

Newcomer Population

Why Is This important?

Newcomers have made up a significant proportion of overall population growth in recent years. They represent diverse groups in terms of culture, language, education and socio-economic status. Newcomers tend to be healthier than their Canadian-born counterparts upon arrival, but that health advantage declines over time. Ensuring that newcomers are linked to appropriate services before this decline takes place is an important consideration.

Examples of Action Being Taken:

Saskatoon Health Region
[Representative Workforce](#) and
[Cultural Competency Policy](#)

City of Saskatoon
 Newcomers report:
[Saskatoon Taking Stock](#)

The Government of Saskatchewan's Immigrant Nominee Program:
[Saskatchewan Growth Plan](#)

[Newcomer Information Centre](#)

[Saskatoon Open Door Society](#)

[The Global Gathering Place](#)

What More Can Be Done?

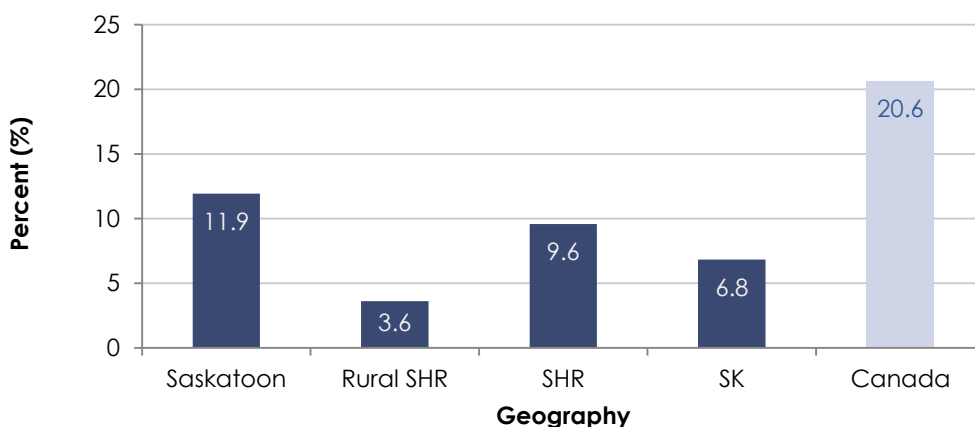
See the Chief Medical Health Officer's [Call to Action](#)

Highlights

Saskatoon Health Region population is becoming more diverse.

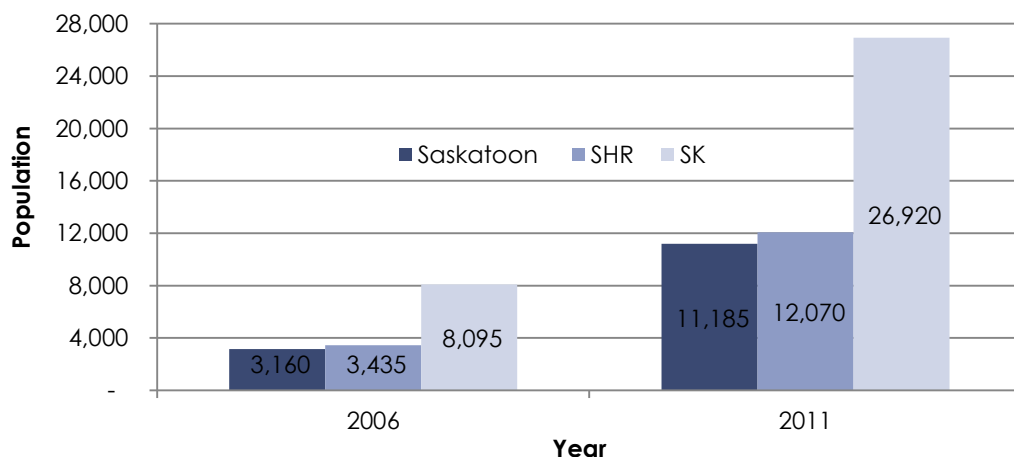
- Newcomers (immigrants and refugees) made up almost 10% of Saskatoon Health Region's population in 2011, compared to the national average of 20.6% (Figure 1).
- The number of recent newcomers (those arriving in the past 5 years) in the region more than tripled from 2006 (3,435) to 2011 (12,070) (Figure 2).
- In 2011, 37% of all recent newcomers to the Region were from the Philippines, while the next highest percentages of newcomers were from China (7.9%) and India (5.3%) (data not shown).

Figure 1: Newcomers as a Percent of Total Population, Saskatoon, Saskatoon Health Region, Saskatchewan and Canada, 2011



Source: [Statistics Canada - National Household Survey](#)

Figure 2: Recent Newcomers, Saskatoon, Saskatoon Health Region, Saskatchewan, 2006 and 2011



Source: [Statistics Canada - National Household Survey 2011](#). [Census 2006](#)