Immigrant Survey Results

Based on 36 Responses

What we learned from newcomers.



71% Have close family members or friends who would like to immigrate to the region. "I love the people!"

50%

Say the Western Region is welcoming to immigrants

"Most immigrant services are concentrated only in the central region-need to make these accessible to immigrants in rural Nova Scotia."

From 18 Different Countries

17 Unique Languages Spoken



- » 48% Immigrated here for a job.
- » 39% Chose here for its affordability.

83% Have a bachelor, master's degree, or college diploma.

30%

40%

50% Have difficulty finding a job.

10%

0%

55% Say their income level isn't enough.

20%

The biggest challenges.



Accessing health care.



Making friends or social connections.



Starting a new business.

What helped the most.



Making new friends.



Co-workers or fellow students.

Having family support.

Overall, 37% have experienced discrimination in various circumstances.

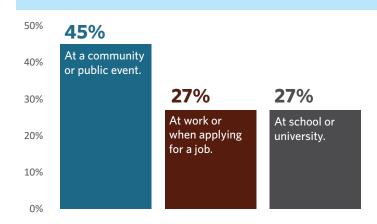
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70%

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90%



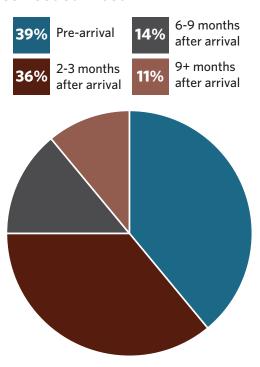




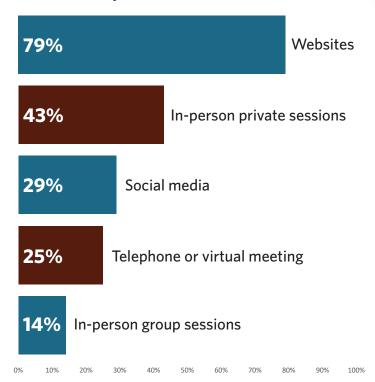
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When were settlement or immigrant services needed most?



The best ways to access information.



What services were needed when you first arrived?



- 1. Info on daily living, culture, government, and immigration.
- 2. Community connection programs and informal social networks.
- 3. Employment and education services.
- 4. Programs for children.



"Since immigrants do not know what organizations are available, **having a key organization be notified that an immigant has settled in a region** from the federal or provincial government would make sense."

What changes will help newcomers in the future?



- 1. More affordable housing options.
- 2. A central location where immigrants can receive settlement and other services.
- 3. Actions to improve social connections of immigrants.
- 4. More opportunities to help improve English language skills.





