

What's Changed?

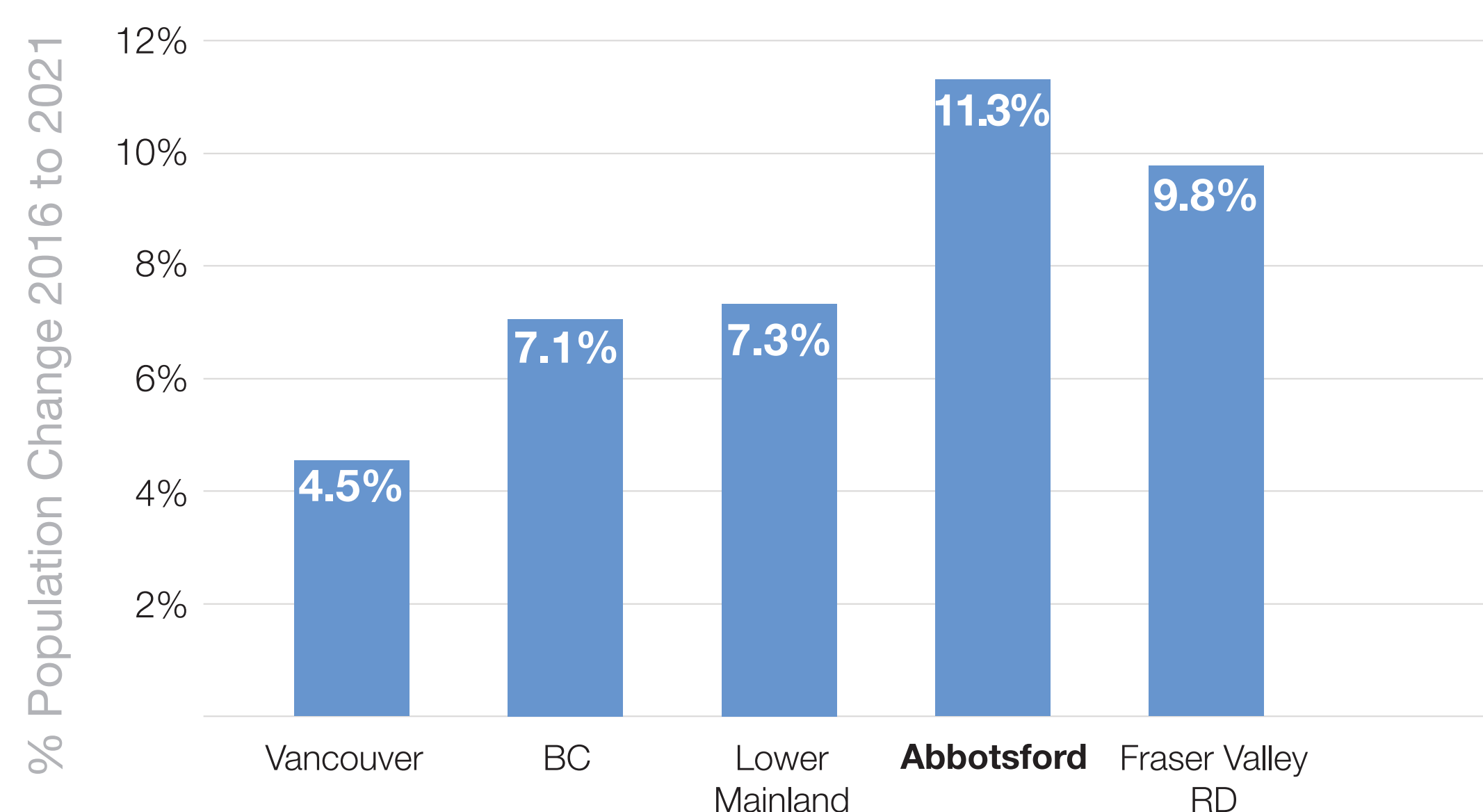
Our Community

Understanding what's changed since the last OCP update provides an important baseline for updating the Plan. The following highlights are supported by more detailed information at www.letstalkabbotsford.ca/OCP.

Who We Are

Population Growth

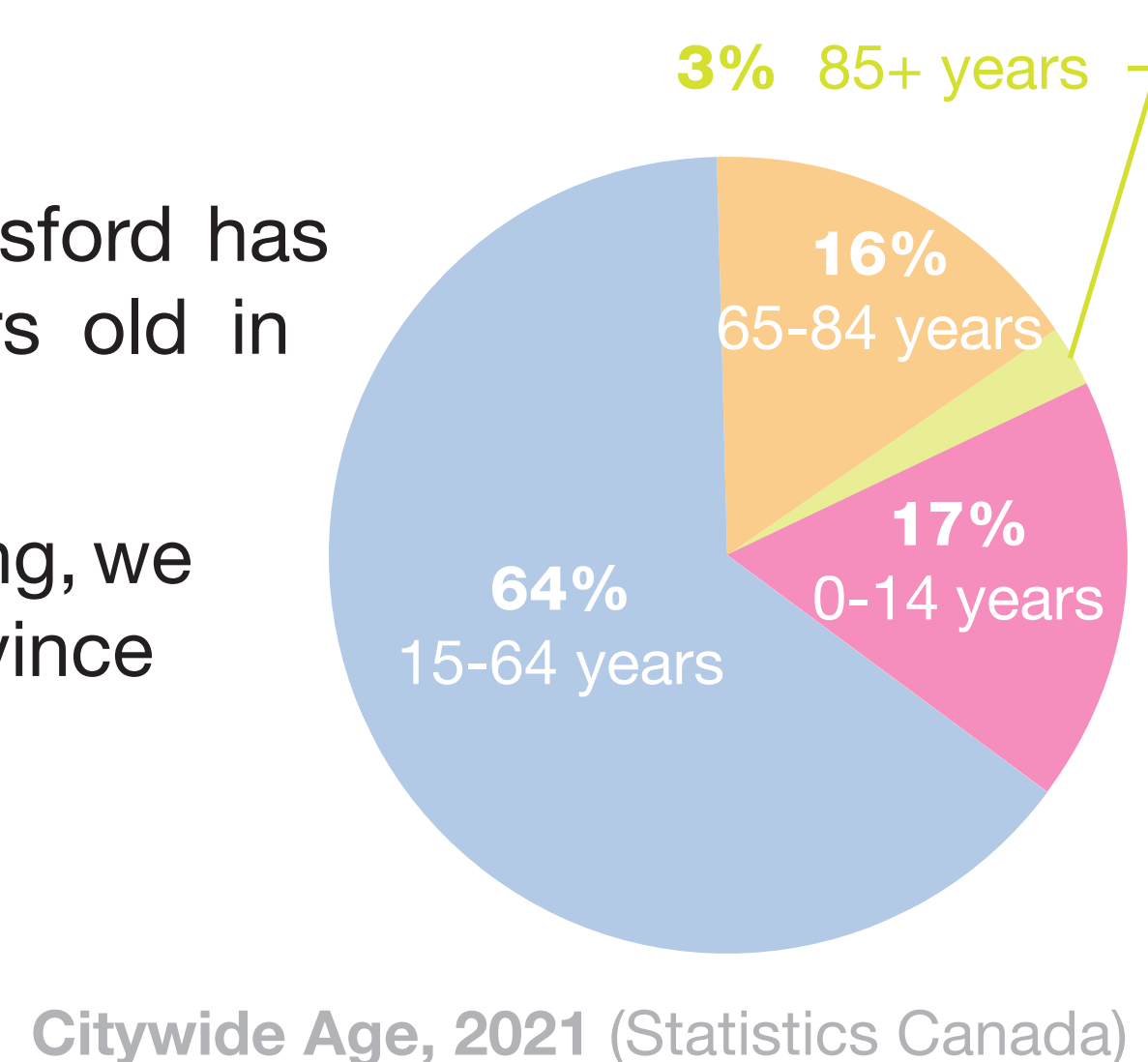
According to BC Stats, Abbotsford's population increased by 11.3% between 2016 and 2021, outpacing both the Fraser Valley Regional District and BC as a whole. BC Stats estimates Abbotsford's population at about 175,500 in 2023.



Age

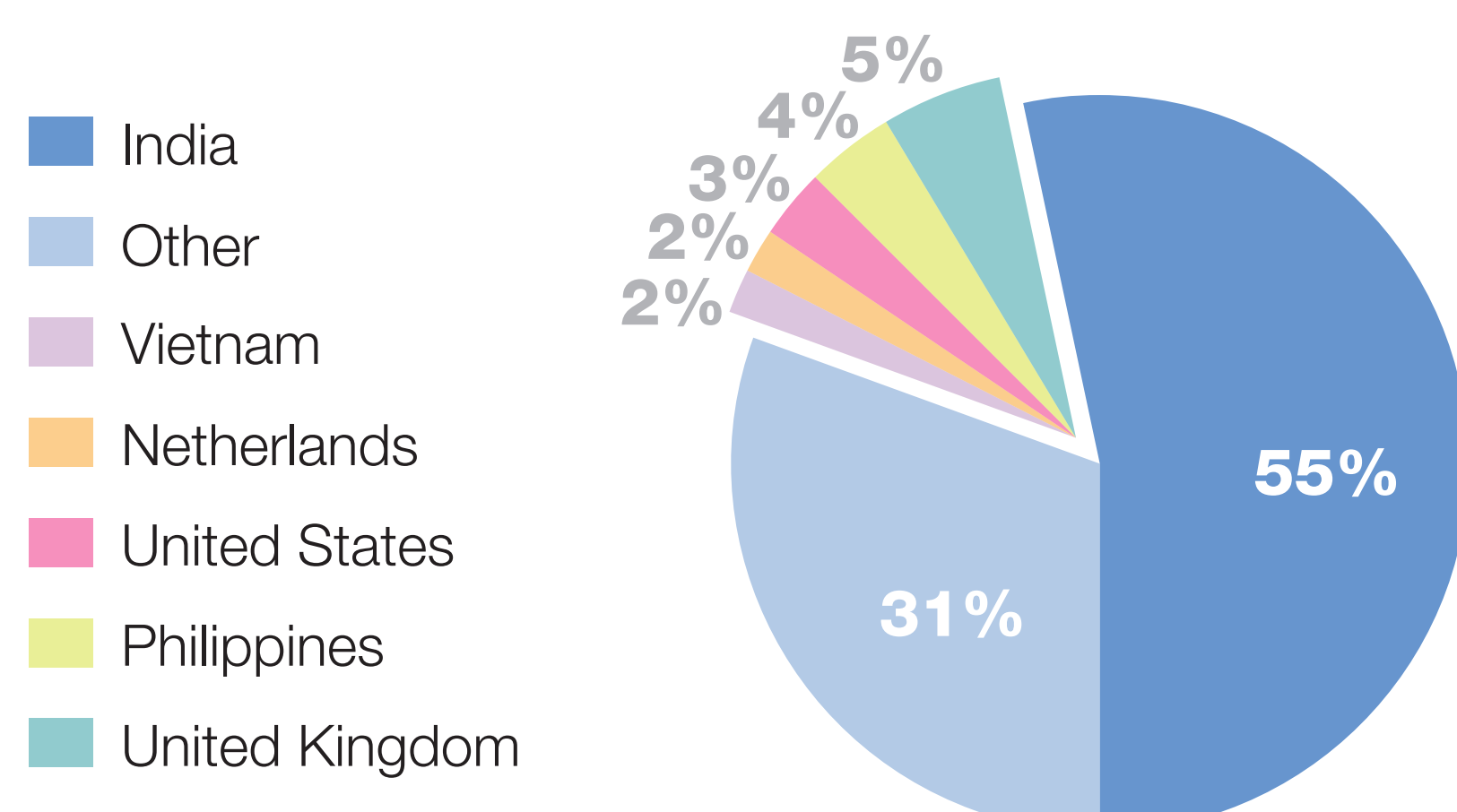
The median age in Abbotsford has increased from 35.1 years old in 2001 to 39.2 in 2021.

While our population is aging, we are younger than the province as a whole (42.4).



Immigration

In Abbotsford, 29% of residents are immigrants, which is a slight increase from 2016. Over half of Abbotsford's immigrant population comes from India.

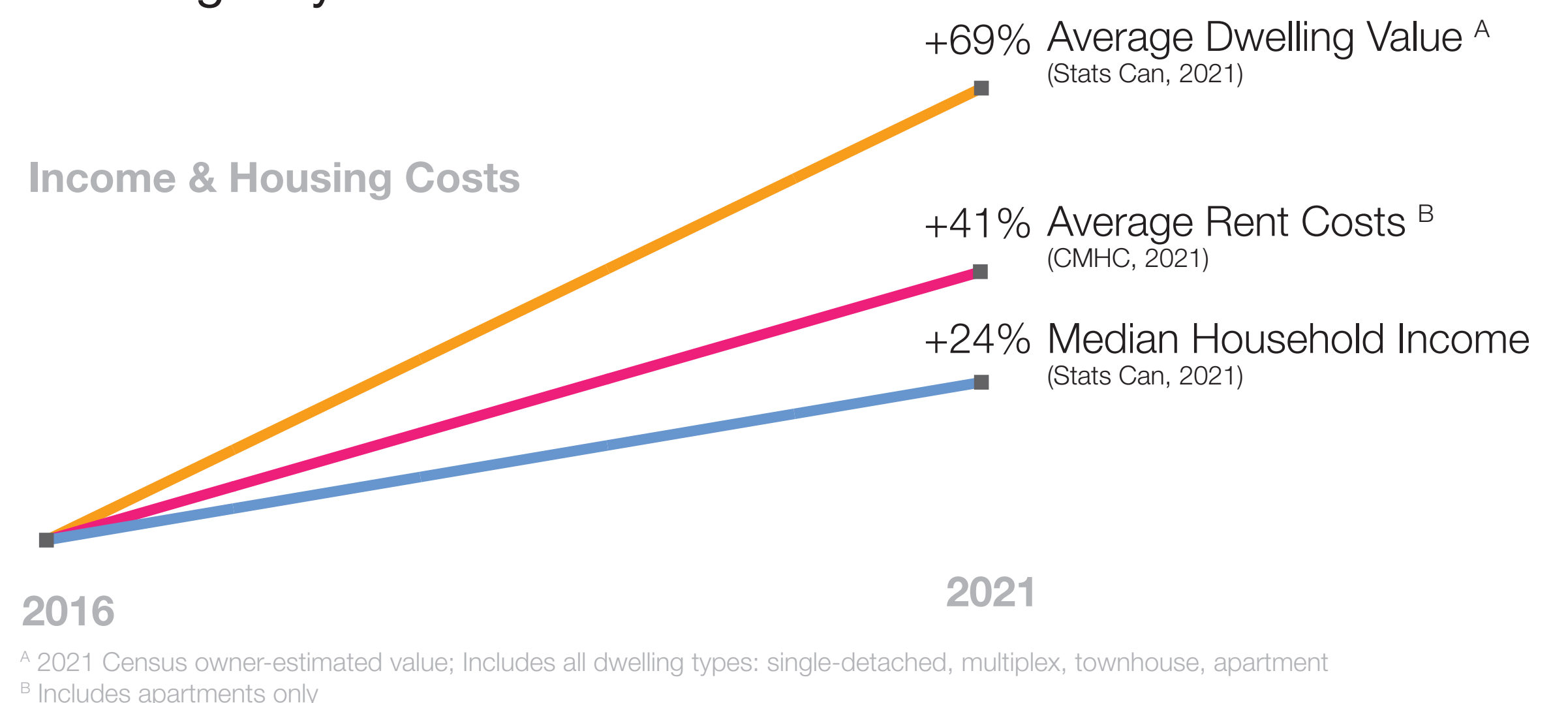


Immigrants by Top Country of Origin, 2021 (Statistics Canada)

Where We Live & Work

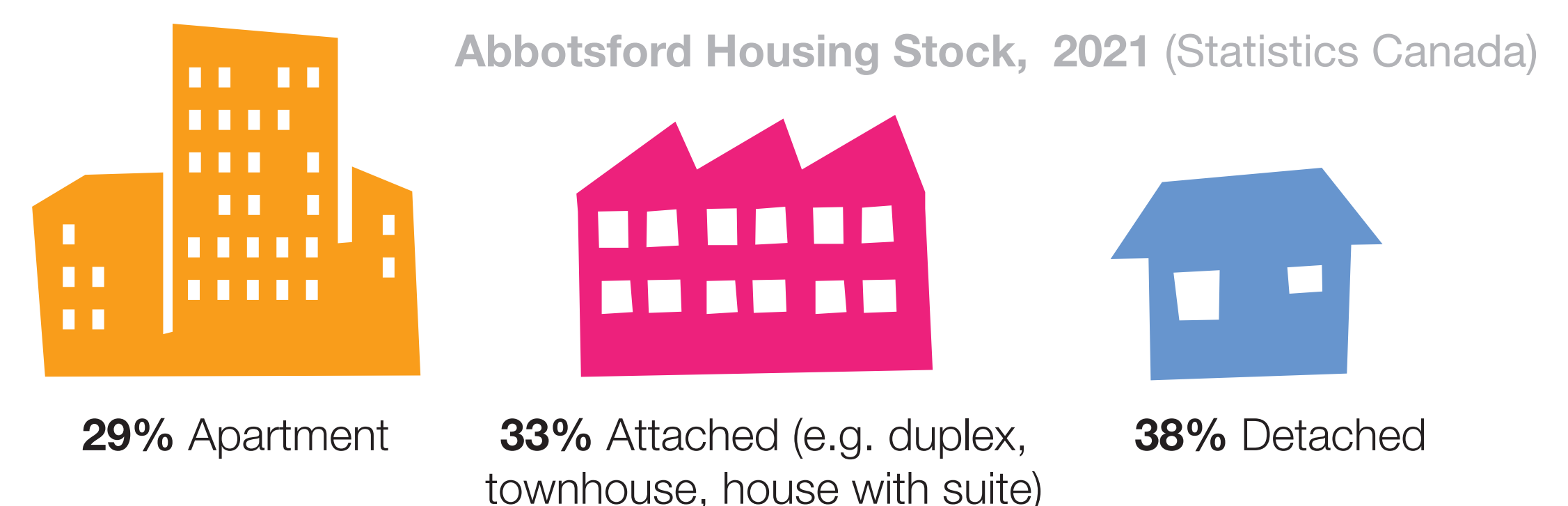
Housing Costs

Household incomes have not kept pace with housing costs, climbing only 24% since 2016.



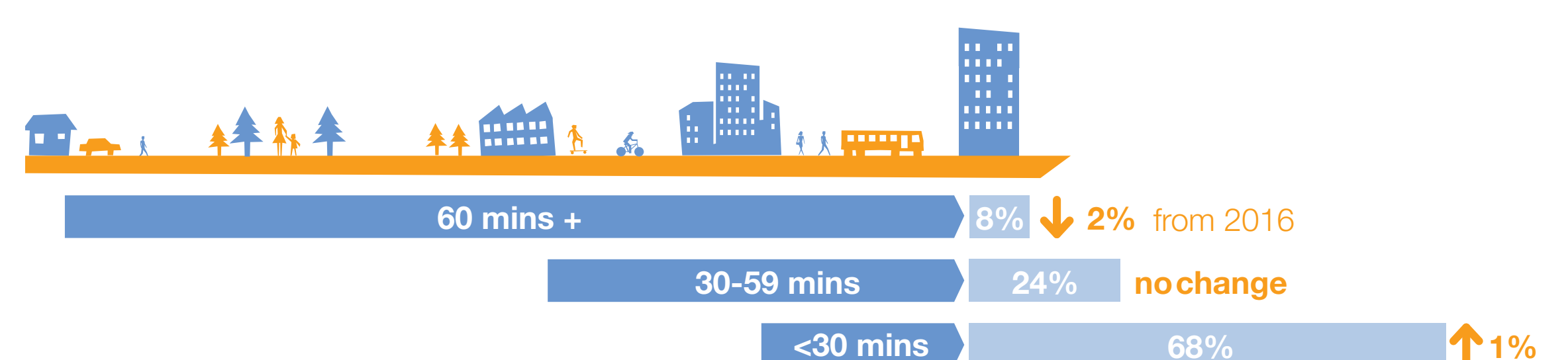
Housing Type

The proportion of Abbotsford's multi-unit housing is increasing



Our Commute

Compared to 2016, a smaller proportion of Abbotsford residents commute more than an hour to work.



64% ↑ 2% from 2016
of employed Abbotsford residents work in the city (2021 Census)