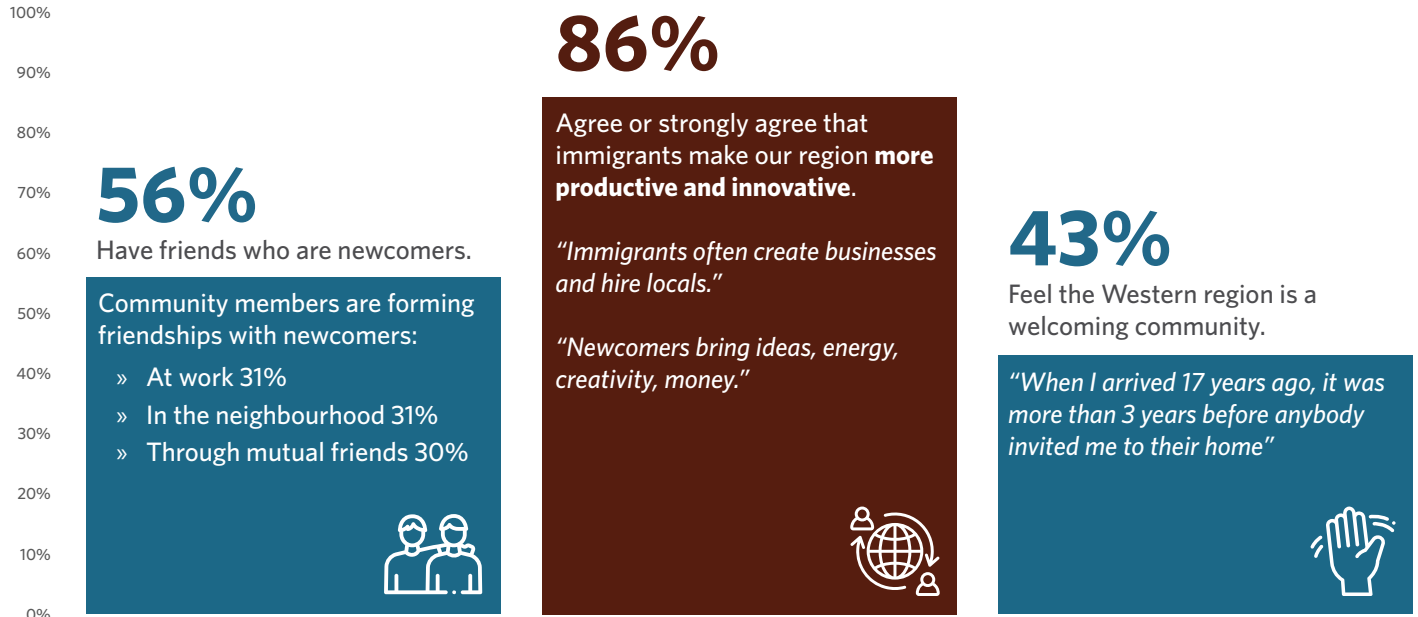


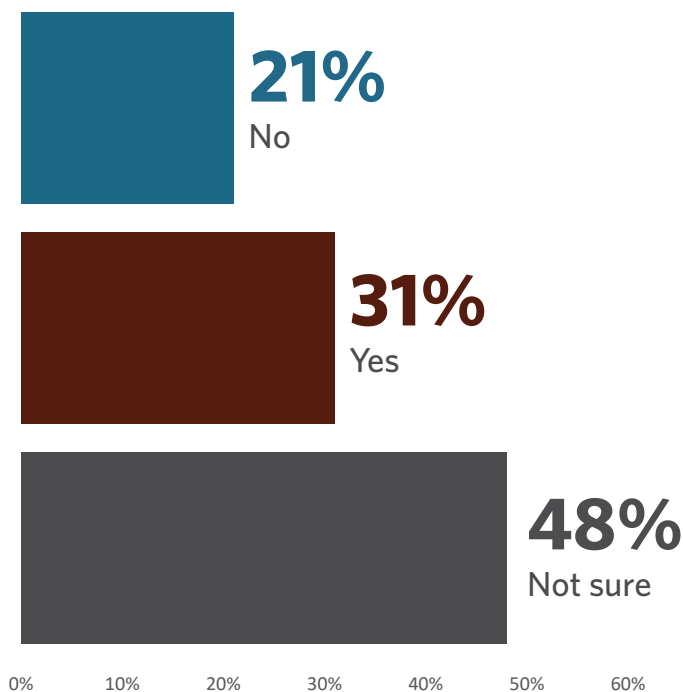
Community Survey Results

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What we learned from the community.



Do you feel immigrants are connecting with other residents of the Western region?



How can immigrants and residents connect better?

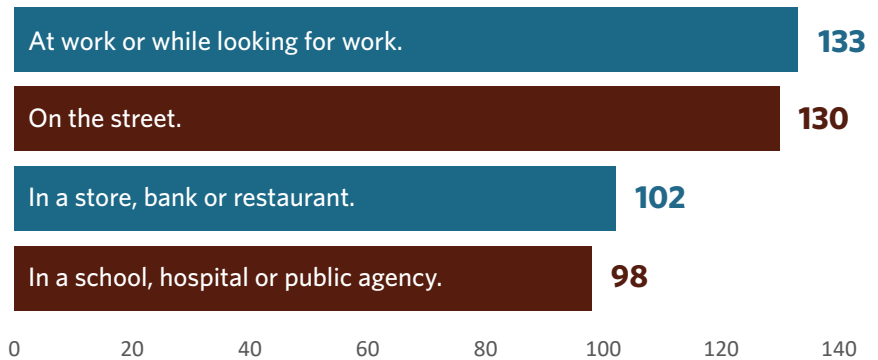
- » Create and join support groups like coffee mornings. 
- » Be welcoming and mean it. Include newcomers in community activities.
- » We don't have many social spaces that aren't alcohol focused - this creates real barriers.
- » I have yet to see advertising for groups, meetings or programs; formal or informal, to welcome them to town. 
- » Community coordinators that bring families to different events beyond the sponsoring organization.
- » I think the best connections are made through children, mainly through school activities. 

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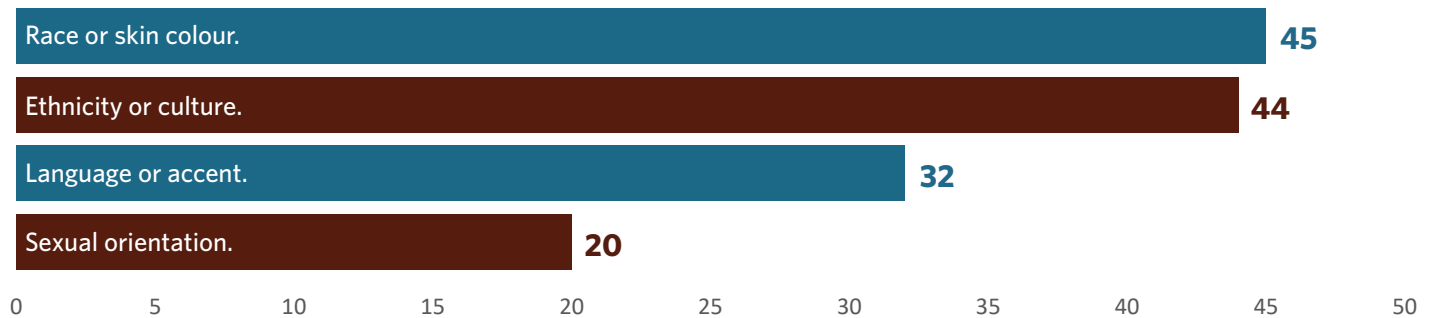
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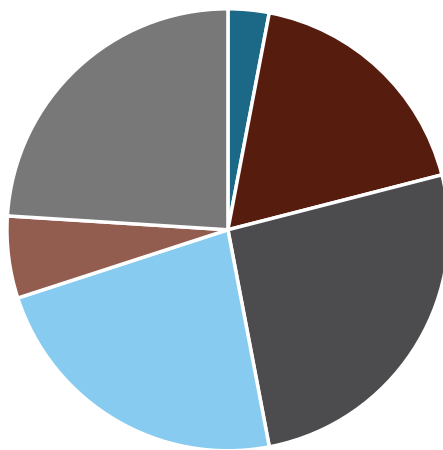
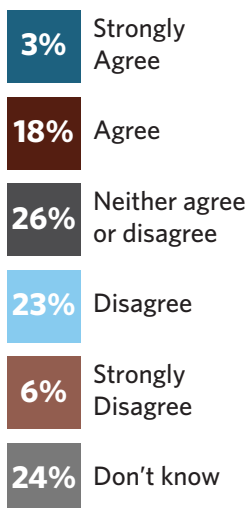
Have witnessed **discrimination** against newcomers.



What were the reasons for the discrimination?



Does the Western region do enough to support immigrants and refugees?



What changes will help make newcomers feel more welcome?

- » "Without the understanding that immigrants are not 'stealing' our jobs, doctors and homes, this will continue to be a fairly unwelcome place for immigrants to establish roots."
- » "Finding other folks to connect with who have a similar background."
- » "More public display of their culture. Maybe add flag poles to a public area in town and hang the flags of newcomers as they arrive for a month or more?"
- » "Welcome to signage in multiple languages."

