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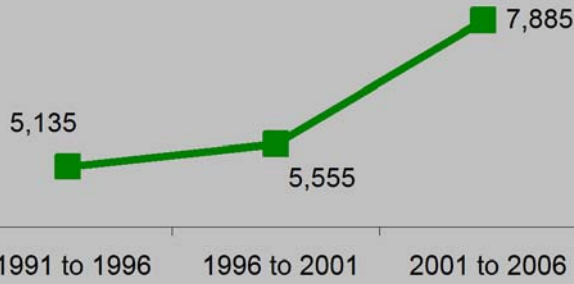
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Immigration Levels

Recent immigrants by arrival period, Niagara



Growth in Newcomers

The number of immigrants coming to Niagara increased only slightly in the nineties, but jumped significantly between 2001 and 2006.

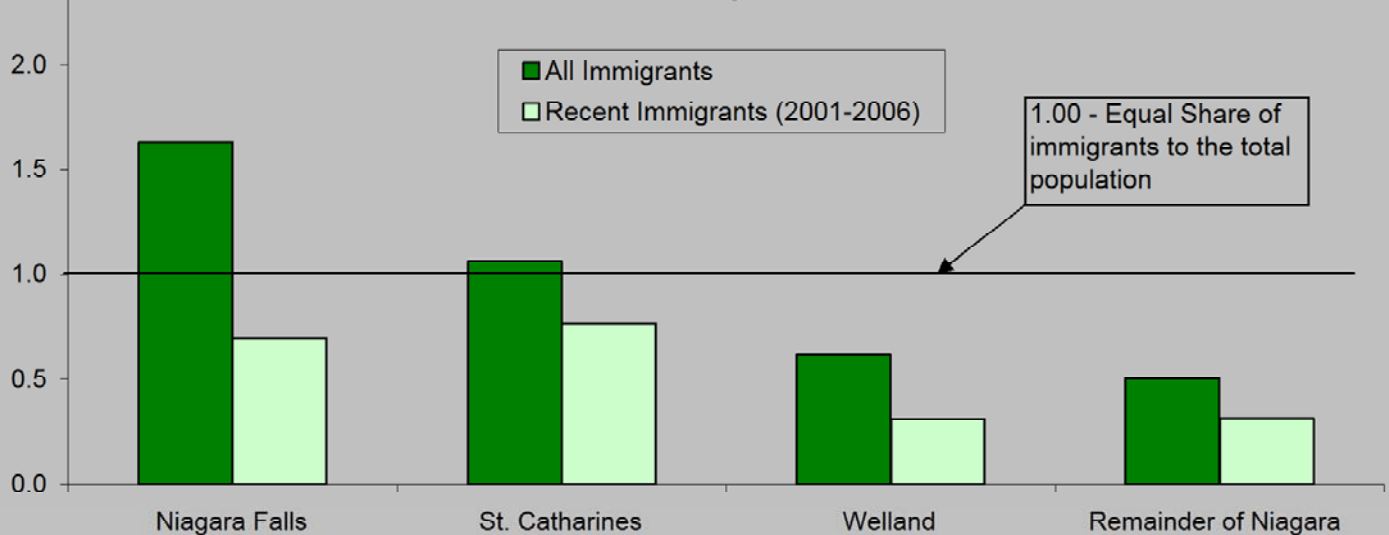
Points of Departure

Top 10 birthplaces of recent immigrants (2001-2006)

St. Catharines-Niagara Census Metropolitan Area		Ontario
Colombia	United States of America	India
United States of America	People's Republic of China	People's Republic of China
People's Republic of China	India	Pakistan
India	United Kingdom	Philippines
United Kingdom	Pakistan	Sri Lanka
Pakistan	Sudan	United States of America
Sudan	Philippines	Iran
Philippines	Mexico	South Korea
Mexico	Bulgaria	Russian Federation
Bulgaria		Colombia

Share of Immigrants

Relative ratios of immigrants to the total population, Niagara



Under the Destination Radar

The relative ratio is calculated by dividing a region's share of Canada's immigrant population by the region's share of Canada's total population. The same share of each would be a 1.00 ratio. Niagara Falls has a relatively high share of immigrants for its population size, but receives a low proportion of recent immigrants. St. Catharines has an expected share of immigrants but is under fed with its share of new immigrants. Welland and the remainder of Niagara are lightly populated with immigrants. Though the number of recent immigrants to the area is rising, Niagara is more popular as a final settling place than as an initial destination for many new immigrants.



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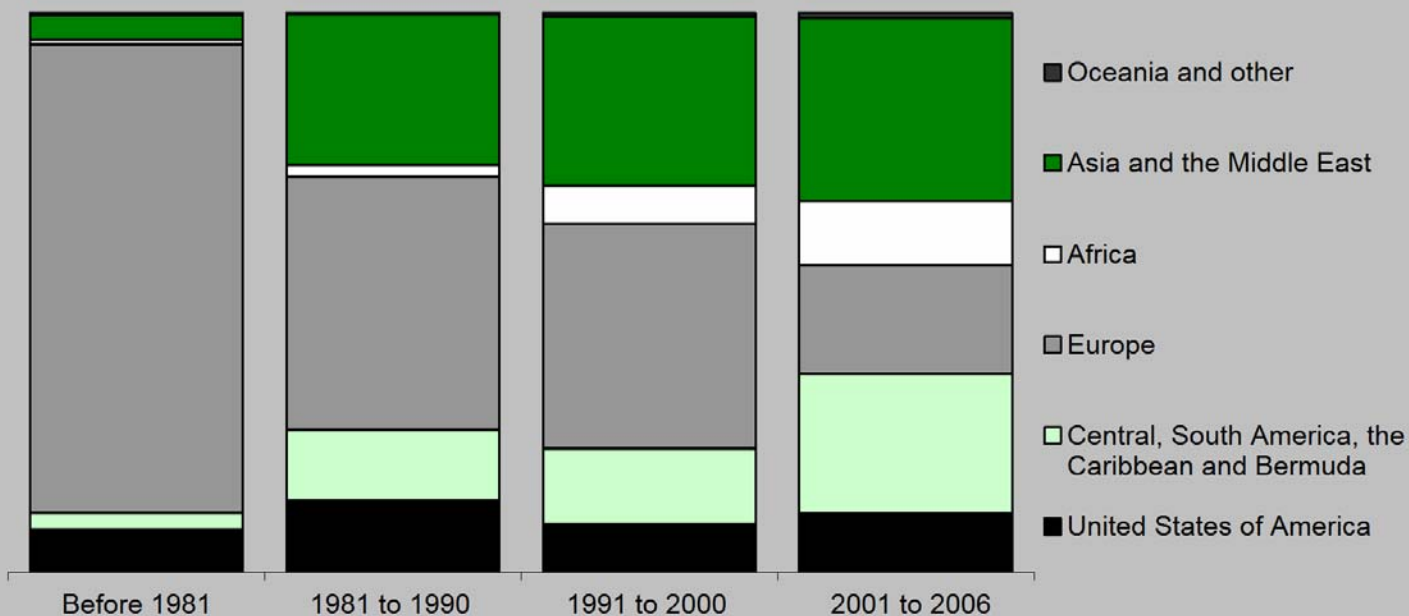
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Immigration

Region of Origin Change

Share of immigrant origins by period of arrival, Niagara

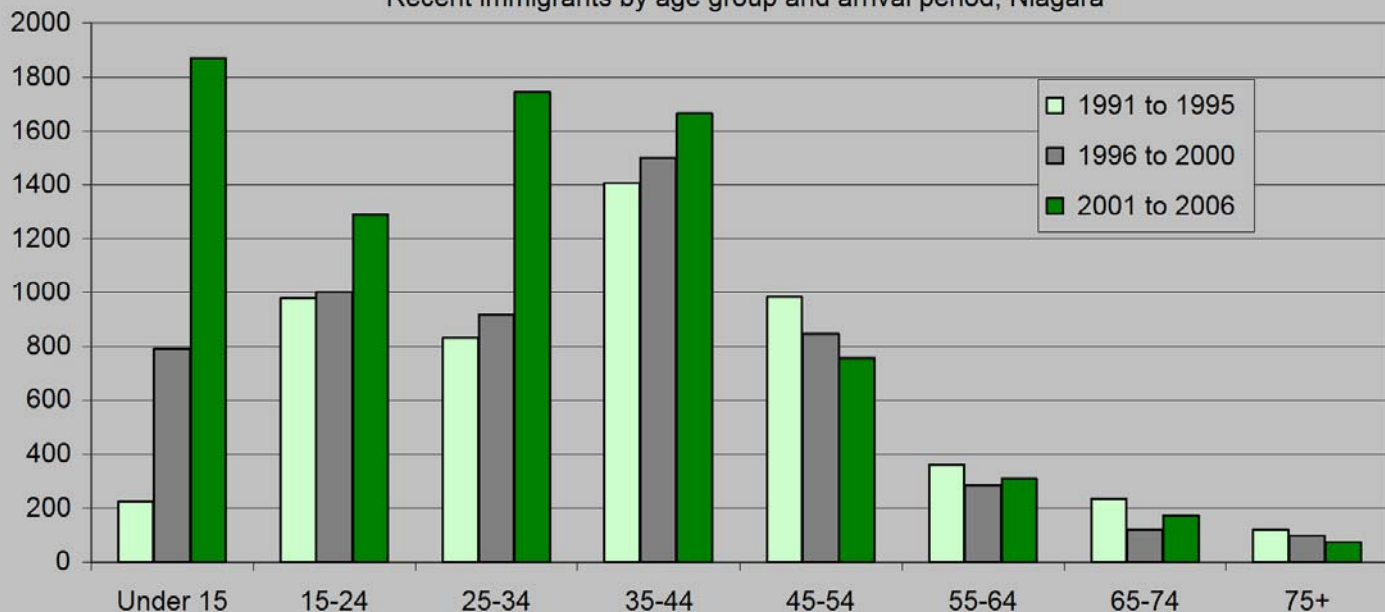


Diversity of Origins

Niagara receives a more diversified population of new immigrants than the province as a whole. The largest contributor of recent immigrants to Niagara is Asia and the Middle East with 33% of all newcomers between 2001 and 2006. The fastest growing immigrant population is from Africa and the largest growth is from Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda. Ontario wide, Asia and the Middle East lead each of these immigration figures.

Immigrant Age Changes

Recent immigrants by age group and arrival period, Niagara



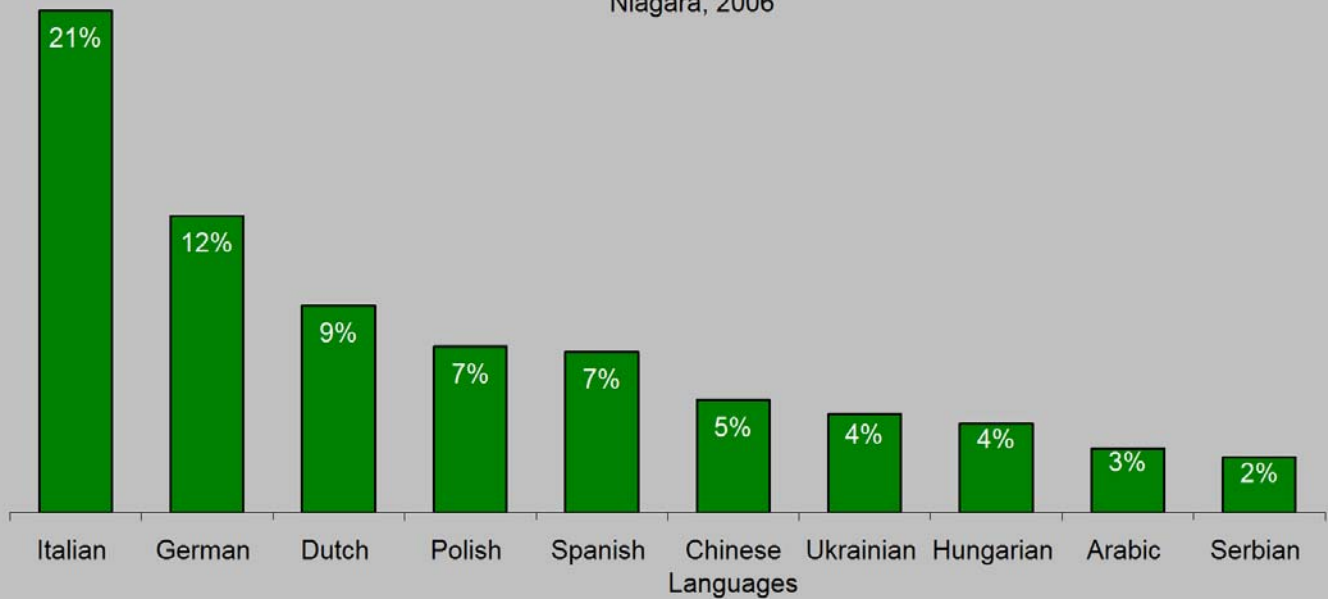
Younger Newcomers

There has been a large increase in the number of recent immigrants to Niagara under 15 years old and between the ages of 25-34. Ontario's demographic profile for new immigrants shares a similar pattern with one significant distinction: a much larger share of recent immigrants to Niagara are under age 15.

Language

Allophone Populations

Non-official language population by share of top mother tongues
Niagara, 2006

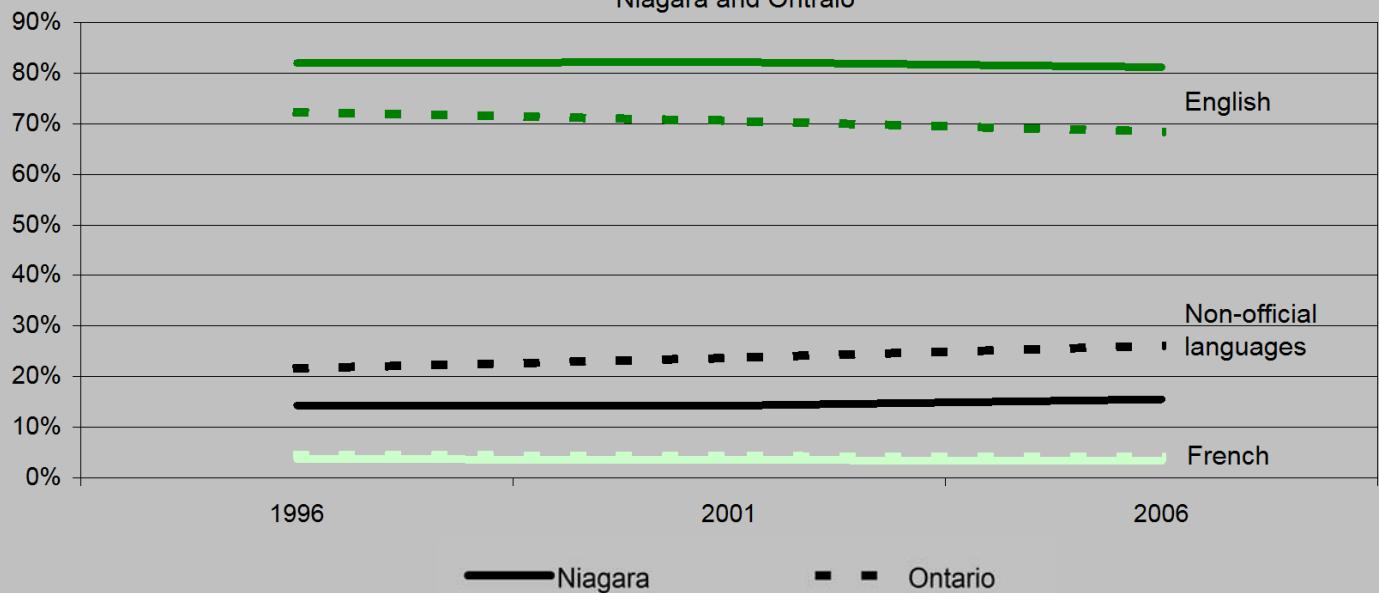


Euro-Languages Still Leaders

European languages comprise the top five mother tongues among non-official language populations in Niagara. In Ontario as a whole, Chinese languages lead this category with 15%, while Niagara's Chinese language population is significantly smaller at 5%.

Mother Tongues

Total populations by share of mother tongue 1996-2006,
Niagara and Ontario



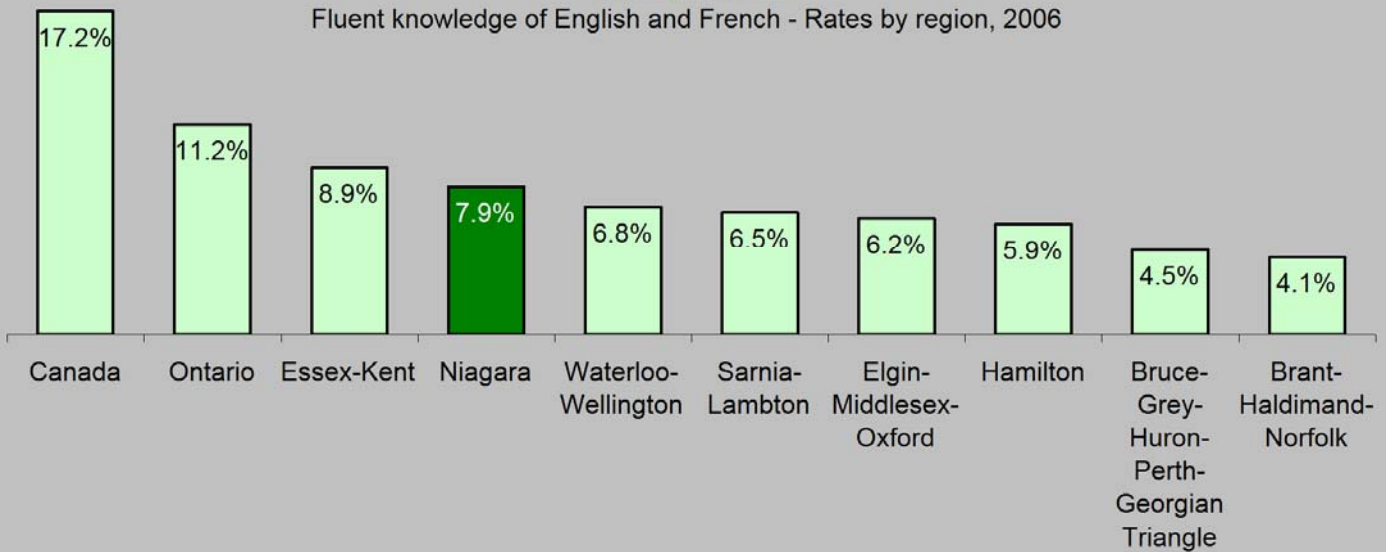
Slower Diversification

Though diversifying slightly with a small gain in the share of non-official languages, Niagara is more Anglophone dominated than Ontario collectively. Over 80% of Niagara's population continues to have English as their mother tongue, while Ontario's Anglophone share has dropped by 4% in 10 years to 68%.

Language

Bilingualism

Fluent knowledge of English and French - Rates by region, 2006



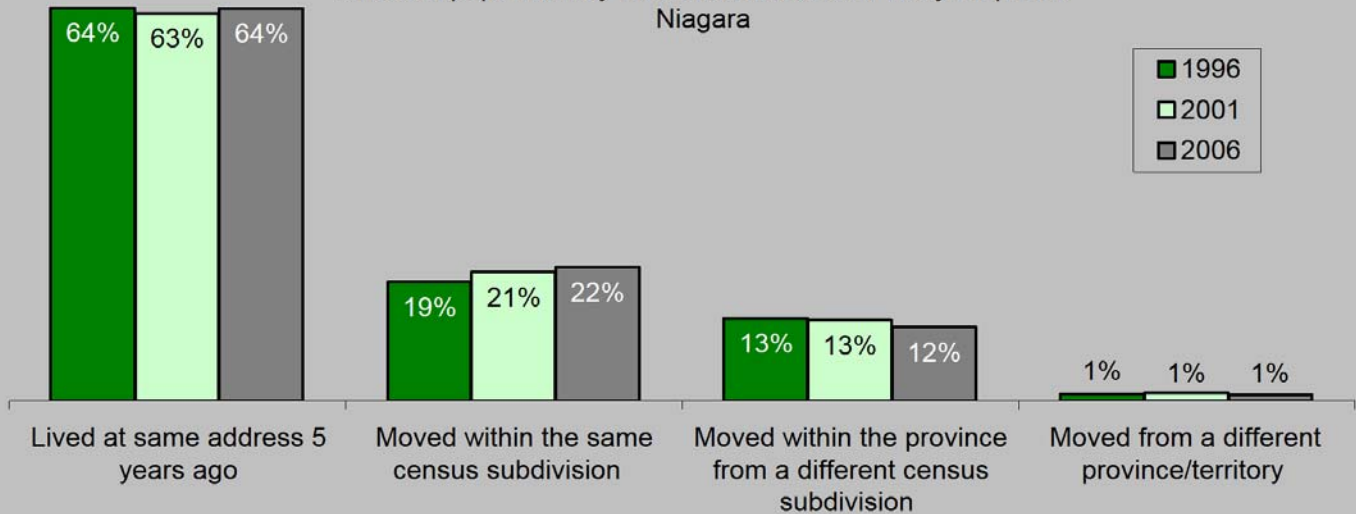
Comparing Bilingualism Rates

Though much less bilingual than Canada and Ontario as a whole, Niagara is above average when compared to neighbouring regions with 7.9% of the population being fluent in both official languages.

Mobility

Residence Status

Share of population by residence status over five year period
Niagara



Staying Put

Mobility trends changed little over the past 10 years in Niagara. Movement within the same census division has been the only noticeable upward trend in Niagara. Less people in Niagara moved in the past five years than the Ontario average.

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