

# 2011

# CENSUS RESULTS LANGUAGE

## INTRODUCTION

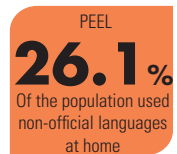
Statistics Canada released language data on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the final of the major topic releases from the 2011 Census of Population. The language release focused on mother tongue, knowledge of official languages, first official language spoken, and language spoken most often at home.

## MOTHER TONGUE

Mother tongue refers to the first language learned at home in childhood, and still understood. In Canada, 56.9% of the population identified English as their mother tongue, a slight decline from 57.2% recorded in 2006. French was identified by 21.3% of the population as their mother tongue, a decrease of half a percentage. A non-official language was recorded as the mother tongue for 19.8% of the population, an increase of 0.1%, while multiple responses as a mother tongue increased by 0.6%, up to 1.9% of the population. Amongst the provinces, Newfoundland had the highest percentage of the population that identified English as a mother tongue at 97.6%, and British Columbia had the highest percentage of the population with a non-official language identified as their mother tongue at 26.5%.

In Mississauga, English was reported as the mother tongue for 47.6% of the population, a decrease from 48.5% in 2006, 1.0% reported French only as their mother tongue (1.2% in 2006), and 47.0% reported a non-official language only as their mother tongue, a decline from 47.7% in 2006. 4.3% of the population (2.6% in 2006) indicated multiple languages with English and/or French as their mother tongue. In the Region of Peel 50.6% identified English as their mother tongue, decreasing from 52.3%, French as a mother tongue remained at 1.0%, and non-official languages and multiple responses increased to 48.4% from 46.5% in 2006.

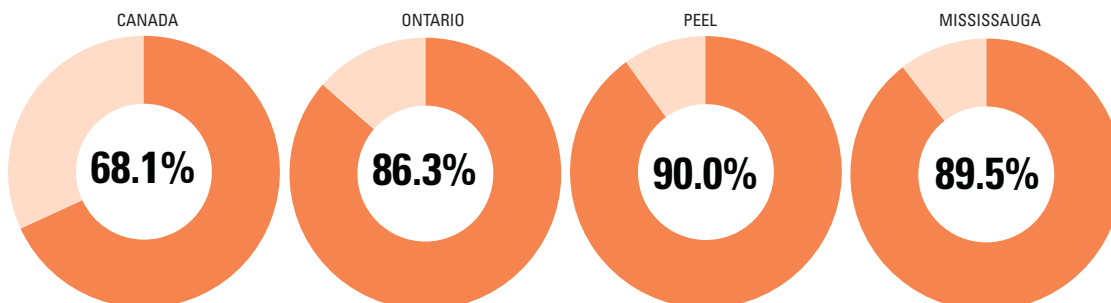
More than 200 languages were reported as a home language or mother tongue in the 2011 Census. The five most common languages spoken by persons in Canada whose mother tongue was not one of the official languages were reported as; Chinese languages<sup>1</sup>, Panjabi, Spanish, German and Italian. In Ontario, the most common non-official languages were Chinese languages, Italian, Spanish, Panjabi and Portuguese.



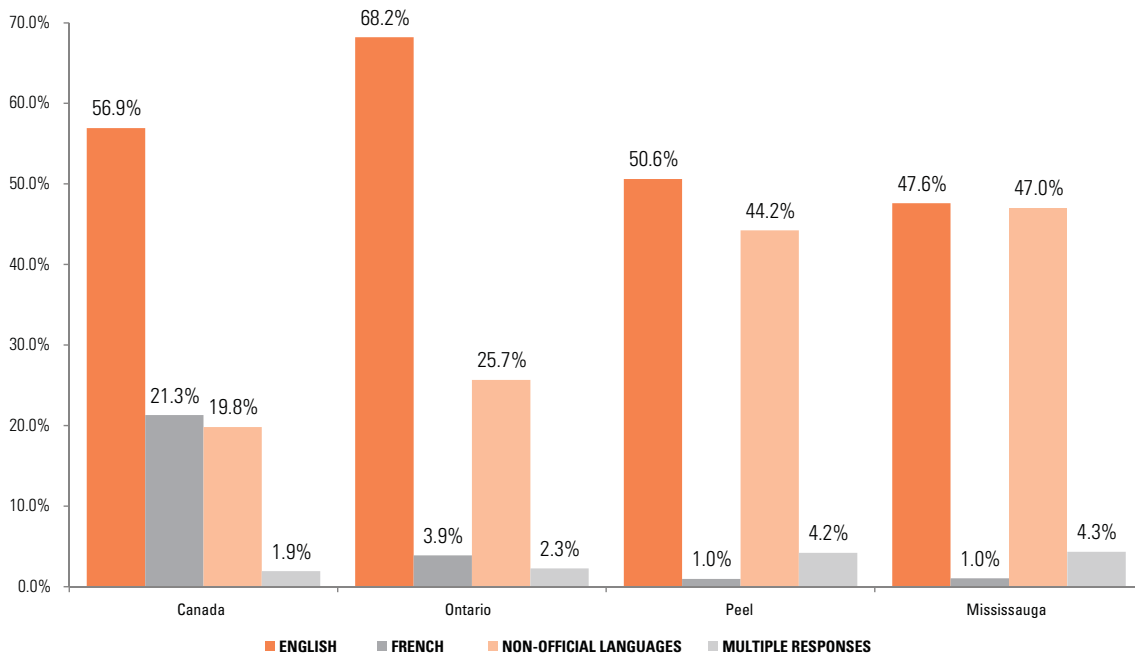
## KNOWLEDGE OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

	CANADA		ONTARIO		PEEL		MISSISSAUGA	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total	33,121,175		12,722,060		1,291,370		710,475	
English only	22,564,665	68.1%	10,984,360	86.3%	1,162,125	90.0%	635,660	89.5%
French only	4,165,015	12.6%	42,980	0.3%	965	0.1%	575	0.1%
English and French	5,795,570	17.5%	1,395,805	11.0%	78,415	6.1%	49,125	6.9%
Neither English nor French	595,920	1.8%	298,920	2.3%	49,865	3.9%	25,115	3.5%

## KNOWLEDGE OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES: ENGLISH ONLY



**MOTHER TONGUE:  
CANADA, ONTARIO, PEEL AND MISSISSAUGA**



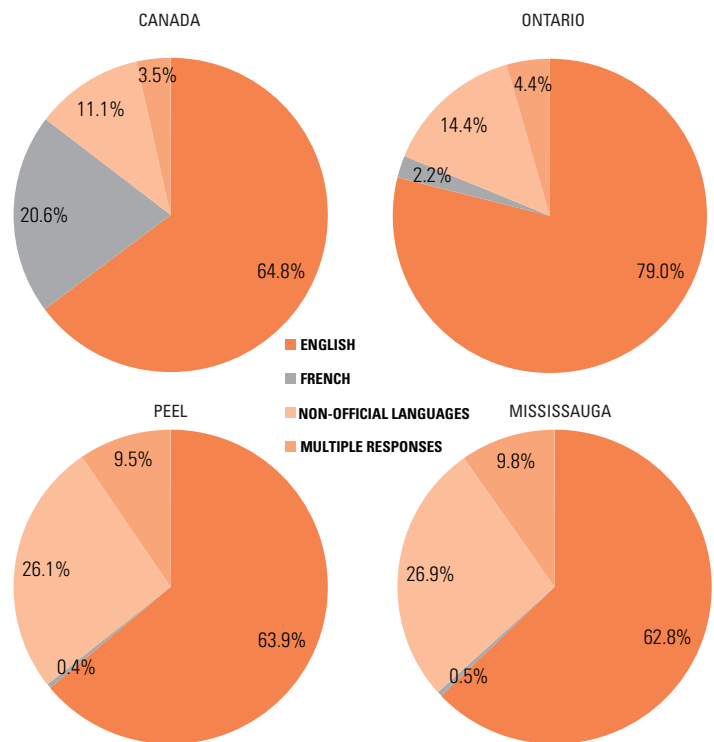
**KNOWLEDGE OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

In Canada, 98.2% of the population spoke one or both of the official languages (68.1% English only, 12.6% French only, and English and French, 17.5%), values very similar to those reported in the 2006 Census. The averages were very different in Ontario where 86.3% spoke English only, 0.3% French only and 11.0% English and French. In Mississauga, 96.5% spoke one or both of the official languages, 89.5% English only, which is significantly higher than the national average, 0.1% French only, and 6.9% English and French, values very similar to those for the Region of Peel.

**FIRST OFFICIAL LANGUAGE SPOKEN**

The first official language spoken was English for 74.5% of the Canadian population, 22.7% indicated French, 1.1% indicated both, and 1.8% as neither English nor French. In Ontario, English was the first official language spoken for 93.1% of the population, while 84% of the population in Quebec identified French as their first official language spoken. In Mississauga, 94.3% of the population identified English as their first official language; the same proportion was recorded in Peel, again significantly higher than the national average.

**LANGUAGE SPOKEN MOST OFTEN AT HOME**

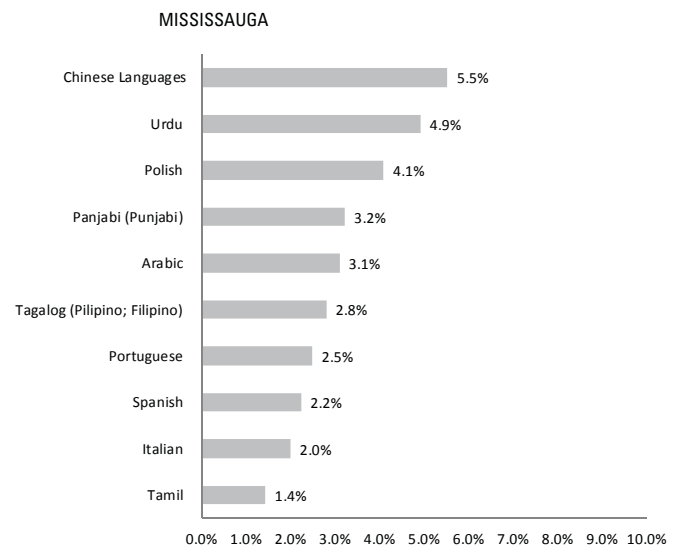
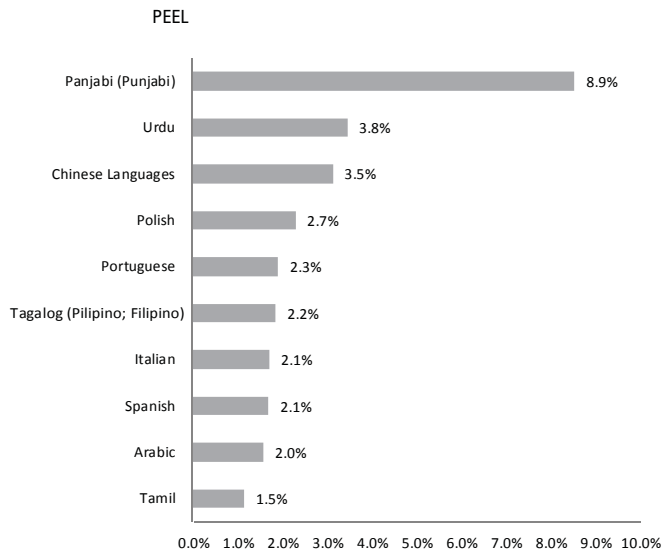
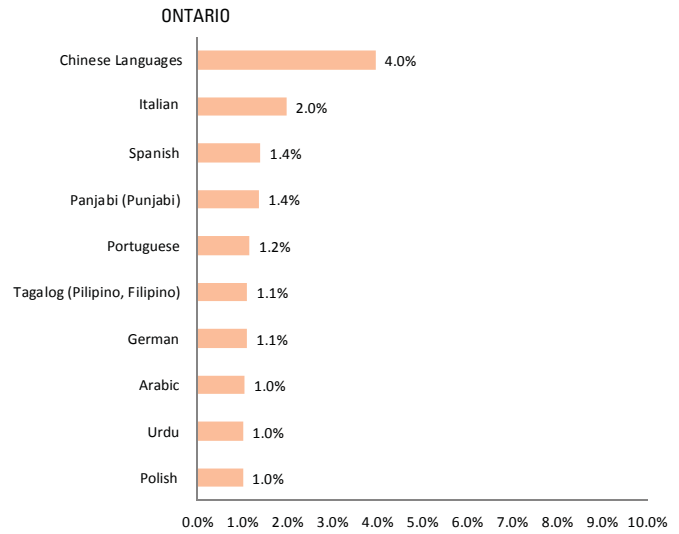
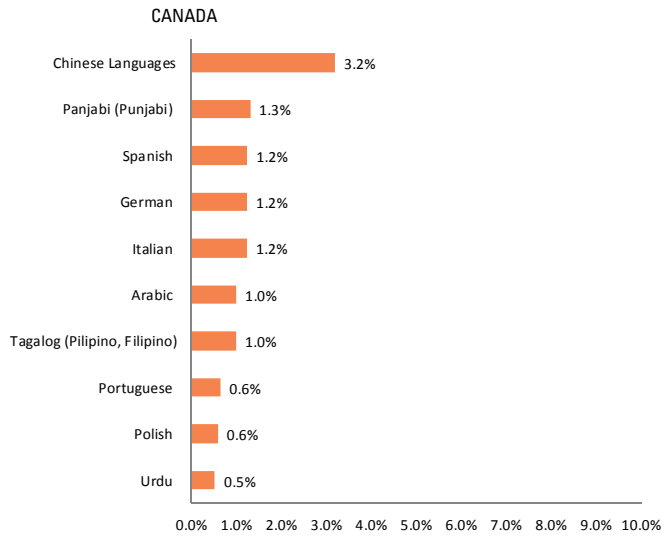


## LANGUAGE SPOKEN MOST OFTEN AT HOME

The Census also gathered details on the non-official languages spoken at home. In Canada, the top non-official languages spoken at home were Chinese languages, Panjabi and Spanish, the same ranking

compared to the 2006 Census. The same languages that were atop the list at the national level were also at the provincial level in Ontario. In Mississauga by comparison, Chinese languages, Urdu and Polish were the top languages, while Panjabi, Chinese languages and Urdu were the most common in Peel.

### MOTHER TONGUE: TOP 10 NON-OFFICIAL LANGUAGES (% OF TOTAL POPULATION)



## MISSISSAUGA QUICK FACTS

**47.6%**

Identified English as their mother tongue

**334,060**

Identified a non-official languages as their mother tongue

**96.5%**

Spoke one or both of the official languages

**Chinese Languages**

Top ranked non-official language spoken at home

# LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME: TOP 10 NON-OFFICIAL LANGUAGES (% OF TOTAL POPULATION)

CANADA		
	#	%
Total Responses	33,121,175	100.0%
Non-official Languages	3,673,865	11.1%
Chinese Languages	794,020	2.4%
Punjabi (Punjabi)	317,075	1.0%
Spanish	252,015	0.8%
Arabic	181,790	0.5%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	161,080	0.5%
Italian	139,480	0.4%
German	126,375	0.4%
Persian (Farsi)	118,830	0.4%
Urdu	113,785	0.3%
Russian	109,735	0.3%

ONTARIO		
	#	%
Total Responses	12,722,060	100.0%
Non-official Languages	1,827,870	14.4%
Chinese Languages	381,565	3.0%
Punjabi (Punjabi)	124,100	1.0%
Spanish	106,735	0.8%
Italian	88,835	0.7%
Tamil	83,645	0.7%
Urdu	83,520	0.7%
Arabic	76,410	0.6%
Portuguese	70,210	0.6%
Persian (Farsi)	69,200	0.5%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	65,225	0.5%

PEEL		
	#	%
Total Responses	1,291,370	100.0%
Non-official Languages	337,370	26.1%
Punjabi (Punjabi)	86,185	6.7%
Chinese Languages	33,030	2.6%
Urdu	31,710	2.5%
Polish	20,455	1.6%
Spanish	15,920	1.2%
Tamil	14,395	1.1%
Arabic	14,255	1.1%
Tagalog (Pilipino; Filipino)	12,660	1.0%
Portuguese	12,400	1.0%
Gujarati	11,800	0.9%

MISSISSAUGA		
	#	%
Total Responses	710,475	100.0%
Non-official Languages	191,080	26.9%
Chinese Languages	28,945	4.1%
Urdu	21,895	3.1%
Polish	17,440	2.5%
Punjabi (Punjabi)	15,645	2.2%
Arabic	12,495	1.8%
Spanish	9,840	1.4%
Tagalog (Pilipino; Filipino)	8,920	1.3%
Portuguese	7,475	1.1%
Tamil	7,200	1.0%
Vietnamese	7,150	1.0%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census of Population

## DEFINITIONS

**Chinese languages**<sup>1</sup> – The Chinese languages category includes the languages of Chinese; n.o.s., Mandarin, Cantonese and Taiwanese.

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