

Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council (HIPC), Community Plan 2025-2028

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Hamilton Immigration



Close to **three in 10** Hamiltonians were born outside Canada.

Among recent immigrants, **almost 85%** belonged to a racialized group, with South Asian being the top racialized group followed by Arab and Black.



Recent immigrants were more likely to have arrived as economic immigrants (2021).

Top 5 Source Countries of Recent Immigrants* include:

India Syria Philippines Nigeria Iraq

Most common mother tongue languages (recent immigrants):

- Arabic
- Tagalog
- Spanish
- Punjabi



Source: Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada, January 31, 2025.



About his

- Established in 2009
- One of more than 80
 Local Immigration
 Partnerships across
 Canada
- Collaborator and convener
- Funded by IRCC,
 embedded in Economic
 Development in City of
 Hamilton
- Membership includes a diversity of sectors and organizations



Knowledge Sharing and Connection

Hamilton For All

A public education campaign that encourages Hamiltonians to stand up against prejudice, exclusion and discrimination.

HamiltonForAll.ca



Publications

- Demographic Profile of **Immigrants in Hamilton**
- What "Belonging" Means to Newcomer Youth in Hamilton
- Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Checklist

Employer Resources ire? View our Hamilton Emplo Resources Guide!

We Hire Immigrants

Website dedicated to raising awareness of the opportunities and **benefits** of hiring newcomers and immigrants in Hamilton. WeHireImmigrants.ca

Newcomers in Hamilton **Services Directory**

ee, reliable source of informa designed for newcomers

Directory of Services

- Free source of 15+ sections of information for newcomers
- Machine-translated into **7 languages**

NewcomersInHamilton.ca

Community Plan 2025-2028

March 1, 2024 Community Forum #1



November 22, 2024

Community Forum #2

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February 26, 2025 Community Plan Launch





Inclusion Principles

- Working **collectively** to realize the impact that we envision
- Centering newcomer lived experience, especially equity deserving groups
- Leveraging **newcomer leadership** •
- Working from an **anti-racism and** anti-oppression lens, promoting education and recognition of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as it relates to Indigenous and **Francophone communities**



Hamilton is a WELCOMING community where newcomers have a positive SETTLEMENT experience and feel a sense of BELONGING.

Settle Outcomes

Newcomers have greater access to appropriate services.

Employers are more equipped to hire and retain newcomers.

Service providers offer more appropriate, accessible services.

Belong Outcomes

Newcomers feel celebrated, included, and safe.

Other community members work actively to counter hate and discrimination, valuing newcomer leadership and contributions.

Graphic Artist: Tatiana Subbotina (Mohawk College Student)

Make the Pledge

Whether you are in leadership positions, work with newcomers, or just someone who **cares deeply** about making Hamilton a more welcoming community for newcomers, there is a role for you!

Read the full <u>Community Plan</u> to see where you fit in.

Print and sign the <u>Community Plan Pledge</u> and commit to creating a strong impact.

More details will become available on our website HamiltonImmigration.ca



, endorse the Community Plan and commit to supporting our community by taking action toward our shared goals. I pledge to:

Work within my professional and/or personal life to advance the plan.

Actively participate in (choose one or more) strategy areas): 🗌 Welcome 🔲 Settle 🔲 Belong



Together, We Move Our Community Forward!





Upcoming Projects and Events

Newcomer Day - May 30 @ City Hall

Our annual event welcomes newcomers to Hamilton, helps them understand and access a wide range of services, and celebrates their contributions to Hamilton.

Immigrant Survey - Launching May 30

This survey seeks to hear from immigrants about their experiences, challenges, strengths and contributions. It provides an opportunity to learn how to improve their settlement experience in Hamilton.

Welcoming Week - September 12 to 21

Welcoming Week is internationally recognized, with events happening around the world that bring people together to celebrate newcomers.







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