Coquitlam’s Immigrant Pattern

*Foreign-born population increases; domestic-born decreases*

In 2006, 39.4% of Coquitlam’s population were immigrants, a slight increase from 2001’s 37% share. This share is comparable to that found in Metro Vancouver (39.6%). Although the rate of immigration to Coquitlam has slowed somewhat since the 2001 census, 40% of Coquitlam’s immigrant population arrived in the City within the last ten years.

Looking at Coquitlam’s population by place of birth, it is notable that the City’s foreign-born population continues to increase while, for the first time, its Canadian-born population declined.

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**Recent Immigration Trends**

The rate of immigration to Coquitlam slowed somewhat between 2001 and 2006, with a marked change in the number of immigrants coming from certain source countries. China is now the most common emigrating country, and represents 21% of the City’s total recent immigrant population. Other countries with increases are Romania, Afghanistan, and the Russian Federation.

Though their absolute numbers dropped, the share of both Korean and Iranian immigrants has increased to 19% and 11%, respectively. Conversely, Taiwan and Hong Kong, two of the most popular emigrating countries in the 2001 Census, have seen significant decreases in the last five years and now represent only a small share of the recent immigrant population.

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