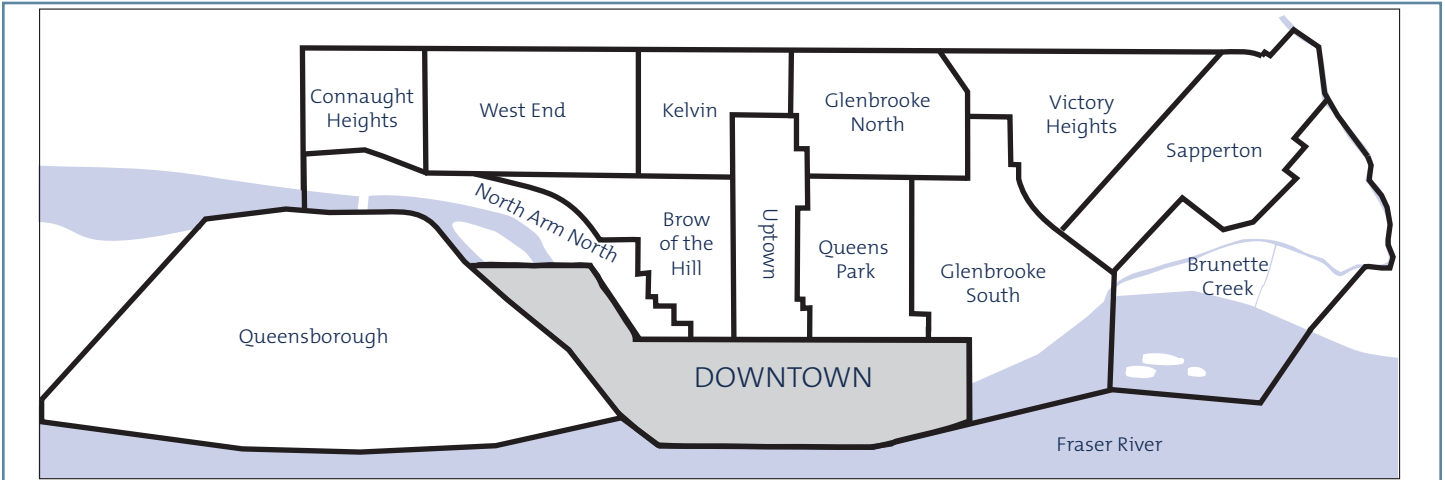




Downtown

2006 Census



A Note About Neighbourhood Profiles

All data in tables, charts, and text is from Statistics Canada, based on the 2006 and 2001 Census. References in the text to “more”, “fewer”, or “similar” are all based on comparisons with Census figures for the City of New Westminster as a whole. For assistance, please contact the City of New Westminster Planning Division at 604.527.4532 or plnpost@newwestcity.ca.

Distinct Neighbourhood Features

Downtown is a fast growing part of the City, and saw a 22% increase in population between 2001 and 2006 based on its previous boundaries. Through the Downtown Plan process, the neighbourhood has been redefined to include all of the Quayside area. When this area is counted, Downtown shows growth of 28% over the same period. Compared to the City as a whole, it has fewer children and youth, more young adults, and more adults over 50. On average, its residents have slightly higher educational achievement, and a slightly lower unemployment rate. It has about the same proportion of people in the labour force as the City as a whole. Residents are 11% more likely to take transit to work.

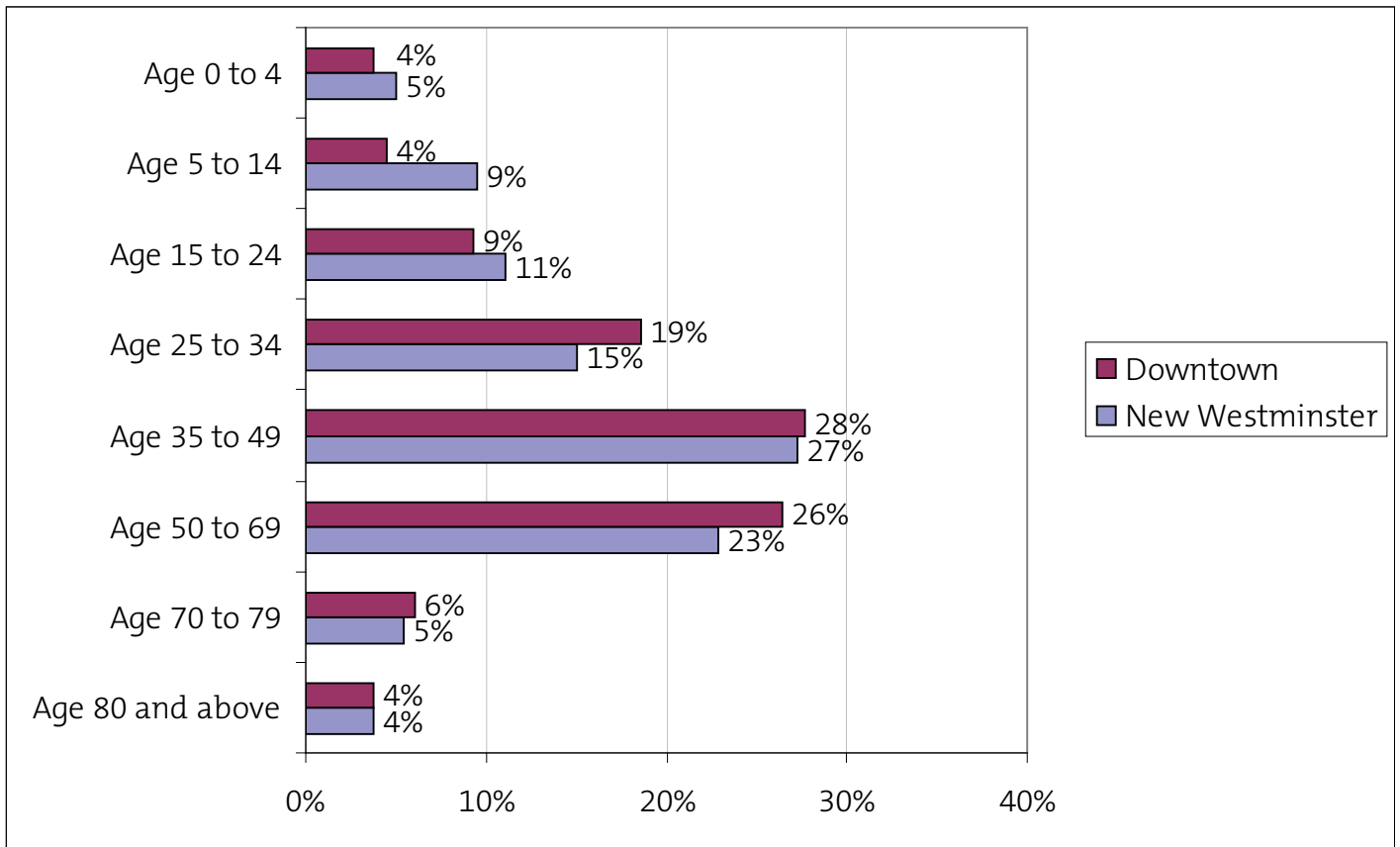
More people live alone, and there are significantly fewer couples with children. Its median household income is slightly higher. More households live in apartments, and both owners and renters have fewer challenges with housing affordability. Downtown’s profile of ethnic origin and proportion of immigrants matches the City’s. However, China and South Korea are more significant source countries of immigrants. Among recent immigrants, 27% have arrived from China.

Population & Age Groups

	New Westminster		Downtown	
Total population	57,850		8,870	
Age 0 to 4	2,925	5.1%	335	3.8%
Age 5 to 14	5,480	9.5%	395	4.5%
Age 15 to 24	6,410	11.1%	825	9.3%
Age 25 to 34	8,700	15.0%	1,650	18.6%
Age 35 to 49	15,795	27.3%	2,455	27.7%
Age 50 to 69	13,215	22.8%	2,345	26.4%
Age 70 to 79	3,140	5.4%	535	6.0%
Age 80 and above	2,195	3.8%	330	3.7%

- Total population is up 28.0% since 2001, compared with 7.5% City-wide (note that Downtown now includes all of Quayside area).
- Downtown makes up 15.3% of the City’s population.
- Compared to the City, Downtown has 5% fewer persons aged 5 to 14, 4% more aged 25 to 34, and 4% more aged 50 and over.

Population & Age Groups



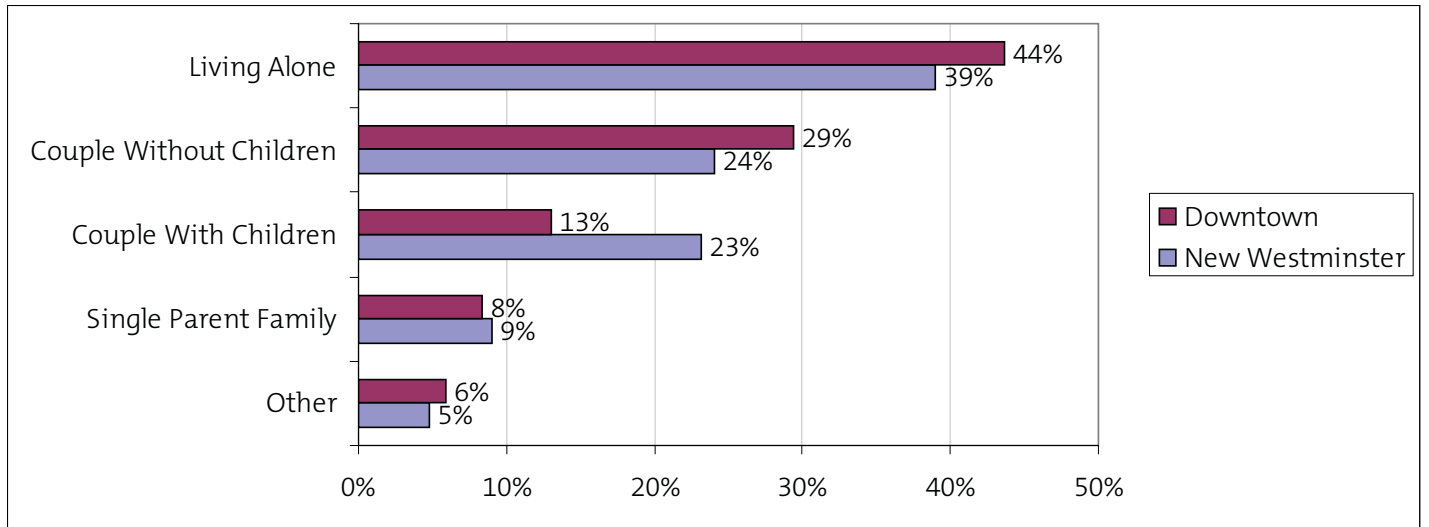
Types of Households & Mobility

	New Westminster		Downtown	
Total Family and Household Types*	27,585		4,880	
Living Alone	10,700	38.8%	2,125	43.5%
Couple Without Children	6,700	24.3%	1,430	29.3%
Couple With Children	6,280	22.8%	635	13.0%
Single Parent Family	2,605	9.4%	405	8.3%
Other	1,300	4.7%	285	5.8%
Total Households*	27,050		4,865	
Multiple-Family Households	505	1.9%	15	0.3%
Average Household Size	2.1		1.8	
Population moved within last 5 years	28,885	52.6%	4,995	58.5%

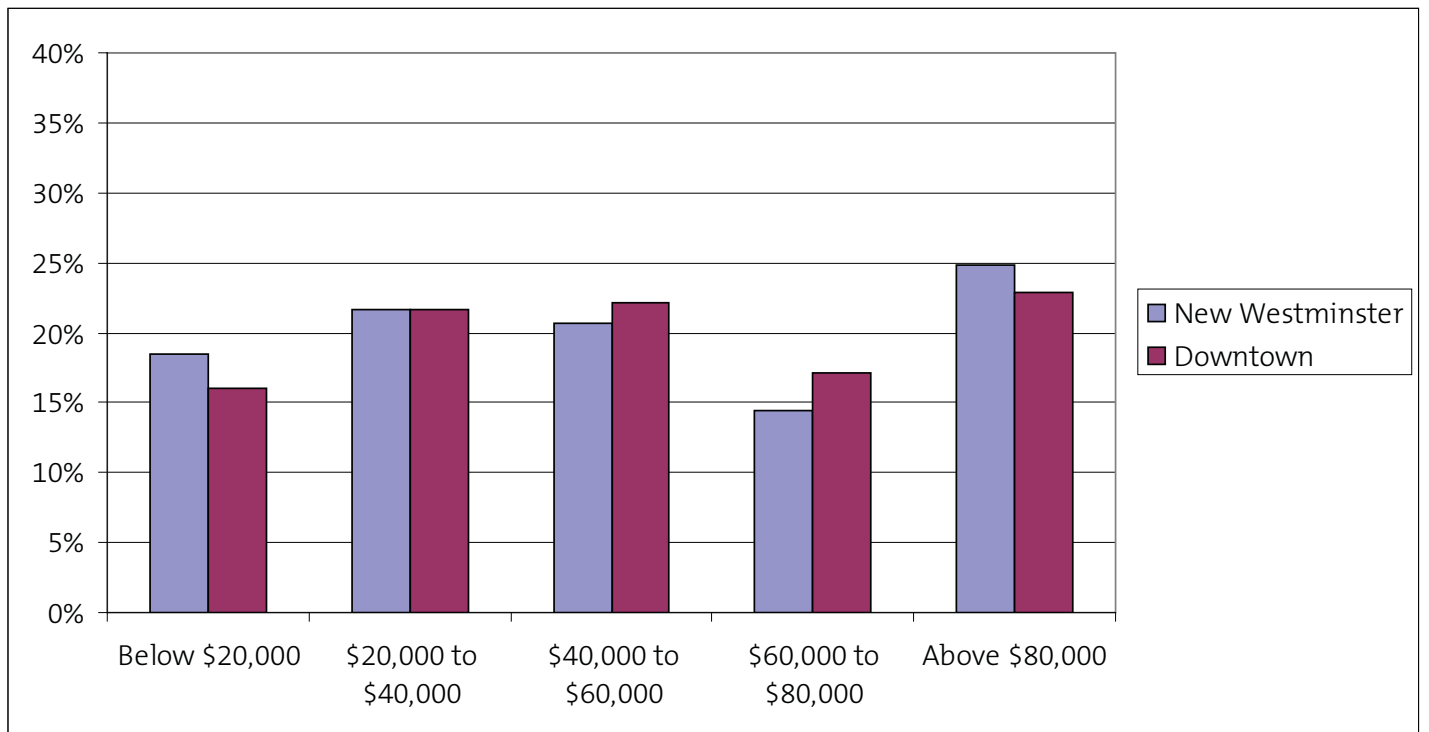
*Note: The total of family/household types is greater than the number of total households because some families live together in multiple-family households.

- Compared to the City, Downtown has 5% more persons living alone, 10% fewer couples with children, and 5% more couples without children.
- There are 11% fewer households with children Downtown, if couple households and single parent households are counted together.
- 6% more households have moved within the last 5 years.

Types of Households



Household Income



Household Income

Household Income in 2005	New Westminster		Downtown	
Total Households	27,045		4,865	
Below \$20,000	4,995	18.5%	780	16.0%
\$20,000 to \$40,000	5,870	21.7%	1,055	21.7%
\$40,000 to \$60,000	5,575	20.6%	1,075	22.1%
\$60,000 to \$80,000	3,890	14.4%	835	17.2%
Above \$80,000	6,720	24.8%	1,115	22.9%
Median household income	\$ 48,773		\$ 51,523	
Average household income	\$ 60,408		\$ 60,139	
Prevalence of Low Income		20.3%		19.2%

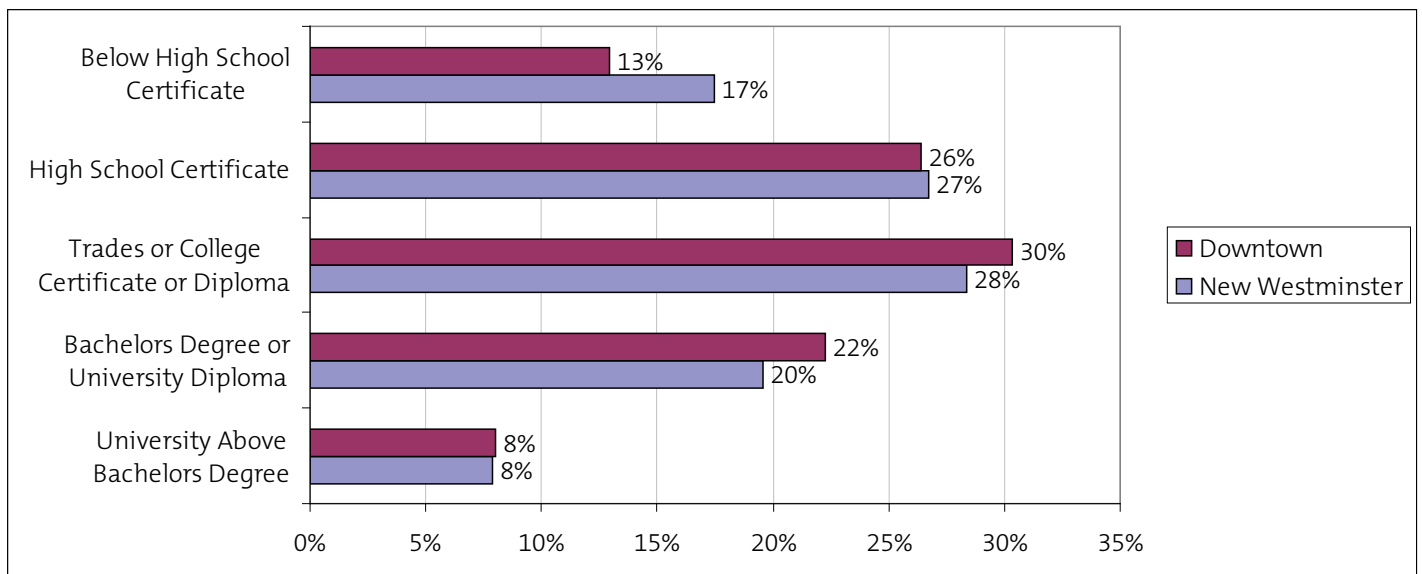
- Downtown's income profile is similar to the City's, except that it has a 6% higher median household income.

Housing Types, Tenure & Affordability

	New Westminster		Downtown	
Total Occupied Dwellings	27,050		4,870	
Apartment	17,875	66.1%	4,570	93.8%
Townhouse/Duplex	1,145	4.2%	220	4.5%
Single Family	5,055	18.7%	45	0.9%
Single Family with Suite	1,458	5.4%	18	0.4%
Secondary Suite	1,458	5.4%	18	0.4%
Rented	12,495	46.2%	1,960	40.2%
Owned	14,555	53.8%	2,910	59.8%
Tenant households spending 30% or more of income on housing	4,895	39.2%	730	37.2%
Owner households spending 30% or more of income on housing	3,710	25.5%	735	25.3%

- Downtown has a 28% higher share of households living in apartments and 6% higher share of owner households.
- A slightly lower share of both owner and renter households spend 30% or more of their income on housing.

Education



Education

	New Westminster		Downtown	
Population Aged 15 and over	49,455		8,140	
Below High School Certificate	8,640	17.5%	1,055	13.0%
High School Certificate	13,210	26.7%	2,150	26.4%
Trades or College Certificate or Diploma	14,025	28.4%	2,470	30.3%
Bachelors Degree or University Diploma	9,665	19.5%	1,810	22.2%
University Above Bachelors Degree	3,910	7.9%	650	8.0%

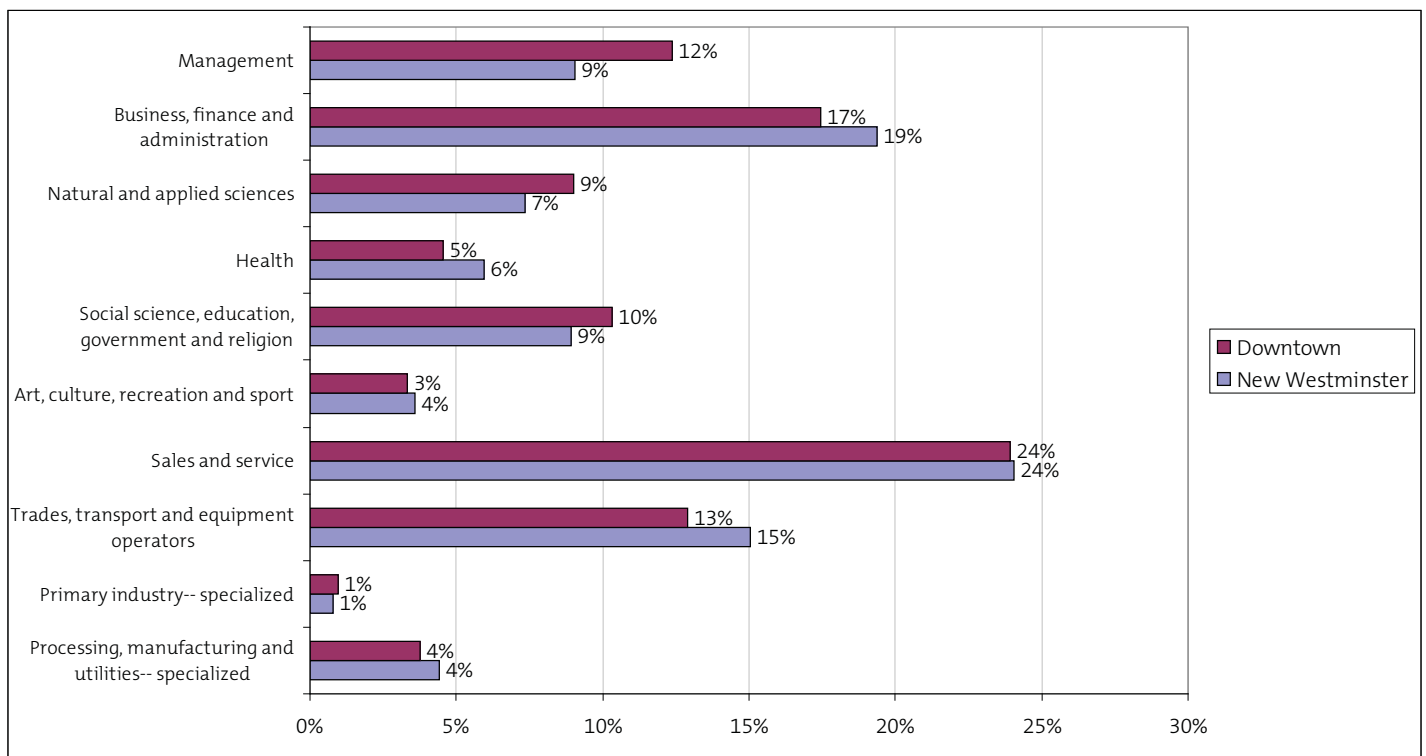
- Compared to the City, Downtown has slightly higher educational achievement, with 4% fewer residents with less than high-school completion.

Labour Force

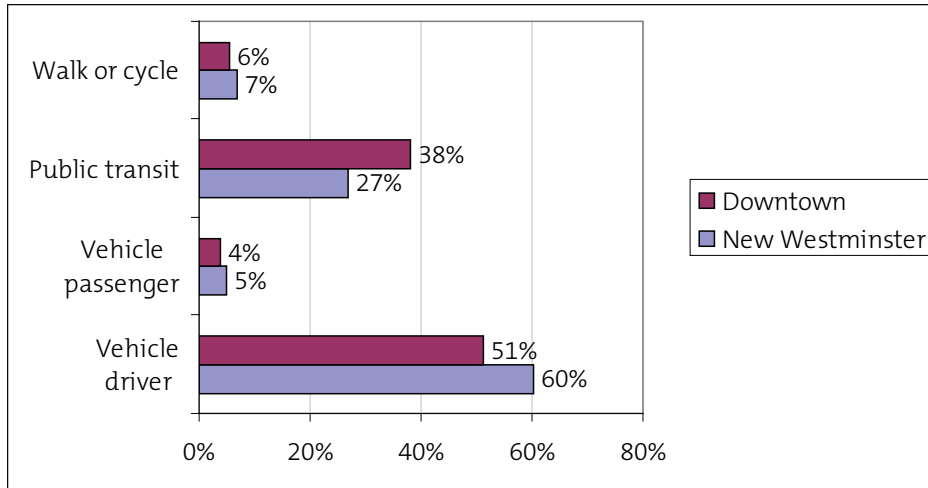
	New Westminster	Downtown
Population 15 years and over	49,455	8,140
Labour force 15 years and over	34,260	5,705
Participation rate	69.3%	70.1%
Unemployment rate	5.6%	4.2%
Live and Work in New Westminster (incl. home-based)	20.2%	18.3%

- Downtown has 3% more employed in management.
- Its participation rate is similar to the City's, and it has a slightly lower unemployment rate.

Occupations



Mode of Travel to Work



- Downtown residents are 11% more likely to take transit to work, and 9% less likely to drive to work.
- Transit's share of work trips is up 5% since 2001, vs. 7% for the City.

Ethnic Origin

	New Westminster		Downtown	
Total population	57,850		8,865	
Single responses	30,775	53.2%	4,510	50.9%
Multiple responses	27,075	46.8%	4,360	49.2%
Top 10 Ethnicities			Top 10 Ethnicities	
English	15,405		English	2,520
Scottish	11,645		Scottish	2,030
Canadian	9,245		Irish	1,490
Irish	9,020		Canadian	1,345
German	6,090		German	1,020
French	4,455		French	870
Chinese	4,245		Chinese	840
East Indian	4,110		Aboriginal	555
Filipino	3,380		Ukrainian	455
Ukrainian	2,795		Filipino	345

Note: Table shows both single & multiple responses, so the number of responses is greater than the total population.

Home Language

	New Westminster		Downtown	
Total population	57,845	100.0%	8,870	100.0%
Multiple responses	1,635	2.8%	200	2.3%
Single responses	56,215	97.2%	8,670	97.7%
Top 5 Languages			Top 5 Languages	
English	45,650	78.9%	English	7,125
Punjabi	1,785	3.1%	Mandarin	290
Filipino	1,000	1.7%	Korean	260
Mandarin	980	1.7%	Chinese (other)	160
Korean	820	1.4%	Cantonese	140

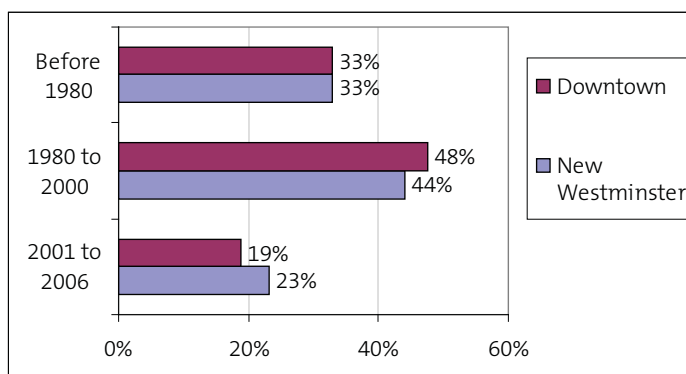
- After English, Punjabi and Filipino are the City's most common home languages. Downtown, Punjabi and Filipino are significantly less common.

Citizenship & Immigration

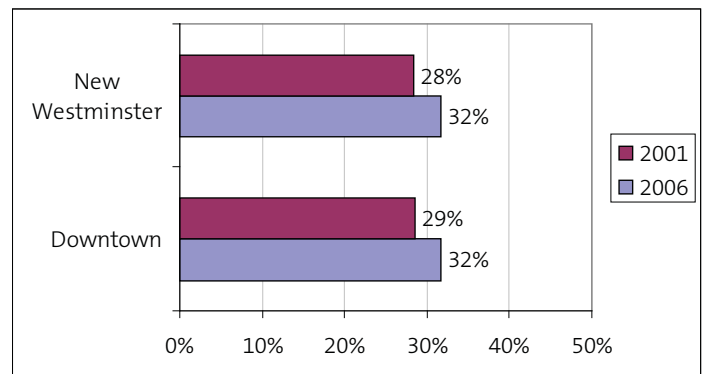
	New Westminster		Downtown		
Total population	57,850		8,870		
Canadian citizens	52,100	90.1%	8,165	92.1%	
Not Canadian citizens	5,750	9.9%	700	7.9%	
Non-immigrants	38,630	66.8%	5,920	66.8%	
Immigrants	18,360	31.7%	2,810	31.7%	
Top 10 Source Countries Overall					
Philippines	2,425	13.2%	China	365	13.0%
India	2,045	11.1%	United Kingdom	325	11.6%
United Kingdom	1,585	8.6%	South Korea	250	8.9%
China	1,430	7.8%	Philippines	240	8.5%
South Korea	795	4.3%	India	105	3.7%
Romania	615	3.3%	Hong Kong	105	3.7%
Hong Kong	575	3.1%	United States of America	95	3.4%
United States of America	560	3.1%	Bosnia/Herzegovina	75	2.7%
Fiji	370	2.0%	Poland	70	2.5%
Poland	365	2.0%	Germany	65	2.3%
Top 3 Recent Source Countries (2001-2006)					
Total	4,250		Total	530	
Philippines	710	16.7%	China	145	27.4%
China	690	16.2%	Ethiopia	50	9.4%
Romania	435	10.2%	Bulgaria	50	9.4%

- Downtown has exactly the same proportion of immigrants vs. non-immigrants as the City.
- In both areas, immigrants have become a more significant share of the population since 2001.
- For the City, the Philippines and India are the top source countries of immigrants, representing 24% of all immigrants. Downtown, these countries amount to only 12%, and China and South Korea are more important source countries.
- China is the source country of 27% of all recent newcomers to Downtown.
- Since 2001, recent immigrants have been somewhat less likely to locate Downtown.

Period of Immigration



Immigrants' Share of Population



Note: How Numbers Add Up in the Census

The Census uses "random rounding" in its data, to round numbers either up or down to multiples of 5. Because of this, some figures differ slightly. For example, New Westminster population may be shown as either 57,850 or 57,845. Both totals can be considered correct and accurate.