

Immigration and Ethnocultural Diversity

Immigrants Comprise Roughly 4% of New Brunswick's Population

The **foreign-born population** is also referred to as the **immigrant population**. An **immigrant** is a person who is or has ever been a landed immigrant/permanent resident. This person has been granted the right to live in Canada permanently by immigration authorities.

A **non-permanent resident** is a person from another country who has a work or study permit or who is a refugee claimant, and any non-Canadian-born family member living in Canada with them.

- One out of five people in Canada were foreign-born (immigrants) compared to roughly one out of 25 people in New Brunswick. According to the 2011 National Household Survey, 28,465 or 3.9% of New Brunswick's total population were immigrants. A further 3,130 (0.4%) of the total population were non-permanent residents, while the remaining 704,235 (95.7%) were Canadian-born (non-immigrants).
- More than 7,100 foreign-born people immigrated to New Brunswick between 2006 and 2011 (recent immigrants). These newcomers made up a quarter (25.1%) of the total foreign-born population in the province and 1.0% of the total population.
- Recent immigrants to the province were relatively young. Children aged 14 and under accounted for 24.6% of the newcomer population, and young adults ages 15 to 24 comprised another 17.1%. Seniors aged 65 and older represented a notably smaller proportion, 1.1% of all recent arrivals.
- The United States was the leading country of birth among all people who immigrated to New Brunswick, accounting for 28.9% of the total immigrant population. The top three countries of birth among recent immigrants to the province were South Korea (19.7%), the United States (11.7%) and the United Kingdom (9.4%).

