



Unama'ki-Cape Breton Immigrant Survey 2023:

PRELIMINARY DATA HIGHLIGHTS

Every second year, the **Cape Breton Local Immigration Partnership (CBLIP)** conducts a survey of people living in Unama'ki-Cape Breton who were born outside of Canada. In 2023, the Unama'ki-Cape Breton Immigrant Survey was open from June 23rd until July 14th. Presented below are a selection of highlights from the preliminary data analysis.

WE HEARD FROM

202 PEOPLE

Immigration Categories of Participants:	
20%	immigrated as economic category immigrants
11%	as family-category
1%	as privately-sponsored refugees
50%	are current international students
12%	are on temporary work visas
1%	unknown or prefer not to answer
4%	other (entrepreneur, transition from student to work permit, etc.)

Where Participants Live

80% of participants had been in Canada for **5 years or less.**



*CBRM: Cape Breton Regional Municipality **Other: Halifax, Antigonish, Guysborough

More than half said that they could speak 3 or more languages well.

77% were between 25 and 44 years old and **64%** of participants identified as women.

"understand that every individual is different even if they come from the same country or region"

- survey participant

Settling into Unama'ki-Cape Breton

The survey asked participants to rate their experiences with a variety of service types. The service types with the most 'Excellent' or 'Very Good' ratings were: **Education (53%), Police (52%) and English Language Learning (49%)**. Meanwhile, the most 'Acceptable' or 'Poor' ratings were for: **French language learning (79%), Housing (70%), and Health (64%)**.

Three quarters of participants said they had a 'somewhat' or 'very strong' sense of belonging in Unama'ki - Cape Breton.

34% said they had felt isolated or alone 'quite a bit' or 'a great deal' in the past 12 months.

72% feel 'very' or 'extremely' safe in Unama'ki-Cape Breton.

33% had experienced discrimination or been treated unfairly by others in the last 12 months.

TOP 5 CHALLENGES



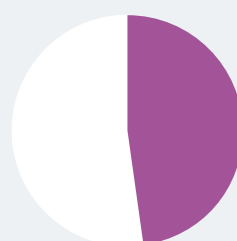
Finding work
61%



Finding health care
59%



Finding affordable housing
54%



Cost of living or money problems
48%



Transportation
41%

45% said their housing was not affordable.

72% said their income was 'not quite enough' or 'definitely not enough' for their needs.

TOP 5 CHANGES RECOMMENDED



More affordable housing



Better programs for immigrants to find work



A central place for both employers to find immigrant workers and for workers to find employment



More education for employers on the value and ways of hiring, retaining, and promoting immigrants



One place to get all settlement, immigration, and other services

53% said they were not in a job at the same level as their skills and experience

We asked how likely participants were to stay permanently in Unama'ki-Cape Breton:

