



*Housing new Canadians on the “edge of the suburbs” in Vancouver:  
A case study of immigrant renters in Burnaby, Surrey, Richmond and Abbotsford*

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Canadian census data reveal a new pattern that has been emerging over the last decades: immigrants are now settling in destinations beyond major urban centres. Despite rapidly increasing immigrant populations in Canada and the important role they play in shaping the social, cultural and economic landscapes of our cities and suburbs, we know relatively little about recent immigrant renters’ settlement experiences, including their access to local services and their housing experiences and outcomes — both key factors for successful integration. This presentation examines immigrant renters’ settlement experiences in the suburbs of Vancouver, with particular attention to rental housing challenges such as affordability problems, overcrowding, poor quality housing and housing discrimination. It includes recommendations for improving immigrants’ settlement and housing experiences as well as their integration into the suburbs of Vancouver and other major Canadian cities.