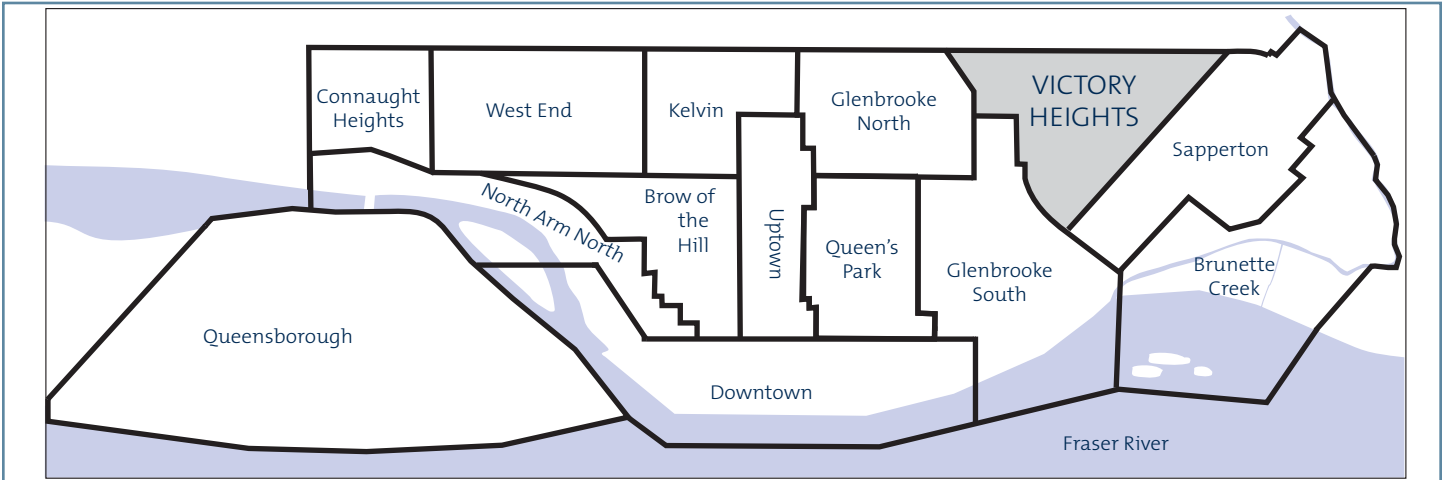




Victory Heights

2006 Census



A Note About Neighbourhood Profiles

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Distinct Neighbourhood Features

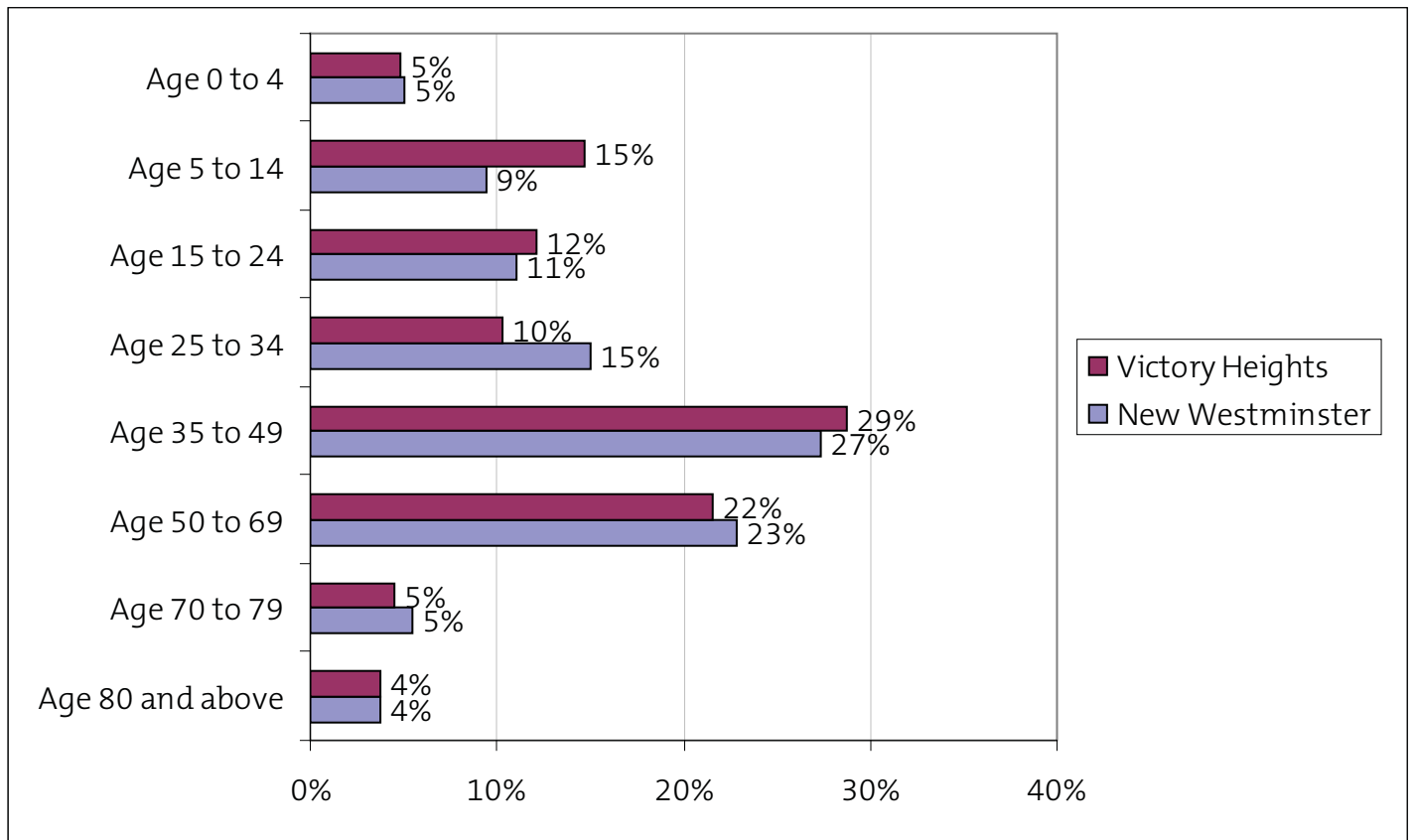
Victory Heights is growing at a slightly lower pace than the City. It has more children and youth aged 5 to 14, and fewer young adults aged 25 to 34. More households consist of couples with children, and there are fewer persons living alone. Households are less likely to have moved within the last five years. Victory Heights has significantly higher median household income. Most households (62%) live in single family homes. Housing choice is more limited in that there are no townhouses in the neighbourhood. A much greater share of households owns their home. Its education and occupational profile is very similar to the City’s. Although residents are 7% more likely to live and work within New Westminster, they are less likely to commute by transit, and more likely to drive to work. As a home language, English is 10% more prevalent here than City-wide. Overall, immigrants make up a smaller proportion of the population. However, recent immigrants are more likely to have settled here. Among recent immigrants, the Philippines is the source country with the highest share (39%).

Population & Age Groups

	New Westminster		Victory Heights	
Total population	57,850		3,640	
Age 0 to 4	2,925	5.1%	175	4.8%
Age 5 to 14	5,480	9.5%	535	14.7%
Age 15 to 24	6,410	11.1%	440	12.1%
Age 25 to 34	8,700	15.0%	375	10.3%
Age 35 to 49	15,795	27.3%	1,045	28.7%
Age 50 to 69	13,215	22.8%	785	21.6%
Age 70 to 79	3,140	5.4%	165	4.5%
Age 80 and above	2,195	3.8%	135	3.7%

- Total population is up 5.8% since 2001, compared with 7.5% City-wide.
- Victory Heights makes up 6.3% of the City’s population.
- Compared to the City, Victory Heights has 6% more children and youth aged 5 to 14, and 5% fewer young adults aged 25 to 34.

Population & Age Groups



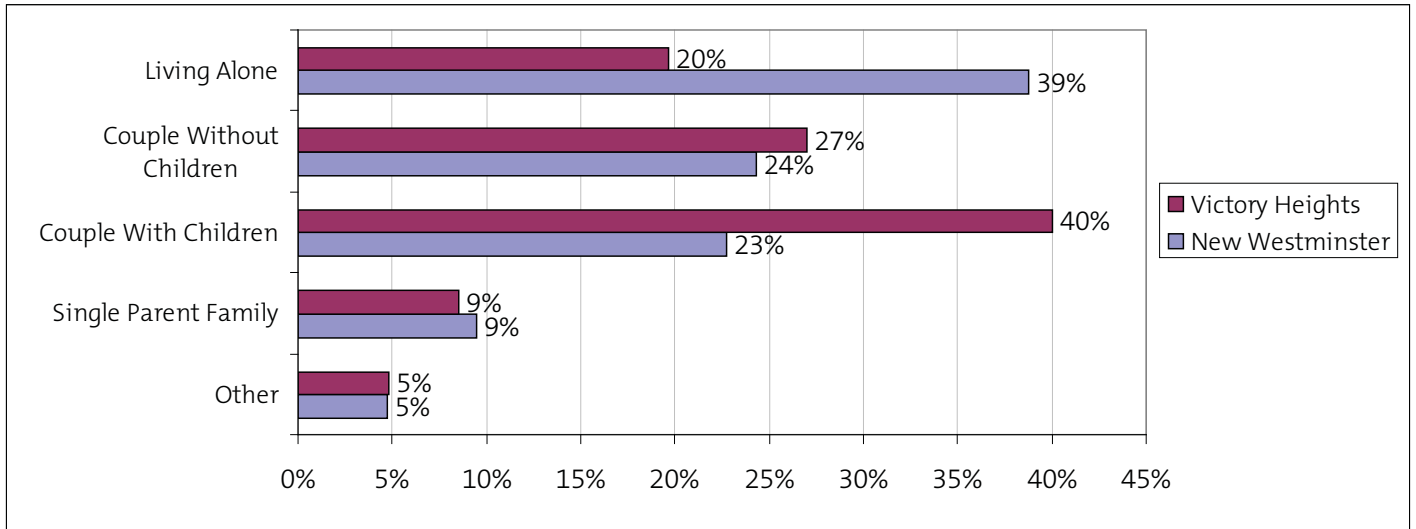
Types of Households & Mobility

	New Westminster		Victory Heights	
Total Family and Household Types*	27,585		1,350	
Living Alone	10,700	38.8%	265	19.6%
Couple Without Children	6,700	24.3%	365	27.0%
Couple With Children	6,280	22.8%	540	40.0%
Single Parent Family	2,605	9.4%	115	8.5%
Other	1,300	4.7%	65	4.8%
Total Households*	27,050		1,325	
Multiple-Family Households	505	1.9%	25	1.9%
Average Household Size	2.1		2.7	
Population moved within last 5 years	28,885	52.6%	1,400	40.5%

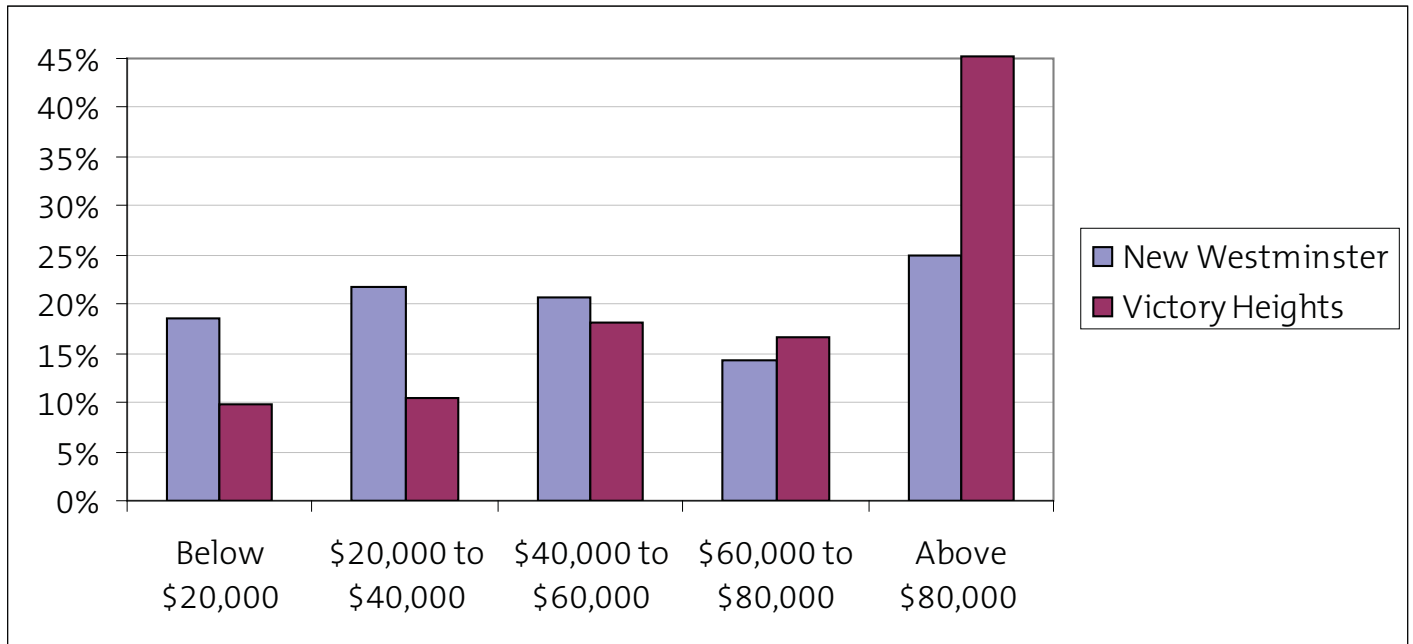
*Note: The total of family/household types is greater than the number of total households because some families live together in multiple-family households.

- Couples with children are the most prominent household type in the neighbourhood. Average household size is 29% higher than City-wide.
- Victory Heights' household mix has 17% more couples with children, 3% more couples without children, and 19% fewer persons living alone.
- In Victory Heights, 12% fewer households have moved within the last 5 years.

Types of Households



Household Income



Household Income

Household income in 2005	New Westminster		Victory Heights	
Total Households	27,045		1,330	
Below \$20,000	4,995	18.5%	130	9.8%
\$20,000 to \$40,000	5,870	21.7%	140	10.5%
\$40,000 to \$60,000	5,575	20.6%	240	18.0%
\$60,000 to \$80,000	3,890	14.4%	220	16.5%
Above \$80,000	6,720	24.8%	600	45.1%
Median household income	\$ 48,773		\$ 71,107	
Average household income	\$ 60,408		\$ 88,095	
Prevalence of low income		20.3%		11.3%

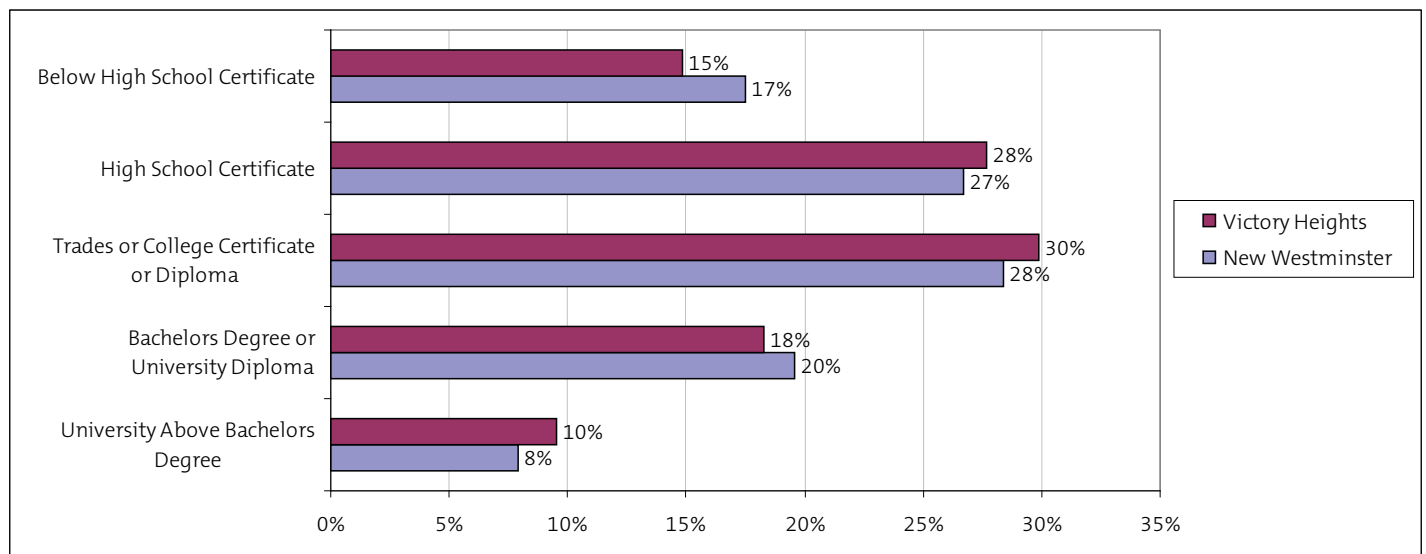
- Compared to the City, in Victory Heights there are 9% and 11% fewer households respectively in the lowest two income categories, and 20% more households in the highest income category.
- Victory Heights' median household income is 46% higher than the City's. There is a low prevalence of low income (11%), 9% below the City-wide rate.

Housing Types, Tenure & Affordability

	New Westminster		Victory Heights	
Total Occupied Dwellings	27,050		1,330	
Apartment	17,875	66.1%	215	16.2%
Townhouse/Duplex	1,145	4.2%	0	0.0%
Single Family	5,055	18.7%	820	61.7%
Single Family with Suite	1,458	5.4%	143	10.7%
Secondary Suite	1,458	5.4%	143	10.7%
Rented	12,495	46.2%	295	22.2%
Owned	14,555	53.8%	1,030	77.4%
Tenant households spending 30% or more of income on housing	4,895	39.2%	120	40.7%
Owner households spending 30% or more of income on housing	3,710	25.5%	215	20.9%

- The majority of households (62%) lives in single family homes, comprising a 43% higher share than City-wide. Apartments are 50% less common than they are City-wide. There are no townhouses in Victory Heights.
- 77% of Victory Heights households own housing, which is a 24% higher share than City-wide. 21% of owner households struggle with affordability, which is 5% lower than the City-wide share.

Education



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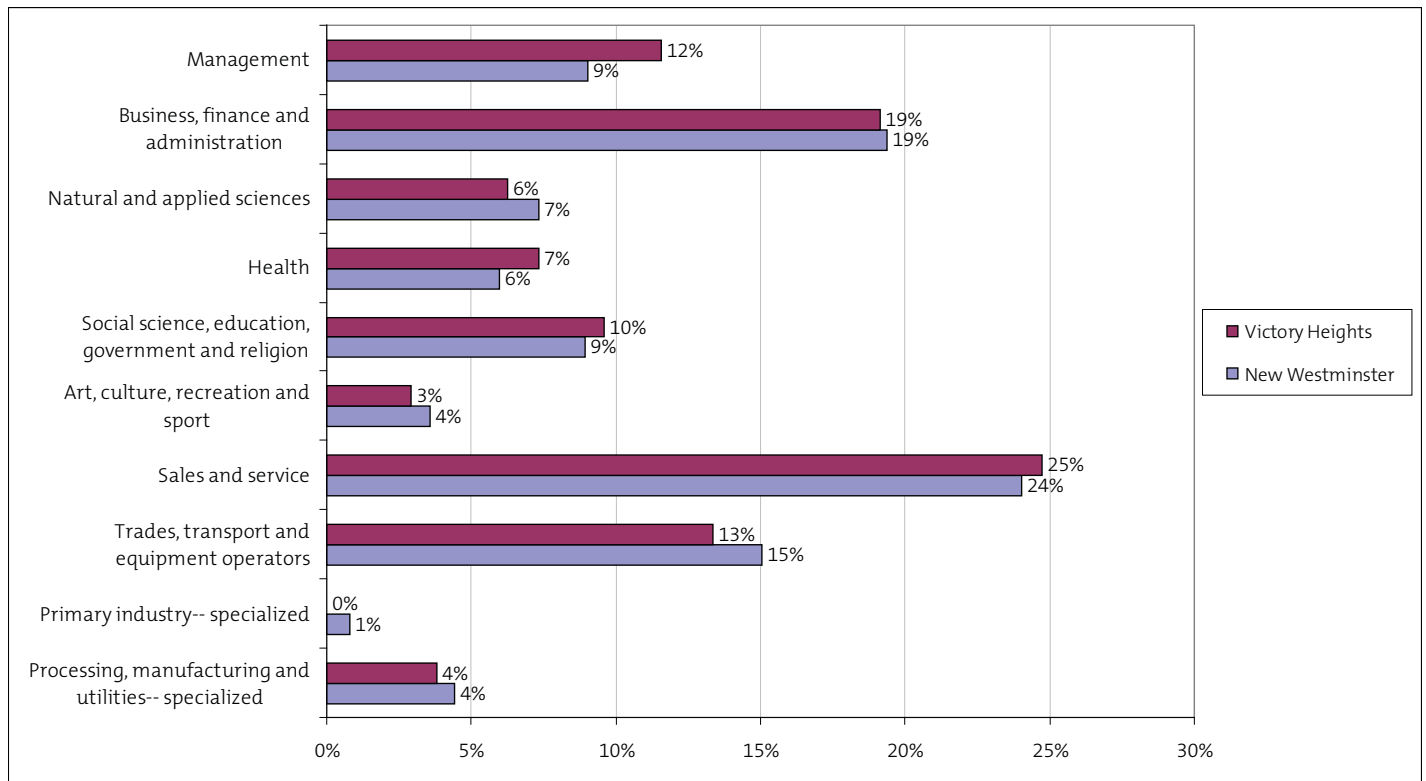
	New Westminster		Victory Heights	
Population Aged 15 and over	49,455		2,930	
Below High School Certificate	8,640	17.5%	435	14.8%
High School Certificate	13,210	26.7%	810	27.6%
Trades or College Certificate or Diploma	14,025	28.4%	875	29.9%
Bachelors Degree or University Diploma	9,665	19.5%	535	18.3%
University Above Bachelors Degree	3,910	7.9%	280	9.6%

- Victory Heights and the City have very similar education profiles. Trades or college diploma and high school completion are the most common levels of educational achievement.
- Victory Heights' participation rate is 7% higher than the City's. It has a 3% lower unemployment rate.
- In this neighbourhood, 7% more residents live and work in New Westminster.
- The occupational profiles of Victory Heights and the City are also very similar, with sales and service as the most common occupational group.
- In Victory Heights, there are 3% more residents employed in management.

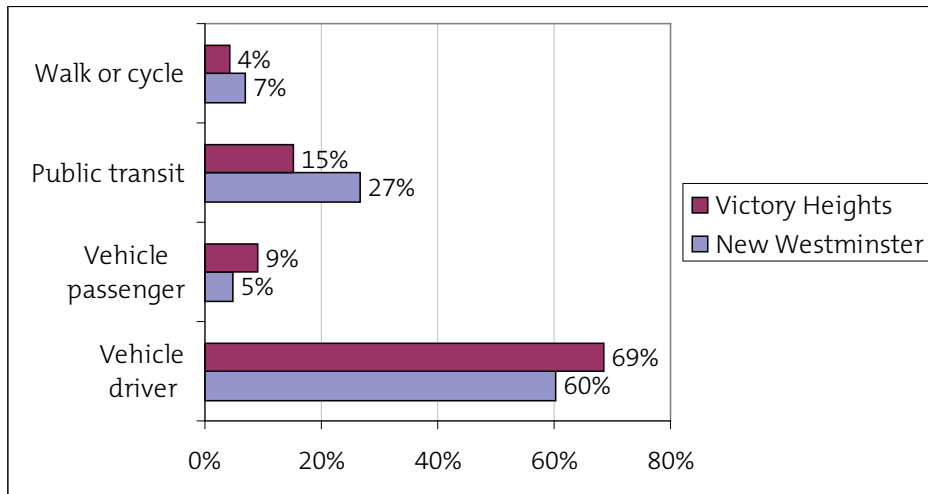
Labour Force

	New Westminster	Victory Heights
Population 15 years and over	49,455	2,930
Labour force 15 years and over	34,260	2,245
Participation rate	69.3%	76.6%
Unemployment rate	5.6%	2.7%
Live and Work in New Westminster (incl. home-based)	20.2%	26.8%

Occupations



Mode of Travel to Work



- Victory Heights residents are 9% more likely drive to work, and 12% less likely to take transit to work. However, they are 4% more likely to commute as a vehicle passenger.
- Vehicle passengers' share of work trips is up 4% since 2001, vs. a 1% decrease for the City.
- Driving's share is down 9% since 2001, vs. 4% for the City.

Ethnic Origin

	New Westminster		Victory Heights	
Total population	57,850		3,635	
Single responses	30,775	53.2%	1,705	46.8%
Multiple responses	27,075	46.8%	1,930	53.0%
Top 10 Ethnicities			Top 10 Ethnicities	
English	15,405		English	1,105
Scottish	11,645		Scottish	965
Canadian	9,245		Canadian	775
Irish	9,020		Irish	555
German	6,090		German	380
French	4,455		French	345
Chinese	4,245		Filipino	255
East Indian	4,110		Ukrainian	225
Filipino	3,380		Chinese	210
Ukrainian	2,795		East Indian	185

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

Home Language

	New Westminster		Victory Heights		
Total population	57,845	100.0%	3,640	100.0%	
Multiple responses	1,635	2.8%	60	1.6%	
Single responses	56,215	97.2%	3,580	98.4%	
Top 5 Languages			Top 5 Languages		
English	45,650	78.9%	English	3,225	88.6%
Punjabi	1,785	3.1%	Cantonese	90	2.5%
Filipino	1,000	1.7%	French	65	1.8%
Mandarin	980	1.7%	Hungarian	45	1.2%
Korean	820	1.4%	Punjabi	30	0.8%

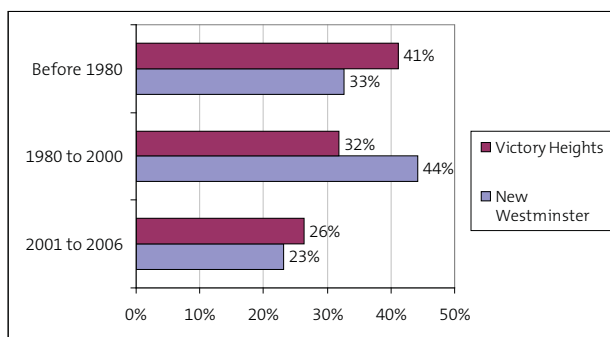
- Victory Heights' pattern of ethnic identity is very similar to the City's pattern. Filipino and Ukrainian origins are somewhat more prominent in Victory Heights. Chinese and East Indian origins are less common.
- English is 10% more prevalent in Victory Heights. It increased 9% in prevalence between 2001-2006 in Victory Heights vs. 3% City-wide during the same period. Cantonese and French are more common in this neighbourhood. Punjabi and Filipino are less prominent.

Citizenship & Immigration

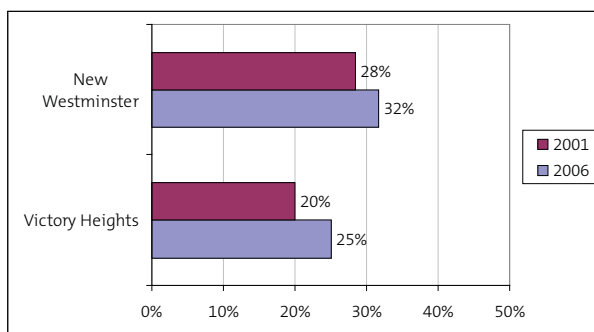
	New Westminster		Victory Heights		
Total population	57,850		3,635		
Canadian citizens	52,100	90.1%	3,340	91.9%	
Not Canadian citizens	5,750	9.9%	300	8.3%	
Non-Immigrants	38,630	66.8%	2,700	74.2%	
Immigrants	18,360	31.7%	910	25.0%	
Top 10 Source Countries Overall					
Philippines	2,425	13.2%	Philippines	165	18.1%
India	2,045	11.1%	Hong Kong	110	12.1%
United Kingdom	1,585	8.6%	United Kingdom	90	9.9%
China	1,430	7.8%	India	80	8.8%
South Korea	795	4.3%	Italy	35	3.8%
Romania	615	3.3%	Romania	30	3.3%
Hong Kong	575	3.1%	China	25	2.7%
United States of America	560	3.1%	South Korea	25	2.7%
Fiji	370	2.0%	Fiji	20	2.2%
Poland	365	2.0%	Iran	20	2.2%
Top 3 Recent Source Countries (2001-2006)					
Total	4,250		Total	245	
Philippines	710	16.7%	Philippines	95	38.8%
China	690	16.2%	Romania	35	14.3%
Romania	435	10.2%	South Korea	25	10.2%

- Compared to the City, Canadian citizens make up a 2% higher proportion of the population in Victory Heights.
- Immigrants make up a 7% lower share of the population.
- Between 2001-2006, the share of immigrants increased in both the City and Victory Heights at about the same rate.
- Compared to the City-wide profile, the Philippines and Hong Kong are more prominent overall source countries in Victory Heights. Between 2001-2006, the Philippines was by far the leading source country.
- Victory Heights also has a distinct time pattern of immigration, with 8% more immigrants coming to Canada before 1980, and 12% fewer arriving between 1980 and 2000.

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.