2021 Census Highlights - Immigration and Housing

Kingston, Ontario - Census Metropolitan Area (CMA)

The following highlights data for the Kingston CMA, which includes the City of Kingston and the Townships of South Frontenac, Loyalist and Frontenac Islands, available through the 2021 Census by Statistics Canada gathered on May 2021.

Newcomer Home Ownership

Statistics Canada defines immigrants as individuals who are or who have been permanent residents. Non-permanent residents includes individuals from another country who at the time of data collection are on a work or study permit or are refugee claimants.

- Kingston's immigrant and nonpermanent resident populations make up 14% (23,615 individuals) of Kingston's population.
- 12.1% (20,295 individuals) are immigrants and 2% (3,320 individuals) are non-permanent residents.
- In Kingston, 68.2% of individuals are home owners.

- Immigrants have high levels of home ownership in Kingston with 72.9% owning a home compared to the non-immigrant average of 68.8%.
- The likelihood that an immigrant owns a home appears dependent on the length of time they have lived in Canada. Recent immigrants who arrived in Canada within the past five years have a significantly lower rate of home ownership at 42.9%.
- Non-permanent residents have a low rate of home ownership at 12.2%, challenging the popular discourse that non-permanent residents such as those on study permits have high levels of home ownership.

Immigrant Home Ownership Across Kingston



Immigrant Home Owners (73%)

Immigrant Renters (27%)



Home Ownership in Kingston Based on Immigration Status

Immigration Status	2021	2016	Change
Immigrants	72.9%	74.2%	-1.3%
Recent Immigrants	42.9%	47%	-4.1%
Non-Permanent Residents	12.2%	20.6%	-8.4%
Total Population	68.2%	70.4%	-2.2%

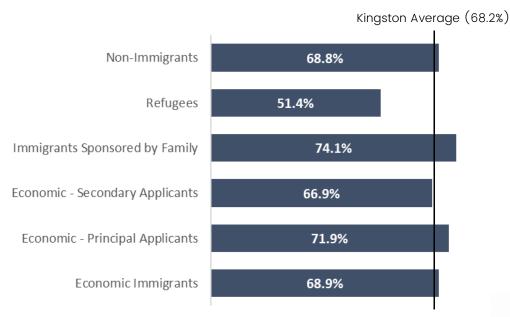
Admission Category and Home Ownership

Admission category refers to the immigration program that an immigrant received their permanent residency.

- Among permanent residents, immigrants who arrived to Canada through family sponsorship have the highest rate of home ownership at 74.1%.
- Economic immigrants are those who have been selected for their ability to contribute to Canada's economy through their ability to meet labour market needs, to own and manage or to build a business, to make a

- substantial investment or to create their own employment. 68.9% of economic immigrants own a home.
- Principal applicants under the economic immigrant category have a higher rate of home ownership at 71.9% compared to secondary applicants, defined as the married spouse, the common-law or conjugal partner or the dependent of the principal applicant at 66.9%.
- Individuals who arrived to Canada as refugees have the lowest rate of home ownership at 51.4%.

Home Ownership in Kingston Based on Admission Categories

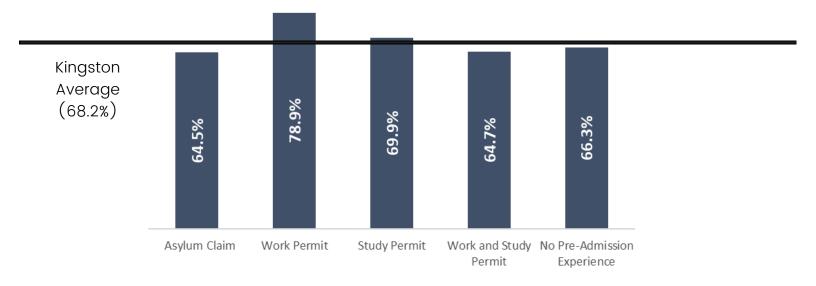




Pre-Admission Experience and Home Ownership

- Individuals who had an asylum claim prior to their permanent residency had the lowest rate of home ownership at 64.5%.
- Individuals who had a work permit prior to their permanent residency have the highest rate of home ownership at 78.9% compared to those with an asylum claim, study permit, work and study permit or no pre-admission experience.

Home Ownership Based on Pre-Admission Experience



Knowledge of Official Languages and Home Ownership

- Individuals who have knowledge of both English and French have the highest rate of home ownership at 72.8%, followed by individuals who have knowledge of English at 67.6%
- Individuals who have knowledge of only French have the second lowest rate of home ownership at 62.8% followed by individuals with no knowledge of either official languages at 58%.

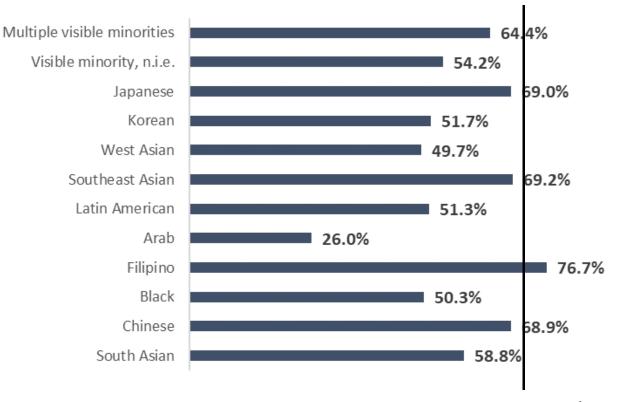


Visible Minority Status and Home Ownership

Statistics Canada uses the term visible minority, defined as persons, other than Indigenous Peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour, as stated by the Employment Equity Act.

- Individuals who are visible minorities have a lower rate of home ownership at 57.1% compared to nonvisible minorities with a home ownership rate of 69.6%.
- Individuals that identify as Arabs have the lowest rate of home ownership at 26%, followed by West Asians at 49.7% and Black at 50.3%.
- Individuals that identify as Filipinos have the highest rate of home ownership among visible minority groups at 76.7%.

Visible Minority Home Ownership



Not a Visible Minority (69.6%)



Newcomer Shelter Costs

- 16.5% of the overall population in Canada, spend more than 30% of their total income on shelter while 5.6% spend more than 50% of their total income on shelter.
- Immigrants tend to spend more of their income on shelter with 22.7% spending more than 30% and 8.3% spending more than 50% of their total income on shelter costs. The ratio of income to shelter costs decreases the longer an immigrant
- lives in Canada however even an immigrant that arrived before the 1980s spends more on shelter costs at 17.3% of their income than non-immigrants who spend on average 13.8% of their income.
- Non-permanent residents tend to spend the most of their income on shelter with 38.3% spending more than 30% of their income and 21.1% spending more than 50% of their income on shelter costs.

30% or More of Income Spent on Shelter

50% or More of Income Spent on Shelter

Overall Kingston Population

> Immigrant Population

Non-Permanent Resident Population















Admission Category and Shelter Costs

- Among immigrants, there was a higher percentage of individuals who arrived to Canada as refugees who spend more than 30% of their income on shelter costs. 28.7% of refugees spend more than 30% of their income on shelter costs.
- 16.6% of permanent residents who arrived through family sponsorship spend more than 30% of their income on shelter costs, similar to the overall population in Canada.
- The gap between those who spend 50% of their income on shelter costs among all admission categories is closer, ranging from 5.2% to 6.2%.

Visible Minority Status and Shelter Costs

- Individuals who are visible minorities are more likely to spend more of their income on shelter costs. 24.5% of visible minorities spend more than 30% of their income on shelter costs
- compared to 15.7% of nonvisible minorities.
- Individuals who identify as Arab and Korean tend to have the highest shelter cost to income ratio.

Visible Minority Income to Shelter Ratio

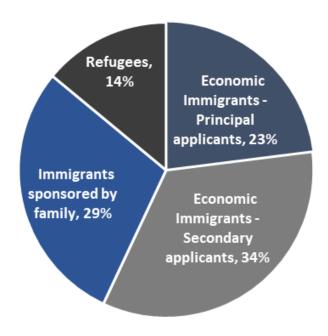




Newcomers and Use of Subsidized Housing

- Immigrants use approximately 8.3% of the subsidized housing in Kingston despite being 12% of the population in Kingston. In total, immigrants and non-permanent residents are 14% of the total population in Kingston and use 14% of the subsidized housing.
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Admission Category and Use of Subsidized Housing



Visible Minority Status and Use of Subsidized Housing

 11.1% of those that use subsidized housing are visible minority, reflective of their composition among the overall population in Kingston at 10.9%.

