

# BRITISH COLUMBIA

2021 Census Profile

IMMIGRATION, PLACE OF BIRTH & CITIZENSHIP

ETHNOCULTURAL & RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY

MOBILITY & MIGRATION

## Immigration, place of birth & citizenship



Total immigrants in B.C.

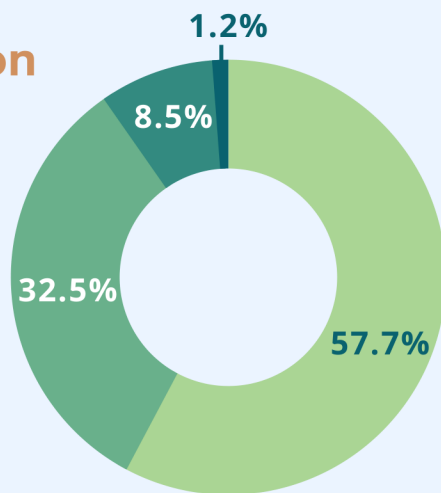
**1,425,715**

**29.0%** of the total population

**11.3%** of the population in British Columbia were not Canadian citizens

### Immigrant admission categories

- Economic Immigrants
- Immigrants sponsored by family
- Refugees
- Other immigrants



### Period of immigration

2016 to 2021	197,425
2011 to 2015	167,650
2001 to 2010	316,920
1991 to 2000	299,115
1980 to 1990	164,445
Before 1980	280,160

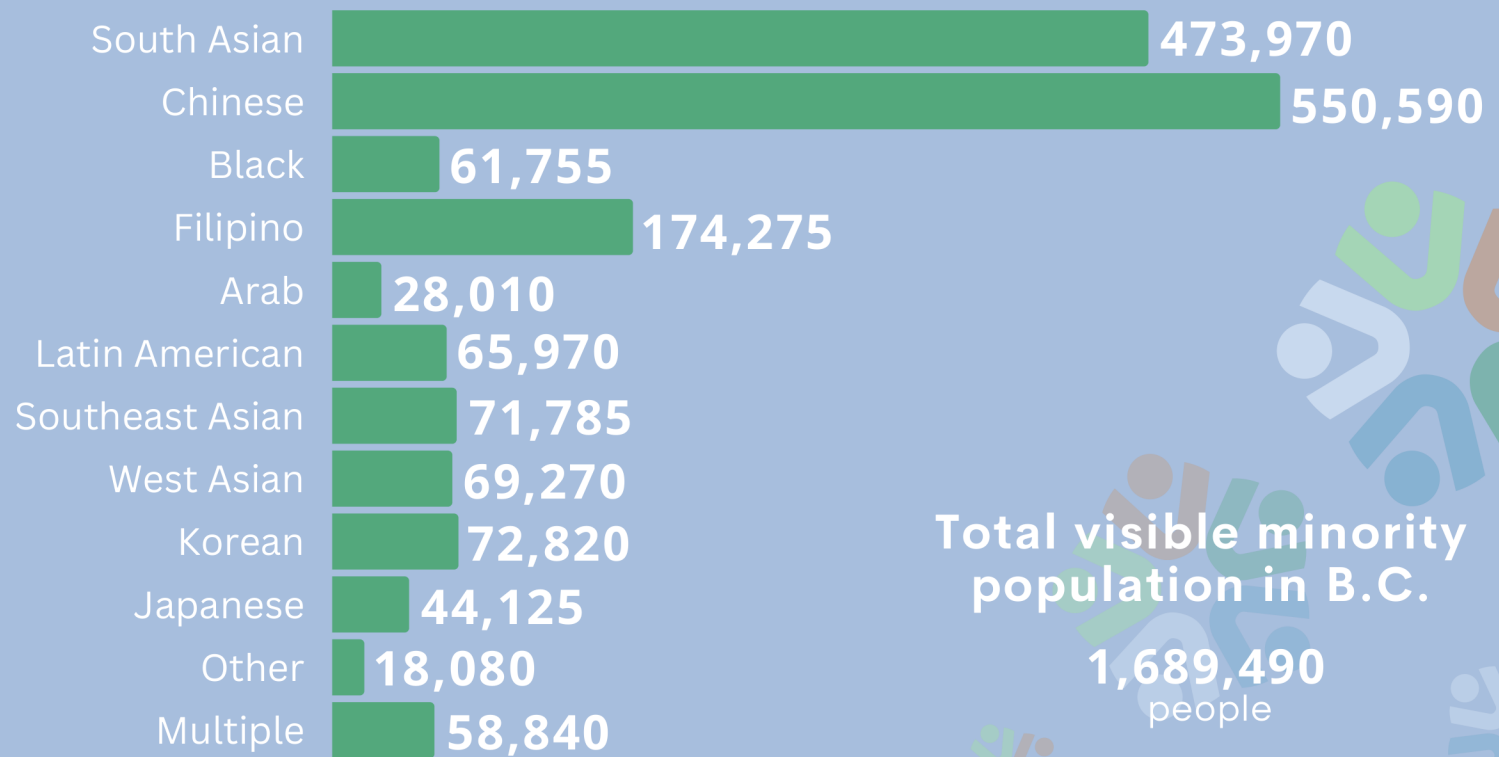
### Top 5 countries of birth of recent immigrants\*

- 1 India **20.0%**
- 2 China **15.9%**
- 3 Philippines **10.7%**
- 4 United States **4.4%**
- 5 United Kingdom **3.9%**

\*Between 2016 to 2021

## Ethnocultural & religious diversity

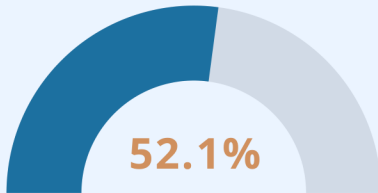
### Breakdown by visible minority population group in British Columbia



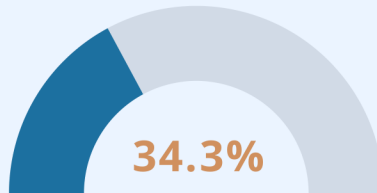
Total visible minority population in B.C.  
**1,689,490** people

### Top 3 Religious affiliations in British Columbia

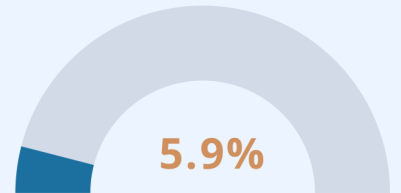
No religion and secular perspectives



Christian



Sikh



## Mobility & migration

### Migration in and out



Interprovincial migrants

External migrants

1 year ago	63,250	59,785
5 years ago	216,570	287,180

### Provinces of residence 5 years ago for interprovincial migrants

Top 4

Alta.	96,780
Ont.	64,700
Sask.	15,775
Man.	14,635

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population

