

A Note About Neighbourhood Profiles

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Distinct Neighbourhood Features

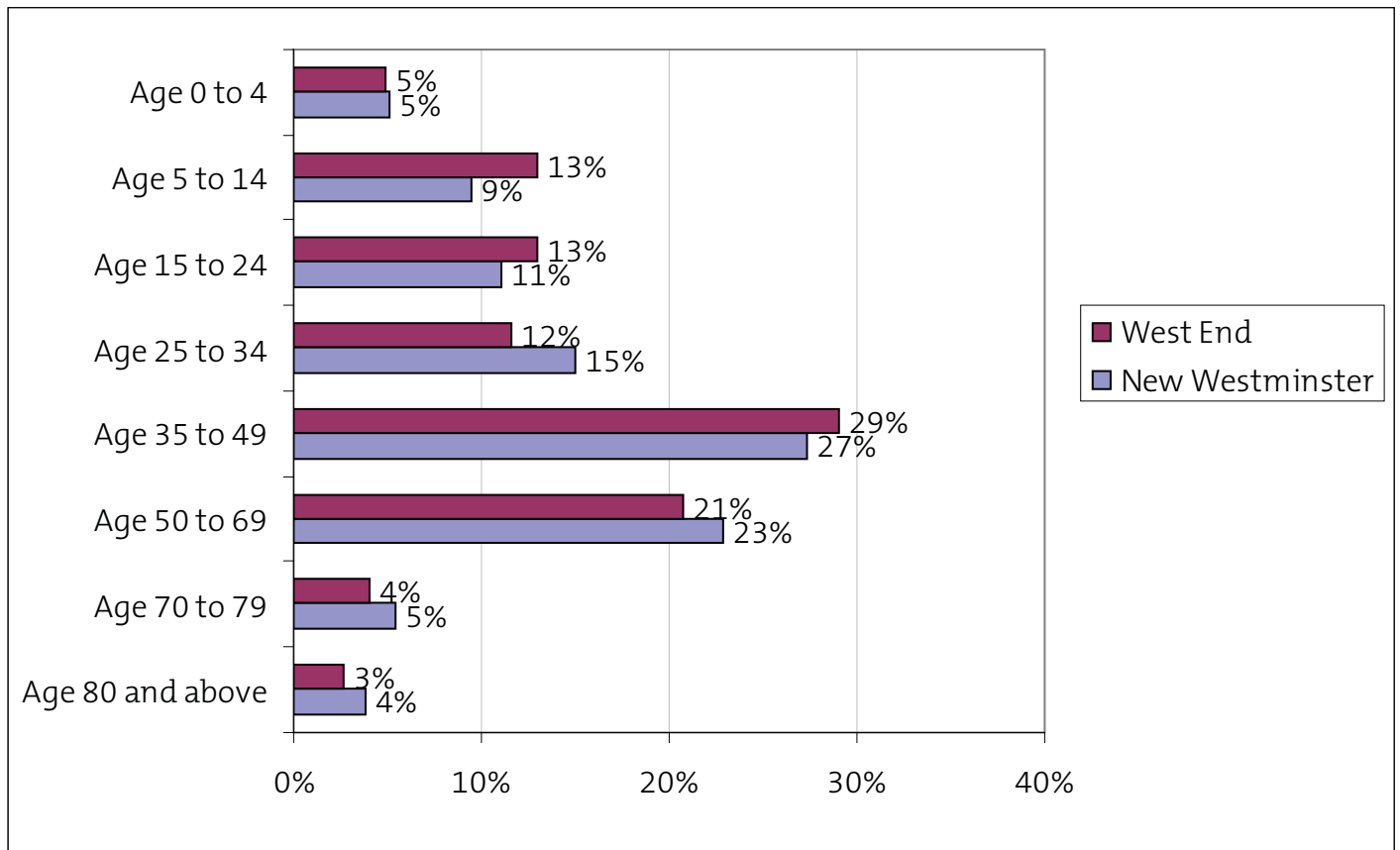
The West End is growing but at a much slower pace than the City. It has more children and teens aged 5 to 14, and slightly fewer young adults. In the City, 39% of households are persons living alone, and 23% are couples with children. In the West End, 38% of households are couples with children, and 20% are persons living alone. Households are less likely to have moved within the last 5 years. The West End has significantly higher household income. Almost half (48%) of households live in single family homes. A much greater share of households owns their home. Its education and occupational profile is very similar to the City's, but residents are 6% less likely to take transit to work. English is more prevalent as a home language. Immigrants represent a lower share of the population. This share is decreasing in the West End at the same time that it is increasing City-wide. Among all immigrants, India is a more significant source country here than City-wide. Recent immigrants are much less likely to have settled in the West End.

Population & Age Groups

	New Westminster		West End	
Total population	57,850		4,400	
Age 0 to 4	2,925	5.1%	220	5.0%
Age 5 to 14	5,480	9.5%	580	13.2%
Age 15 to 24	6,410	11.1%	555	12.6%
Age 25 to 34	8,700	15.0%	520	11.8%
Age 35 to 49	15,795	27.3%	1,270	28.9%
Age 50 to 69	13,215	22.8%	930	21.1%
Age 70 to 79	3,140	5.4%	180	4.1%
Age 80 and above	2,195	3.8%	120	2.7%

- Total population is up 2.1% since 2001, compared with 7.5% City-wide.
- The West End makes up 7.6% of the City's population.
- Compared to the City, the West End has 4% more persons aged 5 to 14, and 3% fewer aged 25 to 34. Otherwise, its age profile is very similar to the City-wide profile.

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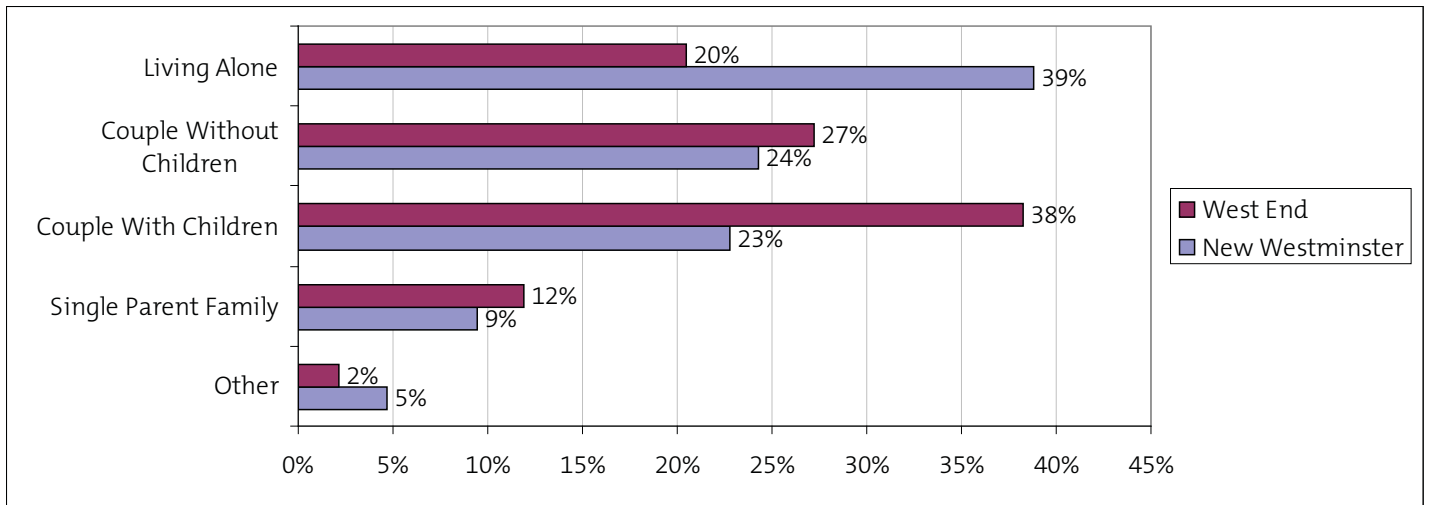
Types of Households & Mobility

	New Westminster		West End	
Total Family and Household Types*	27,585		1,635	
Living Alone	10,700	38.8%	335	20.5%
Couple Without Children	6,700	24.3%	445	27.2%
Couple With Children	6,280	22.8%	625	38.2%
Single Parent Family	2,605	9.4%	195	11.9%
Other	1,300	4.7%	35	2.1%
Total Households*	27,050		1,565	
Multiple-Family Households	505	1.9%	60	3.8%
Average Household Size	2.1		2.8	
Population moved within last 5 years	28,885	52.6%	1,665	39.9%

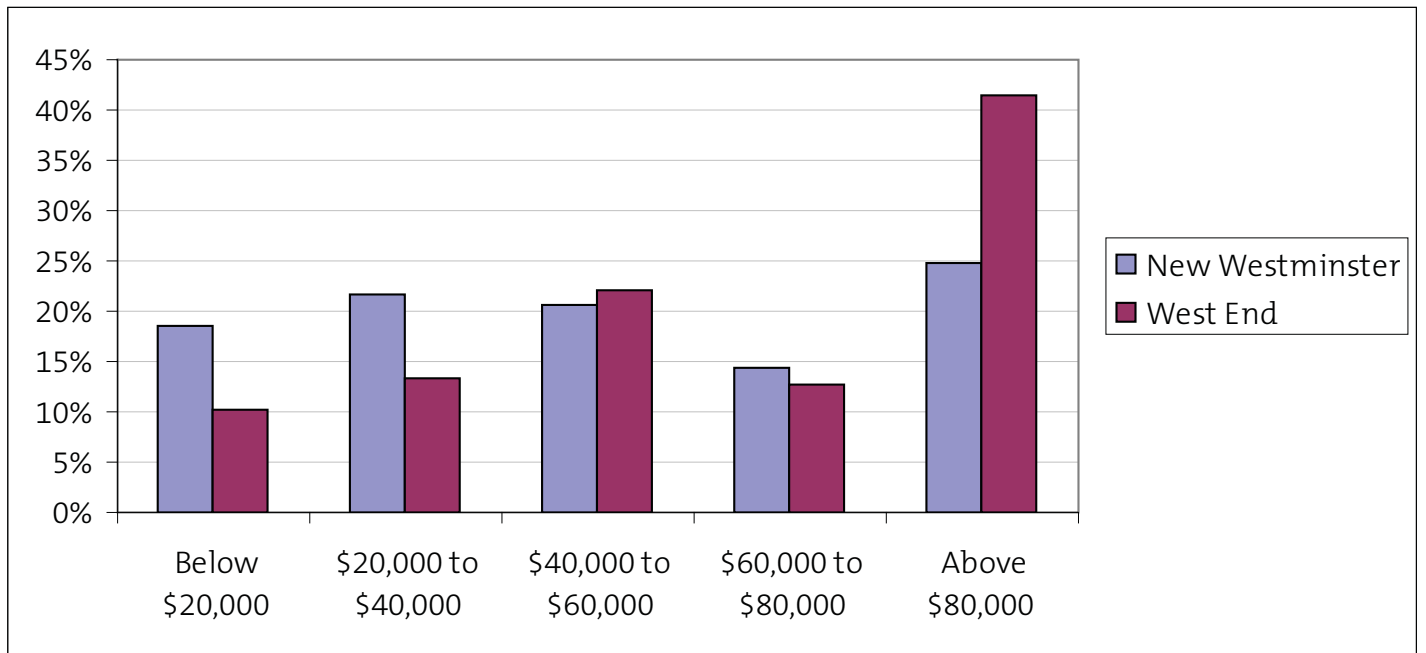
*Note: The total of family/household types is greater than the number of total households because some families live together in multiple-family households.

- The West End's household mix has 15% more couples with children, and 19% fewer persons living alone. It has a slightly higher share of single parent families.
- In the West End, 13% fewer households have moved within the last 5 years. Compared to the City, this neighbourhood has twice the proportion of multiple-family households.

Types of Households



Household Income



Household Income

Household income in 2005	New Westminster		West End	
Total Households	27,045		1,565	
Below \$20,000	4,995	18.5%	160	10.2%
\$20,000 to \$40,000	5,870	21.7%	210	13.4%
\$40,000 to \$60,000	5,575	20.6%	345	22.0%
\$60,000 to \$80,000	3,890	14.4%	200	12.8%
Above \$80,000	6,720	24.8%	650	41.5%
Median household income	\$ 48,773		\$ 66,629	
Average household income	\$ 60,408		\$ 86,659	
Prevalence of low income		20.3%		15.8%

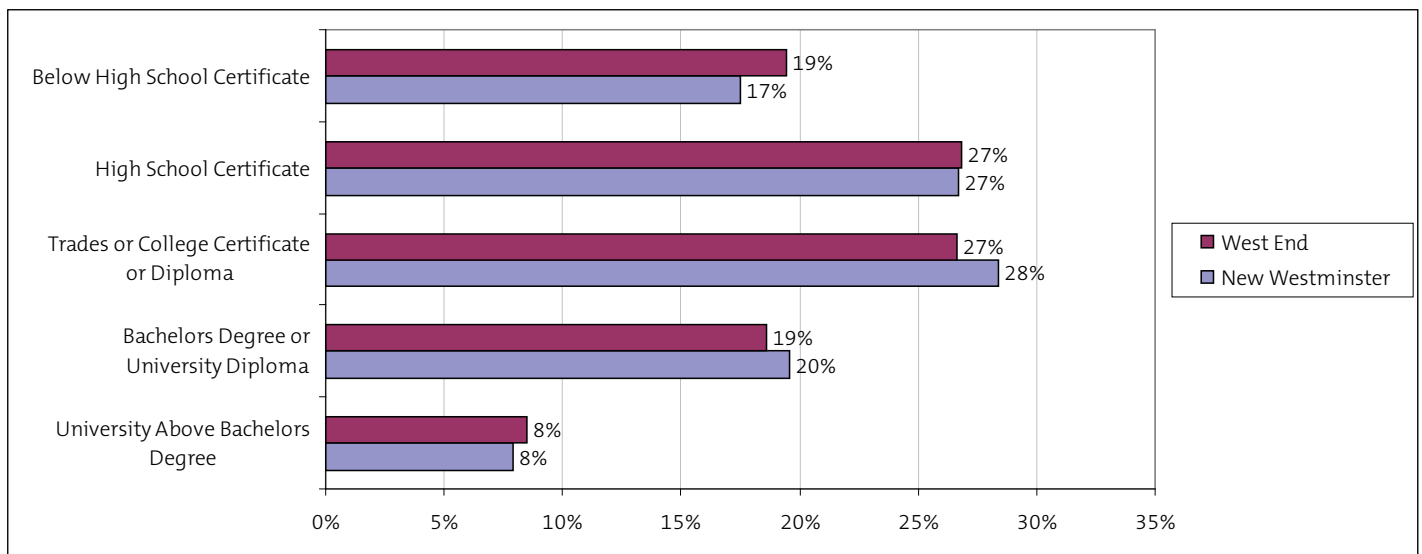
- Compared to the City, in the West End there are 8% fewer households in each of the lowest two income categories, and 17% more in the highest income category.
- The West End's median household income is 37% higher than the City's. Prevalence of low income is 4.5% below the City-wide rate.

Housing Types, Tenure & Affordability

	New Westminster		West End	
Total Occupied Dwellings	27,050		1,565	
Apartment	17,875	66.1%	265	16.9%
Townhouse/Duplex	1,145	4.2%	70	4.5%
Single Family	5,055	18.7%	750	47.9%
Single Family with Suite	1,458	5.4%	235	15.0%
Secondary Suite	1,458	5.4%	235	15.0%
Rented	12,495	46.2%	410	26.2%
Owned	14,555	53.8%	1,155	73.8%
Tenant households spending 30% or more of income on housing	4,895	39.2%	135	32.9%
Owner households spending 30% or more of income on housing	3,710	25.5%	280	24.2%

- Almost half of all households live in single family homes, comprising a 29% higher share than City-wide. Apartment households are less prevalent in the West End, representing a 49% lower share of households than City-wide.
- 26% of West End households rent housing, which is a 20% lower share than City-wide. 33% of renter households struggle with affordability, which is 6% below the City-wide share.

Education



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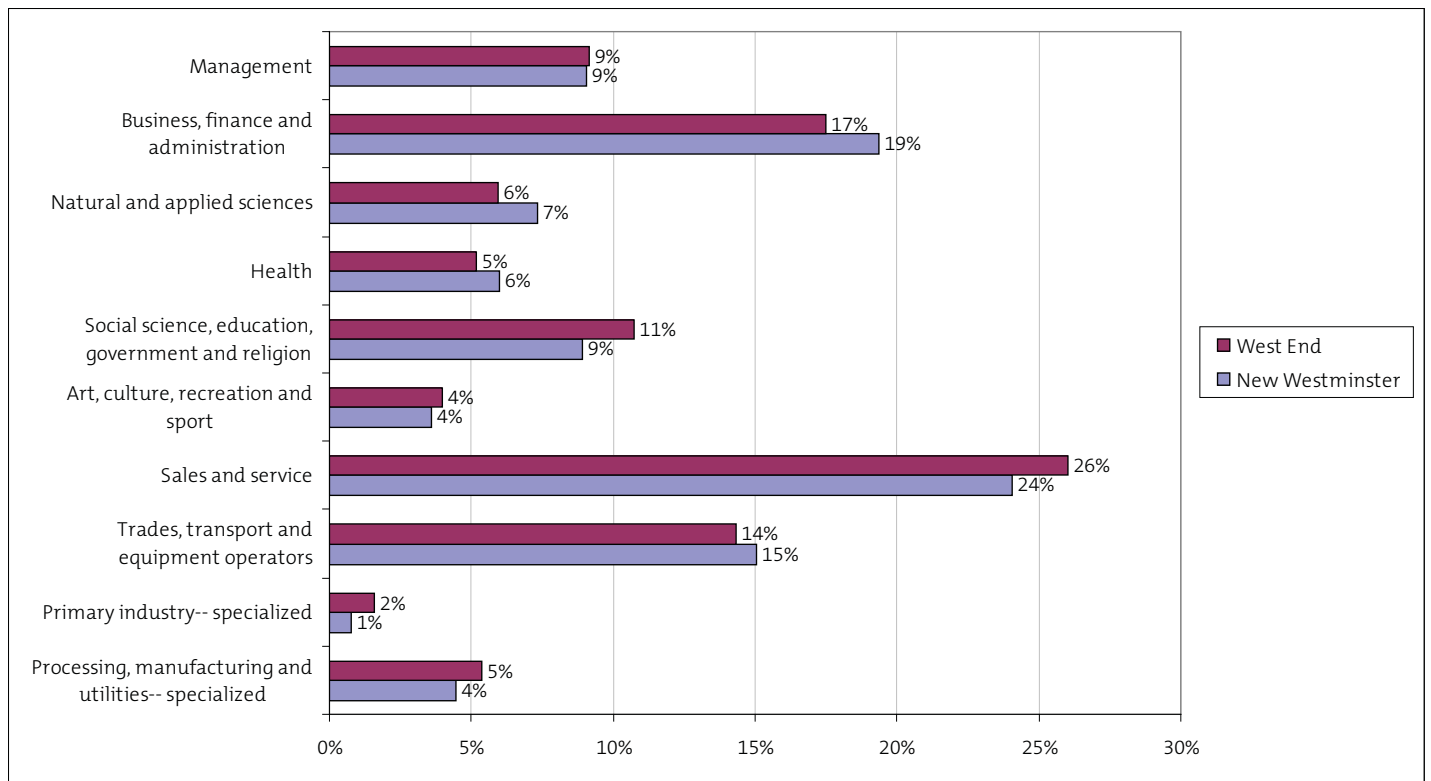
	New Westminster		West End	
Population Aged 15 and over	49,455		3,600	
Below High School Certificate	8,640	17.5%	700	19.4%
High School Certificate	13,210	26.7%	965	26.8%
Trades or College Certificate or Diploma	14,025	28.4%	960	26.7%
Bachelors Degree or University Diploma	9,665	19.5%	670	18.6%
University Above Bachelors Degree	3,910	7.9%	305	8.5%

- The West End's educational profile is almost identical to the City-wide profile. The West End has a 2% higher share of persons with less than high school completion.
- The West End's participation rate is the same as the City's. It has a 2% lower unemployment rate.
- In this neighbourhood, 3% fewer residents live and work in New Westminster.
- In the West End, by proportion there are 2% fewer residents employed in business, finance and administration; 2% more employed in social science, education and government; and 2% more in sales and service.

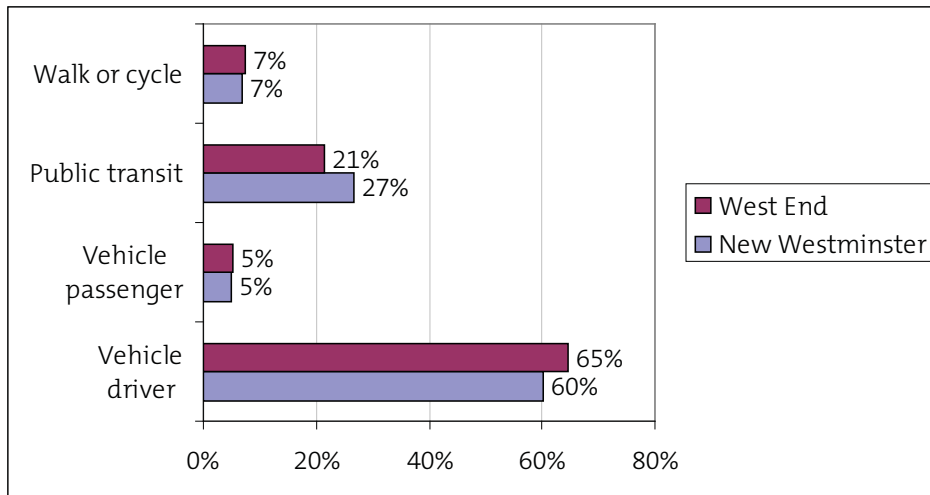
Labour Force

	New Westminster	West End
Population 15 years and over	49,455	3,600
Labour force 15 years and over	34,260	2,515
Participation rate	69.3%	70.0%
Unemployment rate	5.6%	4.0%
Live and Work in New Westminster (incl. home-based)	20.2%	17.2%

Occupations



Mode of Travel to Work



- West End residents are 6% less likely to take transit to work, and 5% more likely to drive to work.
- Transit's share of work trips is up 4% since 2001, vs. 7% for the City.
- Walking and cycling's share is unchanged since 2001, vs. down by 2% for the City.
- The share of residents driving to work is down 4% City-wide since 2001. In the West End it is down by 1%.

Ethnic Origin

	New Westminster		West End	
Total population	57,850		4,400	
Single responses	30,775	53.2%	2,320	52.7%
Multiple responses	27,075	46.8%	2,080	47.3%
Top 10 Ethnicities			Top 10 Ethnicities	
English	15,405		English	1,175
Scottish	11,645		Scottish	1,100
Canadian	9,245		Irish	775
Irish	9,020		Canadian	740
German	6,090		German	520
French	4,455		East Indian	470
Chinese	4,245		Italian	305
East Indian	4,110		Filipino	280
Filipino	3,380		French	280
Ukrainian	2,795		Chinese	250

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

Home Language

	New Westminster		West End	
Total population	57,845	100.0%	4,400	
Multiple responses	1,635	2.8%	95	2.2%
Single responses	56,215	97.2%	4,300	97.7%
Top 5 Languages			Top 5 Languages	
English	45,650	78.9%	English	3,645
Punjabi	1,785	3.1%	Punjabi	170
Filipino	1,000	1.7%	Filipino	150
Mandarin	980	1.7%	Chinese (other)	85
Korean	820	1.4%	Vietnamese	35

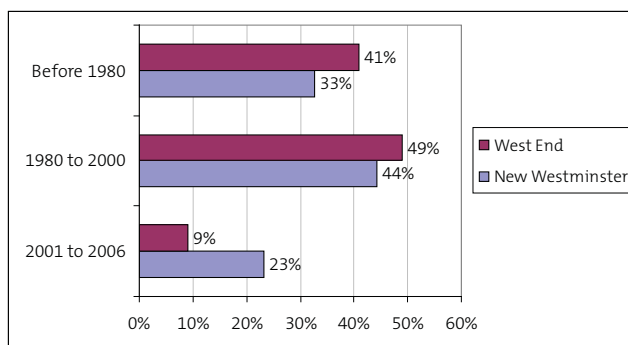
- Compared to the City, East Indian and Italian ethnic identities are more prevalent in the West End. French and Chinese identities are less common.
- As a home language, English is 4% more prevalent in the West End. It increased 9% in prevalence between 2001-2006, notably higher than the City-wide increase of 3% during this same period. For both areas, the other significant languages are all Asian languages.

Citizenship & Immigration

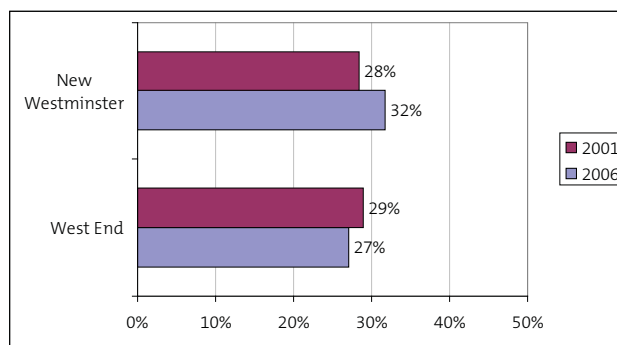
	New Westminster		West End		
Total population	57,850		4,400		
Canadian citizens	52,100	90.1%	4,205	95.6%	
Not Canadian citizens	5,750	9.9%	195	4.4%	
Non-Immigrants	38,630	66.8%	3,150	71.7%	
Immigrants	18,360	31.7%	1,200	27.3%	
Top 10 Source Countries Overall					
Philippines	2,425	13.2%	India	265	22.1%
India	2,045	11.1%	Philippines	190	15.8%
United Kingdom	1,585	8.6%	Italy	75	6.3%
China	1,430	7.8%	Vietnam	70	5.8%
South Korea	795	4.3%	United Kingdom	65	5.4%
Romania	615	3.3%	United States of America	50	4.2%
Hong Kong	575	3.1%	Hong Kong	45	3.8%
United States of America	560	3.1%	Fiji	35	2.9%
Fiji	370	2.0%	South Korea	30	2.5%
Poland	365	2.0%	Taiwan	30	2.5%
Top 3 Recent Source Countries (2001-2006)					
Total	4,250		Total	110	
Philippines	710	16.7%	Philippines	45	40.9%
China	690	16.2%	Taiwan	25	22.7%
Romania	435	10.2%	India	15	13.6%

- Compared to the City, in this neighbourhood Canadian citizens make up a 6% higher proportion of the population. Immigrants make up a 4% lower share of the population.
- Source countries such as India, Italy, and Vietnam are more prominent in the West End. China is less prominent.
- Recent immigrants make up 7.3% of the City's population, but only account for 2.5% of the West End's population. The Philippines is the major source country of recent immigrants in the West End. It accounts for more than twice the share of recent immigrants in the West End than it does City-wide.
- Between 2001-2006, the share of immigrants in the City increased by 4%. The West End showed the opposite trend, as immigrants' share of the population decreased by 2%.
- The West End's time pattern of immigration is very different from the City's. In the West End, immigrants were much more likely to have come to Canada before 1980, and somewhat more likely to have arrived between 1980 and 2000. Recent immigrants are much less likely to have settled in the West End. Among all immigrants, this group accounts for 23% City-wide but only 9% in the West End.

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.