

Welcoming Communities & Community Collaboration Efforts in Brandon

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- History of Immigration Research at RDI
- Dialogue Groups
- What is a Welcoming Community?
- Researching Brandon as a Welcoming Community



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Immigration Research at RDI



- 2005
 - Manitoba Case Studies: Parklands, Portage, Steinbach, and Morden/Winkler
- 2007
 - Temporary Foreign Workers
- 2008 to present
 - Ethnocultural Organizations
 - Welcoming Communities



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Goals of Recent Projects



- Build multi-sectoral collaboration with community leaders, community-based organizations, government, and industry.
- Partnership and capacity building
- Knowledge building and dissemination



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Temporary Foreign Worker Dialogue Group



- First meeting in September 2007
- Purpose
 - Encourage open and dynamic exchange of information
 - Build a network of expertise
- Topics
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - Settlement
 - Family reunification
 - Health and Education



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Welcoming Communities Dialogue Group



- Transitioned late 2008
- Purpose is to determine characteristics of a welcoming community
- Increase awareness and knowledge regarding the factors and contributors to a welcoming community

Membership

- Economic Development Brandon
- Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives
- Manitoba Labour and Immigration
- Citizenship and Immigration Canada
- Rural Secretariat
- Service Canada
- Brandon School Division
- Brandon Regional Health Authority
- Westman Immigrant Services
- Maple Leaf Foods



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Becoming Welcoming



- Organize in preparation for immigration
- Establish multi-stakeholder regional or community groups
- Foster capacity, community, and partnership building
- Develop local immigration plans
- Celebrate diversity
- Holistic approach to service provision
- 360 degree feedback



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Welcoming Communities Survey



- Inventory of resources and tools on welcoming communities
- Interview 400 community residents
- Identify characteristics of a welcoming community
- Themes include
 - Multicultural Ideology
 - Tolerance/Prejudice
 - Appropriate public services
 - Attitudes Towards Immigration



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Mutual Intercultural Relations in Plural Societies



- International collaborative project to build an understanding of intercultural relations
 - Designed to understand intercultural relations by considering both recent immigrants' and community members' experiences and ideas
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- Citizenship
 - Mobility
 - Ethnic Origin
 - Neighbourhoods
 - Languages
 - Social Contacts
 - Cultural Identity
 - Security
 - Acculturation Attitudes and Expectations
 - Perceived Discrimination
 - Multicultural Ideology
 - Tolerance/Prejudice
 - Attitudes Towards Immigration



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Survey Overview

413 interviews conducted

7 interviews discarded
due to substantial missing data

1 interview did not feel
comfortable with confidentiality

TOTAL = 405 interviews

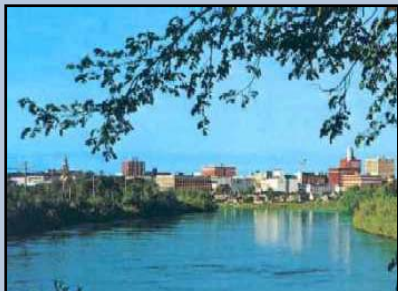


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Data Limitations



- Data represents only the views of the 405 respondents
- Data suppression and confidentiality
- Translation of tool and responses
- Possible interviewer bias

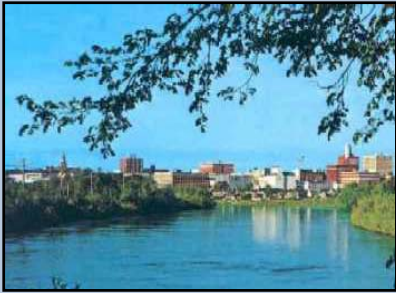


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Sub-Samples



- Long-Term Canadian Resident
 - Resided in Brandon for at least five years
 - Born in Canada
- New Resident
 - Resided in Brandon for less than five years
 - Latin American (Mexico, Central/South America)
 - Chinese (born in China)



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Length of Residence in
Brandon

Country or Region of Birth

	Canada	Mexico, Central and South America	China	Other
Long Term Resident (more than 5 years in Brandon)	138	9	11	19
New residents (less than five years in Brandon)	19	96	96	15
Total	157	105	107	34

Citizenship Status

	Canadian Long Term Residents (138)	Latin American New Residents (96)	Chinese New Residents (96)
Canadian Citizen	138	1	4
Landed Immigrant or Permanent Resident	0	34	50
Work Permit (Temporary Foreign Worker)	0	57	24
Refugee	0	1	0
Student Visa	0	0	13
Other	0	2	1
Unsure	0	1	4

Resources



- Temporary Foreign Worker Project:
<http://www2.brandonu.ca/organizations/rdi/tfw.asp>
- Welcoming Communities Project:
<http://www2.brandonu.ca/organizations/rdi/welcomingcommunity.asp>
- Ethnocultural Organizations Project:
<http://www2.brandonu.ca/organizations/rdi/ethnocultural.asp>



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