

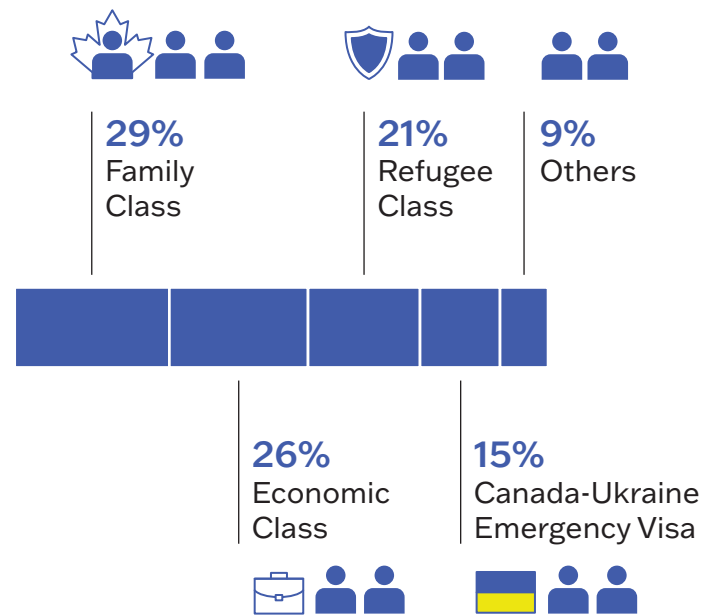
# 2023 Guelph-Wellington Immigrant Survey Report: Executive Summary

## Data Highlights

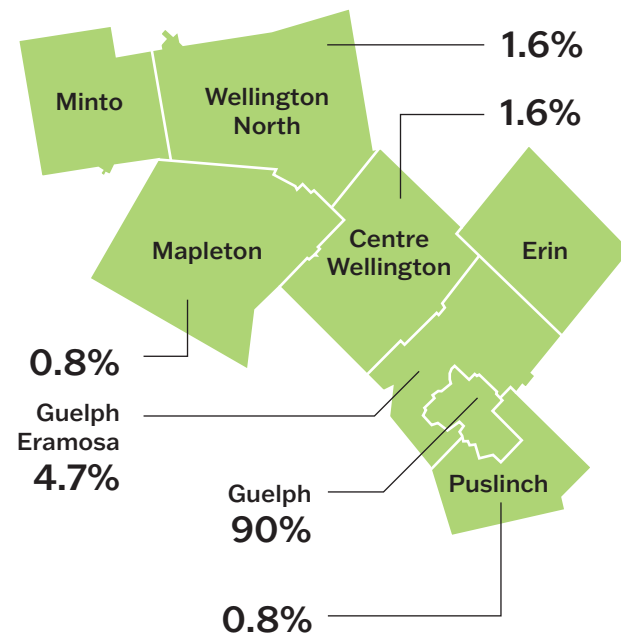
Every two years, the Guelph-Wellington Local Immigration Partnership (GWLIP) conducts a survey of immigrants who were born outside of Canada and are now living in Guelph and Wellington. In 2023, the Immigrant Survey ran from May to July '23. Here are the highlights from the data analysis.

## Survey Participants

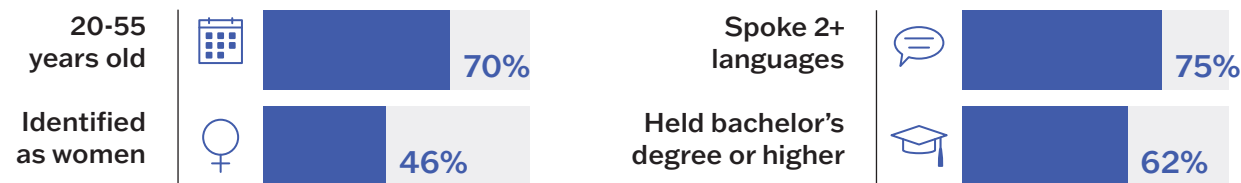
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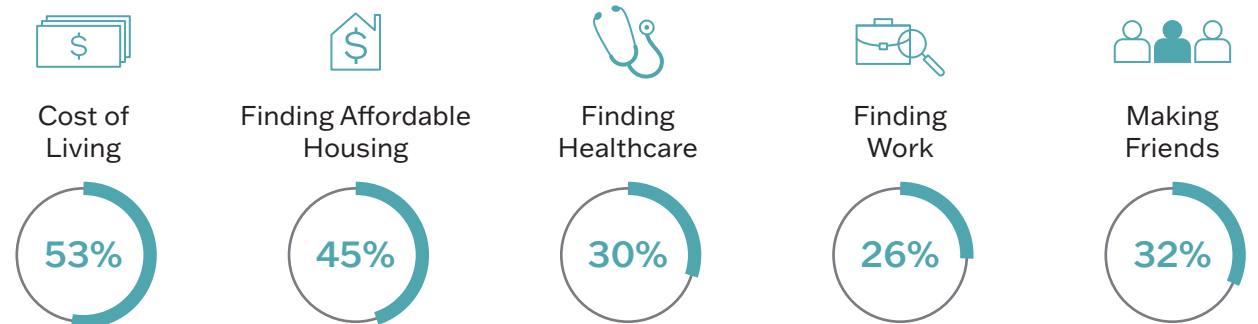
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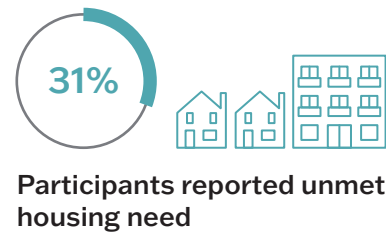
Participant characteristics:



## Key Challenges



## Housing Issues



Most common unmet needs:



"I am the only one who is taking care of my family and my whole salary is going behind taking care of my family."

"Increased rent is not affordable."

"Earning is only enough for rent."



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## Discrimination



## Services Accessed

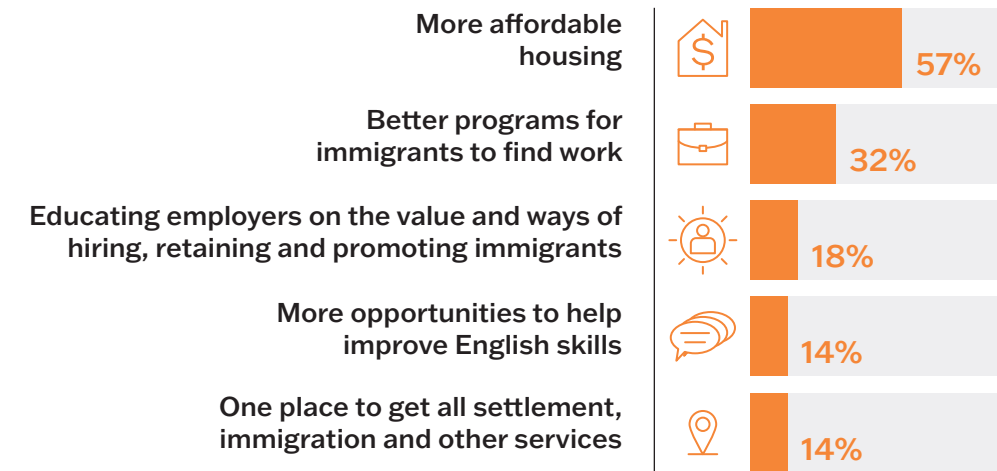


## Community Integration into Guelph Wellington



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## Changes Suggested by Participants



## Improvements Suggested by Participants

Participants were asked to suggest improvements that would make Guelph-Wellington better for immigrants and newcomers. Five themes were derived from their answers:



**RESPECT AND EQUALITY**  
Treating everyone respectfully and fairly, regardless of citizenship status.

"We all contribute to make this place better and prosperous."



**LANGUAGE AND EDUCATION**  
Importance of English language skills training was emphasized.

"ESL class must be available for everyone."



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**  
Creating job opportunities that align with immigrants' education and experience was consistently suggested.

"Support immigrants in finding jobs that match their experience and education."



**INCLUSION AND INTEGRATION**  
Integration and inclusion efforts across municipal projects was urged by participants.

"Set up more programs and webinars on a variety of topics."



**HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY**  
Unaffordable housing is affecting the overall well-being of immigrants.

"More affordable housing, prioritize healthcare services."