



2011 Census Bulletin

Language in Simcoe County

This bulletin summarizes data collected from the 2011 Census for information regarding language in Simcoe County. The Census reflects a diverse community within this region, comprised of different skills, cultural influences, and geographic areas. Residents of Simcoe County reported more than 100 non-official mother tongues in 2011. 88.7% of Simcoe County residents reported English as their mother tongue, and 1.0% have more than one mother tongue. Please note that before 2011, language information was only on the long-form census sent to 20% of Canadians. Language information is now sent to all Canadians through the short-form census. This makes it difficult to compare the 2011 Census to previous census years.



88.7%
of Simcoe County residents reported only English as their mother tongue

6,130
people in Simcoe County spoke more than one language at home

6.1%
of those who spoke a non-official language at home, spoke German

86.3%
of multilingual speakers in Simcoe County spoke English and a non-official language

8.8%
of Simcoe County residents who had only one mother tongue indicated a non-official language

Top Non-Official Mother Tongues in Simcoe County

German
13.4%
Italian
12.6%
Portuguese
9.8%
Polish
7.7%



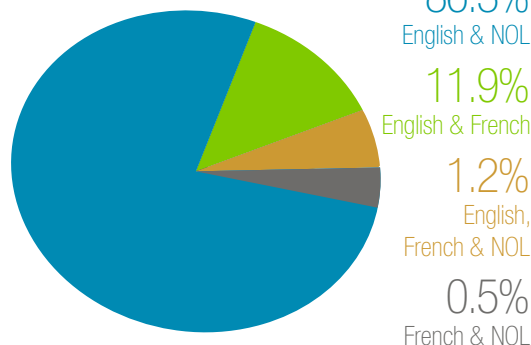
Spanish
6.7%
Dutch
6.6%
Chinese*
4.4%
Other
38.8%

*Chinese language includes Cantonese, Mandarin and Chinese not otherwise specified (n.o.s). The category of Chinese n.o.s is comprised of a large number of persons who answered Chinese to the question of mother tongue in the Census without any other specification

Knowledge of Official Languages in Simcoe County

92.9% English
6.6% English and French
0.1% French
0.4% Neither English/French

Multiple Languages Spoken at Home



NOLs Spoken at Home

11.8% Portuguese
9.1% Italian
9.0% Polish
8.6% Spanish
8.5% Chinese
6.1% German
3.8% Russian
3.7% Korean

Summary

In 2011, 92.9% of Simcoe County residents had knowledge of English only, 6.6% had knowledge of English and French, 0.4% had no knowledge of either language, and 0.1% had knowledge of only French.

Out of 436,915 single responses, 88.7% of Simcoe County residents reported only English as their mother tongue, and 2.5% reported only French. There were a total of 38,470 (8.8%) people who reported a non-official language as their mother tongue.

Of the non-official mother tongue languages, 13.4% reported German. Some of the other non-official mother tongues reported in Simcoe County include Italian (12.6%), Portuguese (9.8%), Polish (7.7%), Spanish (6.7%), Dutch (6.6%), and Chinese (4.4%).

96.2% of Simcoe County residents reported speaking English, while 0.8% spoke French, and 2.9% spoke a non-official language. The top five non-official languages spoken at home in Simcoe County out of single response answers were Portuguese (11.8%), Italian (9.1%), Polish (9.0%), Spanish (8.6%), and Chinese (8.5%)

Only 6,130 Simcoe County residents spoke more than one language. 86.3% spoke English and a non-official language, 11.9% spoke English and French, 1.2% spoke English, French, and a non-official language, and 0.5% spoke French and a non-official language.

Knowledge of Official Languages in Simcoe County		
Language	# of Persons	% of Population
English	409,980	92.9%
English and French	28,990	6.6%
Neither English nor French	1,720	0.4%
French	430	0.1%
Total	441,115	100.0%

Languages Spoken at Home in Simcoe County		
Language	# of Persons	% of Single Responses
English	418,585	96.2%
French	3,680	0.8%
Non-Official Language	12,720	2.9%
Total	434,980	100.0%

Multiple Languages Spoken at Home		
Language	# of Persons	% of Multiple Responses
English and NOL	5,290	86.3%
English and French	730	11.9%
English, French and NOL	75	1.2%
French and NOL	30	0.5%
Total	6,130	100.0%

• **Language spoken most often at home** refers to the language the person speaks most often at home at the time of data collection

• Figures may not add up due to rounding

Source: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census of Population

Top Non-Official Mother Tongue Reported Single Responses			
Language	# of Persons	% of Single Responses	% of NOL Responses
German	5,145	1.2%	13.4%
Italian	4,850	1.1%	12.6%
Portuguese	3,755	0.9%	9.8%
Polish	2,980	0.7%	7.7%
Spanish	2,580	0.6%	6.7%
Dutch	2,520	0.6%	6.6%
Chinese	1,695	0.4%	4.4%
Other	14,945	3.4%	38.8%
Total	38,470	8.8%	100.0%

• **Mother tongue** refers to the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the person at the time the data was collected.

Top Non-Official Languages Spoken at Home			
Language	# of Persons	% of Single Responses	% of NOL Responses
Portuguese	1,505	0.4%	11.8%
Italian	1,155	0.3%	9.1%
Polish	1,140	0.3%	9.0%
Spanish	1,090	0.3%	8.6%
Chinese	1,080	0.3%	8.5%
German	780	0.2%	6.1%
Russian	480	0.1%	3.8%
Korean	475	0.1%	3.7%
Other	5,020	1.2%	39.5%
Total	12,720	2.9%	100.0%