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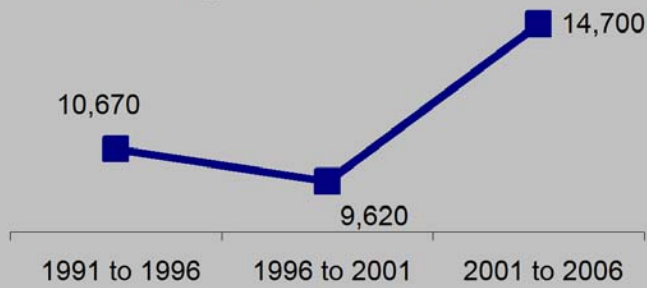
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Immigration Levels

Recent immigrants by arrival period, Elgin-Middlesex-Oxford



Growth in Newcomers

The number of immigrants coming to this region dropped slightly in the nineties, but jumped significantly between 2001 and 2006.

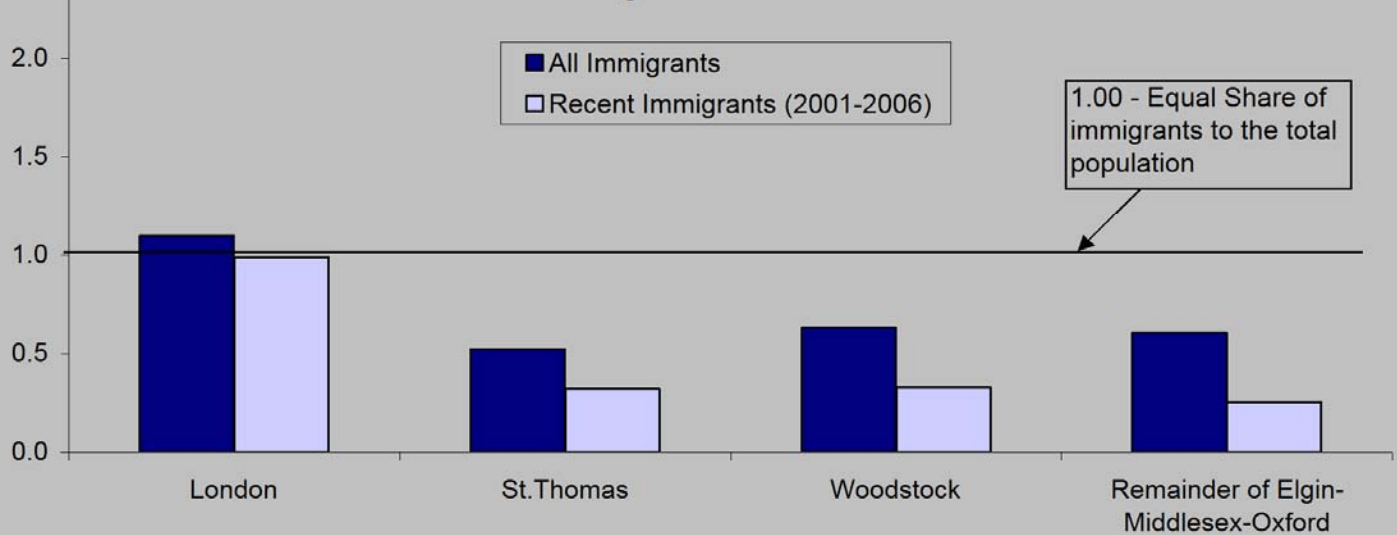
Points of Departure

Top 10 birthplaces of recent immigrants (2001-2006)

London, Woodstock, Tillsonburg, Ingersoll		Ontario
Colombia		India
People's Republic of China		People's Republic of China
United States of America		Pakistan
India		Philippines
South Korea		Sri Lanka
Iran		United States of America
Afghanistan		Iran
Philippines		South Korea
United Kingdom		Russian Federation
Iraq		Colombia

Share of Immigrants

Relative ratios of immigrants to the total population, Elgin-Middlesex-Oxford



Big City Concentrated

The relative ratio is calculated by dividing a regions share of Canada's immigrant population by the region's share of Canada's total population. The same share of each would be a 1.00 ratio. London is the only place in the region that receives its relative share of new immigrants and maintains a proportional immigrant population. The smaller cities and rural areas of the region are lightly populated with immigrants. These areas are more popular as a final settling place than as an initial destination for new immigrants.



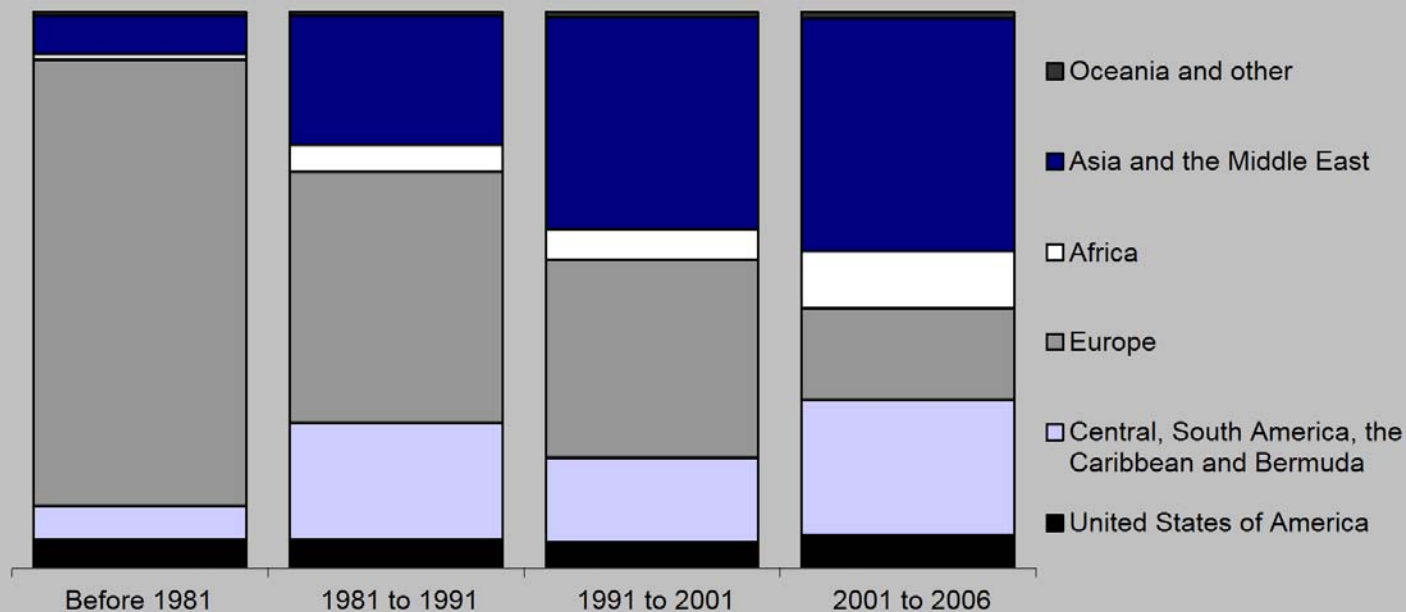
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Immigration

Region of Origin Change

Share of immigrant origins by period of arrival, Elgin-Middlesex-Oxford

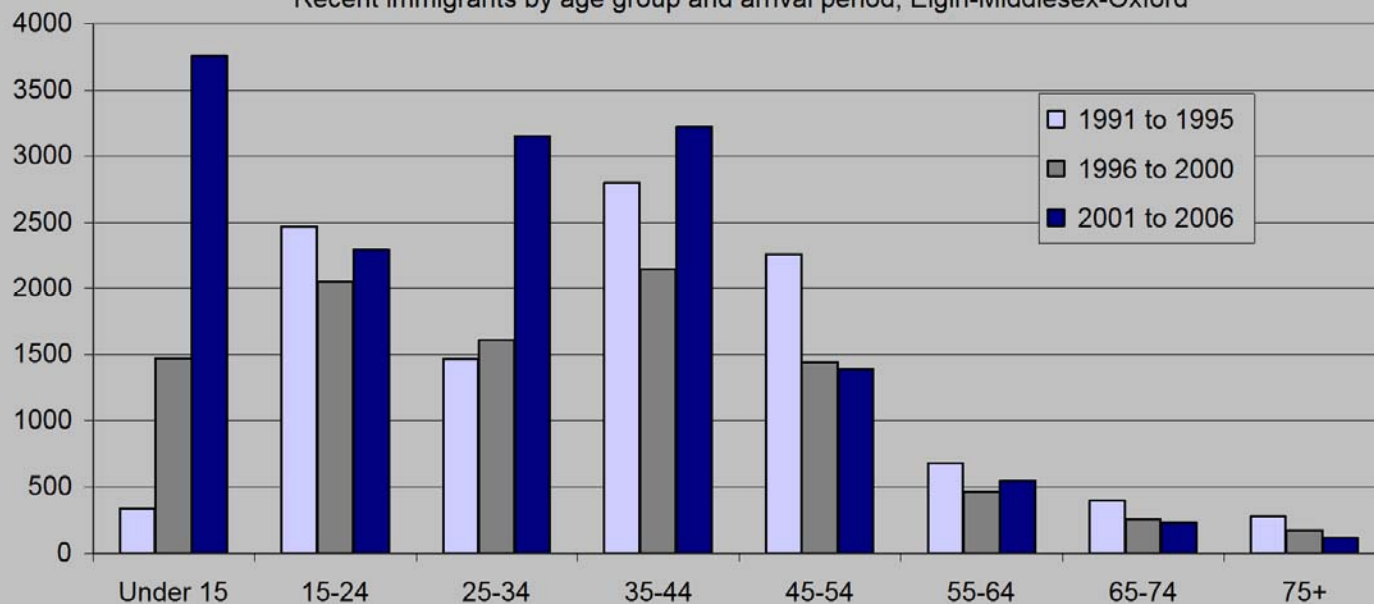


Diversity of Origins

Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford receives a more diversified population of new immigrants than the province as a whole. Similar to Ontario, the largest contributor of recent immigrants to this region is Asia and the Middle East with 42% of all newcomers between 2001 and 2006. Central, South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda ranked second with 24% of all newcomers. The fastest growing immigrant population is from Africa.

Immigrant Age Changes

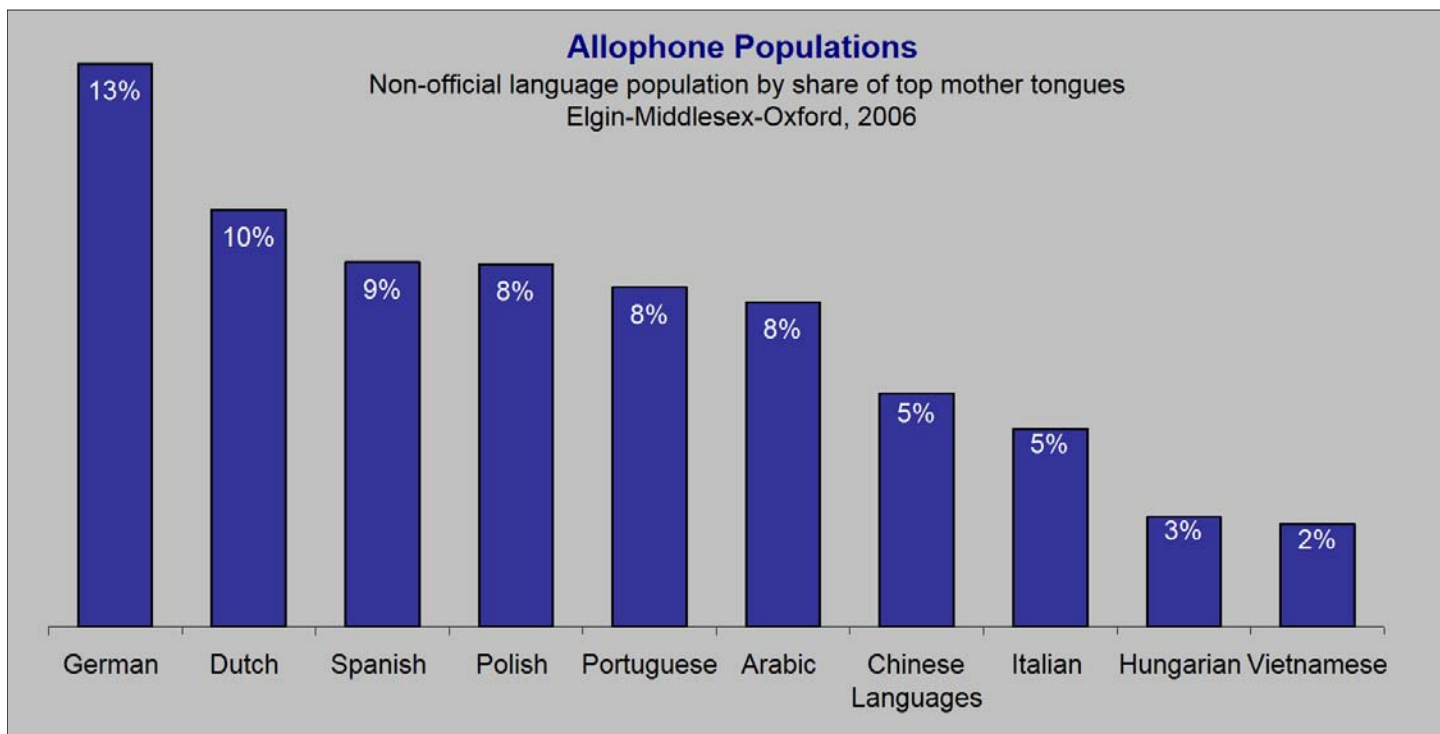
Recent immigrants by age group and arrival period, Elgin-Middlesex-Oxford



Younger Newcomers

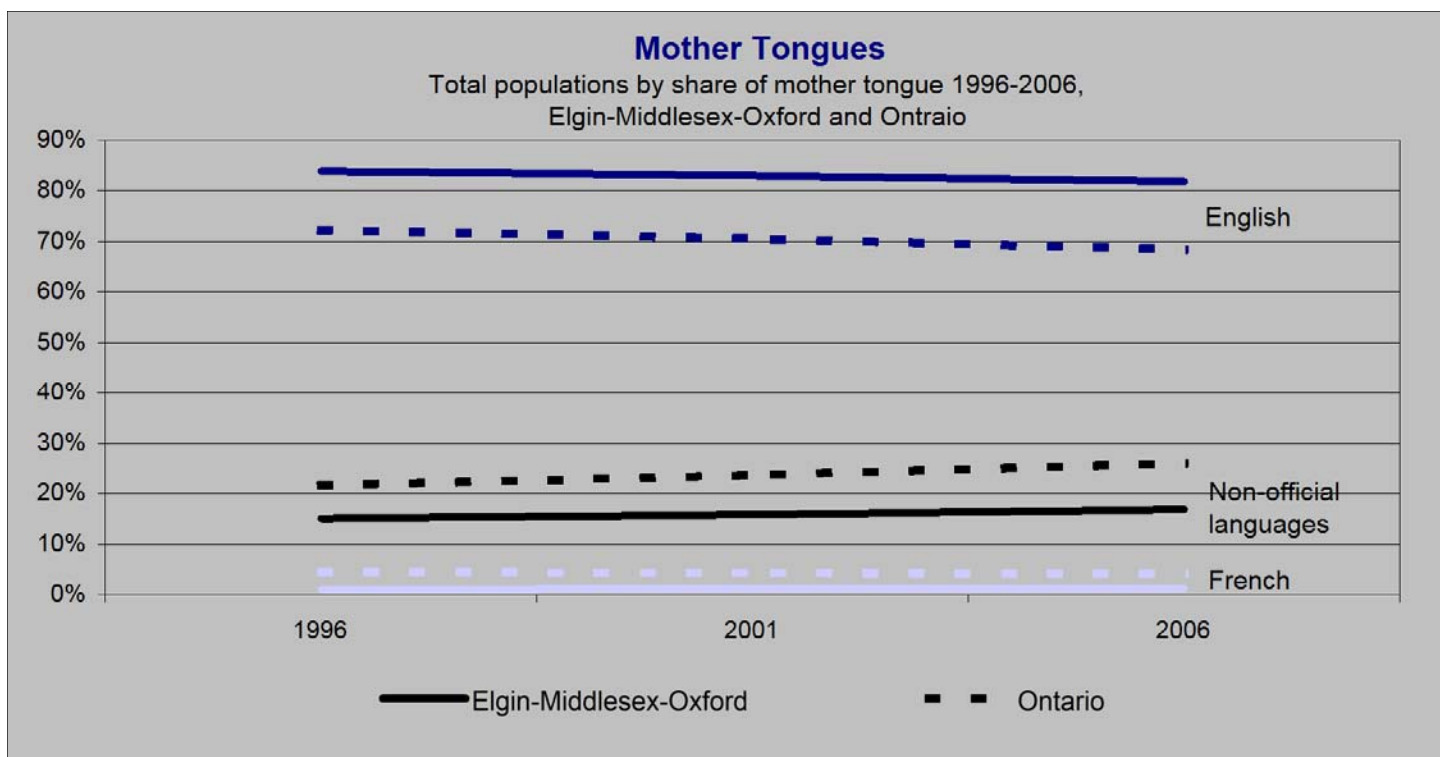
There has been a large increase in the number of recent immigrants to Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford under 15 years old and between the ages of 25-34. Ontario's demographic profile for new immigrants shares a similar pattern with one significant distinction: a much larger share of recent immigrants to this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

Language



Euro-Languages Still Leaders

European languages comprise the top five mother tongues among non-official language populations in this region. In Ontario as a whole, Chinese languages lead this category with 15%, while Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford's Chinese language population is significantly smaller at 5%. This region has a larger than average Arabic speaking population.



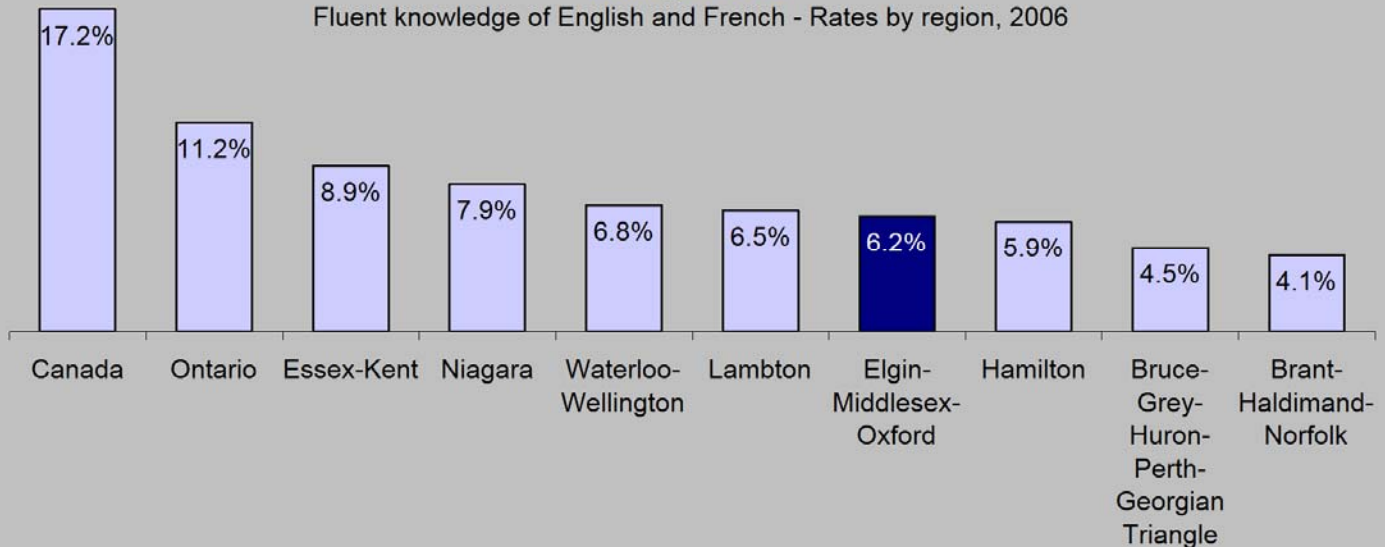
Slower Diversification

Though diversifying slightly with a small gain in the share of non-official languages, Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford is more Anglophone dominated than Ontario collectively is. Over 80% of this regions 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



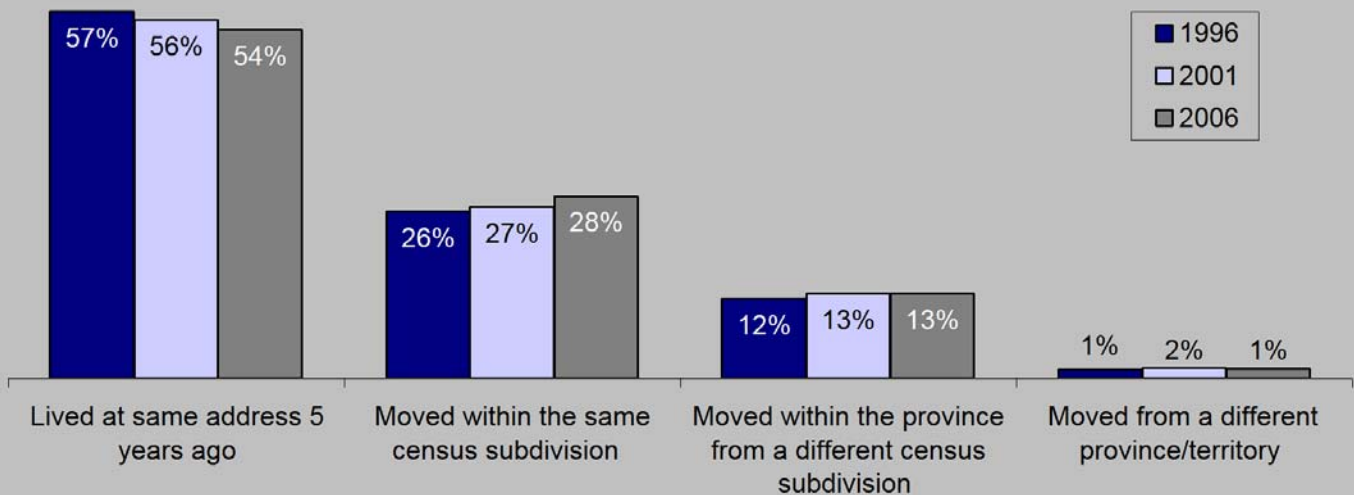
Comparing Bilingualism Rates

Though much less bilingual than Canada and Ontario as a whole, Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford is average when compared to neighboring regions with 6.2% of the population being fluent in both official languages.

Mobility

Residence Status

Share of population by residence status over five year period
Elgin-Middlesex-Oxford



On the Move

Mobility trends changed little over the past 10 years in this region. Movement within the same census division has been the only noticeable upward trend. More people in this region moved in the past five years than the Ontario average.

The source of all figures used in this issue is Statistics Canada Census Data

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