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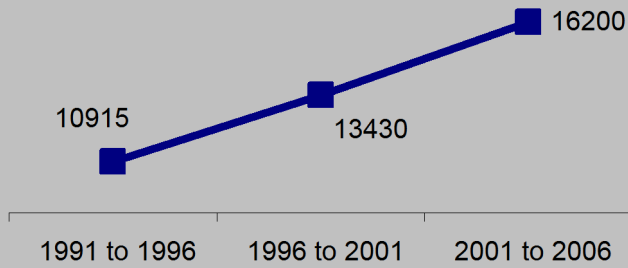
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Immigration Levels

Recent immigrants by arrival period, Essex-Kent



Growth in Newcomers

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

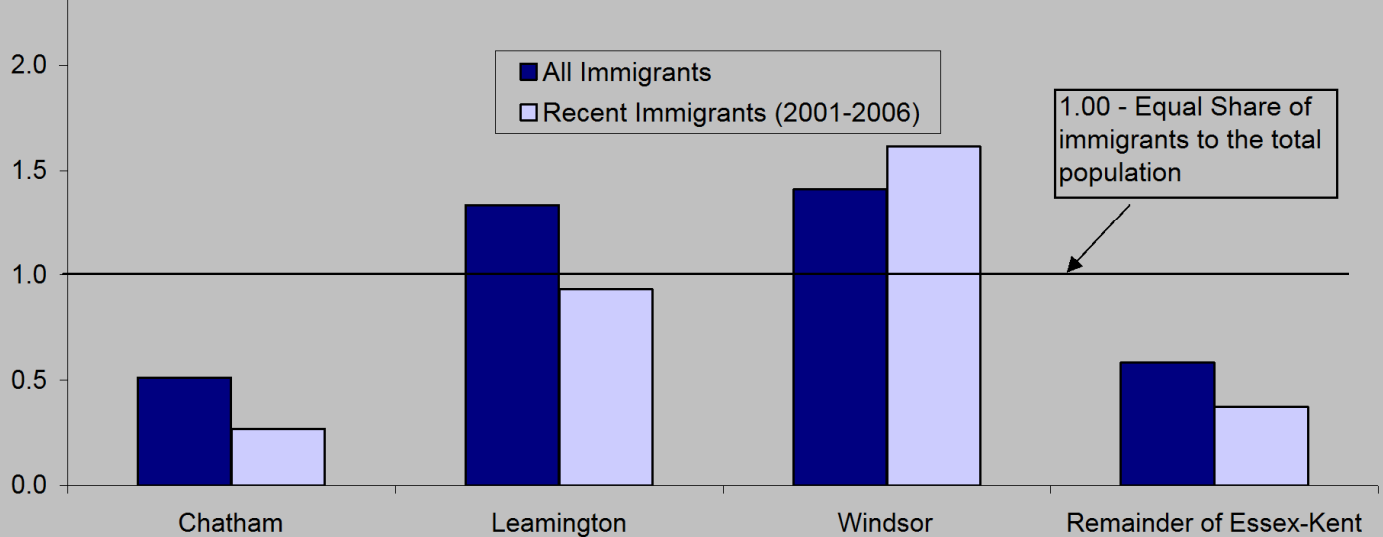
Points of Departure

Top 10 birthplaces of recent immigrants (2001-2006)

Windsor, Chatham-Kent, Leamington	Ontario
India	India
People's Republic of China	People's Republic of China
United States of America	Pakistan
Pakistan	Philippines
Romania	Sri Lanka
Iraq	United States of America
Philippines	Iran
Sudan	South Korea
South Korea	Russian Federation
Colombia	Colombia

Share of Immigrants

Relative ratios of immigrants to the total population, Essex-Kent



Where the Immigrants Are

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. Windsor has a relatively high share of immigrants for its population size, and receives an even higher share of recent immigrants. Leamington also has a high proportion of immigrants and an expected share of new immigrants. Chatham and the remainder of Essex-Kent are lightly populated with immigrants.



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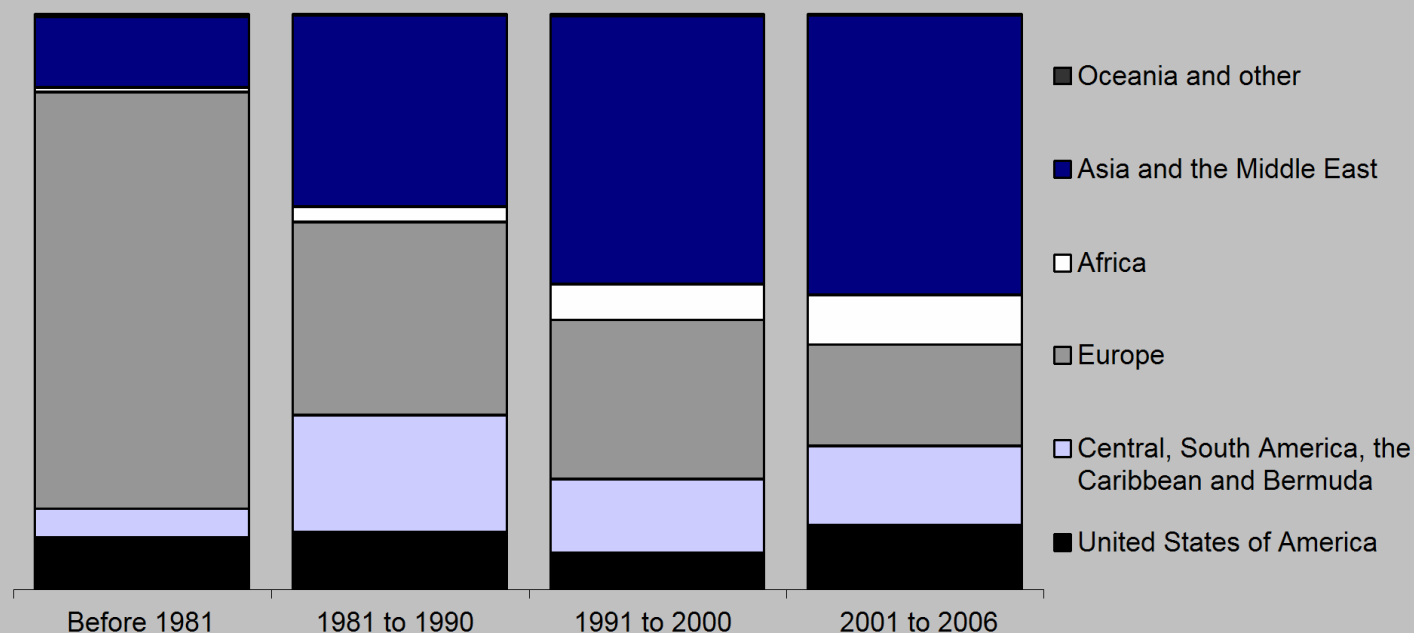
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Immigration

Region of Origin Change

Share of immigrant origins by period of arrival, Essex-Kent

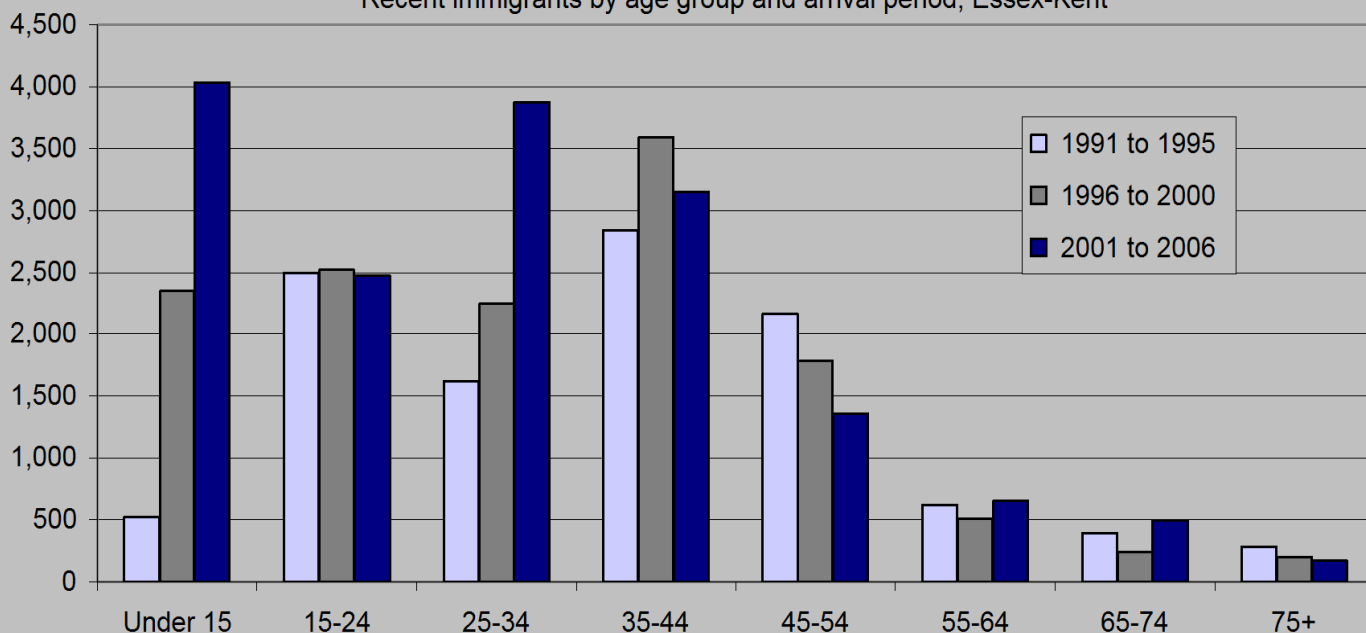


Asia and Middle East Dominate Immigrant Origins

Like Ontario as a whole, Essex-Kent receives most of its new immigrants from Asia and the Middle East with 49% of all newcomers between 2001 and 2006. This area of the world sent 7,880 immigrants to Essex-Kent during that five years. The fastest growing immigrant population in the region is from the United States.

Immigrant Age Changes

Recent immigrants by age group and arrival period, Essex-Kent



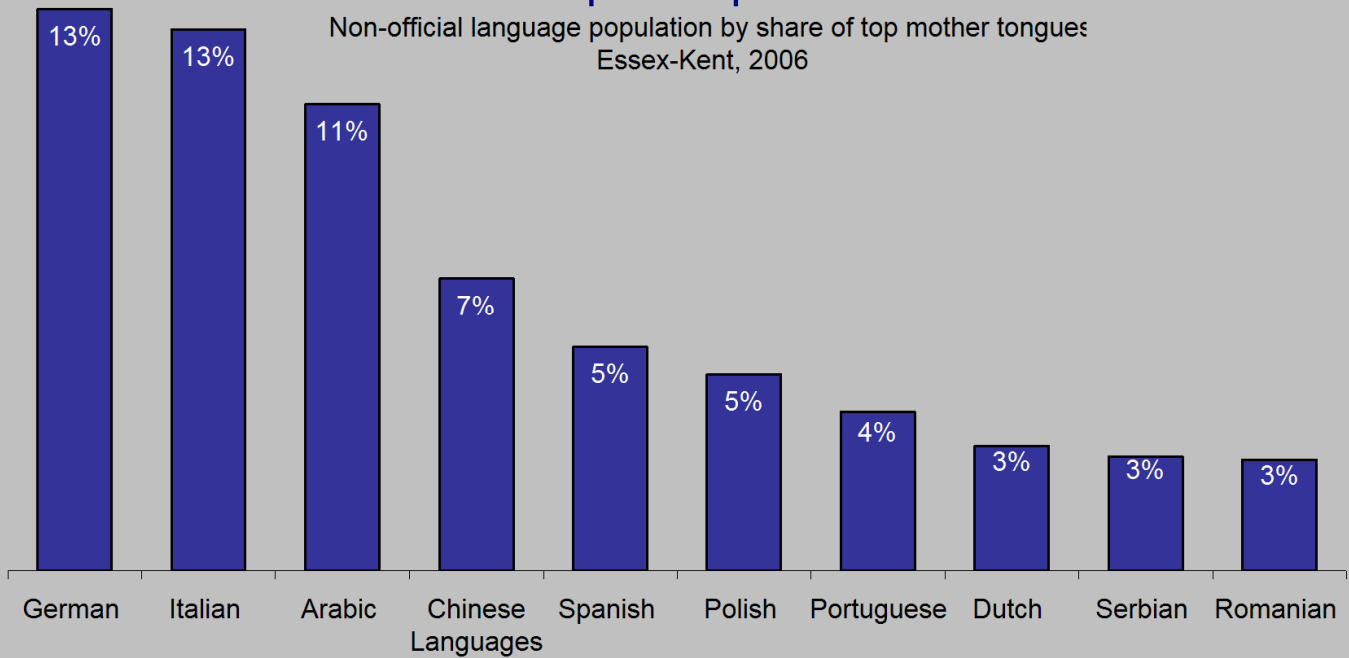
Younger Newcomers

There has been a large increase in the number of recent immigrants to Essex-Kent 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 Essex-Kent are under age 15.

Language

Allophone Populations

Non-official language population by share of top mother tongues
Essex-Kent, 2006

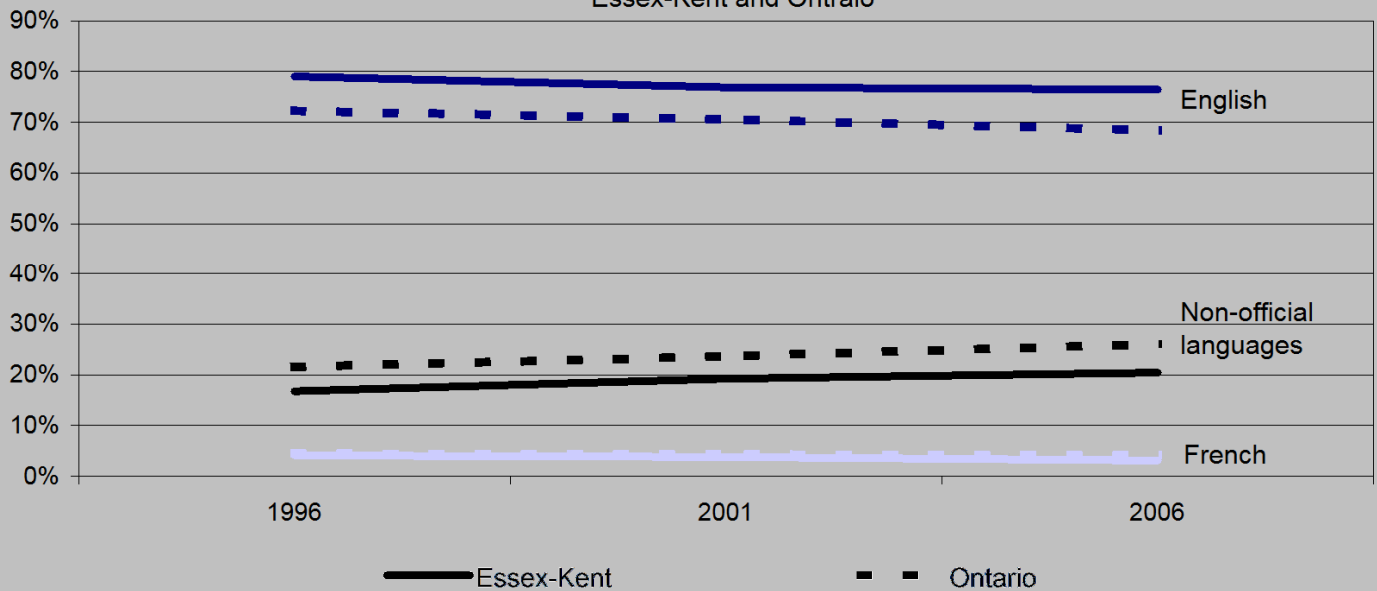


Arabic Prominence

Though German and Italian lead the mother tongues among non-official language populations in Essex-Kent, Arabic is more prominent in this region than in Ontario as a whole. Chinese languages is the leader in this category with 15% provincially while Essex-Kent's Chinese language population is significantly smaller at 5%.

Mother Tongues

Total populations by share of mother tongue 1996-2006,
Essex-Kent and Ontario



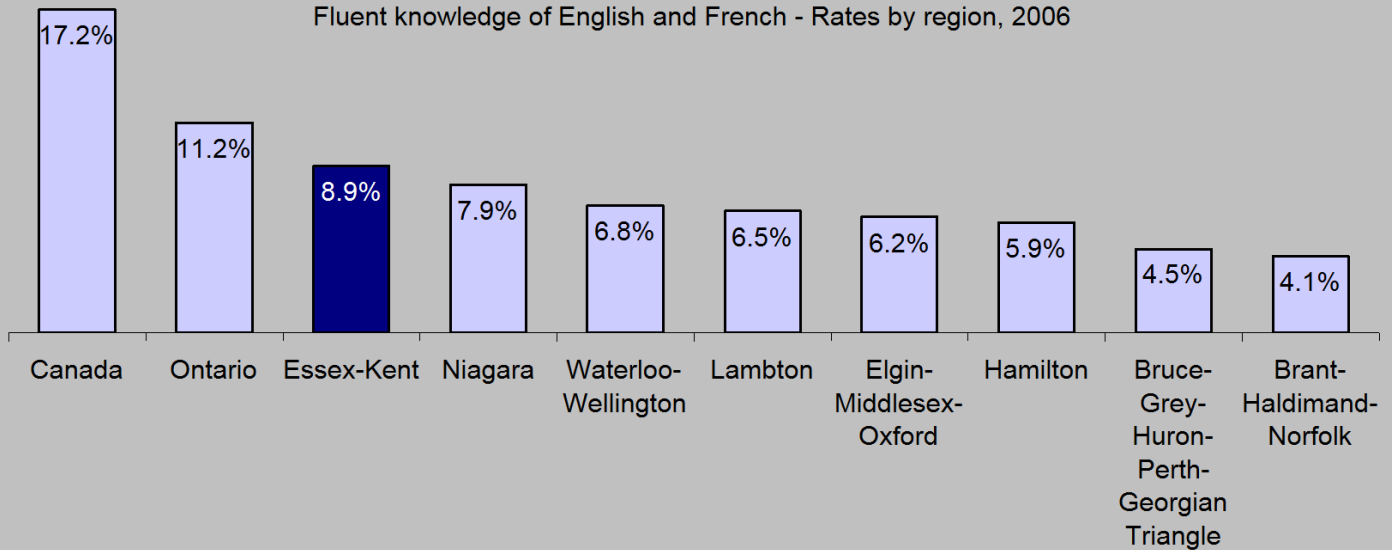
Slower Diversification

Though diversifying slightly with a small gain in the share of non-official languages, Essex-Kent is more Anglophone dominated than Ontario collectively is. 76% of Essex-Kent's population continues to have English as their mother tongue, while Ontario's Anglophone share has dropped by 4% in 10 years to 68%.

Language

Bilingualism

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



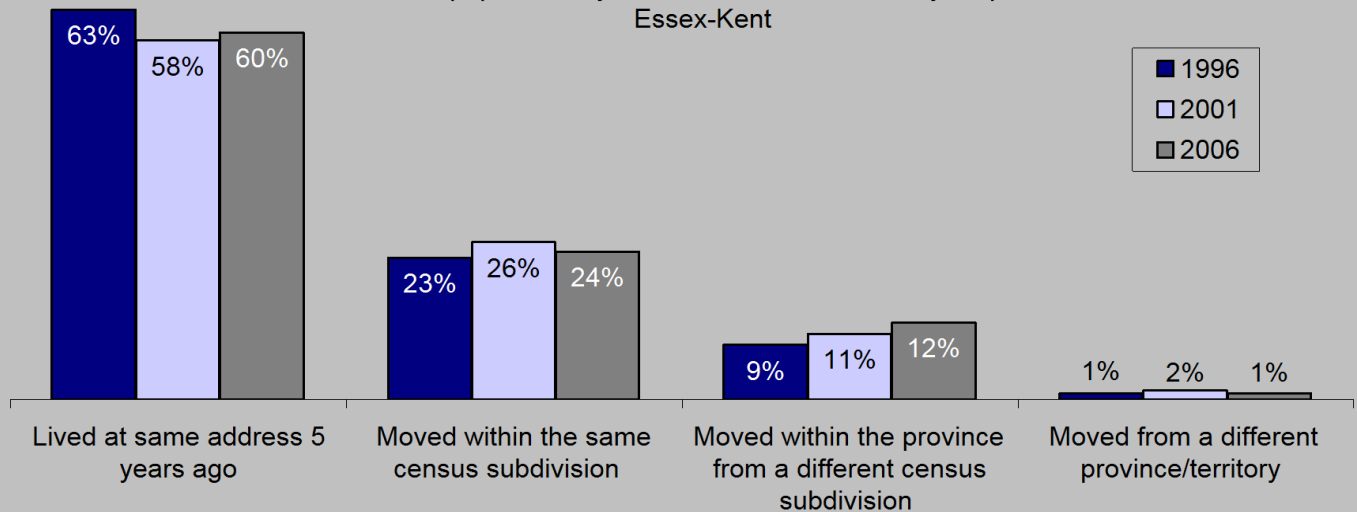
Comparing Bilingualism Rates

Though much less bilingual than Canada and Ontario as a whole, Essex-Kent is above average when compared to neighboring regions with 8.9% of the population being fluent in both official languages.

Mobility

Residence Status

Share of population by residence status over five year period
Essex-Kent



Staying Put

Mobility trends changed little over the past 10 years in Essex-Kent. Less people in Essex-Kent moved in the past five years than the Ontario average.

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