



Demographic & Economic Profile: Argyle, Nova Scotia

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Source: This profile is based on Statistics Canada population estimates (2006-2019) and Census Data (2006 and 2016)

Summary of Key Regional Economic and Demographic Characteristics

Argyle, Nova Scotia:

Population Characteristics

Based on Statistics Canada estimates, the community's population count totaled 7,988 inhabitants in 2019, and its population decreased by -0.8% p.a. over the period 2006 to 2019.

62.6% of the population falls in the 15-64 age cohort (or principal working years). That share is down from the corresponding value, 67.7%, in 2006.

In addition, the median age of the population is estimated to be 49.8, compared with 45 and 40.7 for the province and Canada respectively.

Regional Economy & Commercial Landscape

The region's top five sectors, in terms of employment, account for approximately 67.6% of regional employment. Those sectors and their shares of the region's total employment are as follows:*

- [1] 11 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting (22.7%)
- [2] 31-33 Manufacturing (14.9%)
- [3] 44-45 Retail trade (11.5%)
- [4] 62 Health care and social assistance (10.8%)
- [5] 61 Educational services (7.8%)

* (1) Numbers preceding the sector names are North American Industry Classification Codes (NAICS). (2) Percentages in parentheses are the sector's share of the local labour force, and shares are derived from Census 2016.

50.0% of the area's registered businesses have no employees.

Small businesses account for 100% of the region's businesses with employees.

The area's top five sectors in terms of their shares of total business registrations are:

- [1] Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting (55.6%)
- [2] Construction (5.8%)
- [3] Manufacturing (5.1%)
- [4] Finance and insurance (4.5%)
- [5] Real estate and rental and leasing (4.1%)

These sectors account for 75.1% of the region's total business registrations (businesses with and without employees).

Summary of Key Regional Economic and Demographic Characteristics

Labour Force & Income

Figures pertaining to the region's current labour force status are not available. Nevertheless it is worth noting that, over the ten-year period separating the 2006 and 2016 censuses, the area's rate of unemployment decreased from, 10.7% to 8.0%, and the region's rate of unemployment was higher than the national rate, 7.7%, as of Census 2016.

Approximately 57.2% of the region's working age population (15+ years of age) is employed (i.e., the region's employment rate), and roughly 78% of that segment of the population is employed in sectors that grew on par with or faster than the overall Canadian economy over the period 2014-2018. Note: The corresponding Canada-wide benchmark employment rate is 60.2%.

The share of the population by broad income bracket is as follows:

< \$40,000 = 62.7%

\$40,000 to \$100,000 = 32.5%

>\$100,000 = 4.8%

Education, Training & Occupations

The share of the population (15+ years of age) by highest level of education attained is as follows:

- [1] No certificate, diploma or degree (34.1%)
- [2] High School (18.5%)
- [3] Postsecondary (47.4%)

In addition, 60.7% of the population is bilingual in Canada's official languages, French and English.

The region's top 3 occupations account for 53.0% of its working population and they are as follows:

- [1] 8 Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations (22.0%)
- [2] 6 Sales and service occupations (19.1%)
- [3] 1 Business, finance and administration occupations (11.9%)

* Numbers preceding text are occupation codes employed by Statistics Canada

Summary of Key Regional Economic and Demographic Characteristics

Housing

67.8% of households have 1 or 2 occupants, while 4.2% have 5 or more occupants.

The region's most prevalent types of private occupied dwellings are the following:

- [1] Single-detached house (96.1%)
- [2] Apartment in a building that has fewer than five storeys (1.8%)
- [3] Apartment or flat in a duplex (0.7%)

9.5% of the population resides in rented dwellings.

Commuting for Purposes of Employment

53.7% of the region's working age population commutes to destinations outside the community (census subdivision) for purposes of employment. In addition, 96.0% of commuters travel by private vehicle, either as driver or passenger, while 4.0% take public transport or commute by other means (walk, cycle or other).

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Basic Population Characteristics and Trends

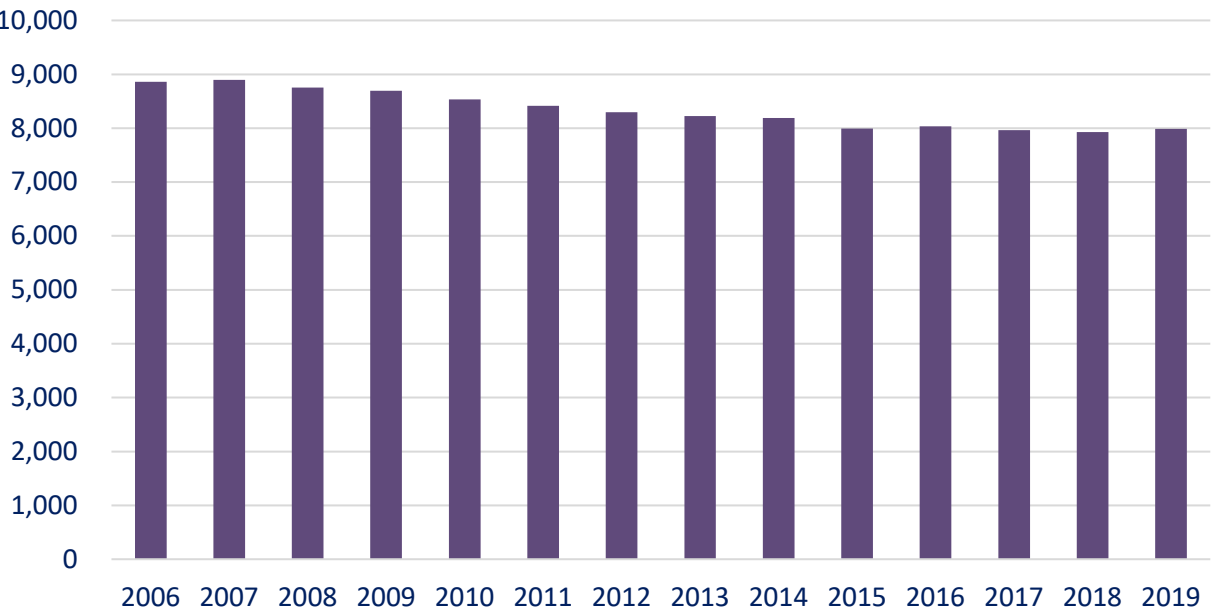
Population Size and Growth

| Key Figures: | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Population size, 2019 = | 7,988 |
| Population growth rate, 2006-2019:* | |
| Argyle | -0.8% |
| Nova Scotia | 0.3% |
| Canada | 1.1% |

* Compound average annual rate of growth (CAARG)

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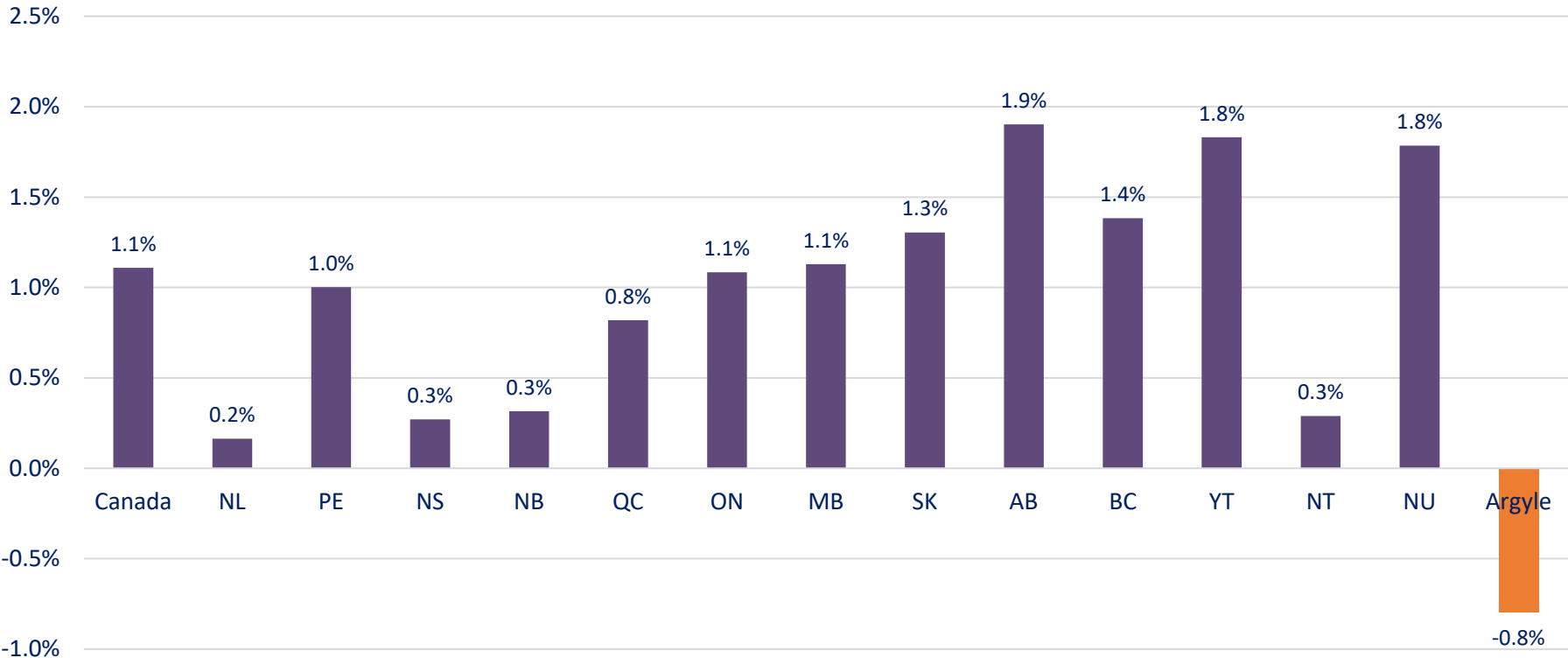
Population Trend: 2006 - 2019 (estimates)



| Year | Population | % chg. |
|------|------------|--------|
| 2006 | 8,864 | - |
| 2007 | 8,899 | 0.4% |
| 2008 | 8,755 | -1.6% |
| 2009 | 8,696 | -0.7% |
| 2010 | 8,534 | -1.9% |
| 2011 | 8,413 | -1.4% |
| 2012 | 8,295 | -1.4% |
| 2013 | 8,226 | -0.8% |
| 2014 | 8,187 | -0.5% |
| 2015 | 7,995 | -2.3% |
| 2016 | 8,037 | 0.5% |
| 2017 | 7,962 | -0.9% |
| 2018 | 7,926 | -0.5% |
| 2019 | 7,988 | 0.8% |

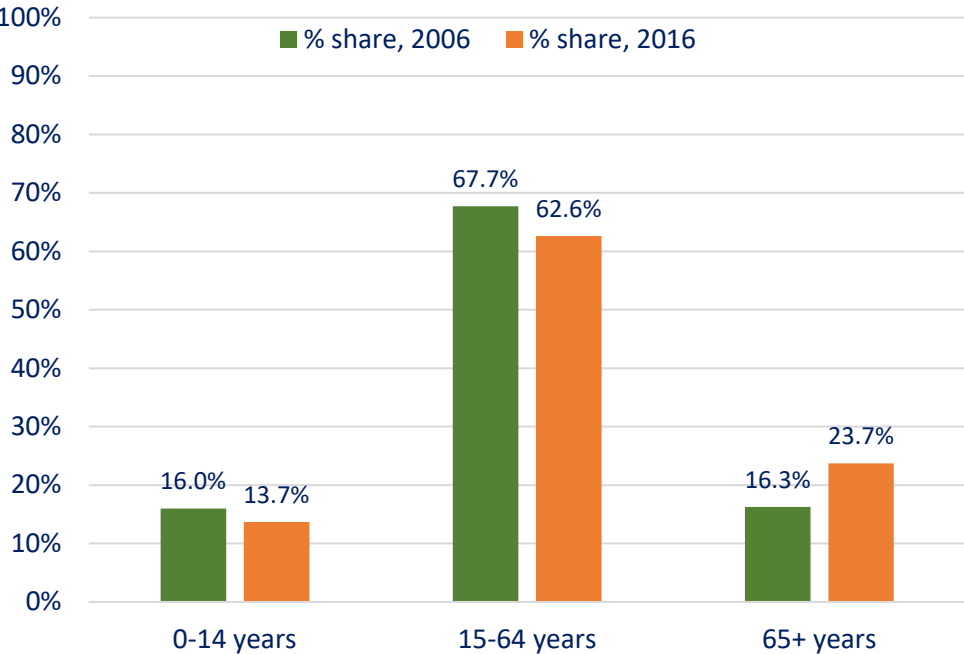
Basic Population Characteristics and Trends

Comparative Growth in Population: CAARG 2006-2019 (%) (estimates)



Basic Population Characteristics and Trends

Age profile of the Population: share and growth of age cohorts



The demographic dependency ratio measures the size of the 'dependent' population - defined as the combination of the youth and senior cohorts - in relation to the 'working age' population, which theoretically provides social and economic support to the dependent population.

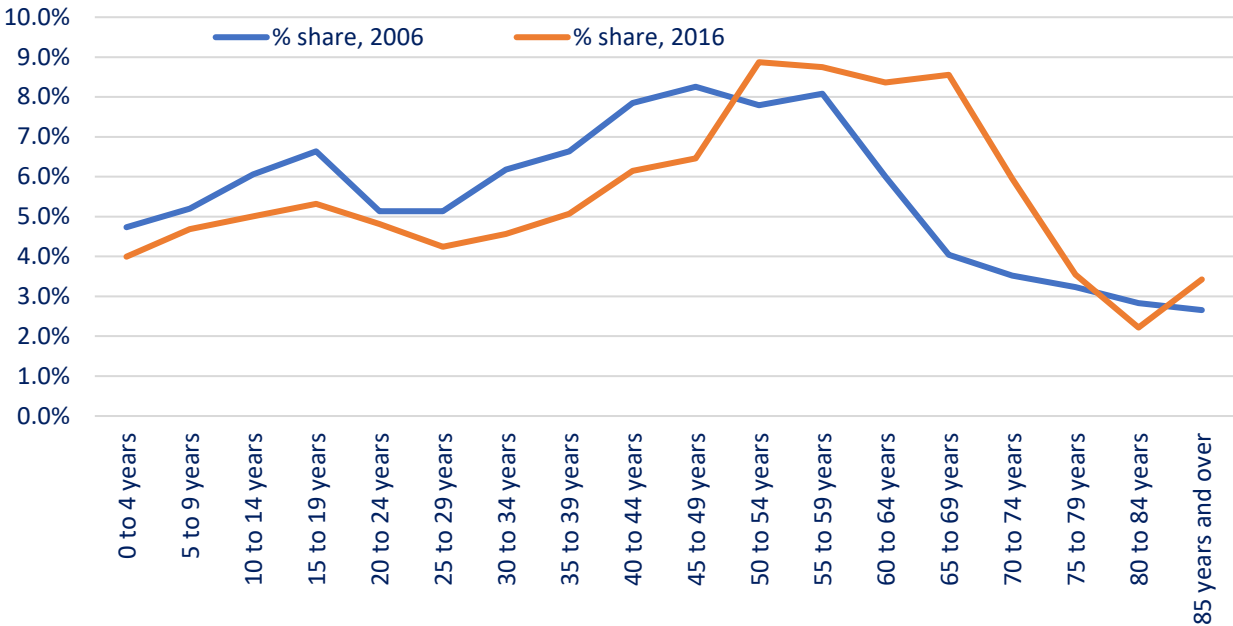
The share of the community's population accounted for by its working age cohort (principally 15 - 64 years) declined by 5.1% over the past three censuses. Consequently, the community's dependency ratio increased over that period of time.

| | 2006 | 2016 | % share, 2006 | % share, 2016 |
|-------------|-------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| 0-14 years | 1,385 | 1,080 | 16% | 14% |
| 15-64 years | 5,865 | 4,940 | 68% | 63% |
| 65+ years | 1,410 | 1,870 | 16% | 24% |
| Total | 8,660 | 7,890 | 100% | 100% |

Average Annual Growth of Total Population, 2006-2016 = -0.9%

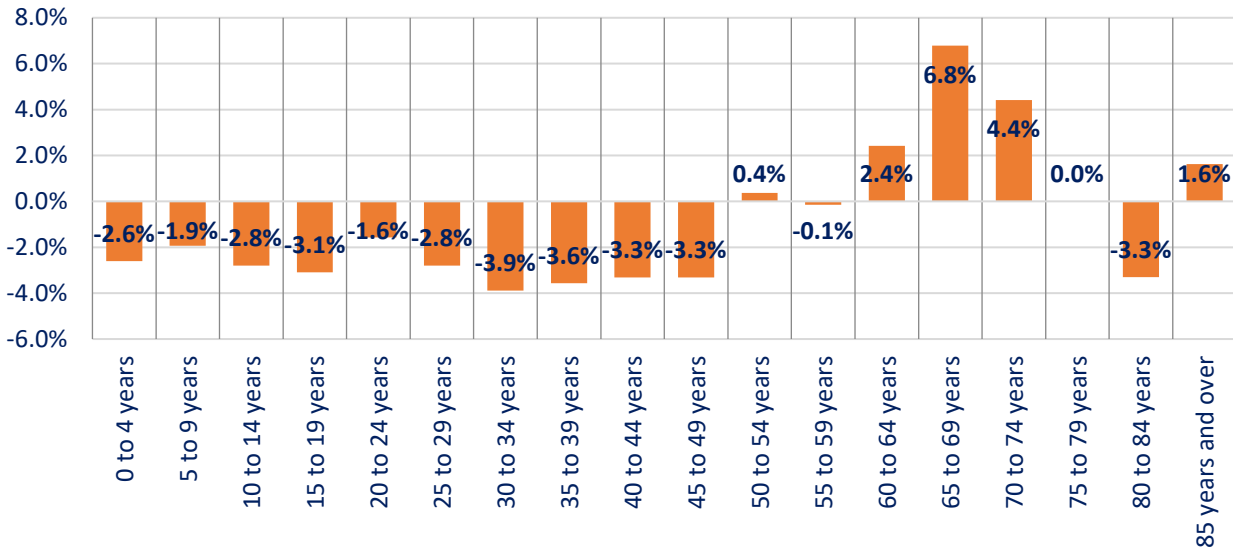
Basic Population Characteristics and Trends

Changing Demographic Profile: shares of total population by age cohort



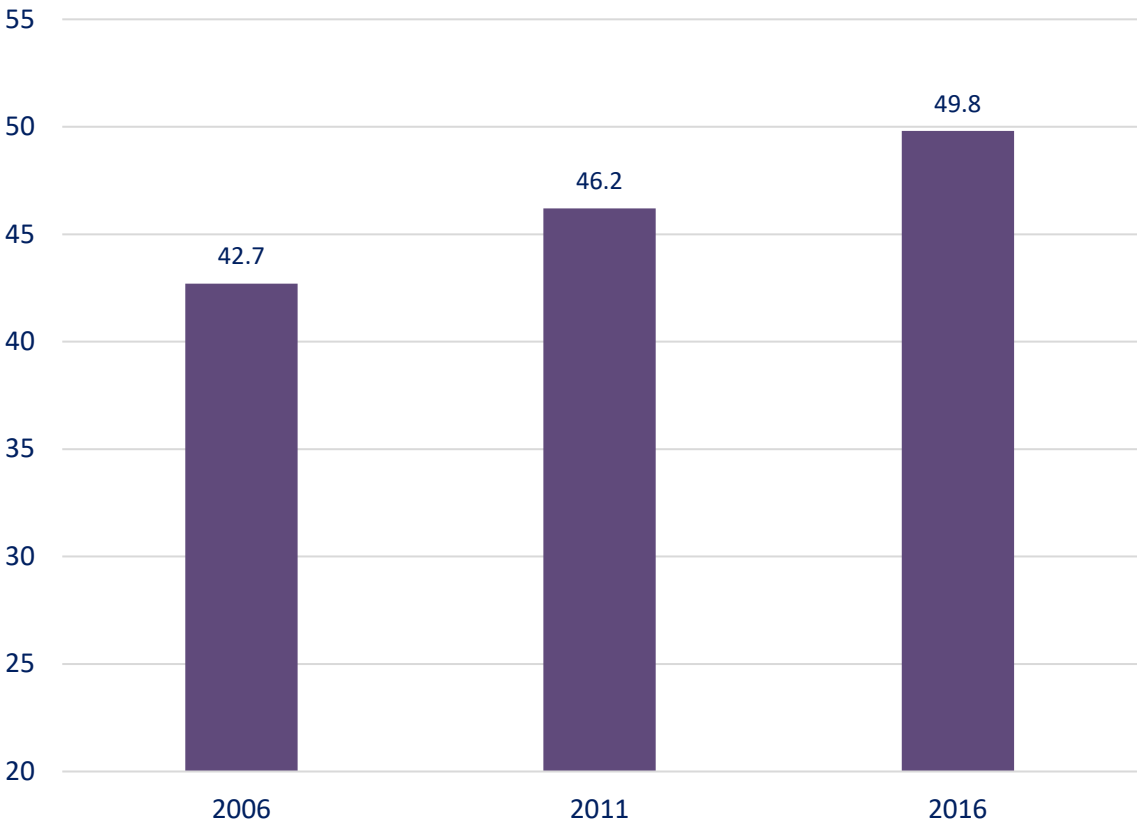
| Change in Composition of the Population by Broad Age Cohort | |
|---|---------------------|
| Age Cohort | % Change: 2006-2016 |
| Youth | -2.3% |
| Working Age | -5.1% |
| Senior | 7.4% |

Population Change by Age Cohort (annual average rate of change: 2006-2016)



Basic Population Characteristics and Trends

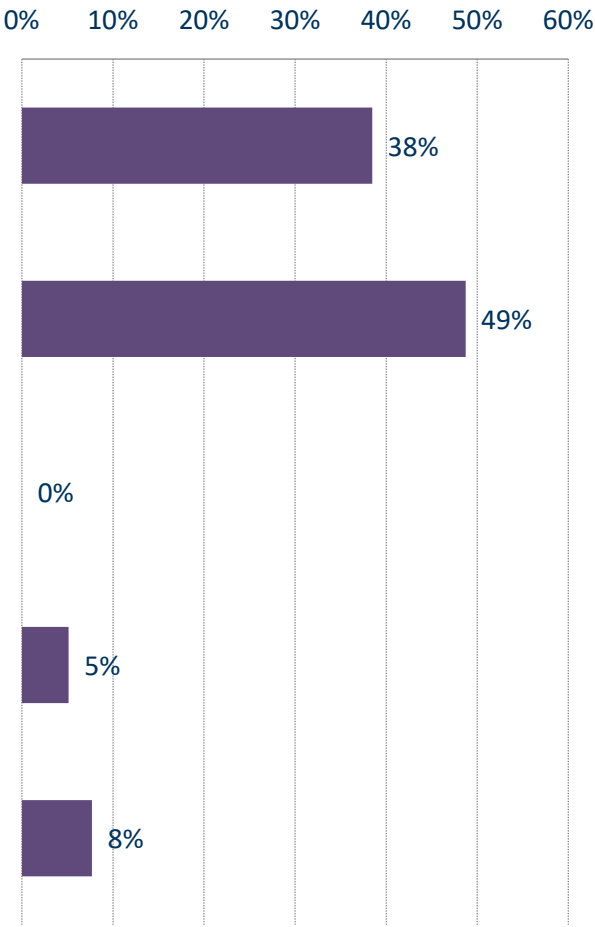
Median Age of the Population



The Median age of the population increased by 16.6% over the past three censuses. The Canada-wide median age benchmark was 40.7 in 2016.

Basic Population Characteristics and Trends

Share of Total Immigrant Population by Place of Birth

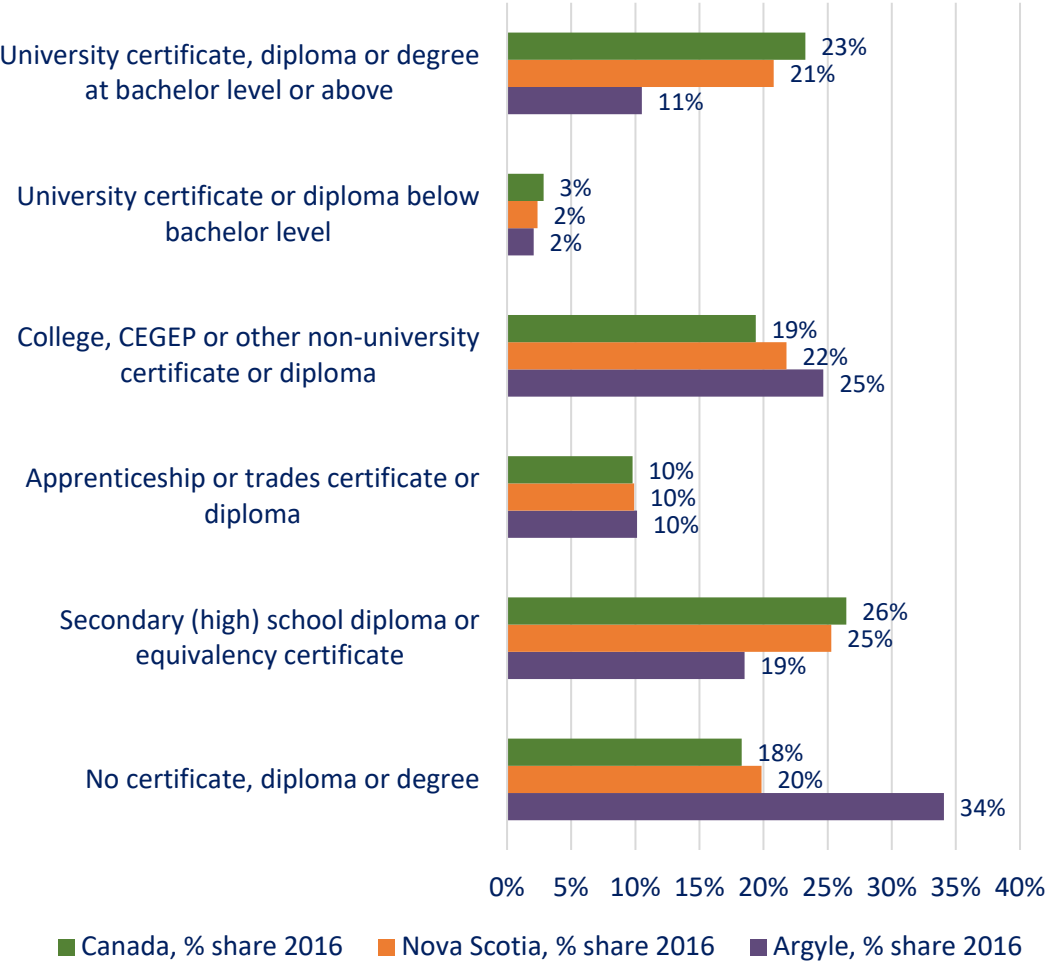
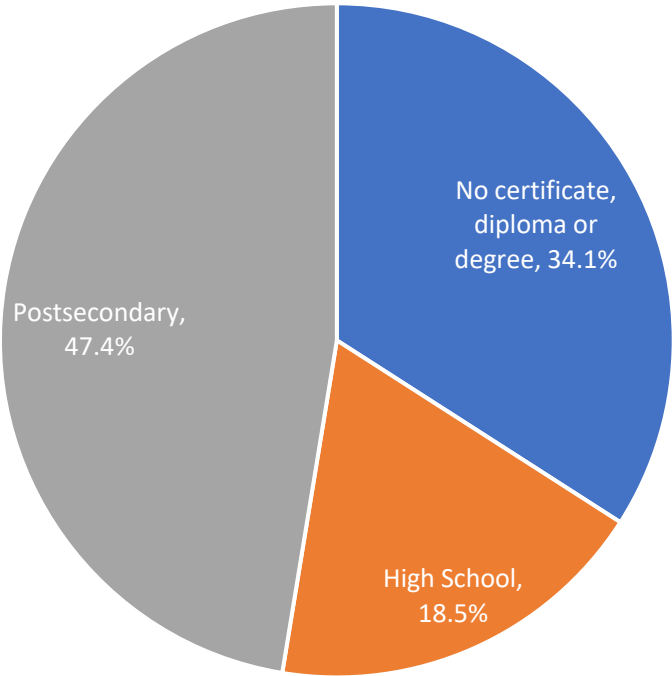


Total number of immigrants residing in the community = 195

Share of total population accounted for by immigrants = 2.4%

Education, Training and Occupation Profile of the Population

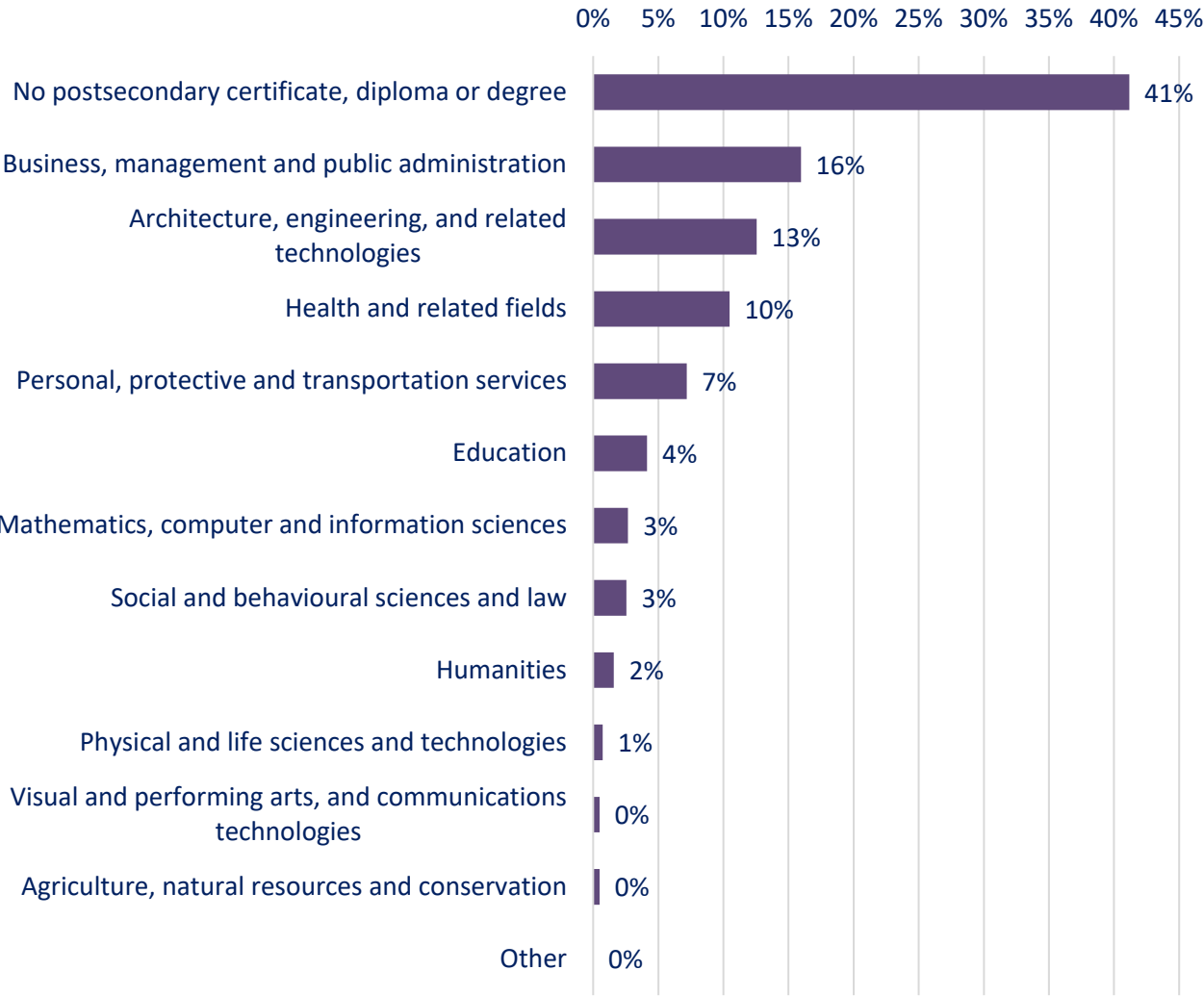
Share of the Region's Population (15+ years of age) by Highest Level of Education Attained



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Education, Training and Occupation Profile of the Population

Share of Population (25 to 64 years of age) by Field of Study

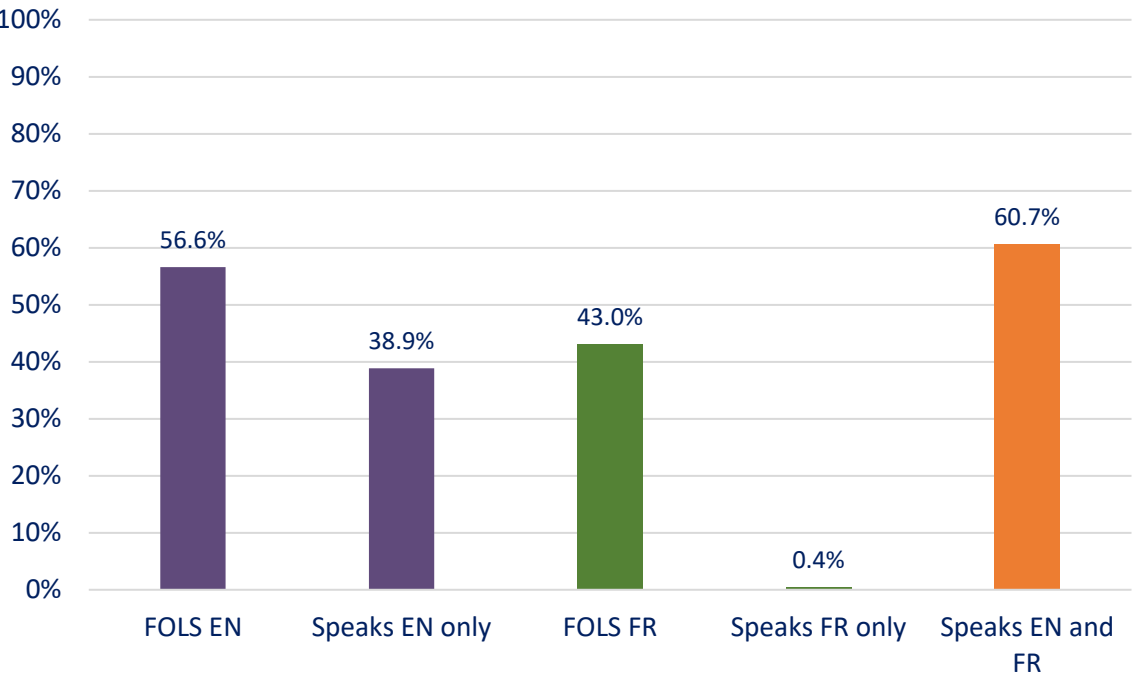


The region's top three fields of study, as shown in the accompanying chart, account for 39.0% of the '25 to 64 years of age' segment of the population.

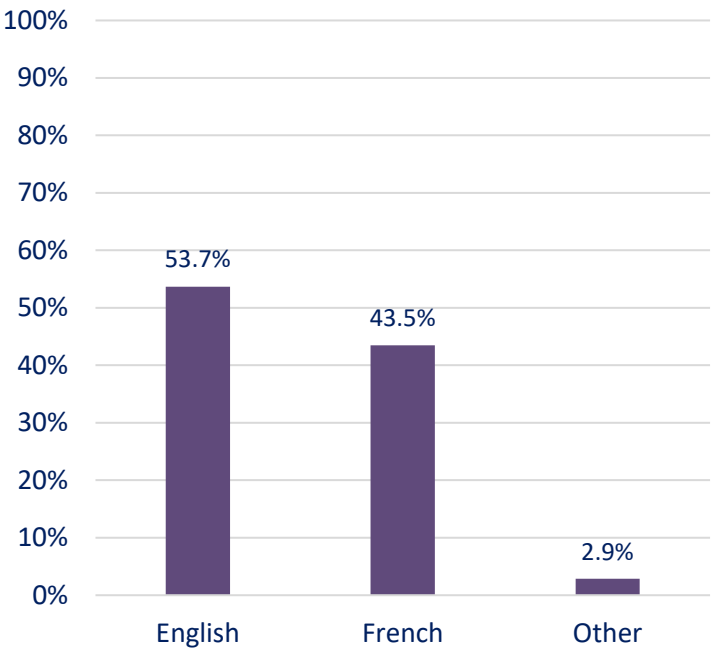
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Education, Training and Occupation Profile of the Population

Share of Population by First Official Language Spoken (FOLS) and by Knowledge of Canada's Official Languages*



Share of Population by Mother Tongue*



- Notes:**
- (1) First Official Language Spoken (FOLS) refers to Canada's official languages, English (EN) and French (FR).
 - (2) Mother tongue English is a subset of FOLS English: e.g., the mother tongue of an individual who emigrated from Spain to Canada is most likely Spanish, but if he/she learned English – i.e., before learning French, if at all - then English is their FOLS within the Canadian context.

Education, Training and Occupation Profile of the Population

Knowledge of Official Languages

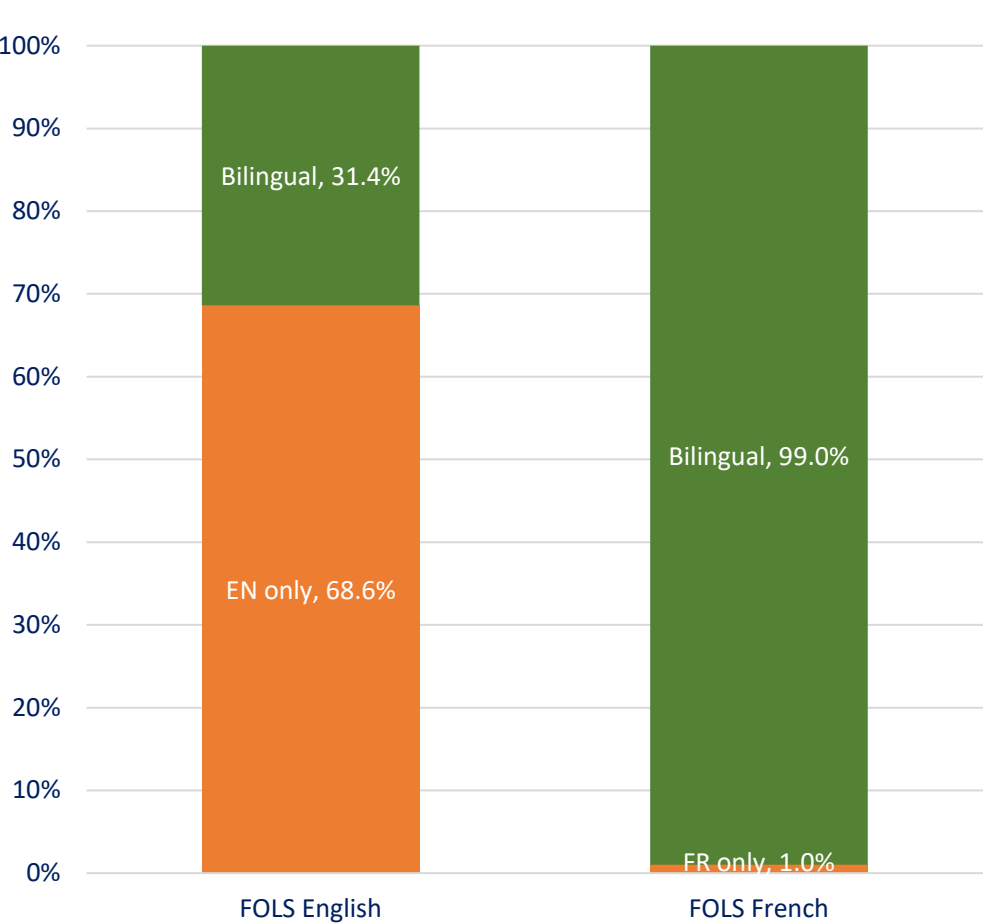
| Official Language(s) Spoken | 2016 | % share, 2016 |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------------|
| English only | 3,050 | 38.9% |
| French only | 35 | 0.4% |
| English and French | 4,765 | 60.7% |
| Total | 7,850 | 100.0% |

First Official Language Spoken

| First Official Language(s) Spoken | 2016 | % share, 2016 |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| English | 4,445 | 56.6% |
| French | 3,375 | 43.0% |
| English and French | 30 | 0.4% |
| Total | 7,850 | 100.0% |

Note: Totals from these two tables may not match due to Statistics Canada's rounding methodology.

Knowledge of Official Languages by FOLS Group in the Region

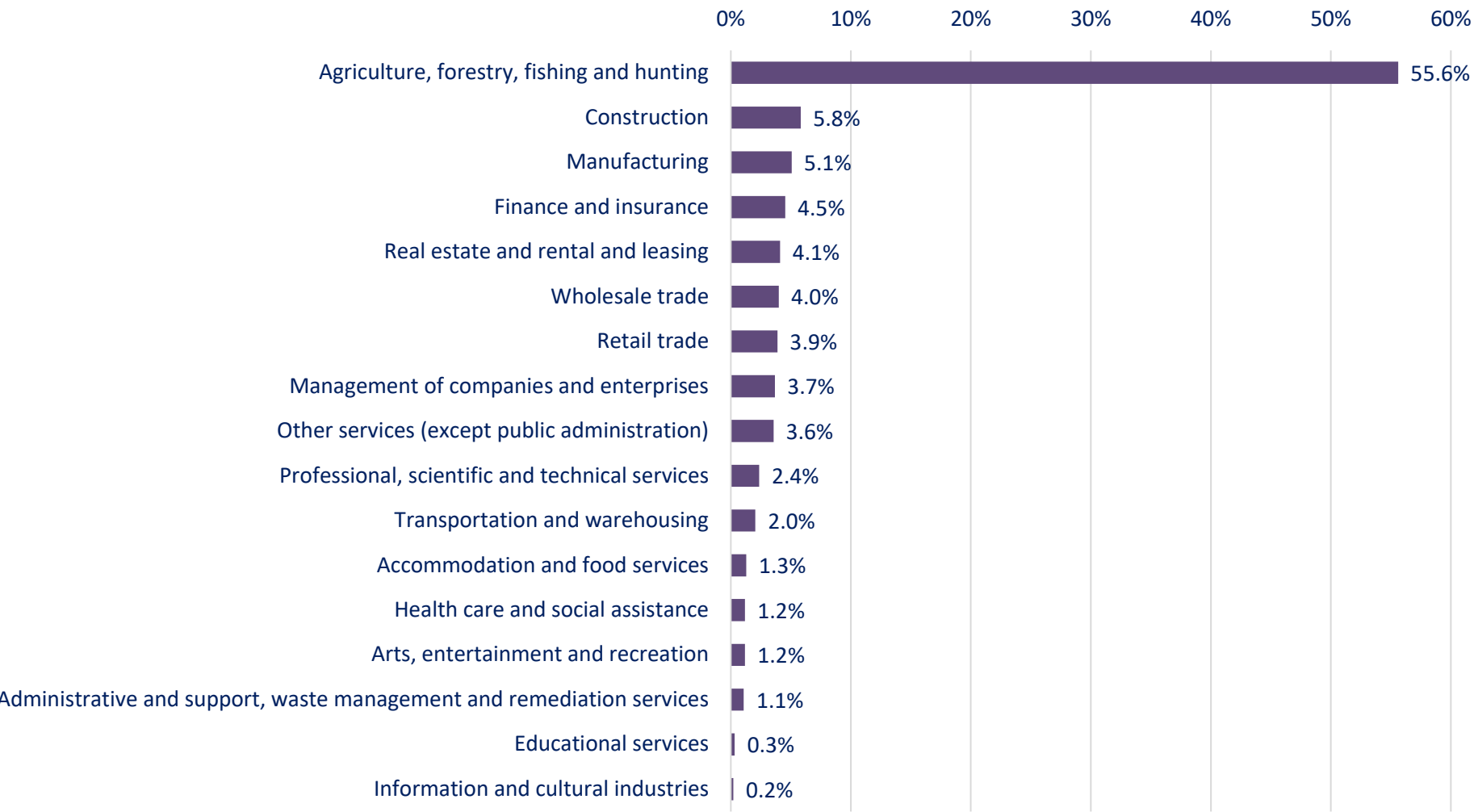


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Economic Profile: Commercial Landscape

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Business Registrations by Sector

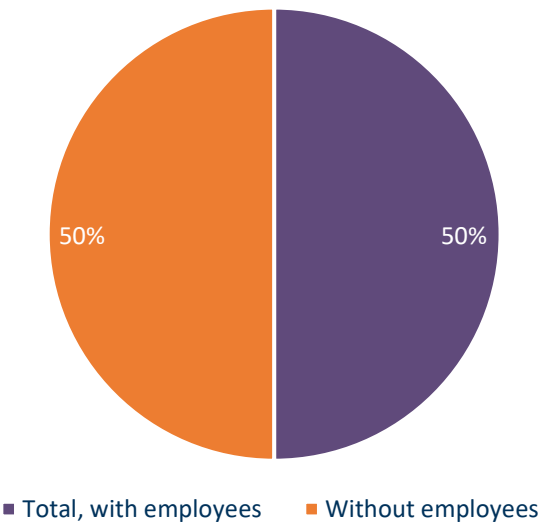


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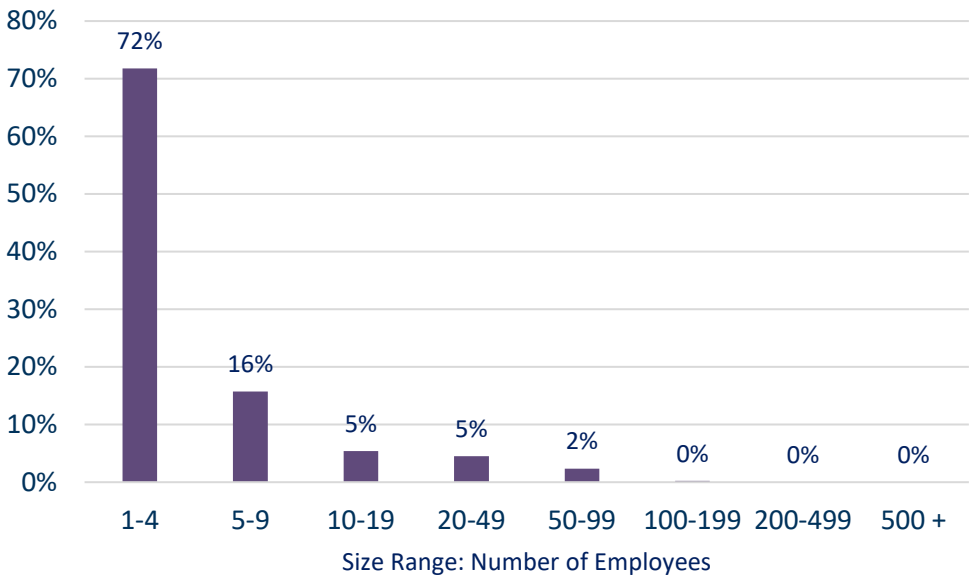
Economic Profile: Commercial Landscape

50.0% of registered businesses in the region have no employees and 99.8% of businesses enterprises that do have employees are categorized as small businesses - i.e., having fewer than one hundred employees.

Share of Total Business Registrations: Establishments with Employees vs. Establishments without Employees



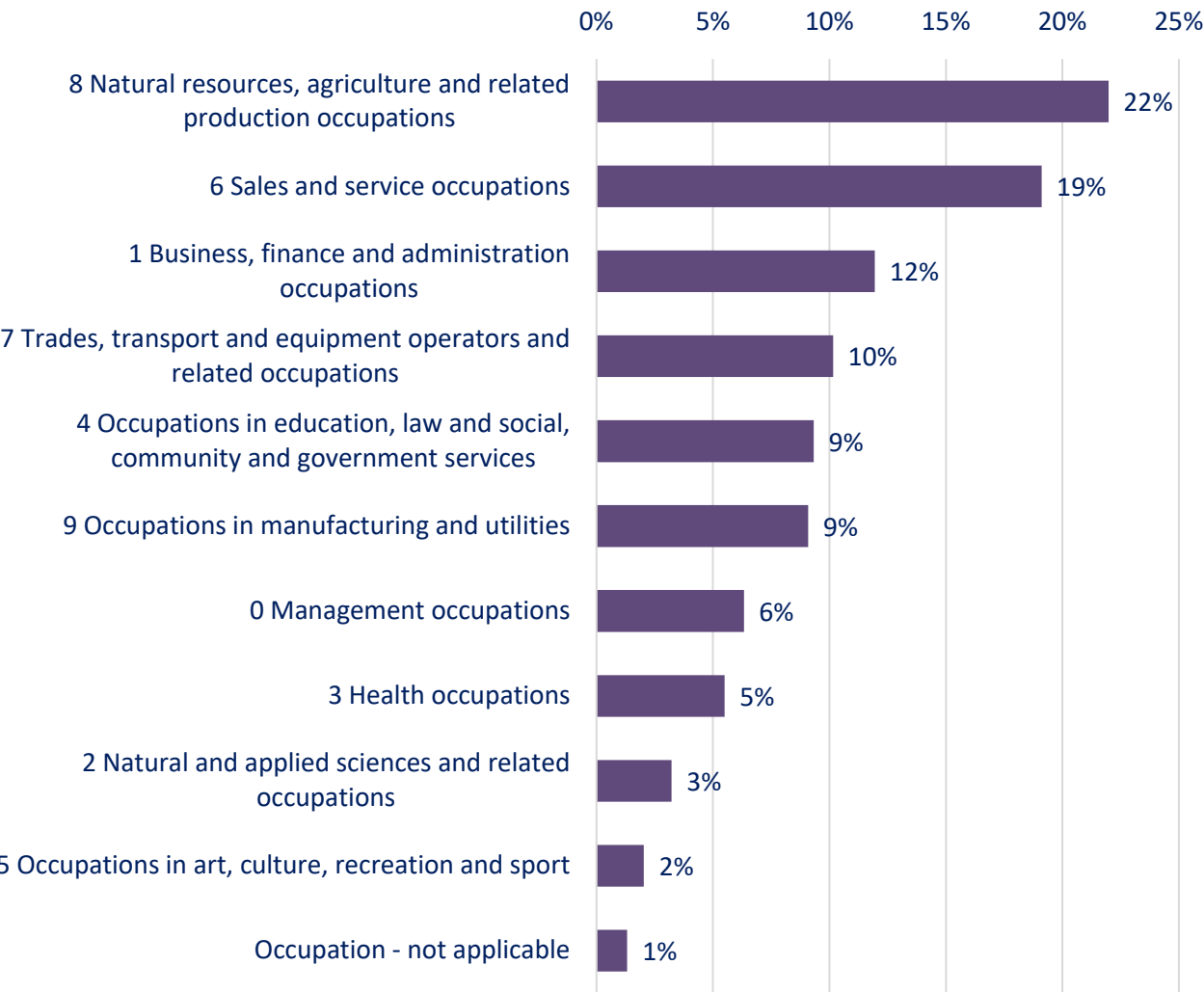
Share of Business Establishments by Employment Size Range



*Note: Small, medium-sized and large businesses are defined by their employment size: small = 1 to 99; medium-sized = 100 to 499; and large = 500 or more. Small and large firms play different roles in an economy. New firms that bring new products and ideas to markets are generally small at the beginning of their life cycle; later, as the industry focuses more on homogeneous products - i.e., specialize on a particular line of products - some firms begin to reduce their production costs and thereby improve their competitiveness by developing large-scale production processes.

Economic Profile: Employment by Type of Occupation

Share of Population by Type of Occupation*



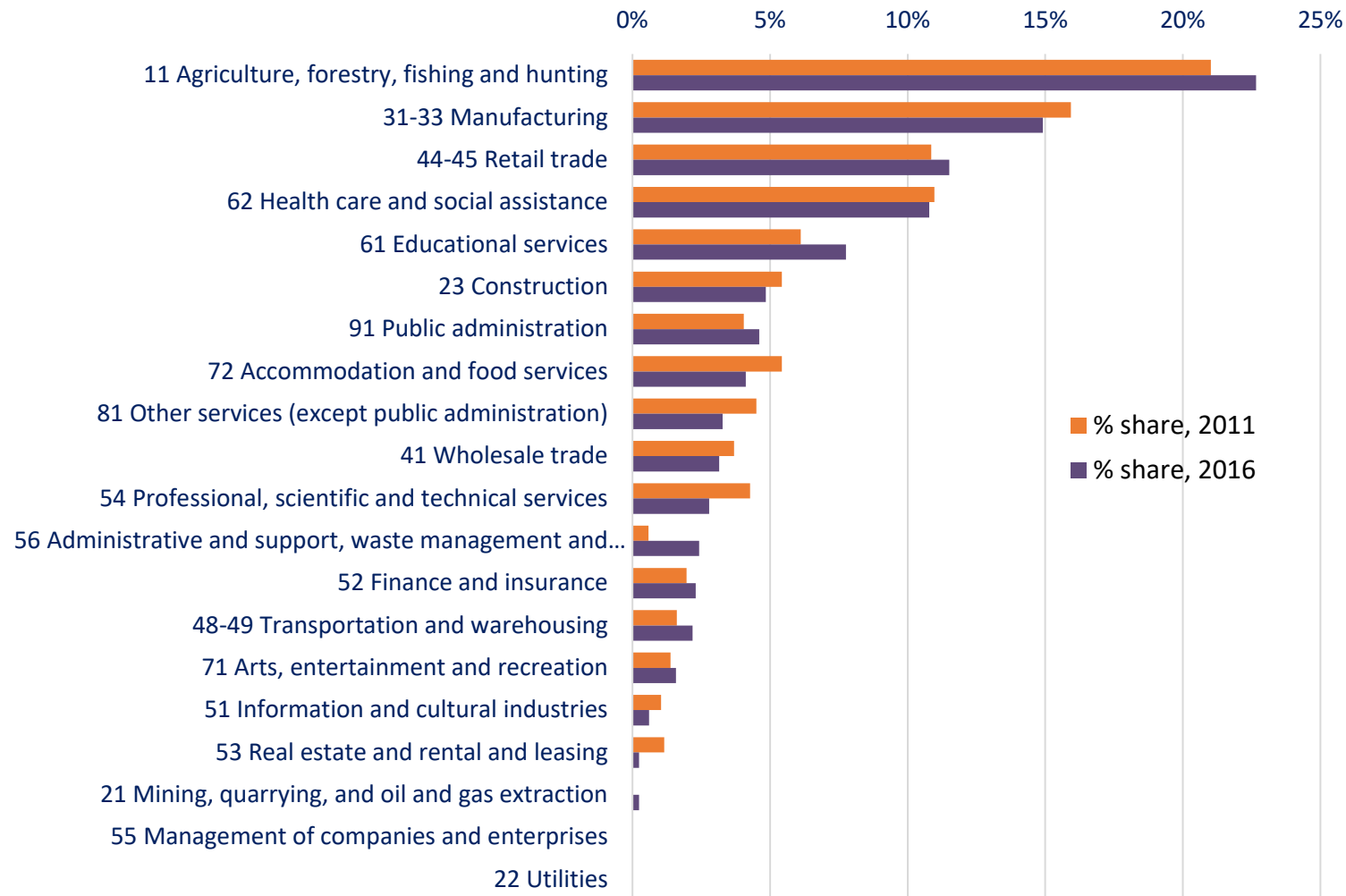
The region's top three occupations, as shown in the accompanying chart, account for 53.0% of the segment of the population that is 15 years of age and over.

* Segment of population that is 15 years of age and over.
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Economic Profile: Employment by Sector

The community's top five sectors (see chart below), in terms of number of employees, account for 67.6% of its total employment.

Share of Total Employment by Sector



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* Numbers preceding sector names are North American Industry Classification (NAICS)

Economic Profile: Employment by Sector

Share of Total Employment by Sector

| | 2011 | 2016 | % share, 2011 | % share, 2016 |
|---|-------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| 11 Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | 910 | 935 | 21% | 23% |
| 31-33 Manufacturing | 690 | 615 | 16% | 15% |
| 44-45 Retail trade | 470 | 475 | 11% | 12% |
| 62 Health care and social assistance | 475 | 445 | 11% | 11% |
| 61 Educational services | 265 | 320 | 6% | 8% |
| 23 Construction | 235 | 200 | 5% | 5% |
| 91 Public administration | 175 | 190 | 4% | 5% |
| 72 Accommodation and food services | 235 | 170 | 5% | 4% |
| 81 Other services (except public administration) | 195 | 135 | 5% | 3% |
| 41 Wholesale trade | 160 | 130 | 4% | 3% |
| 54 Professional, scientific and technical services | 185 | 115 | 4% | 3% |
| 56 Administrative and support, waste management and | 25 | 100 | 1% | 2% |
| 52 Finance and insurance | 85 | 95 | 2% | 2% |
| 48-49 Transportation and warehousing | 70 | 90 | 2% | 2% |
| 71 Arts, entertainment and recreation | 60 | 65 | 1% | 2% |
| 51 Information and cultural industries | 45 | 25 | 1% | 1% |
| 53 Real estate and rental and leasing | 50 | 10 | 1% | 0% |
| 21 Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction | 0 | 10 | 0% | 0% |
| 55 Management of companies and enterprises | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| 22 Utilities | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| Total | 4,330 | 4,125 | 100% | 100% |

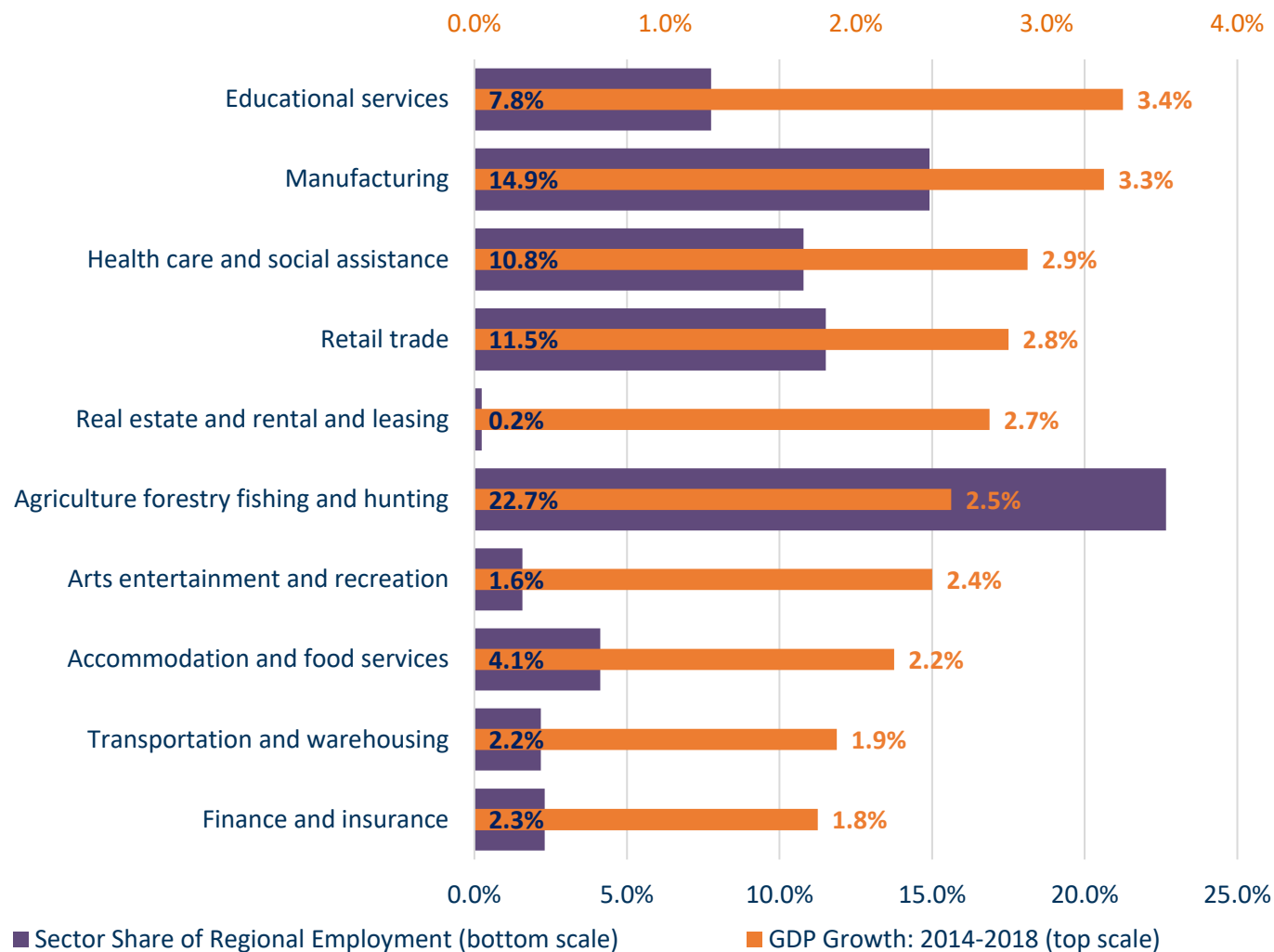
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Share of Regional Employment in Top Performing Sectors by GDP Growth*



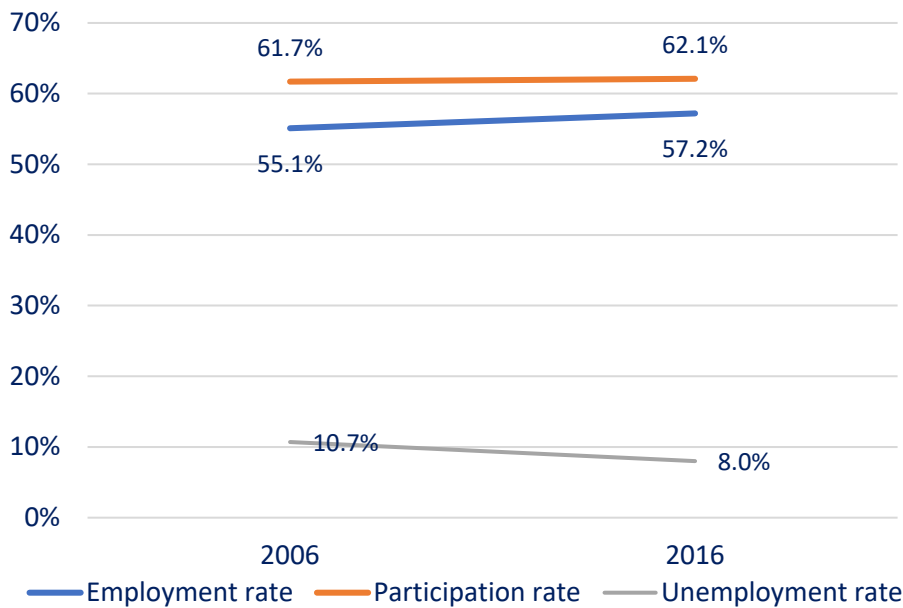
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*National growth rates are employed as benchmarks for performance of sectors that are present in the region.

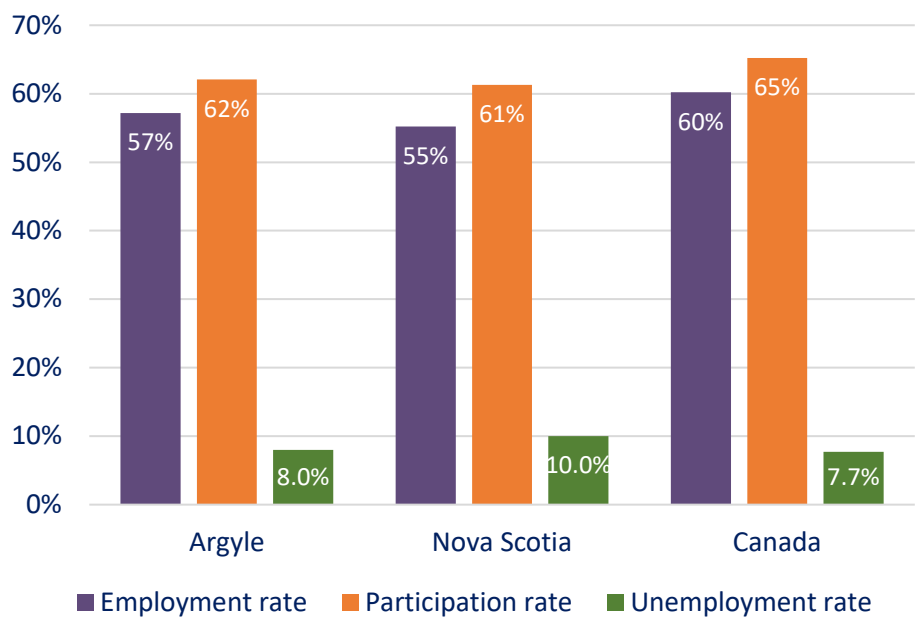
Economic Profile: Regional Performance and Income

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Labour Force Status*



Labour Force Status Comparisons Across Regions, 2016*



*** Definitions:**

Labour force: Civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who are employed or unemployed but actively seeking work.

Participation rate: Total labour force expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over.

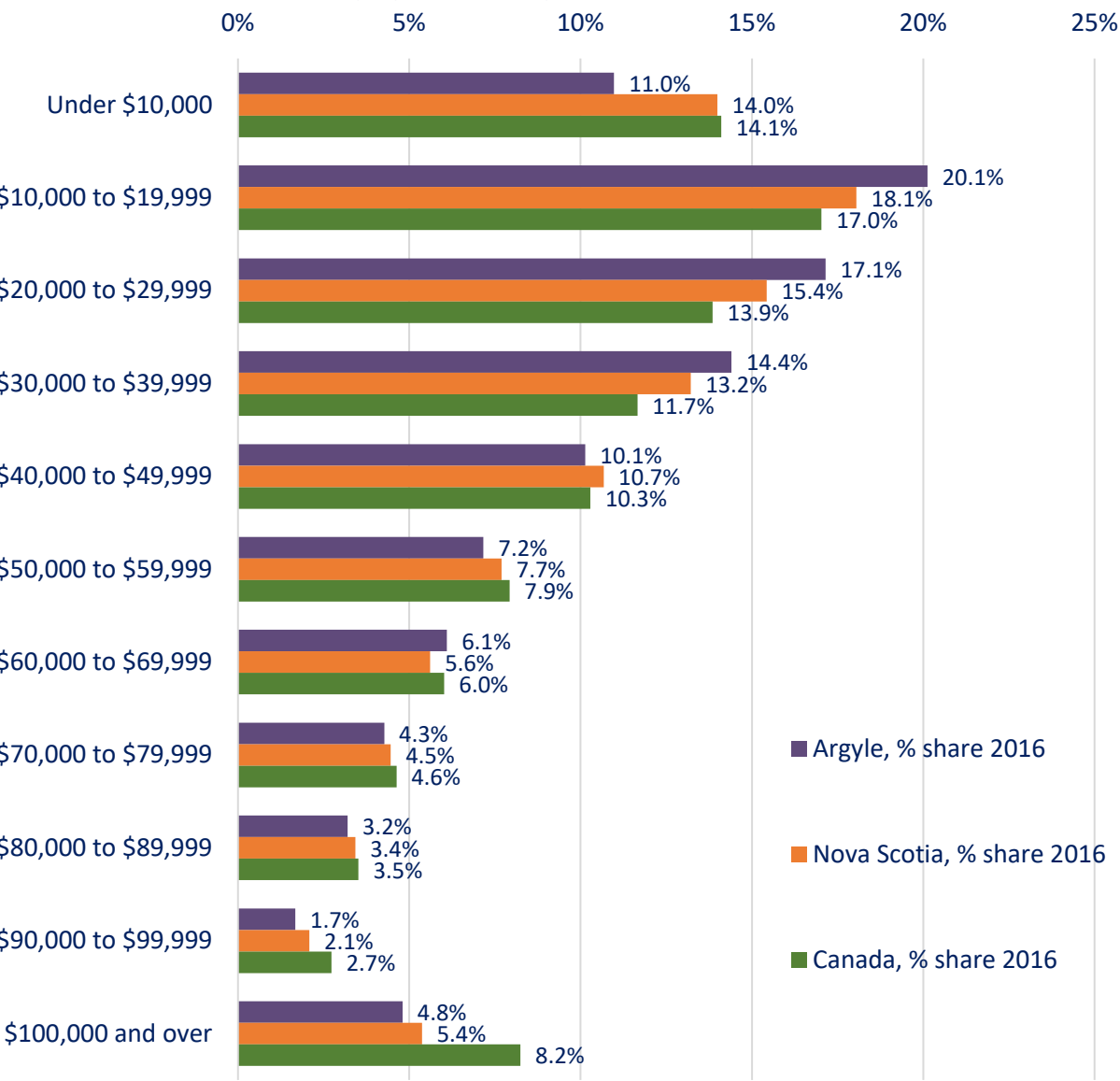
Employment rate: Number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over.

Unemployment rate: Number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (for example, age, sex, marital status) is the number unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

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Economic Profile: Regional Performance and Income

Income Profile: share of population by income bracket



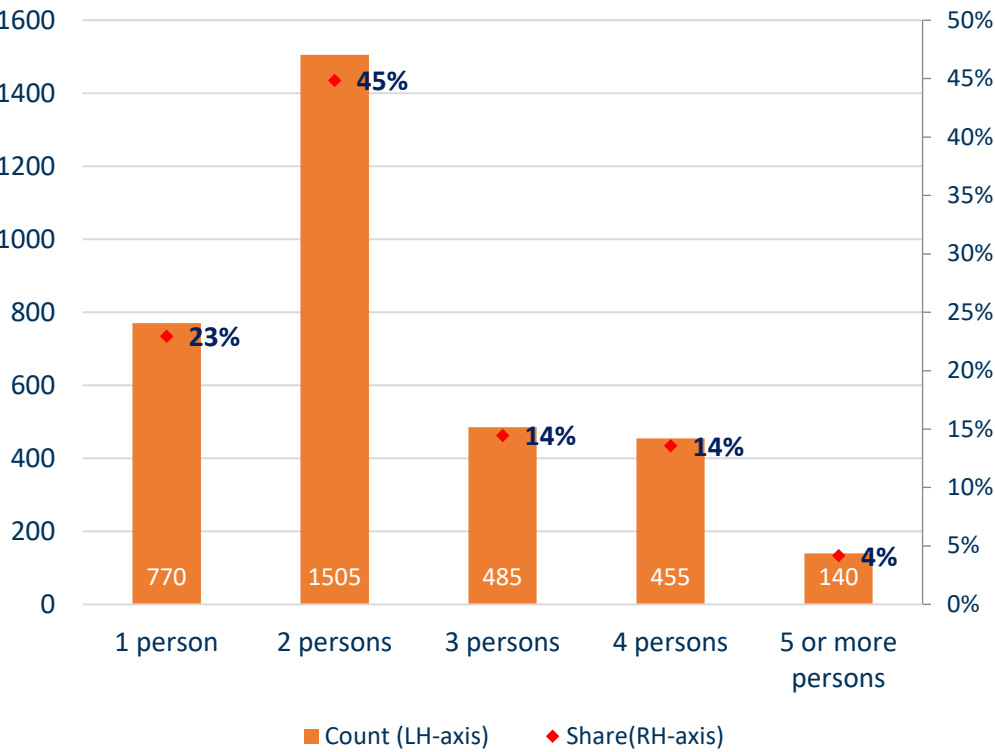
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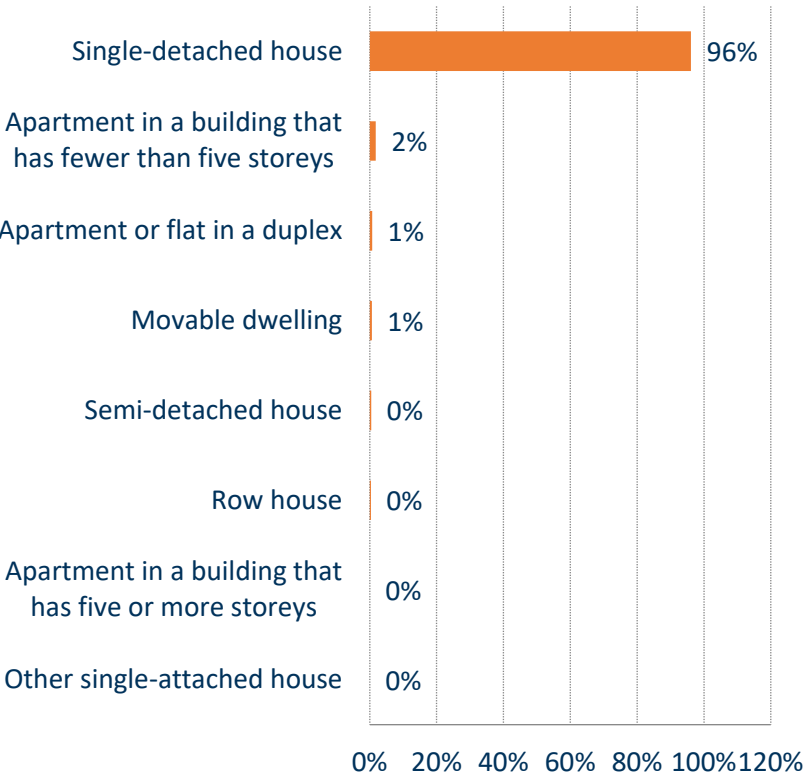
Housing Market

Count & Share of Households by Number of Occupants



Total number of households = 3,355

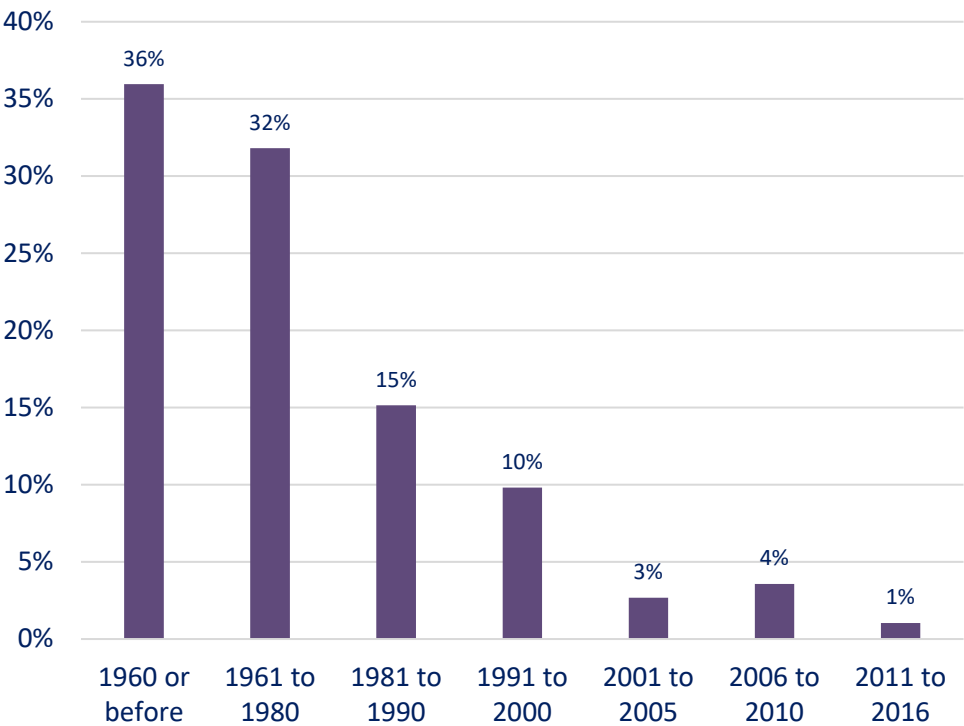
Share of Total Occupied Private Dwellings by Structural Type of Dwelling



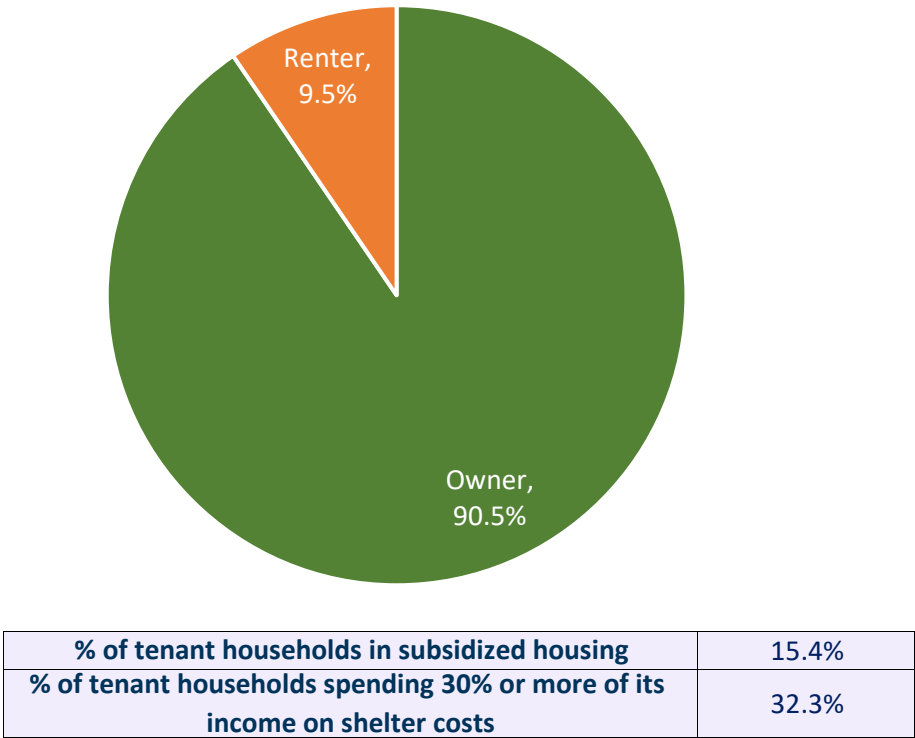
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Housing Market

Age Profile of Residential Housing: Share (%) of total housing stock by year of construction

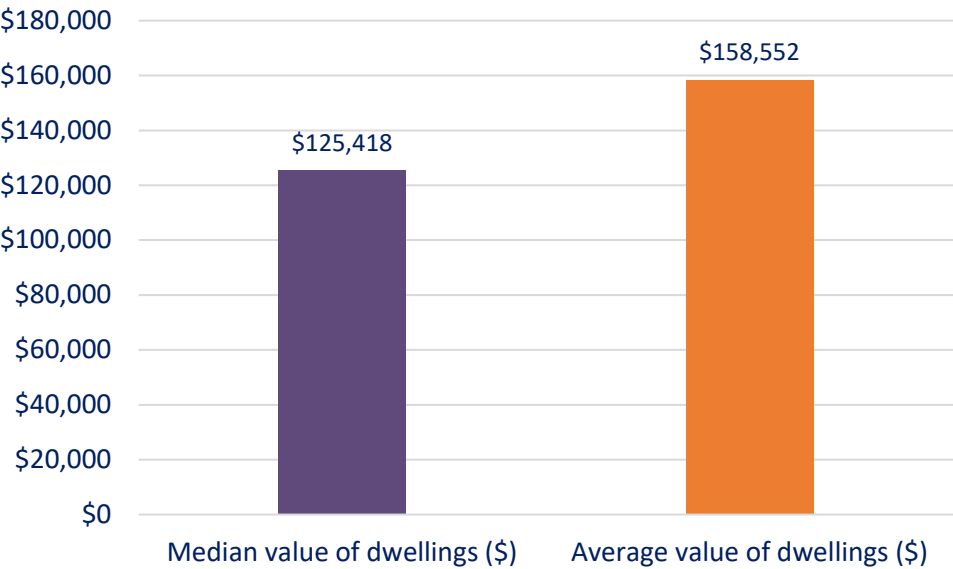


Share of Households by Tenure: Rent vs. Own

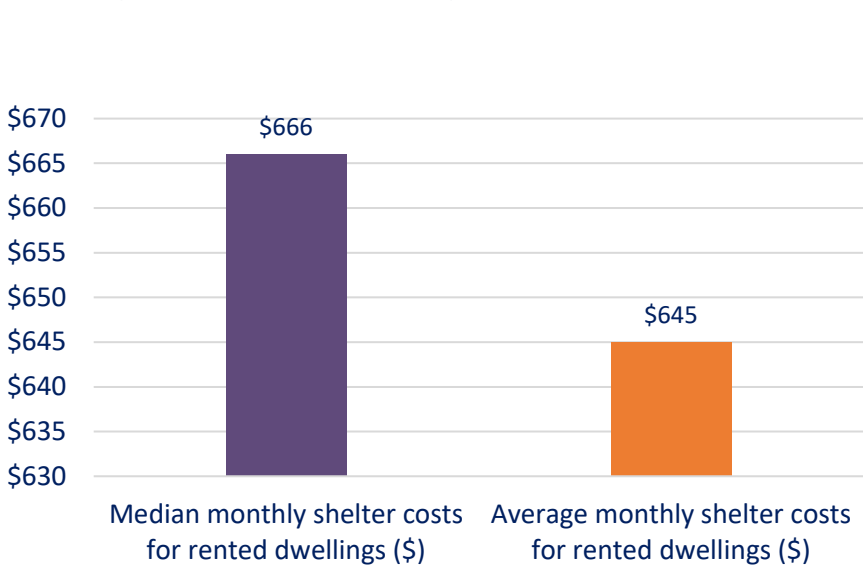


Housing Market

Residential Home Prices: Average and Median Prices



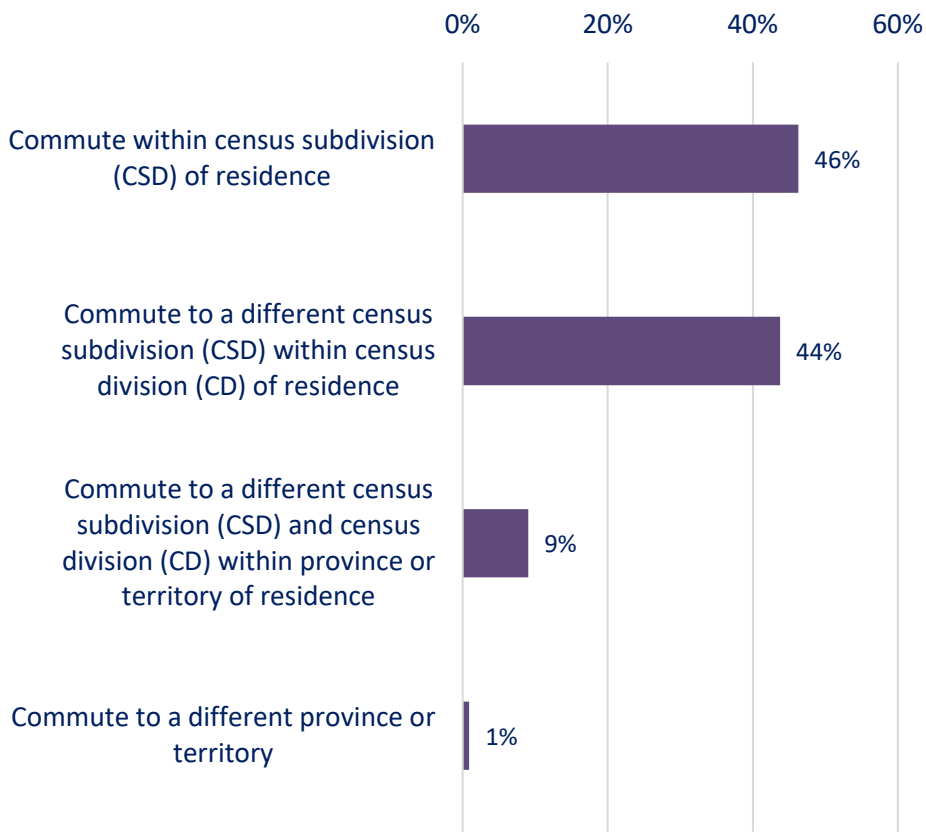
Monthly Rental Costs: Average and Median Prices



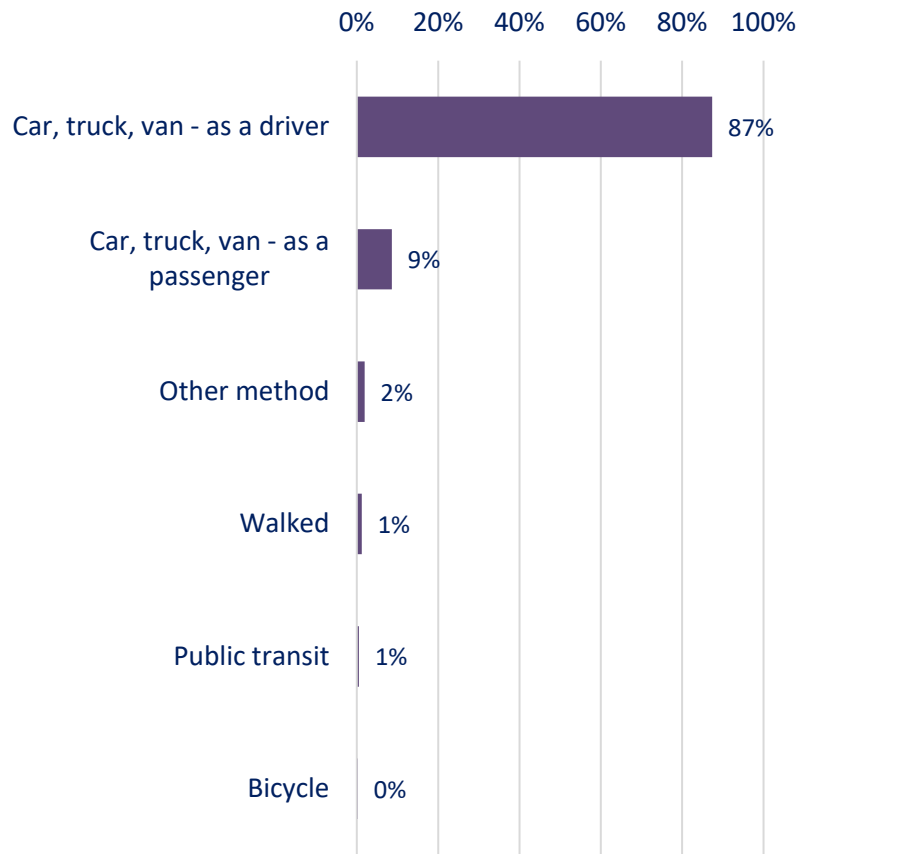
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Commuting Destination for the Employed Labour Force



Main Mode of Commuting for the Employed Labour Force



Commuting for Purposes of Employment

Commuting Duration for the Employed Labour Force

