

2006 Census Fast Facts

Mother Tongue and Home Language

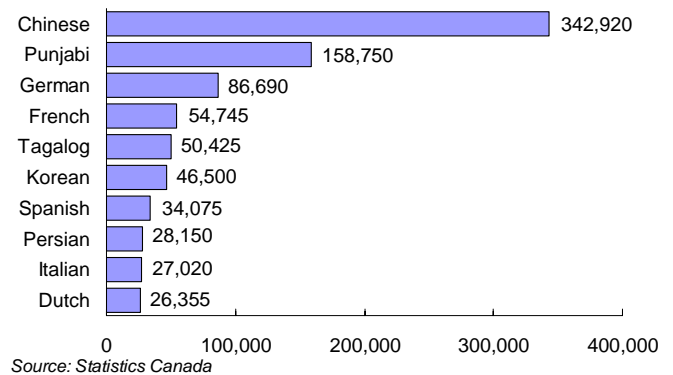
Mother Tongue

Mother tongue is the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the individual at the time of the census.

Including English and French, 146 languages were tabulated for mother tongues in the 2006 Census. Just over 71% (2,875,770 British Columbians) reported English as their sole mother tongue (single response), a drop from 75% in 2001, while 1.4% of the province's population reported French as their only mother tongue. Nationally, 58% of Canadians reported English and 22% reported French as their mother tongue.

In British Columbia, more than one-quarter (27%) of the population listed a non-official language as their only mother tongue, with Chinese dialects the most common at 8.5% (up from 8.0% in 2001). A distant second is Punjabi at 3.9%, followed by German at 2.2%. In addition, 1.3% of the province's population (over 52,000 people) reported more than one mother tongue (multiple responses). For Canada as a whole, 20% reported a non-official language as their only mother tongue and 1.3% (nearly 400,000 people) reported more than one mother tongue.

Top 10 Non-English Mother Tongues in BC
(single response, number of persons)



Knowledge of Official Languages

Fully 97% of all British Columbians reported knowing at least one of our official languages, with 90% knowing English only, 7% knowing both English and French and very few (0.1%) knowing French only. Among those whose mother tongue was a non-official language, 89% reported knowledge of English or French, with 4.5% knowing both English and French. The highest percentages reporting knowledge of neither English nor French occurred among those with a mother tongue of a Chinese language (19.6%), Punjabi (18.2%), Vietnamese (14.5%) and Korean (12.8%). In contrast, only 1.3% of those reporting a mother tongue of Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino) had no knowledge of either official language. Nationally, over 98% of Canadians reported knowledge of at least one of our official languages.

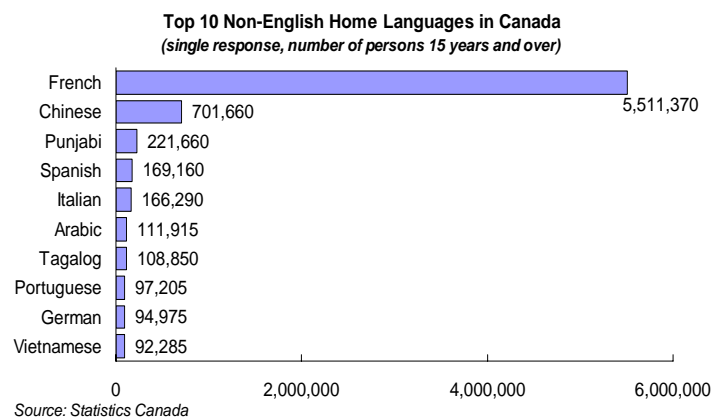
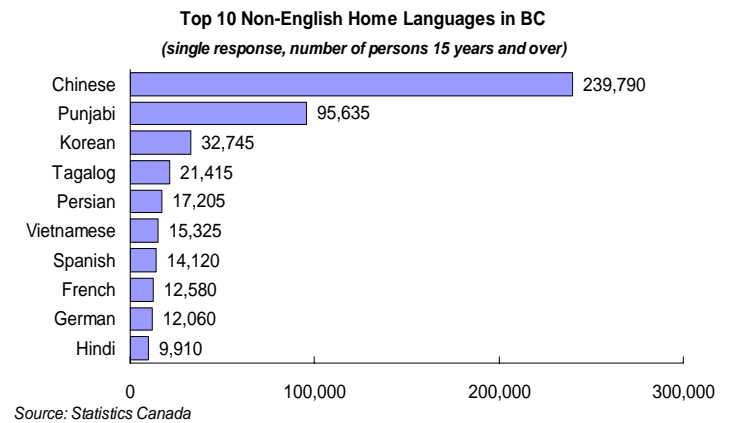
Home Language

Home language refers to the language spoken most often or on a regular basis at home by the individual at the time of the census.

Canada is culturally diverse and nowhere is this more evident than in BC. In 2006, 83% of British Columbians 15 years and over reported English as their sole home language (single response). While BC's share of Canada's population stood at just over 13%, its share of the national population reporting a non-official home language was 16.5%, the highest among the provinces, followed closely by Ontario (16.1%). Only Nunavut had a higher percentage (52.4%), with more than half (51.9%) of its population speaking an Aboriginal language most often at home. While 12,580 British Columbians spoke French most often at home, this represented less than 1%. Nationally, 66.5% of Canadians 15 years and over spoke English, 21.9% spoke French and 11.6% spoke a non-official language at home.

Among the population aged 15 and over, a Chinese dialect and Punjabi were the top two non-official languages spoken most often at home in both British Columbia and Canada in terms of population size. However, there were considerable differences among the balance of the top home languages between the two. In terms of percent share, BC had a disproportionately high share of the national population with home languages of Punjabi (43%), Korean (38%), Chinese (34%) and Hindi (28%). Interestingly, of the more than 16,000 Canadians reporting Japanese as their home language, British Columbia was home to more than half (53%). BC also had high percentages of the nation's population with a Scandinavian home language (although the numbers of people are relatively small), such as Swedish

(34%), Danish (33%) and Norwegian (30%). Other home languages of which BC had a high proportion of the country's population are Malay (36%) and Thai (35%).



While 98% of BC's population aged 15 and over reported a single home language, the remaining 2% (61,165 people) reported multiple home languages, with the majority (57,640 people) reporting English and a non-official language.

For Canada as a whole, the picture was similar, with 2% of the population aged 15 and over (453,005 people) reporting multiple home languages, with English and a non-official language in the majority (322,395 people).

TABLE 1 (1 page): Top 50 Mother Tongue Languages (Single Response) in BC by Knowledge of Official Languages, 2006

Mother Tongue	Total Population	Knowledge of Official Languages					
		English only	French only	English & French	Neither English nor French		
				Number	Per Cent		
Total Mother Tongue	4,074,385	3,653,365	2,070	295,645	123,305	3.0	
Single Responses	4,022,045	3,610,165	1,985	287,115	122,770	3.1	
English	2,875,770	2,685,530	45	188,755	1,440	0.1	
French	54,745	4,435	1,350	48,940	25	0.0	
Non-Official languages	1,091,530	920,205	585	49,420	121,310	11.1	
Chinese languages	342,920	267,475	90	8,015	67,340	19.6	
<i>Cantonese</i>	131,245						
<i>Chinese, n.o.s. *</i>	129,560						
<i>Mandarin</i>	72,155						
<i>Taiwanese</i>	5,750						
<i>Fukien</i>	1,725						
<i>Hakka</i>	1,075						
<i>Shanghainese</i>	940						
<i>Chaochow (Teochow)</i>	460						
Punjabi (Punjabi)	158,750	126,325	60	3,465	28,895	18.2	
German	86,690	79,040	15	6,765	875	1.0	
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	50,425	49,170	10	555	680	1.3	
Korean	46,500	39,400	20	1,110	5,970	12.8	
Spanish	34,075	28,410	70	3,960	1,635	4.8	
Persian (Farsi)	28,150	24,030	30	2,010	2,075	7.4	
Italian	27,020	23,655	25	2,715	625	2.3	
Dutch	26,355	23,575	10	2,595	170	0.6	
Vietnamese	24,560	19,980	40	975	3,560	14.5	
Hindi	23,240	21,630	-	545	1,065	4.6	
Japanese	20,040	18,425	-	425	1,180	5.9	
Russian	19,320	17,490	10	935	890	4.6	
Polish	17,565	15,575	-	1,505	475	2.7	
Portuguese	14,385	12,535	-	1,135	710	4.9	
Aboriginal languages	13,075	12,645	85	255	85	0.7	
Ukrainian	12,285	11,625	-	560	100	0.8	
Hungarian	10,670	9,690	-	800	180	1.7	
Croatian	8,565	7,930	-	480	155	1.8	
Arabic	8,440	6,565	30	1,490	355	4.2	
Urdu	7,025	6,195	-	330	495	7.0	
Danish	6,720	6,320	-	400	-	-	
Greek	6,670	5,995	-	505	170	2.5	
Gujarati	6,565	5,835	25	340	365	5.6	
Romanian	6,335	4,395	10	1,675	255	4.0	
Serbian	6,180	5,175	-	620	385	6.2	
Czech	6,000	5,485	-	485	30	0.5	
Finnish	4,770	4,525	-	200	40	0.8	
Slovak	3,490	3,255	-	165	60	1.7	
Norwegian	3,275	3,090	-	185	-	-	
Tamil	3,200	2,875	-	115	210	6.6	
Malay	3,100	2,975	-	25	105	3.4	
Ilocano	3,100	3,005	-	40	55	1.8	
Swedish	2,875	2,635	-	235	10	0.3	
Turkish	2,255	1,960	-	190	100	4.4	
Thai	1,830	1,745	-	25	60	3.3	
Serbo-Croatian	1,740	1,595	-	90	55	3.2	
Bengali	1,685	1,525	-	100	65	3.9	
Sindhi	1,670	1,570	-	50	45	2.7	
Hebrew	1,615	1,400	-	175	30	1.9	
Bulgarian	1,605	1,325	-	240	40	2.5	
Slovenian	1,510	1,430	-	75	-	-	
Bosnian	1,510	1,310	-	140	65	4.3	
Khmer (Cambodian)	1,430	1,205	10	50	170	11.9	
Amharic	1,280	1,205	-	50	25	2.0	
Estonian	1,155	1,000	-	150	10	0.9	
Sinhala (Sinhalese)	1,100	1,060	-	10	30	2.7	
Kurdish	1,095	980	-	20	100	9.1	
Multiple responses	52,335	43,200	85	8,525	530	1.0	
English & French	5,920	1,610	20	4,290	-	-	
English and NOL**	43,785	40,570	35	2,685	495	1.1	
French and NOL**	1,840	795	25	980	30	1.6	
Eng., Fr. & NOL**	790	225	-	570	-	-	

* *Chinese, n.o.s. includes responses of "Chinese", as well as other Chinese languages not otherwise specified.*

TABLE 2 (4 pages): Top Languages Spoken Most Often at Home for the Population 15 Years and Over, 2006
(sorted in descending order on BC)

Home Language	BC as a						
	British Columbia	% of Canada	Canada	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	Ontario
Total Population 15 Years and Over	3,394,905	13.2	25,664,220	2,625,140	766,235	908,450	9,819,420
Single responses	3,333,745	13.2	25,211,215	2,589,105	760,935	894,165	9,606,355
English	2,772,180	16.5	16,776,840	2,329,320	721,915	791,175	7,826,375
French	12,580	0.2	5,511,370	16,245	3,225	16,180	235,845
Non-official languages (number)	548,980	18.8	2,923,010	243,540	35,795	86,810	1,544,140
Non-official languages (per cent)	16.5		11.6	9.4	4.7	9.7	16.1
Chinese languages	239,790	34.2	701,660	63,075	4,360	7,120	339,245
<i>Cantonese</i>	98,100	36.2	271,045	22,540	1,210	2,230	139,250
<i>Chinese, n.o.s.</i>	84,115	28.1	298,860	32,010	2,705	3,895	142,260
<i>Mandarin</i>	53,140	43.7	121,690	8,000	435	975	53,185
<i>Taiwanese</i>	2,860	64.3	4,445	105	10	-	995
<i>Fukien</i>	620	34.7	1,785	135	-	-	1,025
<i>Shanghai</i>	460	41.4	1,110	10	-	10	630
<i>Hakka</i>	365	17.8	2,045	110	-	-	1,530
<i>Chaochow (Teochow)</i>	120	17.8	675	160	-	10	365
Punjabi (Punjabi)	95,635	43.1	221,660	21,700	435	3,635	93,160
Korean	32,745	38.4	85,360	6,855	325	1,275	40,715
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	21,415	19.7	108,850	13,350	670	11,335	55,765
Persian (Farsi)	17,205	21.4	80,335	4,415	355	900	48,210
Vietnamese	15,325	16.6	92,285	11,690	955	1,770	44,300
Spanish	14,120	8.3	169,160	12,915	1,270	3,575	80,315
German	12,060	12.7	94,975	21,725	5,795	18,595	31,390
Hindi	9,910	27.7	35,730	4,075	140	490	19,545
Russian	8,710	10.9	80,080	5,355	220	1,745	51,110
Japanese	8,705	53.2	16,370	1,780	125	250	4,760
Italian	7,290	4.4	166,290	3,450	115	1,525	105,710
Polish	6,380	7.0	90,960	7,980	475	3,085	65,050
Portuguese	4,680	4.8	97,205	2,420	90	2,785	72,120
Urdu	3,345	4.6	73,480	5,210	210	505	58,175
Serbian	3,225	11.1	28,945	1,760	120	355	21,915
Romanian	2,995	6.9	43,225	2,175	170	215	20,330
Arabic	2,985	2.7	111,915	7,935	690	920	52,510
Gujarati	2,840	6.6	43,135	3,195	120	455	32,685
Hungarian	2,755	13.9	19,885	1,405	130	375	12,555
Aboriginal languages	2,735	3.0	89,875	9,550	14,585	15,125	9,285
Croatian	2,685	13.1	20,455	1,180	110	625	14,415
Greek	2,475	4.7	52,400	1,140	390	640	25,195
Dutch	2,455	20.1	12,235	2,490	140	340	5,515
Tamil	1,860	2.5	73,465	580	105	115	63,005
Czech	1,690	26.2	6,440	790	10	240	3,205
Ilocano	1,210	21.6	5,600	745	30	355	2,645
Malay	1,165	35.5	3,285	165	50	35	1,690
Slovak	1,075	21.3	5,045	605	10	115	2,920
Finnish	1,050	26.6	3,945	195	-	35	2,585
Ukrainian	930	3.7	24,820	2,420	1,260	2,865	15,740
Bengali	925	3.6	25,745	1,425	70	200	17,215
Non-verbal languages	900	14.5	6,225	660	165	325	2,320
Turkish	820	6.5	12,535	755	50	20	7,405
Bulgarian	755	7.8	9,670	540	30	70	4,955
Bosnian	725	10.0	7,220	955	185	330	3,925

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Non-official languages (per cent)	16.5		11.6	9.4	4.7	9.7	16.1
Khmer (Cambodian)	620	6.0	10,275	960	10	195	4,040
Sindhi	605	13.5	4,470	865	20	10	2,855
Hebrew	590	8.5	6,930	210	-	75	4,570
Serbo-Croatian	570	9.8	5,790	535	90	190	2,860
Thai	565	34.9	1,620	170	35	40	615
Amharic	540	7.6	7,065	1,600	35	840	3,730
Lao	520	6.7	7,780	485	140	520	3,310
Kurdish	495	13.8	3,580	435	35	120	1,990
Armenian	450	2.4	18,560	95	-	-	7,660
Danish	405	32.8	1,235	250	-	25	400
Somali	325	2.8	11,790	1,290	105	190	9,465
Sinhala (Sinhalese)	315	8.0	3,955	325	55	125	2,840
Swedish	305	33.7	905	100	20	40	255
Pashto	305	6.7	4,550	495	70	40	3,110
Malayalam	225	4.9	4,625	675	85	35	3,485
Pampango	220	26.0	845	115	-	45	380
Creoles	185	0.9	19,780	350	20	245	2,860
Estonian	175	8.5	2,065	25	10	-	1,730
Tigrigna	150	4.8	3,145	425	135	175	2,145
Norwegian	130	30.2	430	50	20	10	25
Akan (Twi)	125	2.0	6,365	295	10	10	5,320
Azerbaijani	115	16.9	680	90	-	10	425
Slovenian	110	4.1	2,670	120	-	45	2,060
Telugu	105	3.3	3,145	210	25	10	2,545
Macedonian	100	1.3	7,910	45	-	105	7,495
Swahili	70	3.3	2,140	235	50	75	1,240
Latvian	65	3.4	1,925	55	10	25	1,615
Oromo	65	6.0	1,085	260	-	95	640
Konkani	55	10.4	530	10	-	15	445
Lithuanian	45	2.0	2,245	65	-	50	1,935
Frisian	40	18.6	215	40	-	-	120
Maltese	40	3.5	1,130	-	-	-	1,075
Multiple responses	61,165	13.5	453,005	36,040	5,300	14,285	213,065
English and French	2,795	3.8	73,175	2,635	670	1,405	19,725
English and non-official language	57,640	17.9	322,395	32,745	4,570	12,700	188,555
French and non-official language	390	0.9	44,715	390	45	95	2,440
English, French & non-official lang.	345	2.7	12,720	265	10	80	2,340

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Single responses	6,069,980	421,825	109,940	753,770	597,005	24,350	30,940	19,110
English	616,310	417,410	106,760	726,000	409,725	23,145	27,605	8,925
French	5,028,540	565	2,265	14,765	180,235	405	350	170
Non-official languages (number)	425,130	3,850	910	13,000	7,045	795	2,980	10,020
Non-official languages (per cent)	7.0	0.9	0.8	1.7	1.2	3.3	9.6	52.4
Chinese languages	43,820	630	135	1,695	1,530	125	125	20
<i>Cantonese</i>	7,085	100	20	170	225	55	65	-
<i>Chinese, n.o.s.</i>	31,080	455	75	1,200	965	35	50	10
<i>Mandarin</i>	5,160	60	35	335	310	30	10	-
<i>Taiwanese</i>	425	10	-	-	25	-	-	-
<i>Fukien</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Shanghai</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Hakka</i>	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Chaochow (Teochow)</i>	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Panjabi (Punjabi)	6,860	40	-	130	10	55	10	10
Korean	2,500	-	15	575	350	-	-	-
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	5,905	-	-	30	85	50	220	20
Persian (Farsi)	8,455	45	20	425	290	-	10	-
Vietnamese	17,465	10	-	345	115	80	225	10
Spanish	55,670	325	55	410	430	60	15	-
German	3,415	115	35	1,310	330	190	10	-
Hindi	1,315	35	15	85	115	-	-	-
Russian	12,395	130	-	245	145	20	-	-
Japanese	525	10	40	115	40	15	-	-
Italian	47,760	10	-	185	220	-	25	-
Polish	7,110	15	20	805	25	-	-	-
Portuguese	14,840	40	-	180	45	-	-	-
Urdu	5,295	285	-	245	175	-	30	-
Serbian	1,425	20	20	25	70	-	10	-
Romanian	17,155	40	10	65	75	-	-	-
Arabic	44,120	215	20	2,000	470	10	50	-
Gujarati	3,615	30	-	120	70	-	-	-
Hungarian	2,450	60	45	75	20	10	-	-
Aboriginal languages	22,400	1,035	20	1,830	1,170	130	2,080	9,925
Croatian	1,310	-	10	85	25	-	-	-
Greek	21,910	15	25	500	100	10	-	-
Dutch	495	50	310	130	290	10	10	-
Tamil	7,750	-	-	30	-	10	-	-
Czech	420	15	-	40	-	10	15	-
Ilocano	605	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
Malay	95	-	-	90	-	-	-	-
Slovak	300	10	-	-	-	10	10	-
Finnish	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ukrainian	1,570	-	-	-	25	10	-	-
Bengali	5,650	120	-	90	40	-	-	-
Non-verbal languages	1,250	215	10	190	155	10	10	15
Turkish	3,400	10	-	45	10	-	20	-
Bulgarian	3,265	30	-	20	10	-	-	-
Bosnian	1,060	-	15	25	-	-	-	-

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Non-official languages (per cent)	7.0	0.9	0.8	1.7	1.2	3.3	9.6	52.4
Khmer (Cambodian)	4,450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sindhi	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hebrew	1,470	-	-	15	-	-	-	-
Serbo-Croatian	1,440	-	-	100	-	-	-	-
Thai	175	-	-	-	15	-	-	-
Amharic	280	10	-	25	-	-	-	-
Lao	2,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kurdish	460	-	-	35	10	-	-	-
Armenian	10,320	-	-	-	10	-	25	-
Danish	35	-	10	15	95	-	-	-
Somali	330	-	-	15	45	-	20	10
Sinhala (Sinhalese)	240	-	-	25	15	-	-	-
Swedish	90	50	-	-	30	10	-	-
Pashto	475	-	-	30	25	-	-	-
Malayalam	90	-	-	35	-	-	-	-
Pampango	80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Creoles	15,965	-	40	10	35	-	70	-
Estonian	105	-	-	10	10	-	-	-
Tigrigna	80	-	-	10	20	-	-	-
Norwegian	60	30	-	75	30	-	-	-
Akan (Twi)	600	-	-	-	10	-	-	-
Azerbaijani	30	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
Slovenian	330	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telugu	120	40	-	40	35	10	-	-
Macedonian	160	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swahili	445	-	-	-	25	-	-	-
Latvian	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oromo	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-
Konkani	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuanian	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Frisian	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maltese	10	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
Multiple responses	114,515	560	265	2,825	4,415	140	195	225
English and French	41,100	150	120	945	3,535	50	20	10
English and non-official language	22,635	415	140	1,790	750	80	165	200
French and non-official language	41,150	-	-	70	115	-	-	20
English, French & non-official lang.	9,630	-	-	20	15	-	-	-

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Home Language	BC as a		Canada	Alberta	Saskat- chewan	Manitoba	Ontario
	British Columbia	% of Canada					
Total Population 15 Years and Over	3,394,905	13.2	25,664,220	2,625,140	766,235	908,450	9,819,420
Single responses	3,333,745	13.2	25,211,215	2,589,105	760,935	894,165	9,606,355
English	2,772,180	16.5	16,776,840	2,329,320	721,915	791,175	7,826,375
French	12,580	0.2	5,511,370	16,245	3,225	16,180	235,845
Non-official languages (number)	548,980	18.8	2,923,010	243,540	35,795	86,810	1,544,140
Non-official languages (per cent)	16.5		11.6	9.4	4.7	9.7	16.1
Chinese languages	239,790	34.2	701,660	63,075	4,360	7,120	339,245
<i>Chinese, n.o.s.</i>	84,115	28.1	298,860	32,010	2,705	3,895	142,260
<i>Cantonese</i>	98,100	36.2	271,045	22,540	1,210	2,230	139,250
<i>Mandarin</i>	53,140	43.7	121,690	8,000	435	975	53,185
<i>Taiwanese</i>	2,860	64.3	4,445	105	10	-	995
<i>Hakka</i>	365	17.8	2,045	110	-	-	1,530
<i>Shanghainese</i>	460	41.4	1,110	10	-	10	630
<i>Fukien</i>	620	34.7	1,785	135	-	-	1,025
<i>Chaochow (Teochow)</i>	120	17.8	675	160	-	10	365
Panjabi (Punjabi)	95,635	43.1	221,660	21,700	435	3,635	93,160
Spanish	14,120	8.3	169,160	12,915	1,270	3,575	80,315
Italian	7,290	4.4	166,290	3,450	115	1,525	105,710
Arabic	2,985	2.7	111,915	7,935	690	920	52,510
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	21,415	19.7	108,850	13,350	670	11,335	55,765
Portuguese	4,680	4.8	97,205	2,420	90	2,785	72,120
German	12,060	12.7	94,975	21,725	5,795	18,595	31,390
Vietnamese	15,325	16.6	92,285	11,690	955	1,770	44,300
Polish	6,380	7.0	90,960	7,980	475	3,085	65,050
Aboriginal languages	2,735	3.0	89,875	9,550	14,585	15,125	9,285
Korean	32,745	38.4	85,360	6,855	325	1,275	40,715
Persian (Farsi)	17,205	21.4	80,335	4,415	355	900	48,210
Russian	8,710	10.9	80,080	5,355	220	1,745	51,110
Urdu	3,345	4.6	73,480	5,210	210	505	58,175
Tamil	1,860	2.5	73,465	580	105	115	63,005
Greek	2,475	4.7	52,400	1,140	390	640	25,195
Romanian	2,995	6.9	43,225	2,175	170	215	20,330
Gujarati	2,840	6.6	43,135	3,195	120	455	32,685
Hindi	9,910	27.7	35,730	4,075	140	490	19,545
Serbian	3,225	11.1	28,945	1,760	120	355	21,915
Bengali	925	3.6	25,745	1,425	70	200	17,215
Ukrainian	930	3.7	24,820	2,420	1,260	2,865	15,740
Croatian	2,685	13.1	20,455	1,180	110	625	14,415
Hungarian	2,755	13.9	19,885	1,405	130	375	12,555
Creoles	185	0.9	19,780	350	20	245	2,860
Armenian	450	2.4	18,560	95	-	-	7,660
Japanese	8,705	53.2	16,370	1,780	125	250	4,760
Turkish	820	6.5	12,535	755	50	20	7,405
Dutch	2,455	20.1	12,235	2,490	140	340	5,515
Somali	325	2.8	11,790	1,290	105	190	9,465
Khmer (Cambodian)	620	6.0	10,275	960	10	195	4,040
Bulgarian	755	7.8	9,670	540	30	70	4,955
Macedonian	100	1.3	7,910	45	-	105	7,495
Lao	520	6.7	7,780	485	140	520	3,310
Bosnian	725	10.0	7,220	955	185	330	3,925

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Non-official languages (per cent)	16.5		11.6	9.4	4.7	9.7	16.1
Amharic	540	7.6	7,065	1,600	35	840	3,730
Hebrew	590	8.5	6,930	210	-	75	4,570
Czech	1,690	26.2	6,440	790	10	240	3,205
Akan (Twi)	125	2.0	6,365	295	10	10	5,320
Non-verbal languages	900	14.5	6,225	660	165	325	2,320
Serbo-Croatian	570	9.8	5,790	535	90	190	2,860
Ilocano	1,210	21.6	5,600	745	30	355	2,645
Slovak	1,075	21.3	5,045	605	10	115	2,920
Malayalam	225	4.9	4,625	675	85	35	3,485
Pashto	305	6.7	4,550	495	70	40	3,110
Sindhi	605	13.5	4,470	865	20	10	2,855
Sinhala (Sinhalese)	315	8.0	3,955	325	55	125	2,840
Finnish	1,050	26.6	3,945	195	-	35	2,585
Kurdish	495	13.8	3,580	435	35	120	1,990
Malay	1,165	35.5	3,285	165	50	35	1,690
Tigrigna	150	4.8	3,145	425	135	175	2,145
Telugu	105	3.3	3,145	210	25	10	2,545
Yiddish	25	0.8	3,135	15	-	15	735
Slovenian	110	4.1	2,670	120	-	45	2,060
Lithuanian	45	2.0	2,245	65	-	50	1,935
Tibetan Languages	-	-	2,230	105	-	-	2,065
Swahili	70	3.3	2,140	235	50	75	1,240
Estonian	175	8.5	2,065	25	10	-	1,730
Marathi	25	1.2	2,055	205	-	25	1,705
Latvian	65	3.4	1,925	55	10	25	1,615
Thai	565	34.9	1,620	170	35	40	615
Danish	405	32.8	1,235	250	-	25	400
Maltese	40	3.5	1,130	-	-	-	1,075
Rundi (Kirundi)	25	2.3	1,095	20	-	-	325
Oromo	65	6.0	1,085	260	-	95	640
Kannada	25	2.5	1,020	135	10	10	760
Swedish	305	33.7	905	100	20	40	255
Multiple responses	61,165	13.5	453,005	36,040	5,300	14,285	213,065
English and French	2,795	3.8	73,175	2,635	670	1,405	19,725
English and non-official language	57,640	17.9	322,395	32,745	4,570	12,700	188,555
French and non-official language	390	0.9	44,715	390	45	95	2,440
English, French & non-official lang.	345	2.7	12,720	265	10	80	2,340

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Total Population 15 Years and Over	6,184,490	422,385	110,205	756,595	601,420	24,490	31,135	19,340
Single responses	6,069,980	421,825	109,940	753,770	597,005	24,350	30,940	19,110
English	616,310	417,410	106,760	726,000	409,725	23,145	27,605	8,925
French	5,028,540	565	2,265	14,765	180,235	405	350	170
Non-official languages (number)	425,130	3,850	910	13,000	7,045	795	2,980	10,020
Non-official languages (per cent)	7.0	0.9	0.8	1.7	1.2	3.3	9.6	52.4
Chinese languages	43,820	630	135	1,695	1,530	125	125	20
<i>Chinese, n.o.s.</i>	31,080	455	75	1,200	965	35	50	10
<i>Cantonese</i>	7,085	100	20	170	225	55	65	-
<i>Mandarin</i>	5,160	60	35	335	310	30	10	-
<i>Taiwanese</i>	425	10	-	-	25	-	-	-
<i>Hakka</i>	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Shanghainese</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Fukien</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Chaochow (Teochow)</i>	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Panjabi (Punjabi)	6,860	40	-	130	10	55	10	10
Spanish	55,670	325	55	410	430	60	15	-
Italian	47,760	10	-	185	220	-	25	-
Arabic	44,120	215	20	2,000	470	10	50	-
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	5,905	-	-	30	85	50	220	20
Portuguese	14,840	40	-	180	45	-	-	-
German	3,415	115	35	1,310	330	190	10	-
Vietnamese	17,465	10	-	345	115	80	225	10
Polish	7,110	15	20	805	25	-	-	-
Aboriginal languages	22,400	1,035	20	1,830	1,170	130	2,080	9,925
Korean	2,500	-	15	575	350	-	-	-
Persian (Farsi)	8,455	45	20	425	290	-	10	-
Russian	12,395	130	-	245	145	20	-	-
Urdu	5,295	285	-	245	175	-	30	-
Tamil	7,750	-	-	30	-	10	-	-
Greek	21,910	15	25	500	100	10	-	-
Romanian	17,155	40	10	65	75	-	-	-
Gujarati	3,615	30	-	120	70	-	-	-
Hindi	1,315	35	15	85	115	-	-	-
Serbian	1,425	20	20	25	70	-	10	-
Bengali	5,650	120	-	90	40	-	-	-
Ukrainian	1,570	-	-	-	25	10	-	-
Croatian	1,310	-	10	85	25	-	-	-
Hungarian	2,450	60	45	75	20	10	-	-
Creoles	15,965	-	40	10	35	-	70	-
Armenian	10,320	-	-	-	10	-	25	-
Japanese	525	10	40	115	40	15	-	-
Turkish	3,400	10	-	45	10	-	20	-
Dutch	495	50	310	130	290	10	10	-
Somali	330	-	-	15	45	-	20	10
Khmer (Cambodian)	4,450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bulgarian	3,265	30	-	20	10	-	-	-
Macedonian	160	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Hebrew	1,470	-	-	15	-	-	-	-
Czech	420	15	-	40	-	10	15	-
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Slovak	300	10	-	-	-	10	10	-
Malayalam	90	-	-	35	-	-	-	-
Pashto	475	-	-	30	25	-	-	-
Sindhi	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sinhala (Sinhalese)	240	-	-	25	15	-	-	-
Finnish	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kurdish	460	-	-	35	10	-	-	-
Malay	95	-	-	90	-	-	-	-
Tigrigna	80	-	-	10	20	-	-	-
Telugu	120	40	-	40	35	10	-	-
Yiddish	2,335	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Lithuanian	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tibetan Languages	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swahili	445	-	-	-	25	-	-	-
Estonian	105	-	-	10	10	-	-	-
Marathi	45	-	-	35	10	-	-	-
Latvian	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thai	175	-	-	-	15	-	-	-
Danish	35	-	10	15	95	-	-	-
Maltese	10	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
Rundi (Kirundi)	705	-	-	-	15	-	-	-
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