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# Building Connected Communities: Halton, Burlington – 2016 Census Older Immigrants

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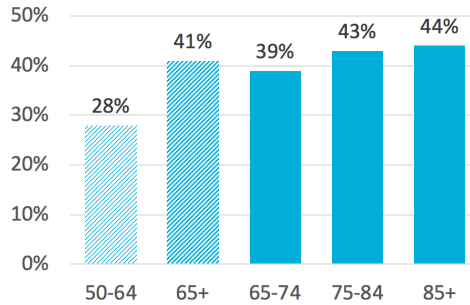
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# 41% of the POPULATION AGED 65+ IN BURLINGTON ARE IMMIGRANTS

Most immigrants over the age of 65 in Burlington are **not racialized**.

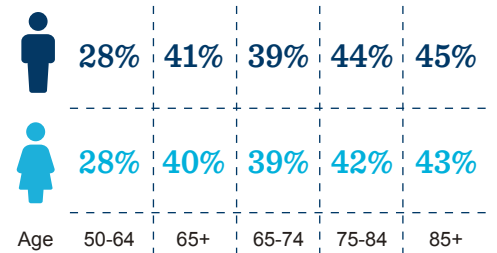
## Age

% of population of Burlington who are immigrants x age



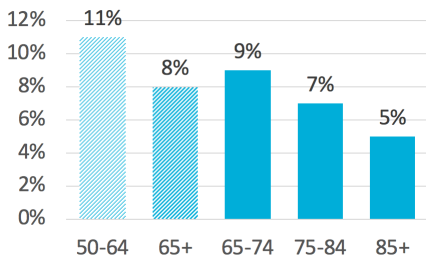
## Gender

■ % of men 65+ in Burlington who are immigrants  
■ % of women 65+ in Burlington who are immigrants



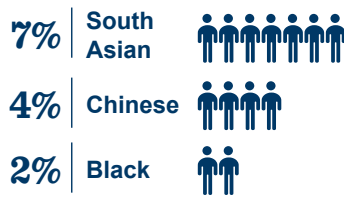
## Visible Minority Groups

% of people in Burlington over age of 65 who are visible minorities



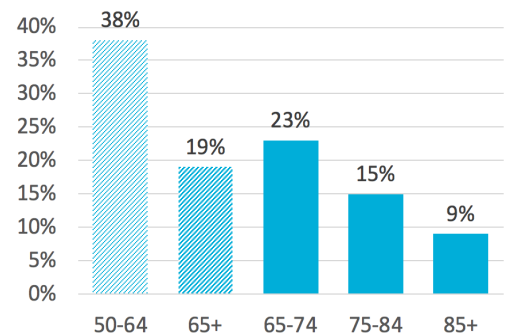
As a comparison, in Burlington the total population of people who are visible minorities is 16%.

For those who are 65+ in Burlington who are immigrants



(all others are 1% or less, or 1% N.I.E.)

of those who are immigrants, the % of people who are visible minorities



## Live Alone Vs. Live with Others

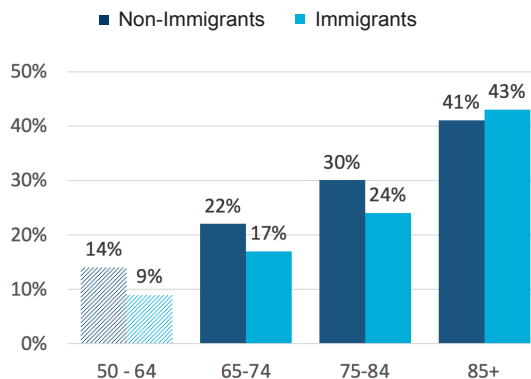
% of immigrants 65+ in Burlington - time period of immigration



In all age groups except immigrants ages 85+, **people age 50+ who immigrated before 1971 are more likely to report living alone in later life** than individuals who immigrated later, but who are the same age. Percentages of immigrants 65+ living alone decrease as the time of immigration becomes more recent.

Those who immigrated to Canada pre-1971 are **less likely to be a visible minority** (93% reported they are not a visible minority).

% of immigrants in Burlington who live alone vs. non-immigrants



# 91% immigrants age 65+ WHO LIVE ALONE SPEAK ENGLISH

or English plus another language at home.

Polish (1%), Italian (1%), and Portuguese (1%) are also spoken by immigrants age 65+ who live alone.

(all others are 1% or less, or 1% N.I.E.)

## Top Languages Spoken by Immigrant Population 65+

**6%** individuals 65+ who are immigrants **DO NOT KNOW** either of the official languages

**80%** **SPEAK ENGLISH** or English plus another language when at home

2% | speak Mandarin

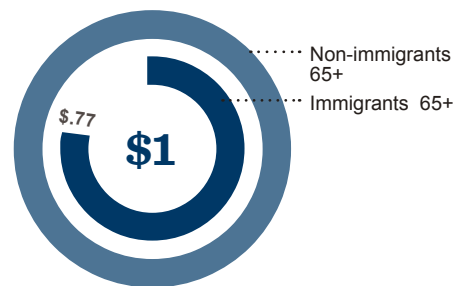
2% | speak Punjabi

2% | speak Portuguese

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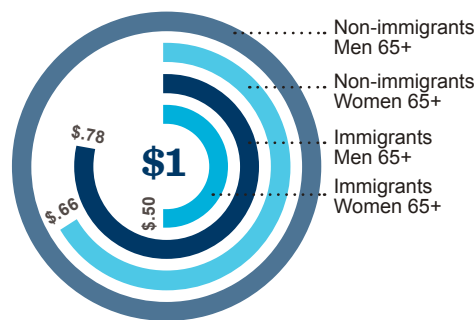
## Median Income Differentials

Immigrants who are age 65+ have **substantially lower** median incomes than non-immigrants who are 65+.



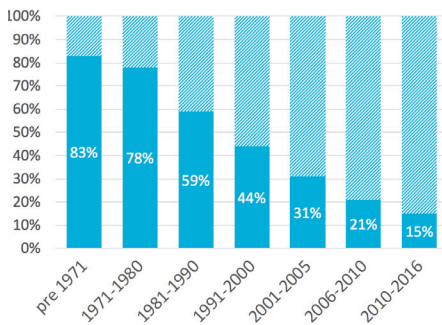
% of income made by immigrants 65+ vs. non-immigrants 65+

Men and women who are immigrants both make less compared to their non-immigrant counterparts. However, immigrant **women make substantially less** than immigrant men.



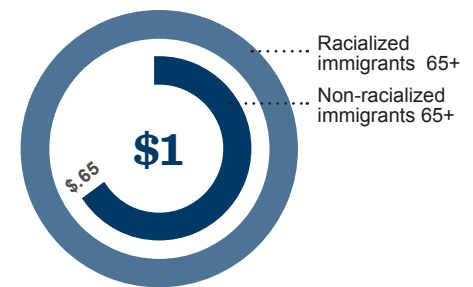
The difference is **more substantial when considering the time frame** when someone immigrated to Canada.

**Lack of access to Old Age Security and other benefits programs** is a likely explanation for this striking difference in the more recent years, but cannot account for all differences.

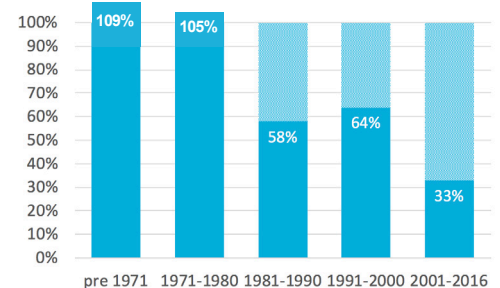


## Racialized Immigrants

Racialized immigrants ages 65+ who came to Canada after 1981 generally report **lower median incomes** than non-racialized immigrants 65+.



% of income made by racialized immigrants 65+ vs. non-racialized immigrants 65+



## Considerations for the City of Burlington

In Burlington, **less than half** of the population aged 65+ are **immigrants**, census data indicates that the majority of these older adults are **not racialized**. The provision of services to **low-income immigrants** is an area of need specific to the City of Burlington. Income needs will be greater among women, racialized individuals, and recent immigrants to Canada.

Languages spoken by older adult immigrants in Burlington should be reflected in the programs and services offered to them. Programs and Services delivered in **Mandarin, Portuguese and Punjabi**, in addition to English, will serve the majority of older adult immigrants living in Burlington.

A significant number of **older adult immigrants live alone**, particularly in **later life (75+)**, so this is a demographic of need for the City of Burlington to address when combatting social isolation.

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**Note to users:** As per Statistics Canada (2018) the immigrant population is defined in the 2016 Census as persons who are, or who have been, landed immigrants or permanent residents in Canada. This excludes non-permanent residents (i.e., persons in Canada who have a work or study permit or who are refugee claimants).

Recent immigrant refers to an immigrant who first obtained their landed immigrant or permanent resident status in the five years prior to a given census. In the 2016 Census, the period is from January 1, 2011 to May 10, 2016.

These data sheets use "racialized" interchangeably with "visible minority" which Statistics Canada defines as per the Employment Equity Act as "persons, other than Aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour"(Statistics Canada, 2018).

N.I.E – Not Indicated Elsewhere includes respondents who reported a write-in response such as 'Guyanese,' 'West Indian,' 'Tibetan,' 'Polynesian'.

**Source:** Statistics Canada, custom tabulation (2016 Census). 2018.