



Census Release #6

Immigration, Citizenship, Ethnocultural Diversity, Mobility & Migration

Citizenship

- 84.6% of Richmond Hill residents in 2021 were Canadian citizens, and 15.4% of residents were not Canadian citizens. This is a higher proportion of non-citizens than in 2011 and 2016.

Citizenship	2011		2016		2021	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Canadian citizens	166,605	90.4%	168,185	86.8%	169,955	84.6%
Not Canadian citizens	17,760	9.6%	25,615	13.2%	30,970	15.4%
Total	184,370	100.0%	193,800	100.0%	200,930	100.0%

Table 1: Citizenship in Richmond Hill 2011, 2016 and 2021

- Richmond Hill has a higher proportion of non-citizens than York Region (11.5%), Toronto CMA (15.3%), Ontario (10.0%) and Canada (8.8%).

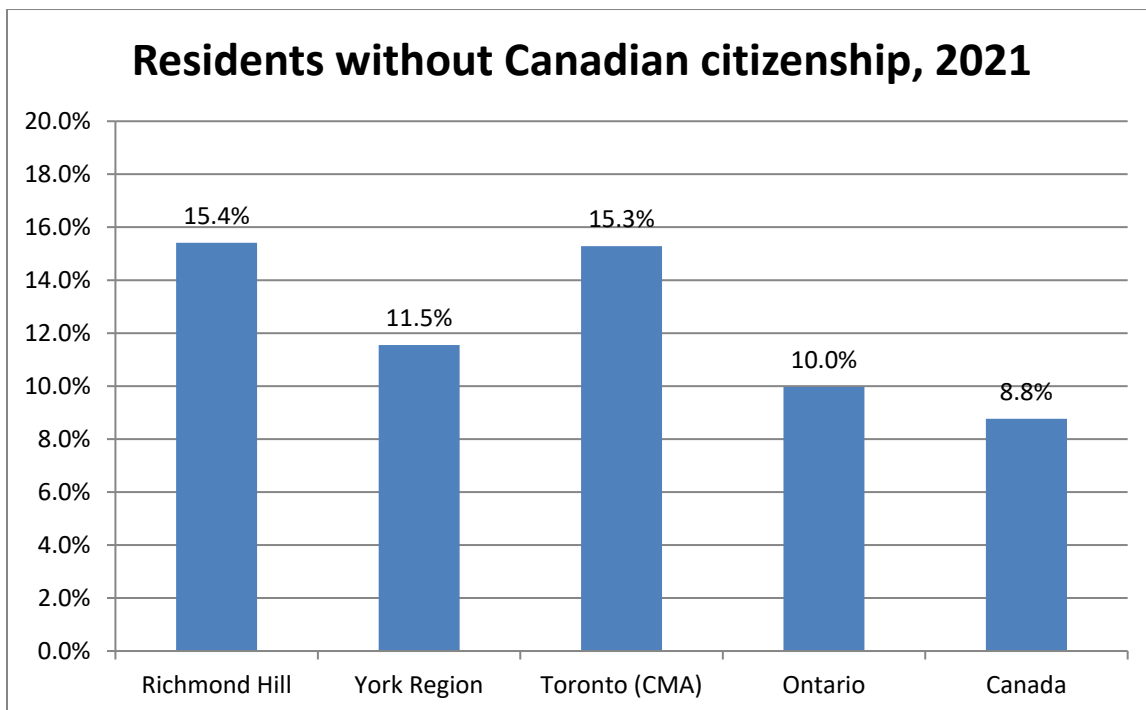


Figure 1: Percent of Richmond Hill Residents without Canadian Citizenship

Immigrant status and period of immigration

- The proportion of Richmond Hill's population that are immigrants continues to increase: from 57.4% in 2016 to 58.2% in 2021
- The number of residents who are not immigrants has declined between 2016 and 2021, while the number of non-permanent residents has doubled over the same period.

Immigrant status	2016		2021	
	#	%	#	%
Non-immigrants	79,505	41.0%	77,650	38.6%
Immigrants ¹	111,225	57.4%	116,855	58.2%
Non-permanent residents ²	3,075	1.6%	6,425	3.2%
Total	193,800	100.0%	200,925	100.0%

¹ **'Immigrants'** includes persons who are, or who have ever been, landed immigrants or permanent residents. Such persons have been granted the right to live in Canada permanently by immigration authorities. Immigrants who have obtained Canadian citizenship by naturalization are included in this category. In the 2021 Census of Population, 'Immigrants' includes immigrants who were admitted to Canada on or prior to May 11, 2021.

² **'Non-permanent residents'** includes persons from another country with a usual place of residence in Canada and who have a work or study permit or who have claimed refugee status (asylum claimants). Family members living with work or study permit holders are also included, unless these family members are already Canadian citizens, landed immigrants or permanent residents.

Table 2: Immigrant Status of Richmond Hill Residents 2016 vs 2021

- Most immigrants to Richmond Hill are relatively recent arrivals: 49.3% arrived between 2001 and 2021, and 75.3% arrived between 1991 and 2021.
- Compared to York Region, Toronto CMA, Ontario, and Canada, Richmond Hill has a higher proportion of immigrants who arrived between 1991 and 2010.

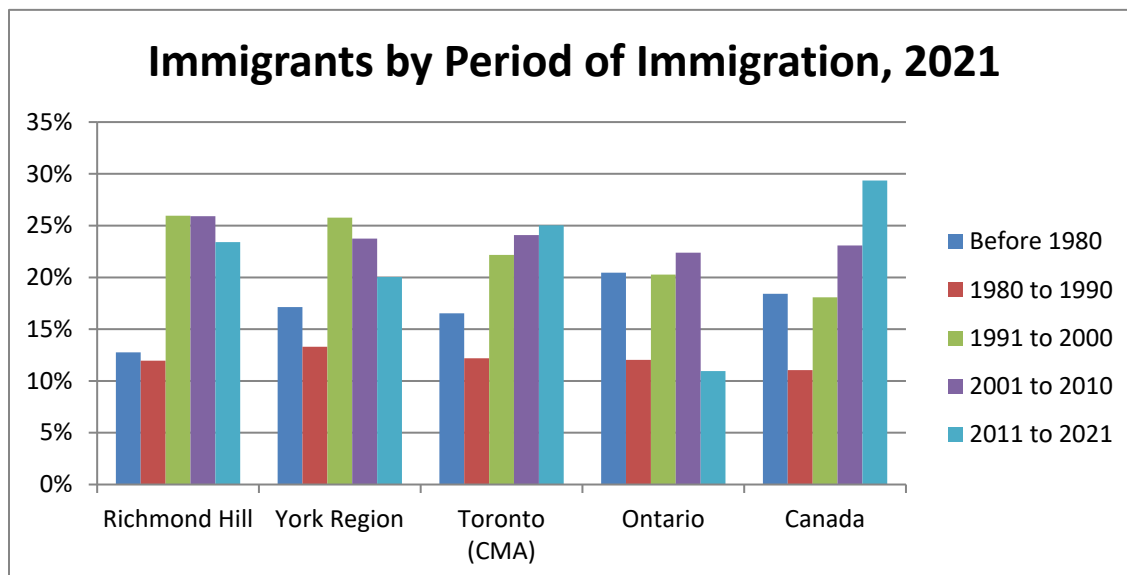


Figure 2: Richmond Hill Immigrants by Period of Immigration

Age at immigration

- The majority of immigrants living in Richmond Hill arrived in Canada when they were between the ages of 25 to 44 years old.
- Relative to York Region, Toronto CMA, Ontario, and Canada, the proportion of Richmond Hill immigrants who arrived in Canada between the ages of 15 to 24 is much less (about 5% versus 20% in those other jurisdictions).

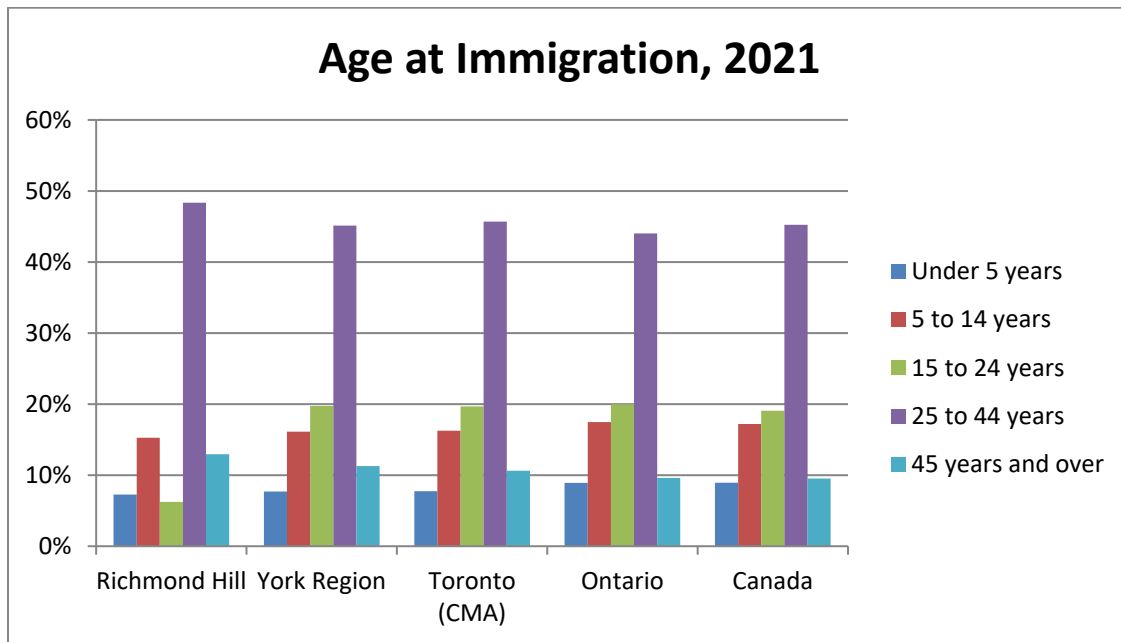


Figure 3: Age at Immigration in Richmond Hill, York Region, Toronto (CMA), Ontario and Canada

Generation status

- More than half of Richmond Hill's population are first generation immigrants at 62.4% of the total population, which is a much higher proportion compared to other jurisdictions. Second generation immigrants, such as the children of immigrants, comprise 26.6% of Richmond Hill's population.
- The proportion of first generation immigrants has been growing over the last few census programs, with first generation immigrants rising 6.4% since 2011, while the proportion of second and third generation immigrants has fallen 0.7% and 5.7% respective over the same period.

Generation status	Richmond Hill	York Region	Toronto (CMA)	Ontario	Canada
First generation ¹	62.4%	51.0%	51.6%	33.7%	26.4%
Second generation ²	26.6%	29.6%	28.0%	22.7%	17.6%
Third generation or more ³	11.0%	19.4%	20.3%	43.7%	56.0%
¹ 'First generation' includes persons who were born outside Canada. For the most part, these are people who are now, or once were, immigrants to Canada. ² 'Second generation' includes persons who were born in Canada and had at least one parent born outside Canada. For the most part, these are the children of immigrants. ³ 'Third generation or more' includes persons who were born in Canada with all parents born in Canada.					

Table 3: Comparison of Generation Status of Residents in Richmond Hill, York Region, Toronto (CMA), Ontario and Canada

Generation status in Richmond Hill	2011	2016	2021
First generation	56.0%	59.5%	62.4%
Second generation	27.3%	27.0%	26.6%
Third generation or more	16.7%	13.5%	11.0%

Table 4: Generation Status of Richmond Hill Residents in 2011, 2016 & 2021

Immigrants by selected place of birth

- Asia is the most common continent for immigrants to Richmond Hill to be born in, with 75% of immigrants being born there.
- Europe is the next most common continent, with 15.5% of immigrants born there.

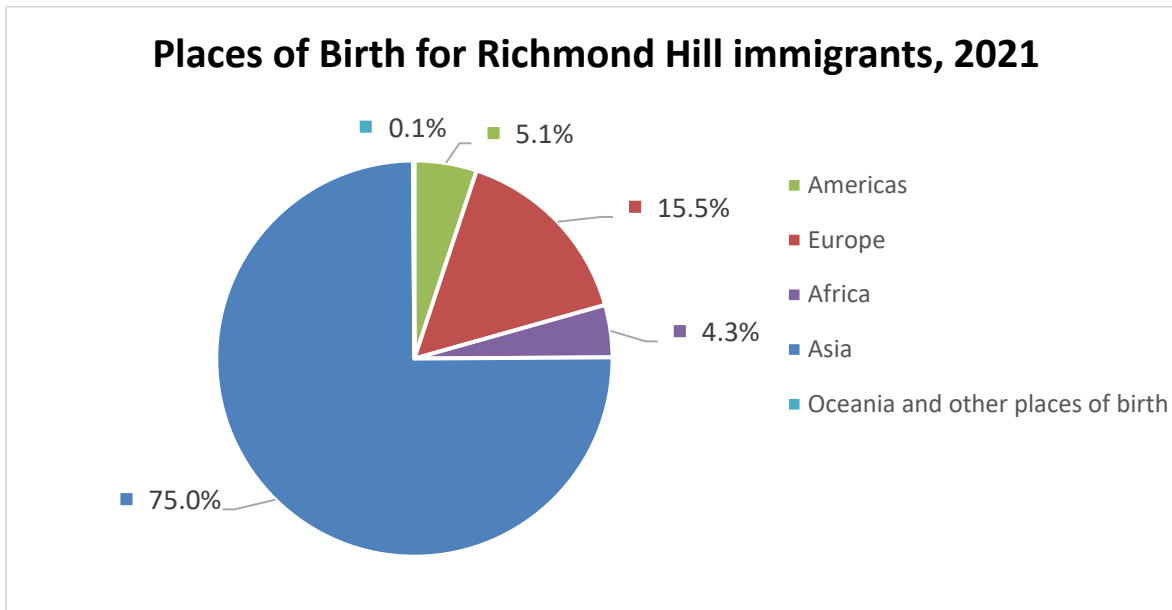


Figure 4: Places of Birth by Continent of Richmond Hill Immigrants, 2021

- The most common countries for immigrants to Richmond Hill to be from are China (23.9%), Iran (17.7%), and Hong Kong (11.3%).

Top 10 countries of birth	2021	
	#	%
China	27,910	23.9%
Iran	20,640	17.7%
Hong Kong	13,180	11.3%
South Korea	4,660	4.0%
India	4,070	3.5%
Italy	3,365	2.9%
Russian Federation	3,315	2.8%
Philippines	3,265	2.8%
Ukraine	2,395	2.0%
Pakistan	1,795	1.5%
Other countries	34,765	31.3%

Table 5: Top 10 Countries of Birth for Immigrants in Richmond Hill

Visible minority population

- In 2021, 66.4% of Richmond Hill residents identify as a visible minority.¹
- The proportion of the population in Richmond Hill identifying as a visible minority has continued to increase over time: from 52.9% in 2011, to 66.4% in 2021.

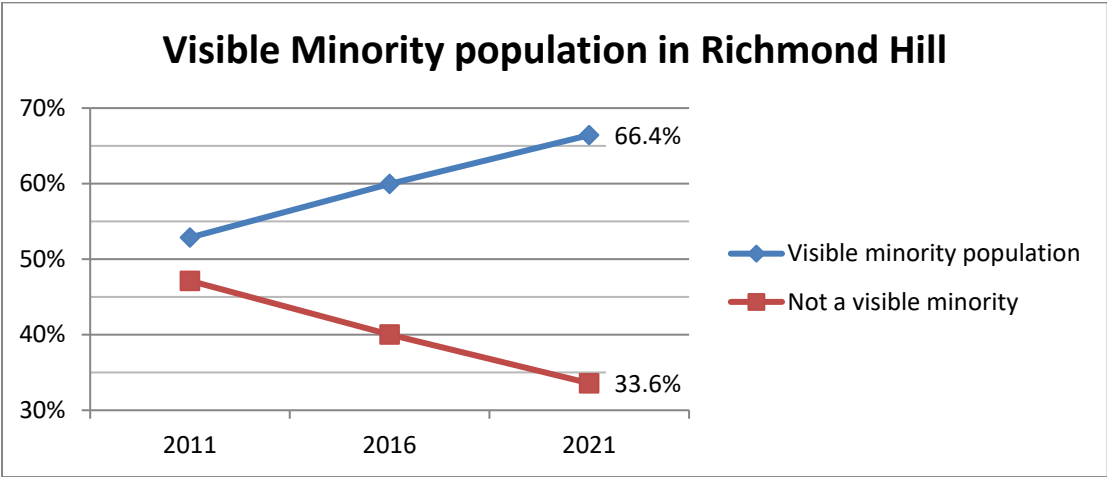


Figure 5: Richmond Hill Residents who are a Visible Minority¹ 2011 - 2021

¹ **“Visible minority”** refers to whether a person is a visible minority or not as defined by the Employment Equity Act. The Employment Equity Act defines visible minorities as “persons other than Aboriginal peoples who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour.” The visible minority population consists mainly of the following groups: South Asian, Chinese, Black, Filipino, Arab, Latin American, Southeast Asian, West Asian, Korean and Japanese

- Chinese is the most prominent visible minority population, comprising 31.9% of the total population in Richmond Hill, followed by West Asian (13.2%) and South Asian (7.6%).

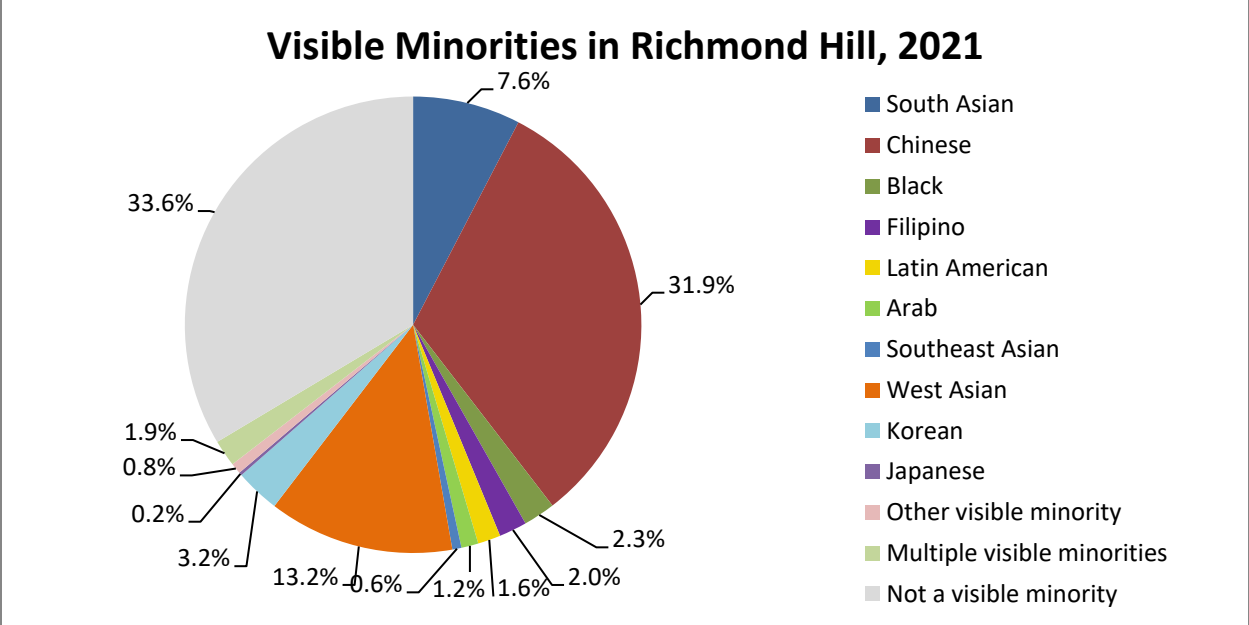


Figure 6: Richmond Hill Visible Minority Population by Ethnicity, 2021

Mobility and migration

- In 2021, 10.1% of residents living in Richmond Hill reported living elsewhere one year previously. Of these, roughly half (4.8% of all residents) lived elsewhere in Richmond Hill, while 3.6% moved from elsewhere in Ontario, 0.3% from elsewhere in Canada, and 1.5% from outside of Canada.
- When looking back 5 years, 34% of residents living in Richmond Hill in 2021 reported living at a different location, with almost 10% of the population having moved from somewhere within Richmond Hill and 7.9% having moved from some place outside of Canada.

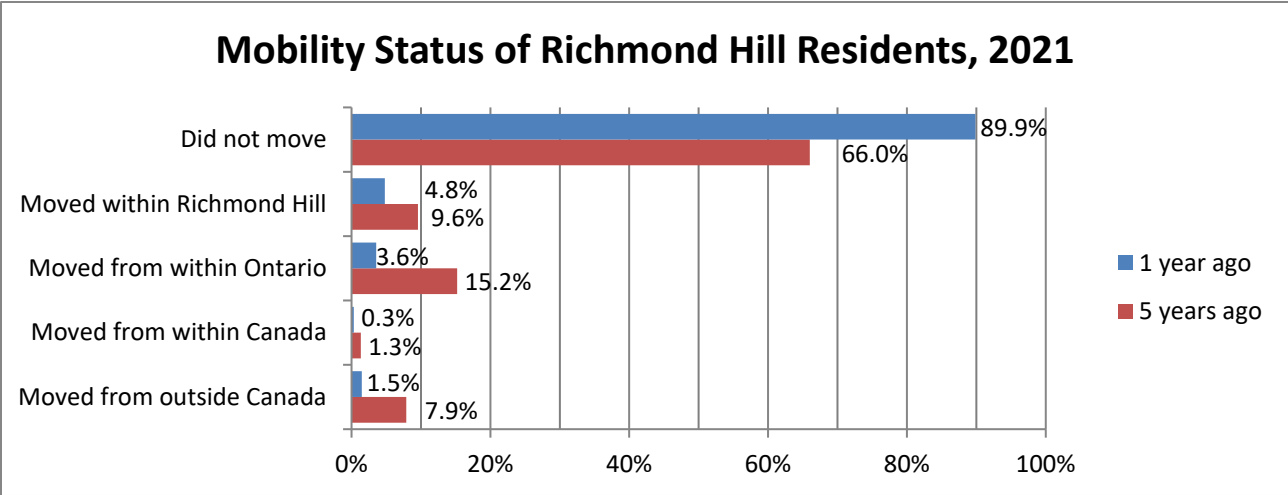


Figure 7: Mobility Status of Richmond Hill Residents 1-year and 5-years ago, 2021

Census Release #7 Education, Labour, Journey to Work and Language of Work

Education

- 96% of Richmond Hill residents aged 25 to 64 have at least a secondary school diploma or equivalent.
- 60% of Richmond Hill residents have some level of postsecondary education.
- More than half of Richmond Hill residents have obtained at least a bachelor-level university certificate, diploma or degree.
- A significantly higher proportion of Richmond Hill residents have a university-level education compared to the York Region, Toronto CMA, Ontario, and Canada proportions.

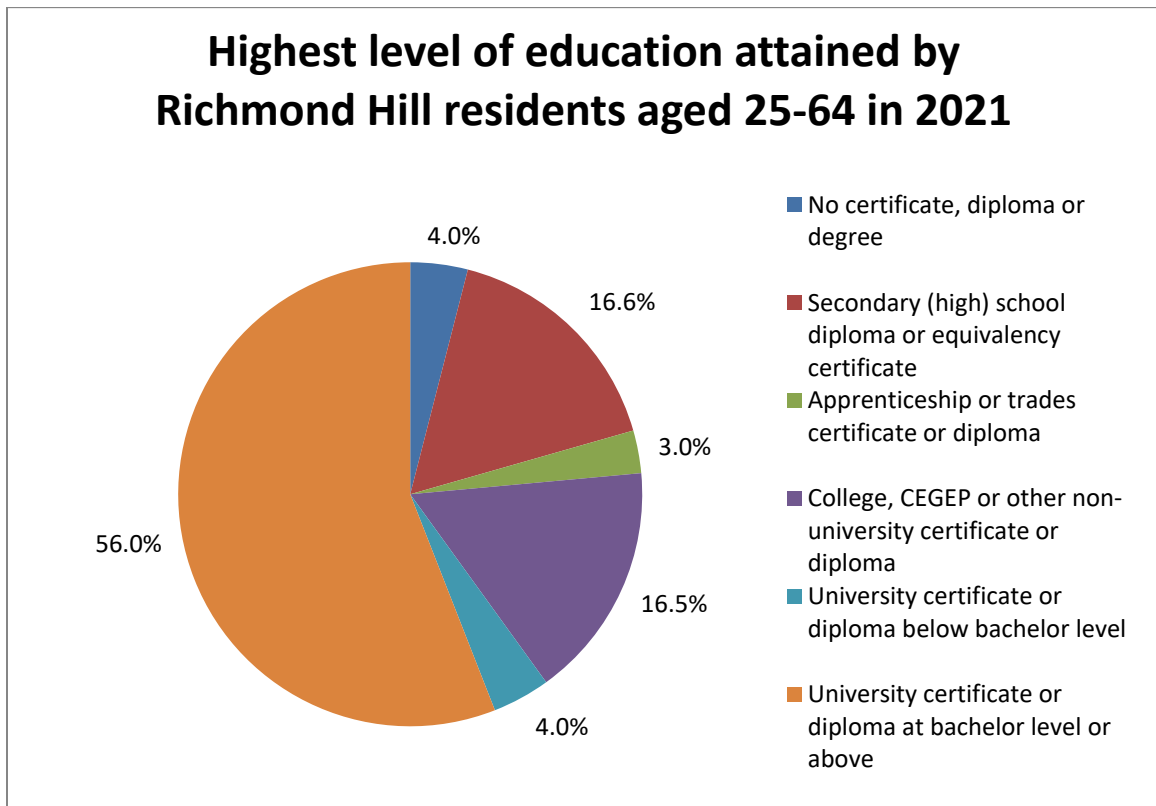


Figure 8: Highest Level Education of Richmond Hill Residents Aged 25-64, 2021

Level of Education	Richmond Hill	York Region	Toronto (CMA)	Ontario	Canada
No certificate, diploma or degree	4.0%	7.1%	8.0%	8.8%	9.9%
Secondary (high) school diploma or equivalency certificate	16.6%	19.9%	20.2%	23.3%	23.0%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	3.0%	3.8%	3.7%	5.1%	5.4%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	16.5%	19.2%	18.5%	23.6%	21.4%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	4.0%	3.5%	3.1%	2.4%	3.2%
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	56.0%	46.6%	46.5%	36.8%	32.9%

Table 6: Comparison of the Highest Level of Education Attained by Residents Aged 25-64 in Richmond Hill, York Region, Toronto (CMA), Ontario and Canada

- Richmond Hill residents have very diversified educational backgrounds. Of the population aged 25-64 that has obtained a post-secondary education, the most common fields of study for Richmond Hill residents are in the business, management and public administration field (20.7%); architecture, engineering, and related technologies field (15.3%); social and behavioural sciences and law field (9.6%); health and related fields (8.2%); and mathematics, computer and information sciences field (7.7%).

Field of Study of Richmond Hill Residents aged 25-64 with a post-secondary education, 2021

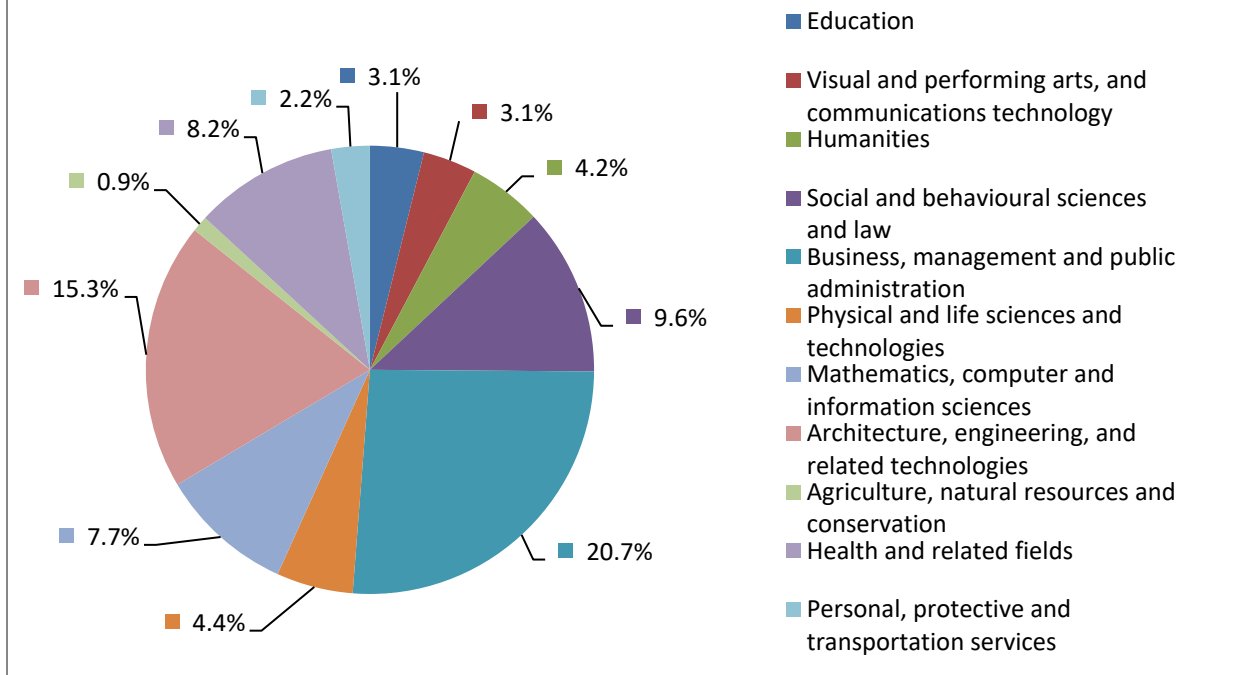


Figure 9: Field of Study of Richmond Hill Residents aged 25-64 with a Post-Secondary Education, 2021

Labour

- The labour participation rate of Richmond Hill residents aged 15 years or older is 62.6%. This is a lower participation rate than for York Region and the Toronto CMA.
- Richmond Hill's unemployment rate was 6.9%, which is higher than the rate for York Region, Ontario, and Canada, but lower than the rates for Toronto CMA.
- 21.9% of Richmond Hill workers aged 15 years or older identified themselves as self-employed exceeding the proportion of self-employed workers in York Region (by 2.9%), Toronto CMA (by 5.8%), Ontario (by 7.3%) and Canada (by 7.8%).

Labour	Richmond Hill	York Region	Toronto (CMA)	Ontario	Canada
Participation rate	62.6%	63.9%	64.6%	62.8%	63.7%
Unemployment rate	13.1%	12.7%	13.3%	12.2%	10.3%
Self-employed	21.9%	19.0%	16.1%	14.6%	14.1%

Table 7: Comparison of Employment Rates in Richmond Hill, York Region, Toronto (CMA), Ontario and Canada, 2021

- Census information regarding work activity tracks whether a respondent worked during the previous year (2020). This statistic tracks every person over the age of 15, therefore including people who would not normally be part of the work force, such as students, and seniors.
- Approximately one-third of Richmond Hill residents over the age of 15 worked full time for the entire year of 2020.
- Just under one-third worked part of the year and/or part-time.
- Just over one-third did not work at all during 2020, this would include people in school and in retirement.
- Richmond Hill has a slightly higher proportion of residents who did not work in 2020 compared to York Region and Toronto CMA.

Work activity	Richmond Hill	York Region	Toronto (CMA)	Ontario	Canada
Did not work	38.7%	37.0%	37.2%	37.9%	36.7%
Worked full year, full time	32.8%	34.6%	34.3%	33.8%	33.7%
Worked part year and/or part time	28.5%	28.4%	28.6%	28.3%	29%

Table 8: Comparison of Work Activity of Residents in Richmond Hill, York Region, Toronto (CMA), Ontario and Canada, 2020

- In 2020, 48.9% of Richmond Hill residents who work, reported that they go to work at the same place of work every day. However, 39.8% of residents reported that they work at home and 10.6% of residents reported that they do not have a fixed workplace address (i.e. the location of their workplace changes). Another 0.7% identified as working at a location outside of Canada.
- The percentage (39.8%) of workers who worked from home in 2020 is much higher than the percentage (10.2%) reported in the previous Census.

- Conversely, the percentage of workers who worked at a usual place of work, with no fixed place of work, of who worked outside of Canada was lower than what was reported in the previous census.

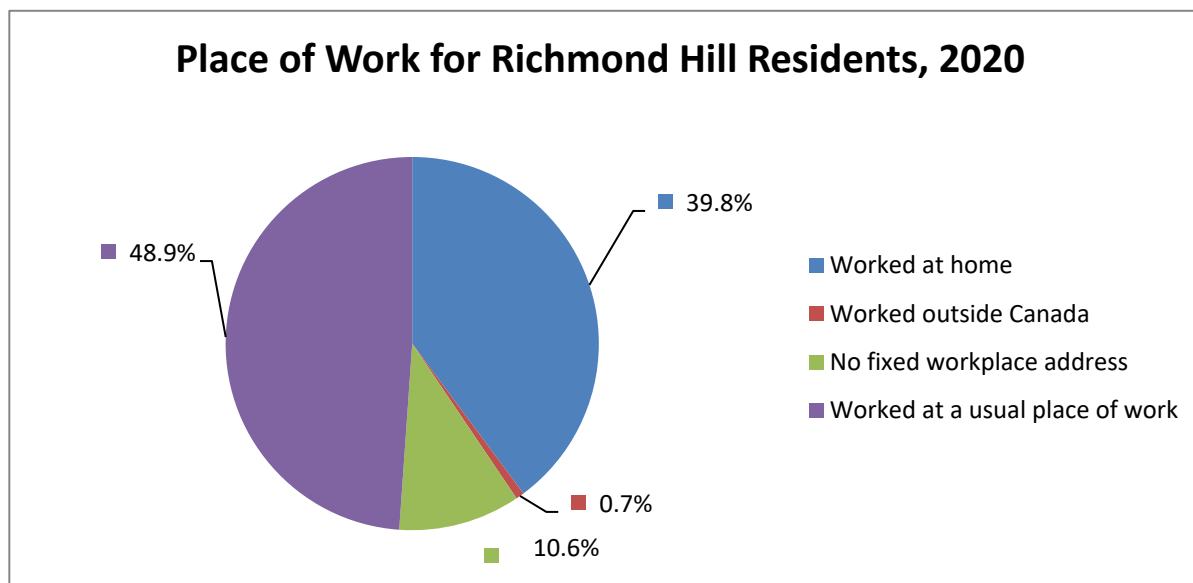


Figure 10: Place of Work for Richmond Hill Residents, 2020

Place of Work	2015	2020	% Change
Worked at home	10.2%	39.8%	29.6%
Worked outside Canada	1.1%	0.7%	-0.3%
No fixed workplace address	11.0%	10.6%	-0.4%
Usual place of work	77.7%	48.9%	-28.8%

Table 9: Comparison of Place of Work for Richmond Hill Residents 2015 vs 2021

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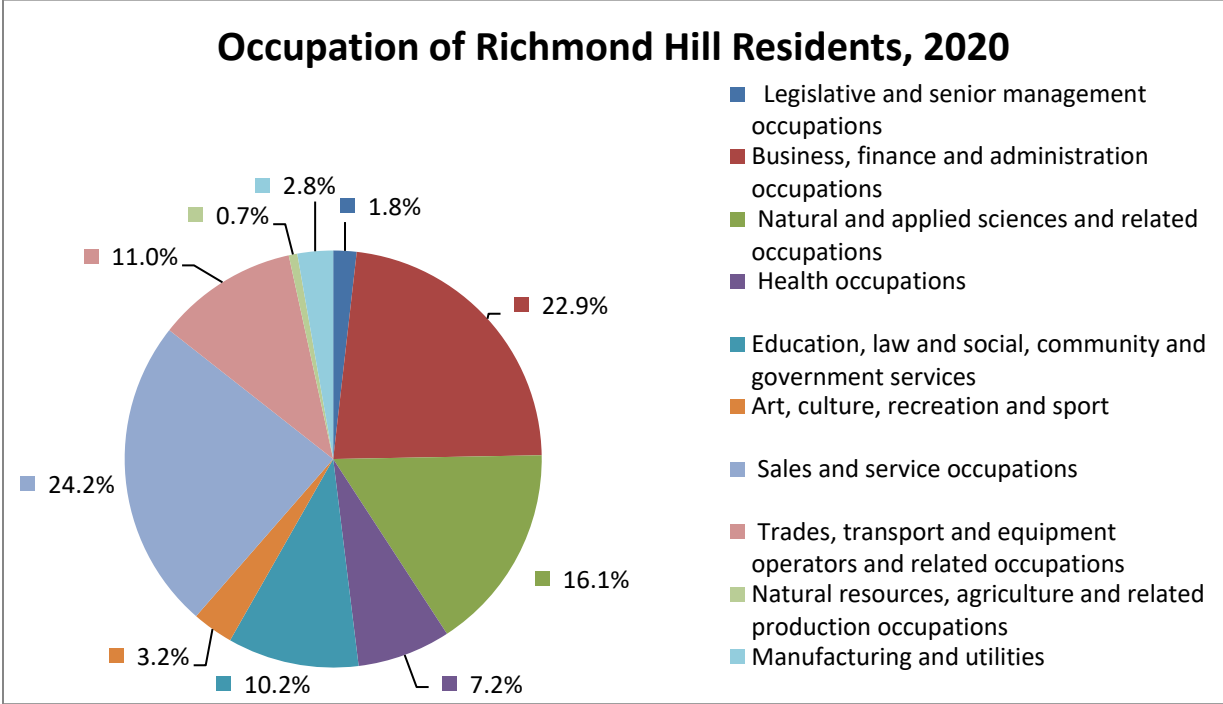


Figure 11: Occupation of Richmond Hill Residents, 2020

Journey to work

- The section on Journey to work focuses solely on the trips that Richmond Hill residents take to their place of work.
- Data on the trips for people who work within Richmond Hill are not available through the Census.

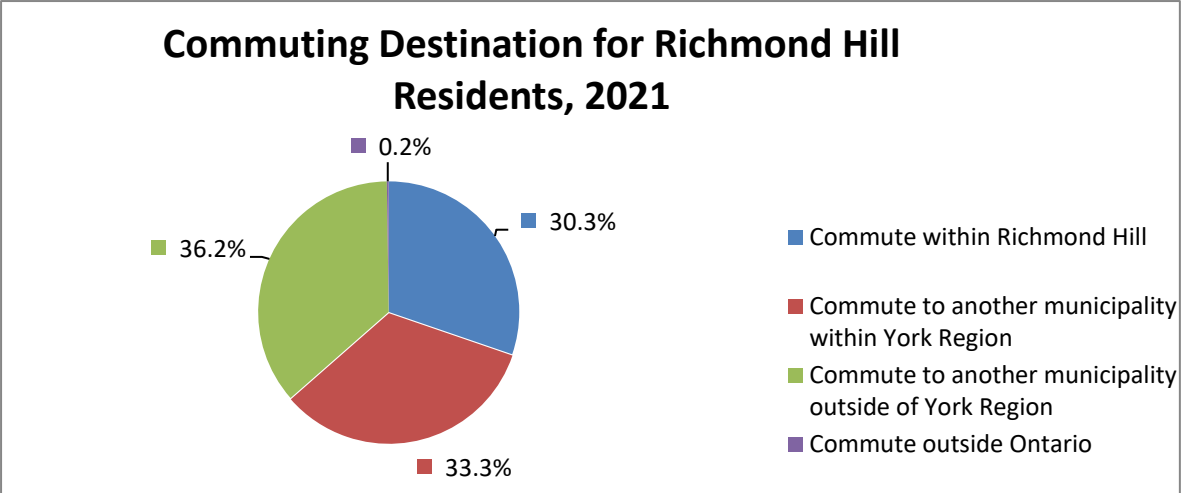


Figure 12: Commuting Destination for Richmond Hill Residents, 2021

- Of the Richmond Hill residents who travel to work, 30.3% of them commute within Richmond Hill, while 33.3% commute to another municipality within York Region, and 36.2% commute to a location in Ontario outside of York Region, which would include Toronto or other GTA municipalities. Approximately 0.2% of Richmond Hill residents who travel to work, travel outside of Ontario.
- The predominant mode of transportation for residents in Richmond Hill commuting to work continues to be the automobile, with 79.3% of residents driving to work, and a further 7.4% as a passenger in a car, truck, or van. Public Transit (7.9%) is the next most common mode of transport.
- The pandemic has impacted commuting behaviour, interrupting the previous trends seen in commuting behaviour. Compared to the 2016 census, public transit usage fell 7.3%. Automobile commutes increased with 4% more people commuting as drivers and 1.7% more commute as passengers in an automobile. Commuting by automobile is at a 10 year high while commuting by public transit is at a 10 year low.

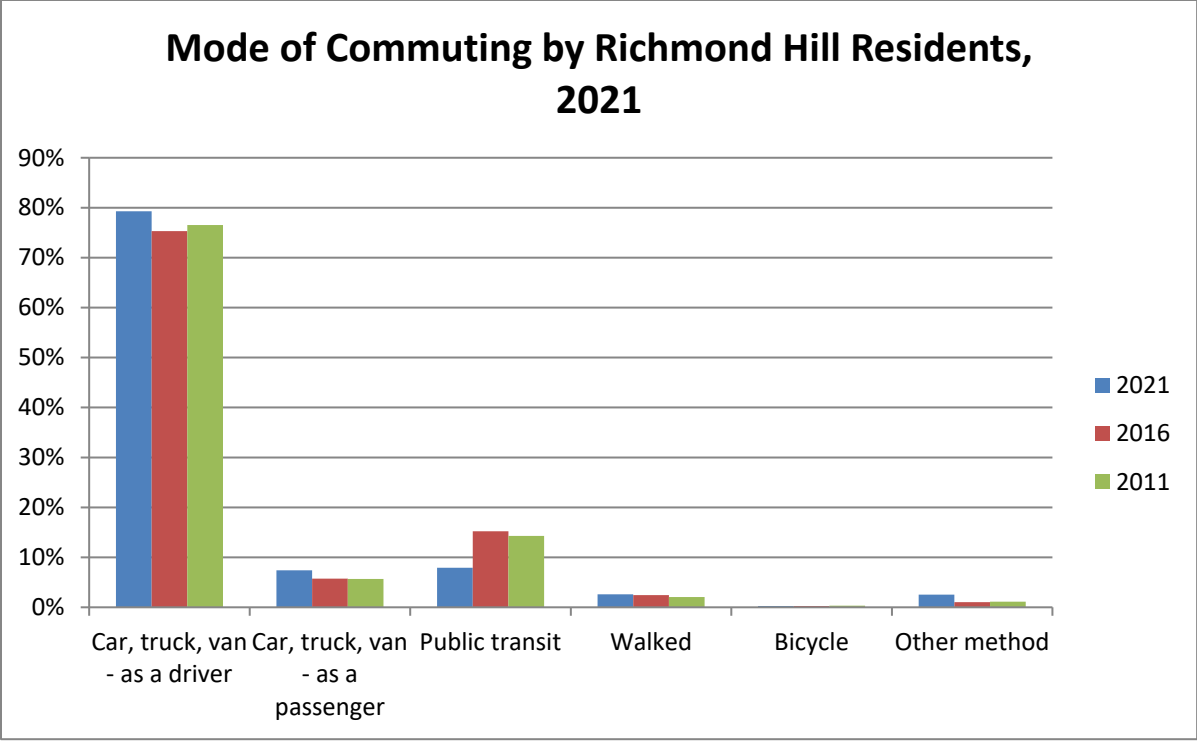


Figure 13: Mode of Commuting by Richmond Hill Resident, 2021

- Interestingly, the trends in commuting by walking and cycling was not impacted by the pandemic with walking continuing to slowly increase (+0.2%, +0.4%) and cycling remaining constant (0.3%). The impact of micromobility trends can also be seen with other methods of commuting increasing by 1.5% from 2016.

Mode of Commuting	2021	2016	2011
Car, truck, van - as a driver	79.3%	75.3%	76.5%
Car, truck, van - as a passenger	7.4%	5.7%	5.7%
Public transit	7.9%	15.2%	14.3%
Walked	2.6%	2.4%	2.0%
Bicycle	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Other method	2.5%	1.0%	1.1%

Table 10: Mode of Commuting by Richmond Hill Residents 2011 vs 2016 vs 2021

- Commuters to work by Richmond Hill residents are typically longer than the York Region, Toronto CMA, Ontario, and Canada averages. These Richmond Hill residents identify proportionally more commute times in the 30 to 44 minutes category. The proportion of commutes between 45 to 59 minutes, and 60 minutes and over categories were similar in Richmond Hill as they are in York Region and the Toronto CMA, however they exceed Ontario and Canada averages
- 51.1% of commutes to work by Richmond Hill residents are longer than 30 minutes.

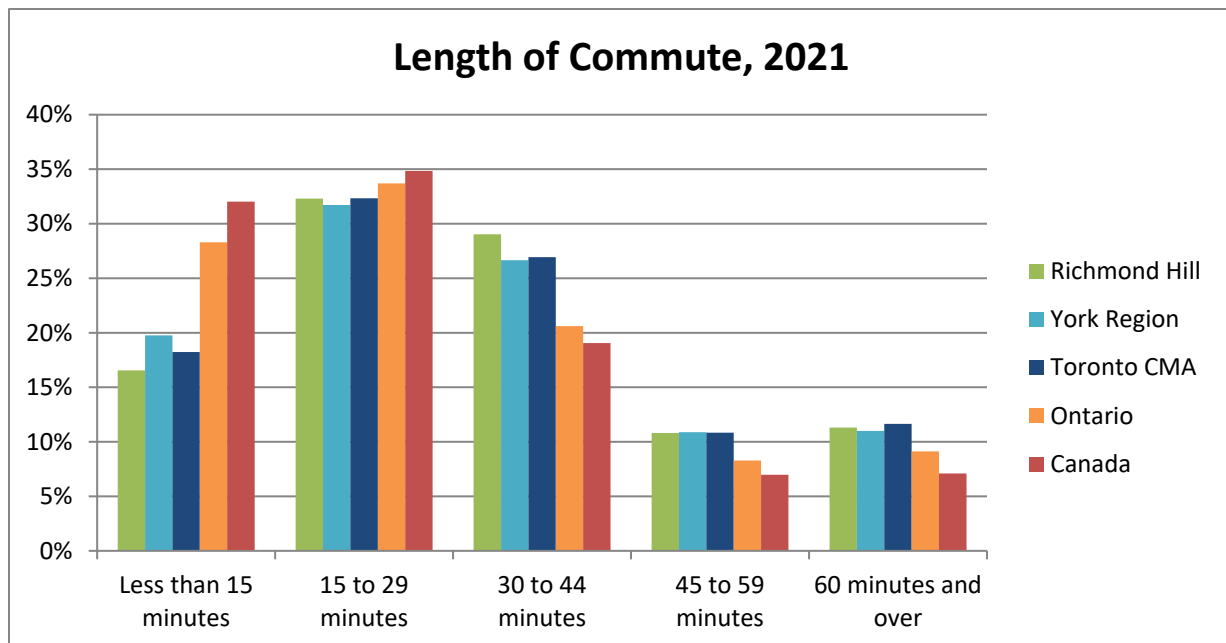


Figure 14: Comparison of Commute Lengths in Richmond Hill, York Region, Toronto (CMA), Ontario and Canada, 2021

Length of commute	Richmond Hill	York Region	Toronto (CMA)	Ontario	Canada
Less than 15 minutes	16.5%	19.8%	18.2%	28.3%	32.0%
15 to 29 minutes	32.3%	31.7%	32.3%	33.7%	34.8%
30 to 44 minutes	29.0%	26.6%	26.9%	20.6%	19.1%
45 to 59 minutes	10.8%	10.9%	10.8%	8.3%	7.0%
60 minutes and over	11.3%	11.0%	11.6%	9.1%	7.1%

Table 11: Comparison of Commute Lengths for Residents in Richmond Hill, York Region, Toronto (CMA), Ontario and Canada, 2021

- 46.2% of Richmond Hill residents who do not work from home leave for work between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. A quarter (25.3%) of those residents leave between 9 a.m. and noon, while 16.1% leave before 7 a.m. 12.4% leave for work between midnight and 5:00 a.m.

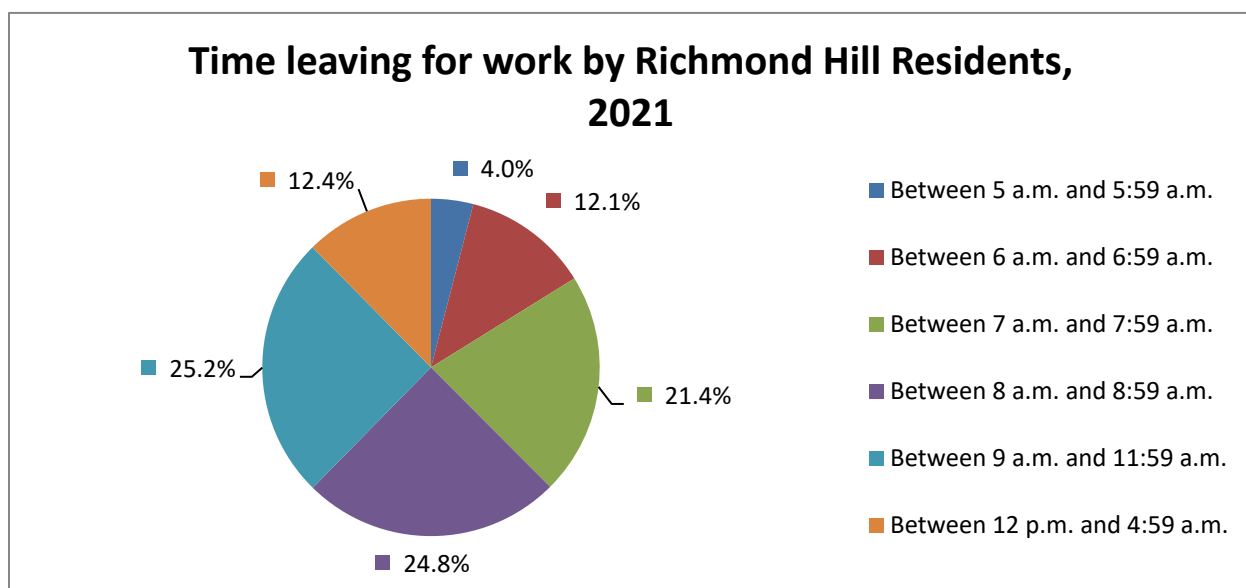


Figure 16: Time leaving for work by Richmond Hill Residents, 2021

Language of work

- English is the predominant language of the workplace of Richmond Hill residents: 85.2% of residents work in a workplace that only speaks English, 0.2% of residents work in a workplace that speaks English and French, and 4.8% of residents work in a workplace that speaks English and a non-official language. This indicates that 96.6% of Richmond Hill residents work in a workplace that at least partially speaks English.
- Conversely, 3.4% of workplaces of Richmond Hill residents are reported as not speaking English at all.
- Other common workplace languages for Richmond Hill residents include Mandarin (5.6%), Cantonese (4.1%), Iranian Persian (2.2%), French (1.4%), Russian (1.0%), and Korean (0.7%).

Top Languages of Work	Number	Percentage
English	97,015	85.2%
Mandarin	6,375	5.6%
English and non-official language	5,445	4.8%
Yue (Cantonese)	4,690	4.1%
Iranian Persian	2,500	2.2%
French	1,545	1.4%
Russian	1,140	1.0%
Korean	780	0.7%
Spanish	350	0.3%
Persian (Farsi), <i>not otherwise specified</i>	285	0.3%
Italian	235	0.2%
Other Languages	1,930	1.7%

Table 12: Top Languages of Work in Richmond Hill, 2021