statistics Canada, 2021 - <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/91f0015m/91f0015m2020003-eng.htm>). Statistics Canada did a reverse record check on 2011 census data and found that approximately 20% of recent immigrants and 40% of non-permanent residents were missed in the 2011 census - a significant component of net undercount estimates (Statistics Canada, 2019 - <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/89-657-x/89-657-x2019008-eng.htm>).
- Period of immigration by admission category and place of birth (for CMAs, Canada, and provinces) is available at <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=9810031701>
- Admission category and period of immigration (for CMAs, Canada, and provinces) is available at <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=9810031801>
- Housing suitability by visible minority and immigrant status and period of immigration (for CMAs, Canada, and provinces) is available at <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=9810032701>.
- Shelter-cost-to-income ratio by visible minority and immigrant status and period of immigration (for CMAs, Canada, and provinces) is available at <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=9810032801>
- More 2021 Census tables will continue to be released at <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/dp-pd/dt-td/index-eng.cfm>