

Source: Metro Vancouver

### A Note About This City-Wide Profile

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 Metro Vancouver as a whole. For assistance, please contact the City of New Westminister Planning Division at 604.527.4532 or [plnpost@newwestcity.ca](mailto:plnpost@newwestcity.ca).

### Distinct New Westminister Features

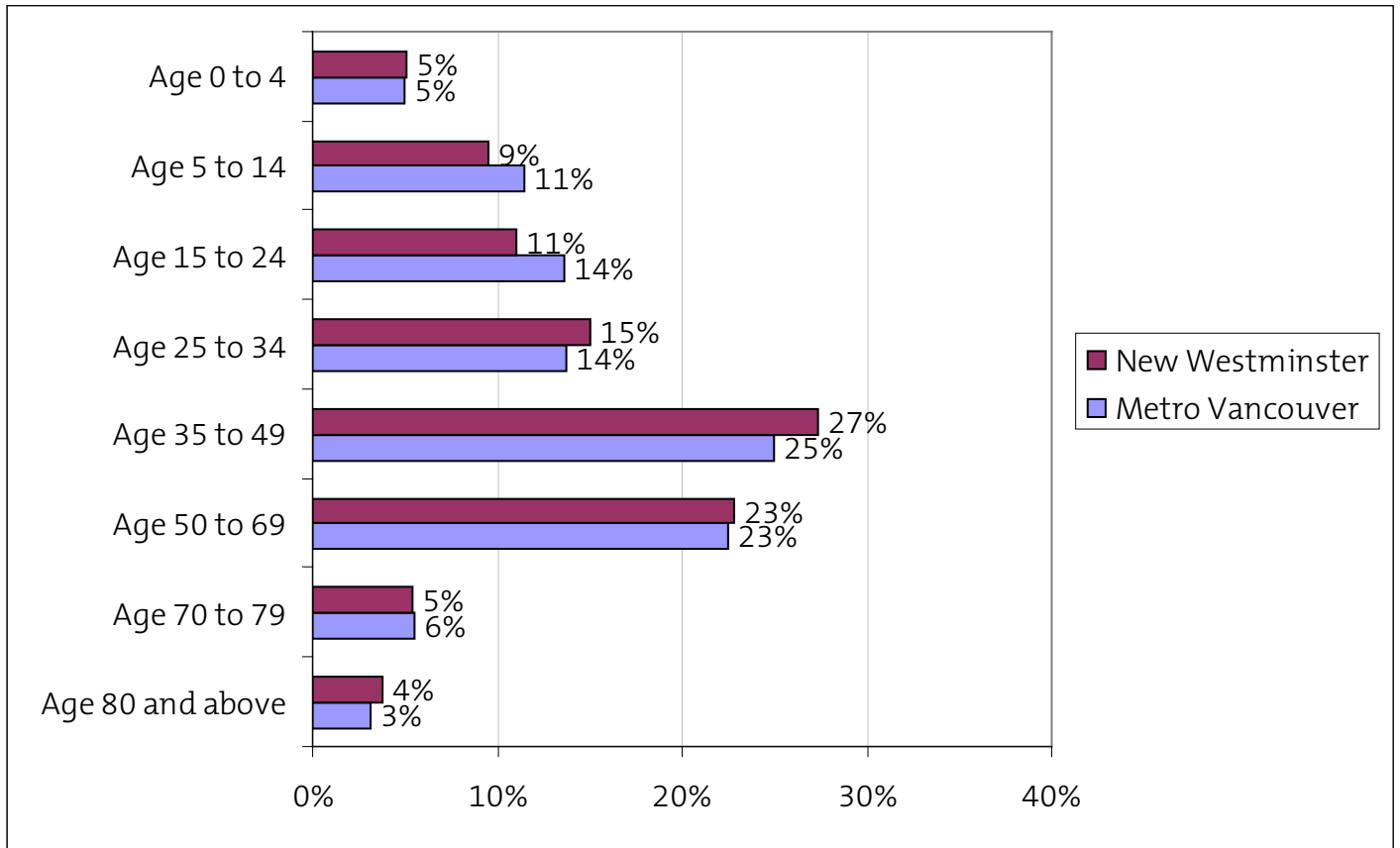
The City is growing at the same rate as the region. As a proportion of population, it has slightly fewer children and young adults. Many more residents live alone, and there are significantly fewer couples with children. Households are smaller, and more of them have moved within the last 5 years. Median household income is 13% lower than the region, but there is no higher prevalence of low-income households. Many more households live in apartments, and 11% more households are renters. Compared to the region, housing affordability is less of an issue in the City. City residents have a 3% higher participation rate in the labour force, and are 11% more likely to take transit to work and 7% less likely to drive to work. English is spoken at home by more residents, and Chinese languages are less common. Immigrants comprise an 8% lower share of the population. Proportionately more immigrants have come from the Philippines and fewer have come from China, both overall and during the period 2001-2006. Recent immigrants are a more prominent group in the City, comprising a 5% higher share of total immigrants compared to the region. In addition, immigrants’ share of the total population is growing at a slightly faster rate in New Westminister.

### Population & Age Groups

	Metro Vancouver		New Westminister	
Total population	2,097,965		57,850	
Age 0 to 4	105,245	5.0%	2,925	5.1%
Age 5 to 14	240,330	11.5%	5,480	9.5%
Age 15 to 24	285,075	13.6%	6,410	11.1%
Age 25 to 34	288,905	13.8%	8,700	15.0%
Age 35 to 49	523,755	25.0%	15,795	27.3%
Age 50 to 69	472,085	22.5%	13,215	22.8%
Age 70 to 79	115,865	5.5%	3,140	5.4%
Age 80 and above	66,715	3.2%	2,195	3.8%

- Total population is up 6.6% in the region since 2001, compared with 7.5% for New Westminister.
- The City makes up 2.8% of the region’s population.
- Compared to the region, the City has 2% fewer persons aged 5 to 14, 3% fewer aged 15 to 24, and 2% more aged 35 to 49. Apart from this, both age profiles are similar.

## Population & Age Groups



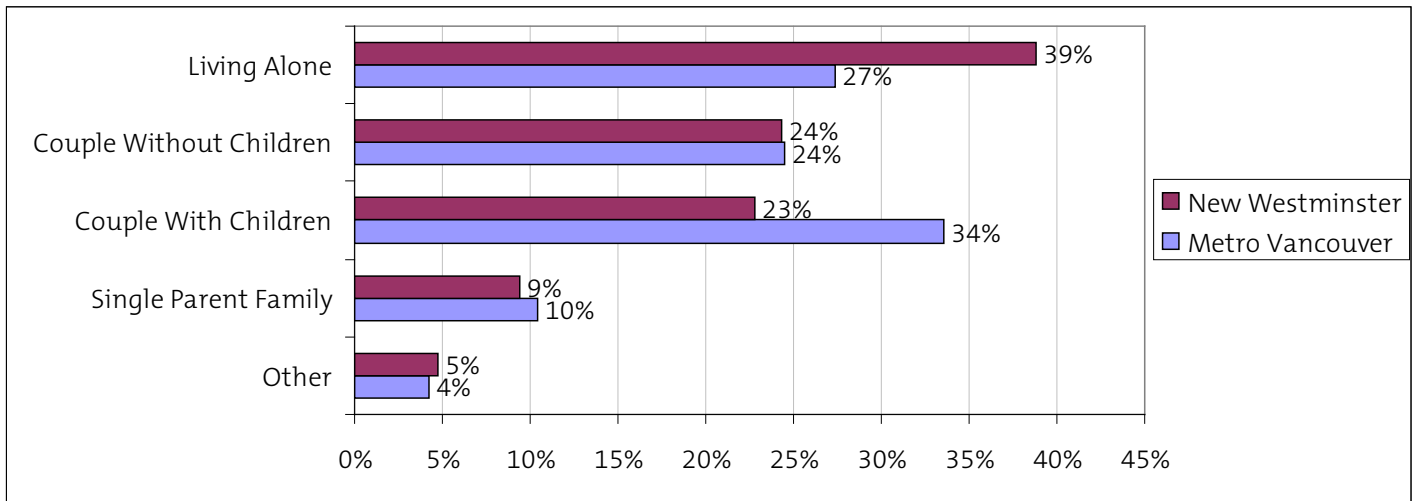
## Types of Households & Mobility

	Metro Vancouver		New Westminster	
	Count	%	Count	%
Total Family and Household Types*	848,115		27,585	
Living Alone	232,130	27.4%	10,700	38.8%
Couple Without Children	207,650	24.5%	6,700	24.3%
Couple With Children	284,355	33.5%	6,280	22.8%
Single Parent Family	88,115	10.4%	2,605	9.4%
Other	35,865	4.2%	1,300	4.7%
Total Households*	817,225		27,050	
Multiple-Family Households	28,170	3.4%	505	1.9%
Average Household Size	2.6		2.1	
Population moved within last 5 years	949,080	47.6%	28,885	52.6%

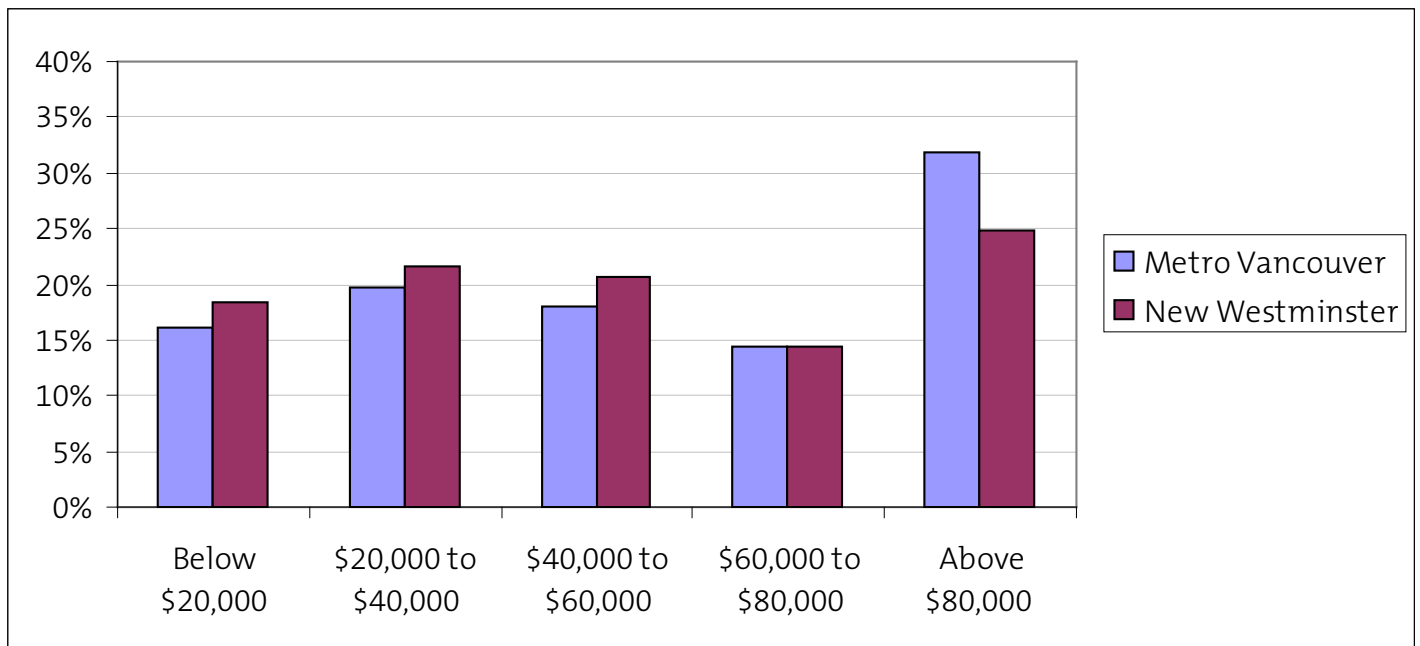
\*Note: The total of family/household types is greater than the number of total households because some families live together in multiple-family households.

- Compared to the region, the City has 11% more persons living alone and 11% fewer couples with children.
- Average household size is 19% lower than it is region-wide.
- In the City, 5% more households have moved within the last 5 years.

## Types of Households



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Household income in 2005	Metro Vancouver		New Westminster	
Total Households	817,225		27,045	
Below \$20,000	131,550	16.1%	4,995	18.5%
\$20,000 to \$40,000	160,980	19.7%	5,870	21.7%
\$40,000 to \$60,000	147,230	18.0%	5,575	20.6%
\$60,000 to \$80,000	117,100	14.3%	3,890	14.4%
Above \$80,000	260,365	31.9%	6,720	24.8%
Median household income	\$ 55,231		\$ 48,773	
Average household income	\$ 73,258		\$ 60,408	
Prevalence of low income		20.8%		20.3%

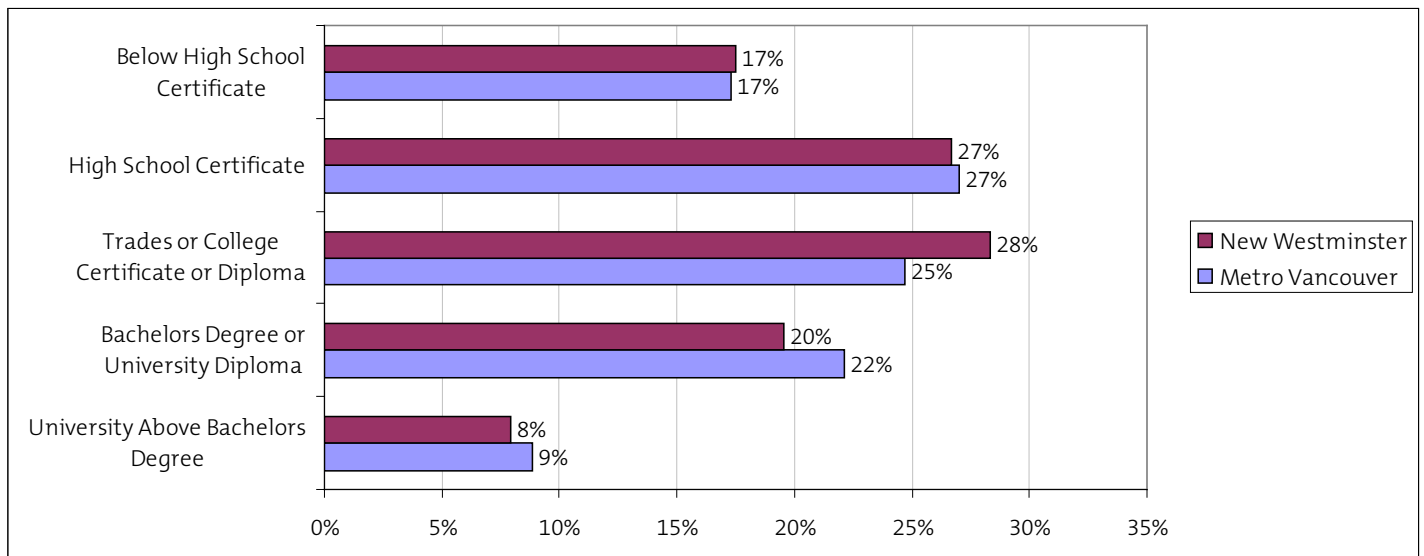
- The City has somewhat fewer households in each of the lowest three income categories, and 7% fewer households in the highest income category.
- New Westminster's median household income is 13% lower than the region's. However, the City and region have the same proportion of low-income households.

## Housing Types, Tenure & Affordability

	Metro Vancouver		New Westminster	
Total Occupied Dwellings	812,845		27,050	
Apartment	321,545	39.3%	17,875	66.1%
Townhouse/Duplex	87,075	10.7%	1,145	4.2%
Single Family	289,915	35.5%	5,055	18.7%
Single Family with Suite	56,130	6.9%	1,458	5.4%
Secondary Suite	56,130	6.9%	1,458	5.4%
Rented	283,755	34.9%	12,495	46.2%
Owned	529,095	65.1%	14,555	53.8%
Tenant households spending 30% or more of income on housing	123,050	43.4%	4,895	39.2%
Owner households spending 30% or more of income on housing	142,820	27.0%	3,710	25.5%

- Compared to the region, the City has a 27% higher share of households living in apartments, a 7% lower share of households in townhouses, and 17% fewer households in single-family dwellings. The City also has an 11% higher share of renter households.
- Overall, housing affordability is less of a challenge in New Westminster compared to the region. 4% fewer renter households and 2% fewer owner households are spending 30% or more of their income on housing.

## Education



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	Metro Vancouver		New Westminster	
Population Aged 15 and over	1,752,385		49,455	
Below High School Certificate	303,345	17.3%	8,640	17.5%
High School Certificate	473,315	27.0%	13,210	26.7%
Trades or College Certificate or Diploma	432,830	24.7%	14,025	28.4%
Bachelors Degree or University Diploma	387,795	22.1%	9,665	19.5%
University Above Bachelors Degree	155,105	8.9%	3,910	7.9%

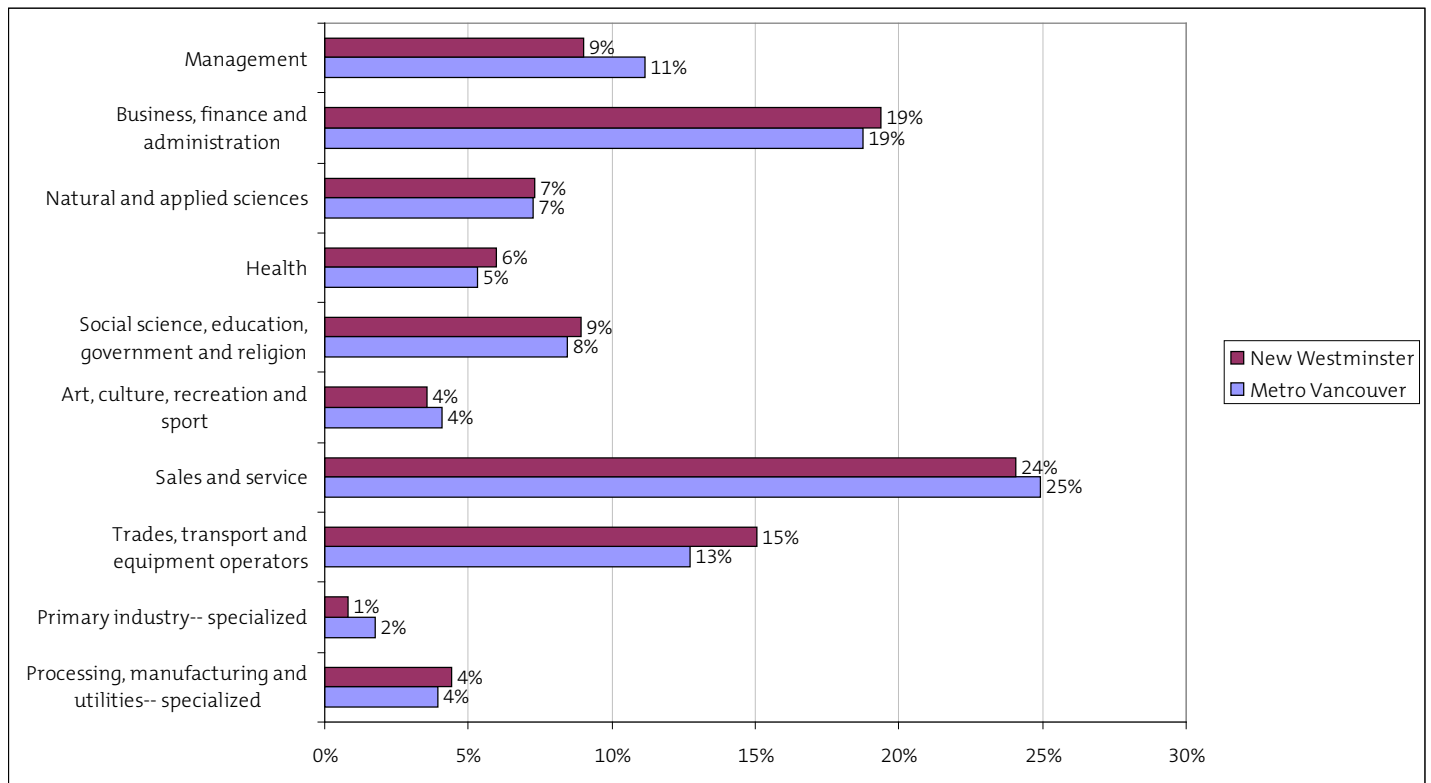
- Compared to the region, the City has quite a similar educational profile. The small differences are 3% more residents with a trades/college diploma, and 2% fewer residents with a Bachelors degree or university diploma.

## Labour Force

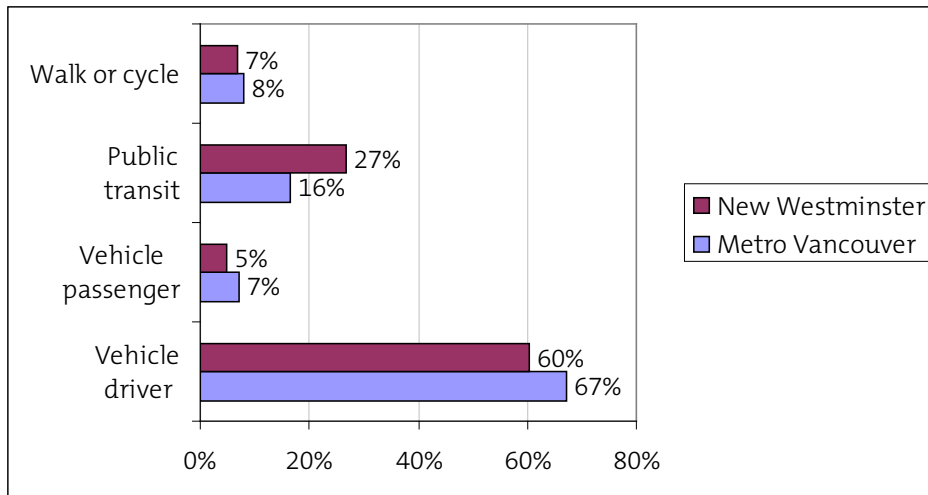
	Metro Vancouver	New Westminster
Population 15 years and over	1,752,390	49,455
Labour force 15 years and over	1,169,720	34,260
Participation rate	66.7%	69.3%
Unemployment rate	5.6%	5.6%

- The City has 2% fewer employed in management, and 2% more working in trades, transport and equipment.
- New Westminster's participation rate is 3% higher than the region's. Both areas have the exact same unemployment rate.

## Occupations



## Mode of Travel to Work



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

## Ethnic Origin

	Metro Vancouver		New Westminster	
Total population	2,097,965		57,850	
Single responses	1,273,220	60.7%	30,775	53.2%
Multiple responses	824,740	39.3%	27,075	46.8%
<b>Top 10 Ethnicities</b>			<b>Top 10 Ethnicities</b>	
English	484,340		English	15,405
Chinese	402,000		Scottish	11,645
Scottish	337,230		Canadian	9,245
Canadian	278,350		Irish	9,020
Irish	251,695		German	6,090
German	203,715		French	4,455
East Indian	181,890		Chinese	4,245
French	137,270		East Indian	4,110
Filipino	83,765		Filipino	3,380
Ukrainian	81,725		Ukrainian	2,795

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

## Home Language

	Metro Vancouver		New Westminster		
Total Population	2,097,965	100.0%	57,845	100.0%	
Multiple responses	64,120	3.1%	1,635	2.8%	
Single responses	2,033,840	96.9%	56,215	97.2%	
<b>Top 5 Languages</b>			<b>Top 5 Languages</b>		
English	1,478,110	70.5%	English	45,650	78.9%
Cantonese	104,685	5.0%	Punjabi	1,785	3.1%
Chinese (other)	88,730	4.2%	Filipino	1,000	1.7%
Punjabi	87,155	4.2%	Mandarin	980	1.7%
Mandarin	59,680	2.8%	Korean	820	1.4%

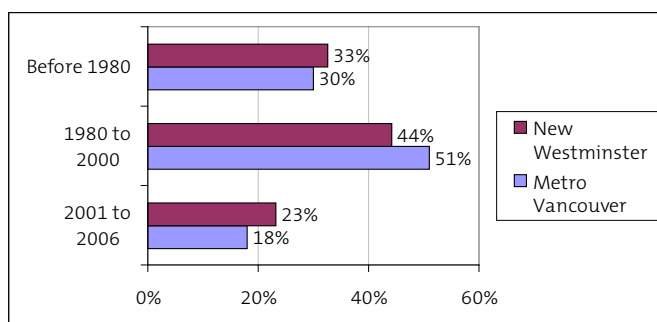
- In ethnic origin, both the City and region have the same top ten ethnicities. In Metro Vancouver, Chinese is a much more prominent origin.
- In the City, English is 8% more prevalent as a home language. Chinese languages are much less prominent in New Westminster, spoken at home by only 1.7% of residents, compared to 12.0% for the region.
- Punjabi has a very similar share for both areas.

## Citizenship & Immigration

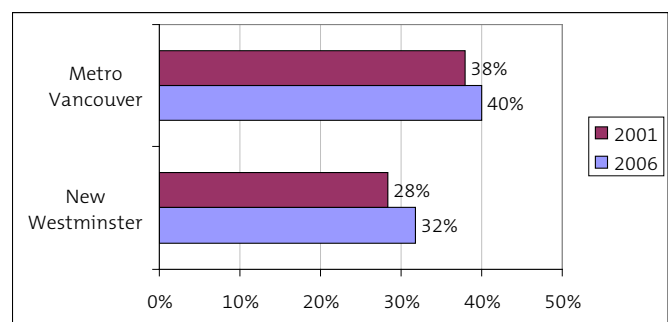
	Metro Vancouver		New Westminister		
Total population	2,097,965		57,850		
Canadian citizens	1,859,815	88.6%	52,100	90.1%	
Not Canadian citizens	238,150	11.4%	5,750	9.9%	
Non-Immigrants	1,227,495	58.5%	38,630	66.8%	
Immigrants	831,265	39.6%	18,360	31.7%	
<b>Top 10 Source Countries Overall</b>					
China	137,245	16.5%	Philippines	2,425	13.2%
India	90,095	10.8%	India	2,045	11.1%
Hong Kong	75,780	9.1%	United Kingdom	1,585	8.6%
United Kingdom	63,940	7.7%	China	1,430	7.8%
Philippines	62,960	7.6%	South Korea	795	4.3%
Taiwan	40,805	4.9%	Romania	615	3.3%
South Korea	30,995	3.7%	Hong Kong	575	3.1%
United States of America	24,780	3.0%	United States of America	560	3.1%
Vietnam	22,950	2.8%	Fiji	370	2.0%
Iran	21,615	2.6%	Poland	365	2.0%
<b>Top 3 Recent Source Countries (2001-2006)</b>					
Total	151,690		Total	4,250	
China	39,795	26.2%	Philippines	710	16.7%
India	18,765	12.4%	China	690	16.2%
Philippines	16,460	10.9%	Romania	435	10.2%

- Compared to the region, the City has a similar share of Canadian citizens and 8% fewer immigrants.
- In New Westminister, the Philippines and Romania are much more significant source countries of immigrants. China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan are much less prominent.
- In both City and region, recent immigrants make up 7% of total population. For the City, the Philippines and Romania are more common source countries of recent immigrants. China and India are less significant than they are for the region.
- In the City, a 5% higher share of immigrants have come to Canada since 2001, and 7% fewer arrived between 1980 and 2000.
- Immigrants' share of the total population is increasing both City-wide and in Metro Vancouver. In New Westminister, their share is increasing at a slightly higher rate.

### 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 Westminister population may be shown as either 57,850 or 57,845. Both totals can be considered correct and accurate.