

# 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?

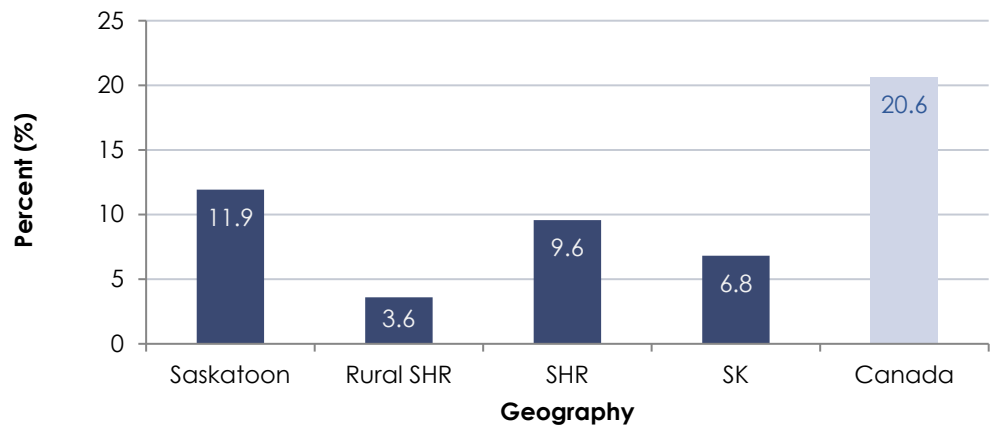
See the Chief Medical Health Officer's [Call to Action](#)

## Highlights

### Saskatoon Health Region population is becoming more diverse.

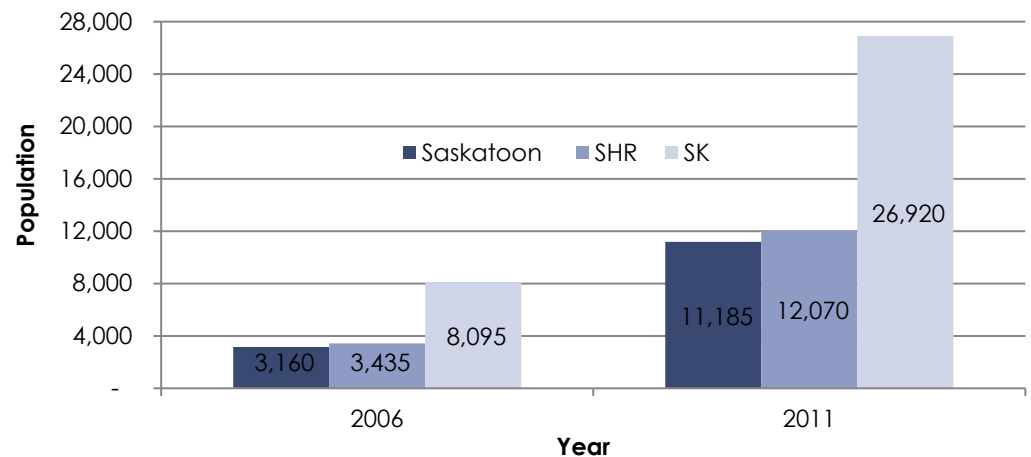
- Newcomers (immigrants and refugees) made up almost 10% of Saskatoon Health Region's population in 2011, compared to the national average of 20.6% (Figure 1).
- The number of recent newcomers (those arriving in the past 5 years) in the region more than tripled from 2006 (3,435) to 2011 (12,070) (Figure 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](#)