

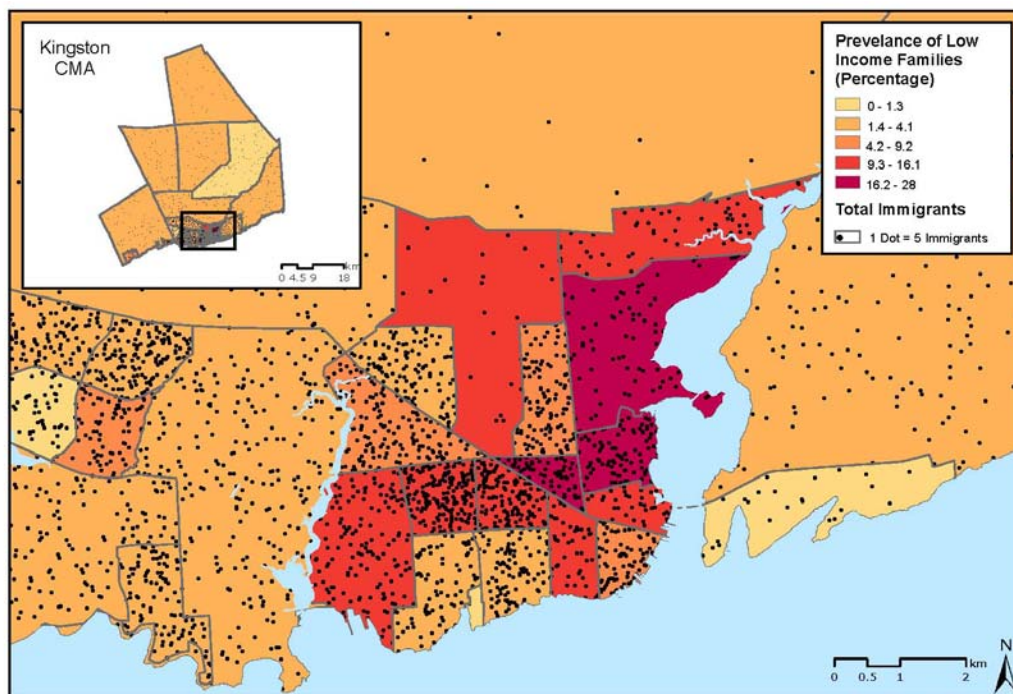
Immigration

Immigration to Kingston has been declining since the 1960s but there has been a slight increase in the number of immigrants since the 1990s. As well, recent immigrants to Kingston are coming from different countries than immigrants in the past, contributing to the diversity of the city. Overall, most of the immigrant population is well educated and has sufficient language training to participate in the labor force, however, immigrants face demonstrated challenges in having their credentials recognized and obtaining employment incomes that are equal to the non-immigrant population of Kingston.

Highlights

- In 2006 there were 18 thousand immigrants in Kingston, the majority of which came to the area from the 1960s to 1980s.
- The vast majority of immigrants in Kingston have a good command of English or French.
- In 2005, the median income for all immigrants in Kingston was \$27 thousand dollars, however average immigrant incomes vary widely by period of immigration.
- Immigrants that are university educated with a graduate degree have a median income that is \$16,835 less than non-immigrants with equivalent education. The median income for immigrants with a bachelors certificate is about \$11,114 less than non-immigrants. Immigrants with university certificates, diplomas or degrees have a median income \$12,050 less than non-immigrants, and immigrants with certificates below bachelors level make \$903 less than non-immigrants.

Immigrants and the Prevalence of Low-Income in Kingston (2006 Census)



Implications

- Immigrants are not a working age population.
- Increasing investment in international credential recognition and employment programs may be needed.
- Why are educated immigrants not earning the same wages as non-immigrants with similar education?