

Workforce Focus

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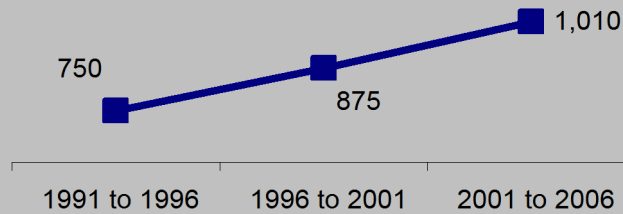
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Immigration Levels

Recent immigrants by arrival period, Sarnia-Lambton



Growth in Newcomers

The number of immigrants coming to Sarnia-Lambton has increased steadily over the past 15 years.

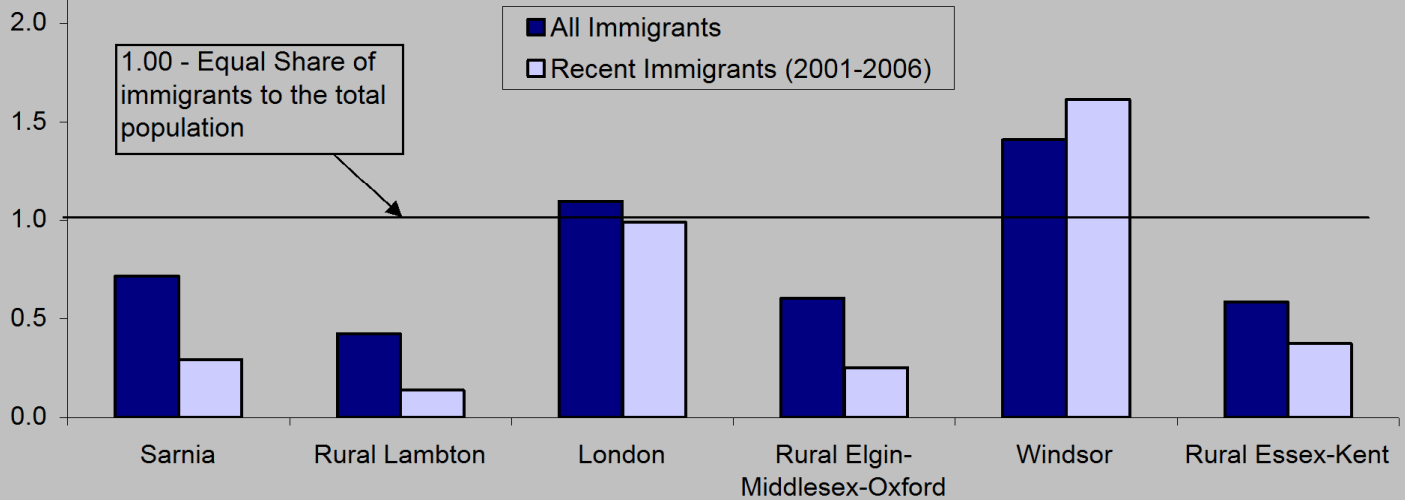
Points of Departure

Top 10 birthplaces of recent immigrants (2001-2006)

Sarnia		Ontario	
India		India	
United States of America		People's Republic of China	
People's Republic of China		Pakistan	
United Kingdom		Philippines	
Colombia		Sri Lanka	
D. R. of the Congo		United States of America	
Mexico		Iran	
Kenya		South Korea	
Saudi Arabia		Russian Federation	
Greece		Colombia	

Share of Immigrants

Relative ratios of immigrants to the total population, Sarnia-Lambton and neighboring regions



Under the Destination Radar

The relative ratio is calculated by dividing a regions share of Canada's immigrant population by the regions share of Canada's total population. The same share of each would be a 1.00 ratio. Like most smaller cities, Sarnia is home to a relatively low proportion of immigrants and is even more under fed with its share of new immigrants. The remaining towns and rural areas of the region fair similarly with a light population of immigrants. The larger cities of London and Windsor are more of a draw for immigrants.



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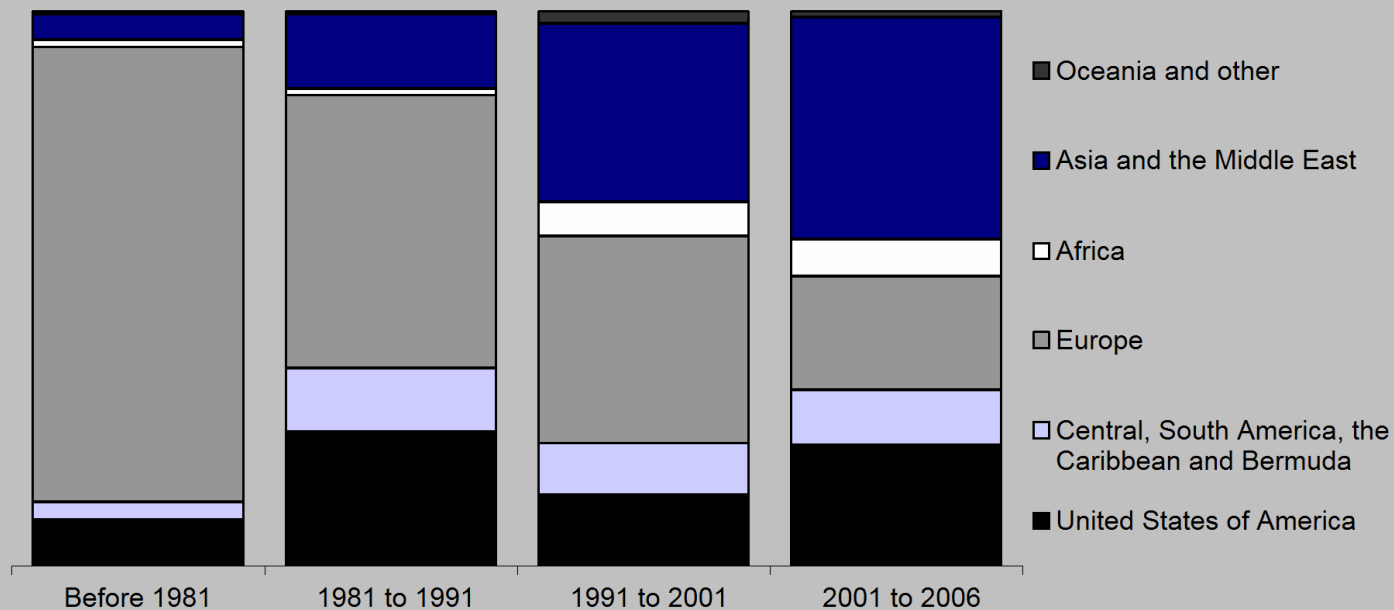
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Immigration

Region of Origin Change

Share of immigrant origins by period of arrival, Sarnia-Lambton

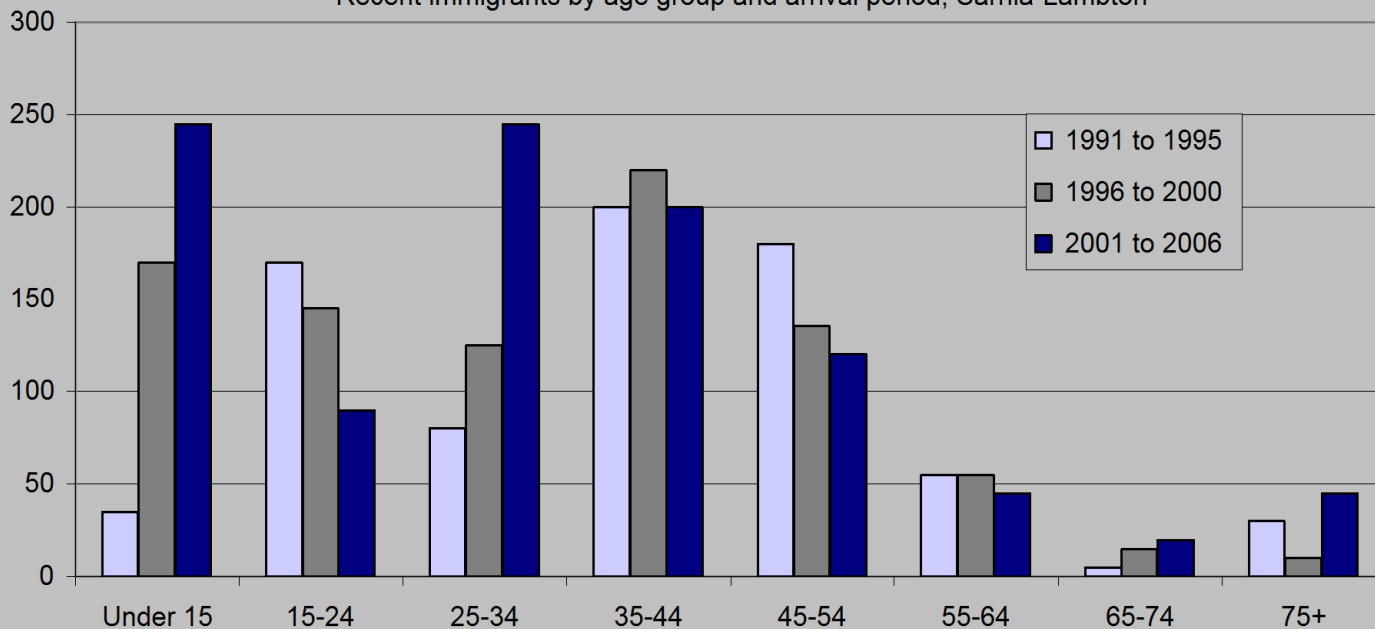


Diversity of Origins

Sarnia-Lambton receives a more diversified population of new immigrants than the province as a whole. The largest contributor of recent immigrants to the region is Asia and the Middle East with 40% of all newcomers between 2001 and 2006. The fastest growing immigrant population is the United States, where 22% of recent immigrants came from.

Immigrant Age Changes

Recent immigrants by age group and arrival period, Sarnia-Lambton



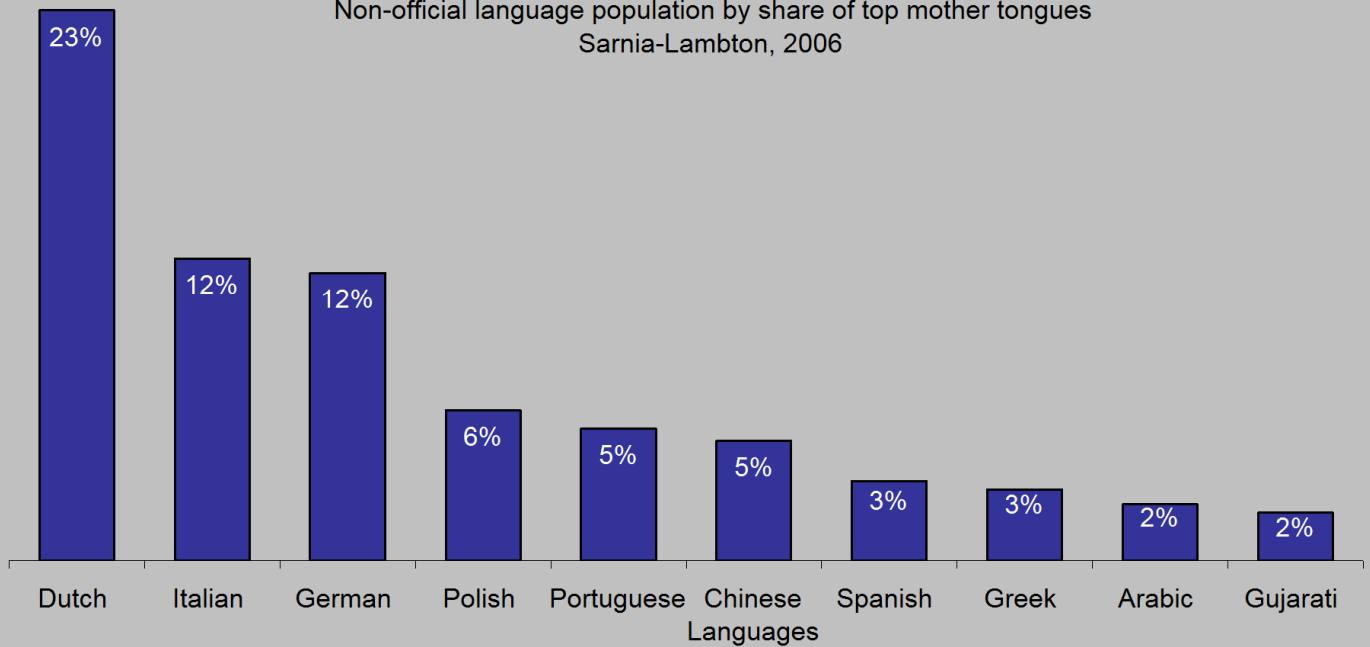
Younger Newcomers

There has been a large increase in the number of recent immigrants to Sarnia-Lambton under 15 years old and between the ages of 25-34. Ontario's demographic profile for new immigrants shares a similar pattern with one significant distinction: a much larger share of recent immigrants to Sarnia-Lambton are under age 15.

Language

Allophone Populations

Non-official language population by share of top mother tongues
Sarnia-Lambton, 2006

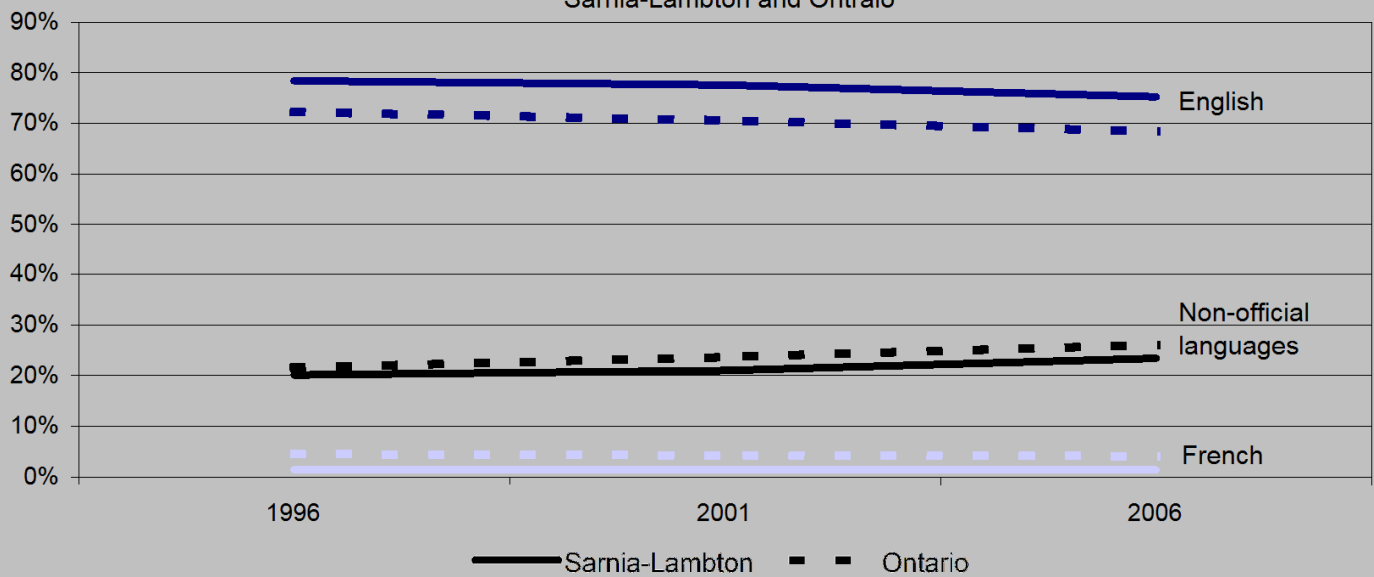


Euro-Languages Still Leaders

European languages comprise the top five mother tongues among non-official language populations in Sarnia-Lambton. In Ontario as a whole, Chinese languages lead this category with 15%, while Sarnia-Lambton's Chinese language population is significantly smaller at 5%.

Mother Tongues

Total populations by share of mother tongue 1996-2006,
Sarnia-Lambton and Ontario



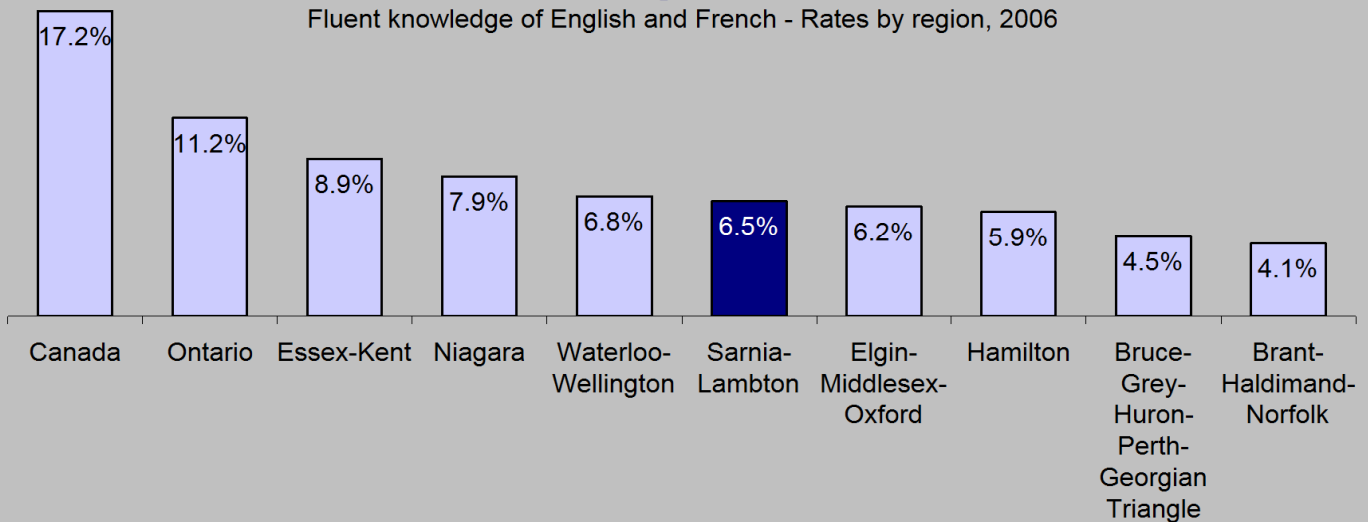
Slower Diversification

Though there is a greater share of Anglophones in Sarnia-Lambton than in Ontario as a whole, Sarnia-Lambton's share of people with a non-official language mother tongue nearly matches the Ontario average and is increasing at a similar rate.

Language

Bilingualism

Fluent knowledge of English and French - Rates by region, 2006



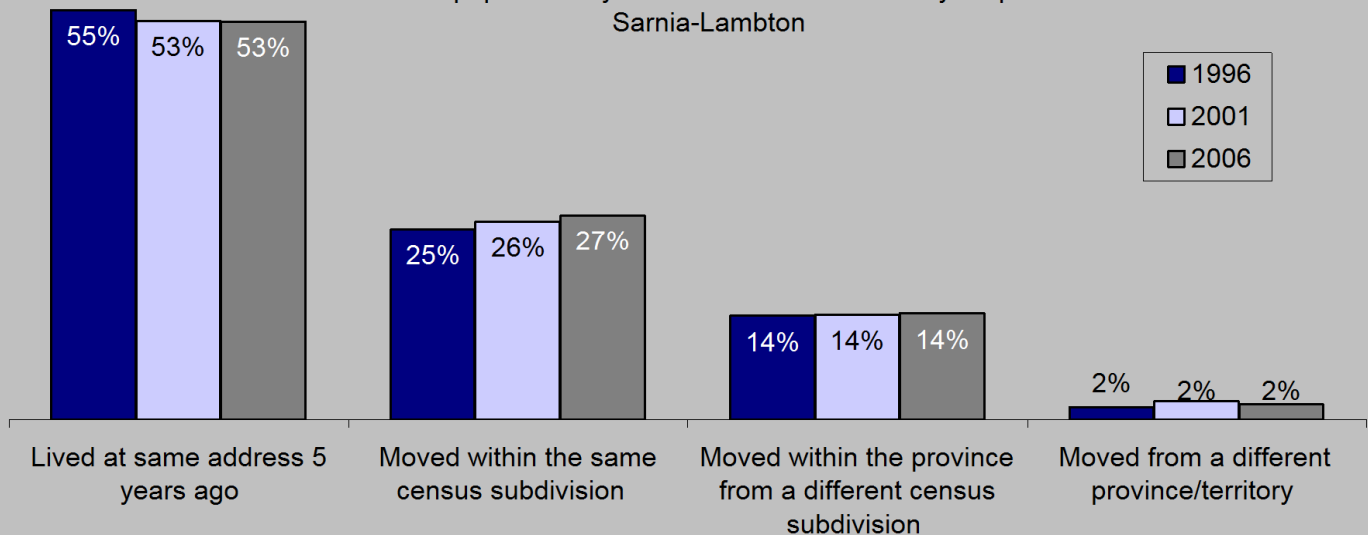
Comparing Bilingualism Rates

Though much less bilingual than Canada and Ontario as a whole, Sarnia-Lambton is average when compared to neighboring regions with 6.5% of the population being fluent in both official languages.

Mobility

Residence Status

Share of population by residence status over five year period
Sarnia-Lambton



On the Move

Mobility trends changed little over the past 10 years in Sarnia-Lambton. More people in Sarnia-Lambton moved in the past five years than the Ontario average.

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