
Simcoe County 2021 Census Data Language

Introduction

In Canada, the Census of Population (Census) is carried out every 5 years. The Census provides detailed information about the population and dwellings/households in Canada. The 2021 Census day was May 11th and provides an accurate snapshot of Canada's society at that point in time.

Small changes are made to the Census each cycle. Updates to the 2021 Census included a new question on Canadian military experience; a modified question on sex at birth and a new question on gender; updates to ethnic or cultural origins; new labour questions addressing underemployment; updated terminology related to Indigenous peoples; and new questions on membership within a Métis organization or Settlement, and enrollment under an Inuit land claims agreement (Statistics Canada, 2022).

The short form Census is completed by 100% of households and the long form is completed by 25% of households. The long form gathers additional detail, which is later mathematically applied to represent the whole population. Where possible, information is pulled from administrative databases such as personal income tax and benefit data from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and immigration information from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). The purpose of obtaining data from administrative sources is to reduce response burden and increase data quality.

The 2021 Census methodology and data was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Topics likely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic include information on employment, education, commuting and expenditures. Additional information about COVID-19 impacts on the Census can be found on the [Statistics Canada website](#) (Statistics Canada, 2022).



The response rate for the 2021 Census nationally was 98.0%. In 2021, 84.1% of Census forms were submitted online, up from 68.3% in 2016.

Statistics Canada uses a method called random rounding to ensure confidentiality. This means the values, including totals released are randomly rounded either up or down to a multiple of '5' or '10'. As a result, when this data is summed or grouped, the total value may not match the individual values since totals and sub-totals are independently rounded. Similarly, percentages, which are calculated on rounded data, may not necessarily add up to 100%.

The data presented in this report includes information for those residing in private dwellings and information from the short form questionnaire. Private dwelling refers to a separate set of living quarters with a private entrance either from outside the building or from a common hall, lobby, vestibule or stairway inside the building. The entrance to the dwelling must be one that can be used without passing through the living quarters of some other person or group of persons. This excludes those residing in collective dwellings such as nursing homes, hospitals, etc.

Throughout this report gender refers to an individual's personal and social identity as a man, woman or non-binary person (a person who is not exclusively a man or a woman). Given that the non-binary population is small, individuals in the category "non-binary persons" were distributed into the other two gender categories and are denoted by the "+" symbol. Currently, data broken down by gender beyond Men+ and Women+ is not available for the Simcoe County census division.





Summary

- When asked about mother tongue, over one in ten (12.7%) people in Simcoe County in 2021 gave a single response of a non-official language and 0.2% of people answered multiple non-official languages as their mother tongue.
 - Between 2016 and 2021, the number of people who reported a single response non-official language mother tongue in Simcoe County increased 40.5% from 47,750 people in 2016 to 67,085 in 2021.
 - The local municipalities with the largest percentage of residents who reported French only as their mother tongue were Penetanguishene (7.6%), Tiny (7.2%) and Essa (4.1%).
 - The local municipalities with the largest percent increase in number of individuals who reported a single response non-official language mother tongue between 2016 and 2021 were New Tecumseth (84.5%), Springwater (60.7%) and Innisfil (60.4%).
 - Approximately 200 people living in Simcoe County in 2021 reported a single response Indigenous language as their mother tongue, down from 280 in 2016.
 - In 2021, in Simcoe County, the top 5 single response non-official mother tongue languages were Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and German.
 - Between 2016 and 2021, Gujarati was the fastest growing top 20 single response non-official mother tongue in Simcoe County, increasing 155% or by 775 people.
- English was the first official language spoken by 97.3% of residents in Simcoe County in 2021.
- Between 2016 and 2021, in Simcoe County, the percentage of the population who could conduct a conversation in English only remained consistent at 92.8%. Those who could conduct a conversation in English and French decreased (6.7% vs 6.4%), while the percentage of the population who could conduct a conversation in neither English nor French increased (0.5% vs 0.8%).
- The majority of people living in Simcoe County in 2021, spoke English most often at home (91.8%). Approximately 5.7% or 30,200 people living in Simcoe County in 2021 spoke a non-official language or multiple non-official languages most often at home.
 - The top 5 single response non-official languages spoken most often at home in Simcoe County were Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Punjabi (Panjabi) and Mandarin.
 - Between 2016 and 2021, Malayalam was the fastest growing top 20 single response non-official language spoken most often at home in Simcoe County, increasing 479% or by 335 people.

English - Hello
French - Bonjour
Russian - Привет
Spanish - Hola

Portuguese - Olá
Punjabi (Panjabi) - ਸਤ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ
Mandarin (Simplified Chinese) - 你好



Mother Tongue

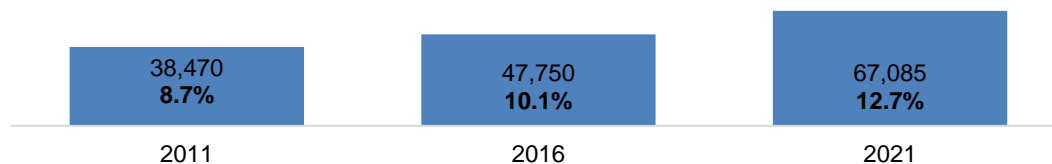
Mother tongue is defined as the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the person at the time the data was collected (Statistics Canada, 2021). Approximately 97.5% of the population in Simcoe County gave a single response and 2.5% gave multiple responses. Over one in ten (12.7%) people in Simcoe County gave a single response of a non-official language and 0.2% of people answered multiple non-official languages. Little difference was seen in mother tongue by gender.

Mother tongue in Simcoe County by gender, 2021						
	Total		Men+		Women+	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Single responses	514,970	97.5%	254,310	97.6%	260,660	97.5%
English	438,385	83.0%	217,340	83.4%	221,050	82.7%
French	9,495	1.8%	4,360	1.7%	5,140	1.9%
Non-official languages	67,085	12.7%	32,610	12.5%	34,475	12.9%
Multiple responses	12,970	2.5%	6,195	2.4%	6,770	2.5%
English and French	2,870	0.5%	1,275	0.5%	1,600	0.6%
English and non-official language(s)	8,780	1.7%	4,320	1.7%	4,460	1.7%
French and non-official language(s)	165	0.0%	70	0.0%	95	0.0%
English, French and non-official language(s)	235	0.0%	105	0.0%	130	0.0%
Multiple non-official languages	920	0.2%	435	0.2%	485	0.2%
Simcoe County	527,940	100.0%	260,510	100.0%	267,430	100.0%

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The percentage of the population who reported a single response non-official language as their mother tongue has steadily increased between 2011, 2016 and 2021 (8.7 vs 10.1% vs 12.7%). Between 2016 and 2021, the number of people who reported a single response non-official language mother tongue in Simcoe County increased 40.5% from 47,750 people in 2016 to 67,085 in 2021.

Single response non-official languages mother tongue in Simcoe County, 2011-2021



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The local municipalities with the largest percentage of residents who reported French only as their mother tongue were Penetanguishene (7.6%), Tiny (7.2%) and Essa (4.1%). The local municipalities with the largest percentage of residents who reported a single response non-official language as their mother tongue were Bradford West Gwillimbury (32.4%), Innisfil (16.7%) and New Tecumseth (15.8%).

Mother tongue in Simcoe County and local municipalities, 2021

	English		French		Non-official languages		Multiple responses	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Adjala-Tosorontio	9,470	86.2%	115	1.0%	1,215	11.1%	180	1.6%
Barrie	119,000	81.4%	2,515	1.7%	20,810	14.2%	3,945	2.7%
Bradford West Gwillimbury	26,180	61.7%	345	0.8%	13,760	32.4%	2,155	5.1%
Chippewas of Rama First Nation*	880	88.9%	-	0.0%	25	2.5%	85	8.6%
Christian Island 30**	550	80.9%	-	0.7%	75	11.0%	50	7.4%
Clearview	13,660	93.3%	155	1.1%	680	4.6%	150	1.0%
Collingwood	21,945	89.8%	300	1.2%	1,855	7.6%	330	1.4%
Essa	19,375	84.5%	935	4.1%	2,040	8.9%	585	2.6%
Innisfil	34,315	79.2%	490	1.1%	7,240	16.7%	1,265	2.9%
Midland	15,680	89.0%	580	3.3%	1,060	6.0%	295	1.7%
New Tecumseth	34,905	80.0%	450	1.0%	6,890	15.8%	1,380	3.2%
Orillia	29,635	90.9%	375	1.2%	2,080	6.4%	505	1.5%
Oro-Medonte	21,075	91.8%	310	1.3%	1,290	5.6%	285	1.2%
Penetanguishene	7,900	85.7%	700	7.6%	390	4.2%	220	2.4%
Ramara	9,430	90.9%	85	0.8%	725	7.0%	125	1.2%
Severn	13,685	94.1%	175	1.2%	575	4.0%	110	0.8%
Springwater	19,235	88.9%	355	1.6%	1,655	7.7%	380	1.8%
Tay	10,265	92.8%	200	1.8%	450	4.1%	145	1.3%
Tiny	10,265	80.4%	920	7.2%	1,210	9.5%	380	3.0%
Wasaga Beach	20,920	84.2%	490	2.0%	3,050	12.3%	400	1.6%
Simcoe County	438,385	83.0%	9,495	1.8%	67,085	12.7%	12,970	2.5%

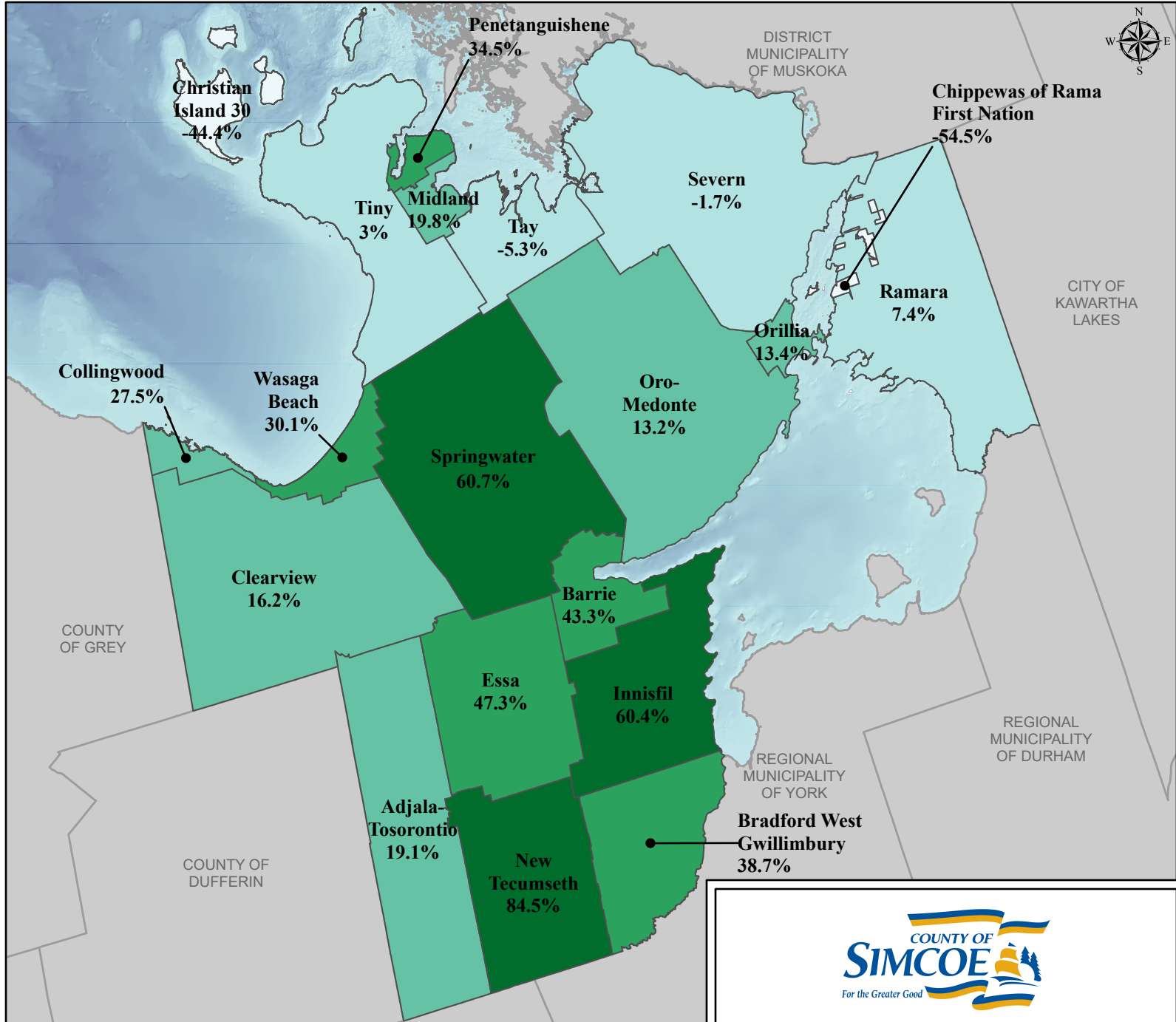
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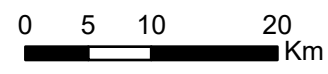
The map on the following page shows change in single response non-official language mother tongue between 2016 and 2021. The dark green areas on the map show the areas with the largest percent increase in number of individuals who reported single response non-official language mother tongues between 2016 and 2021. The local municipalities with the largest percent increase in number of individuals who reported single response non-official language mother tongues between 2016 and 2021 were New Tecumseth (84.5%), Springwater (60.7%) and Innisfil (60.4%).



Changes of Non-Official Mother Tongue Languages (2016 - 2021)

Grey: Neighbouring County/Region/District

- Language Changes**
- Lightest Green: -54.5% to -44.4%
 - Light Green: -44.3% to 7.4%
 - Medium Green: 7.5% to 27.5%
 - Dark Green: 27.6% to 47.3%
 - Darkest Green: 47.4% to 84.5%



Change in Single Response Non-Official Languages Mother Tongue Between 2016 and 2021 in Simcoe County and Local Municipalities				
Geographic Name	2016 Single Response Non-Official Languages	2021 Single Response Non-Official Languages	Total Change Between 2016 and 2021	Percent Change Between 2016 and 2021
Adjala-Tosorontio	1,020	1,215	195	19.1%
Barrie	14,520	20,810	6,290	43.3%
Bradford West Gwillimbury	9,920	13,760	3,840	38.7%
Chippewas of Rama First Nation *	55	25	-30	-54.5%
Christian Island 30 **	135	75	-60	-44.4%
Clearview	585	680	95	16.2%
Collingwood	1,455	1,855	400	27.5%
Essa	1,385	2,040	655	47.3%
Innisfil	4,515	7,240	2,725	60.4%
Midland	885	1,060	175	19.8%
New Tecumseth	3,735	6,890	3,155	84.5%
Orillia	1,835	2,080	245	13.4%
Oro-Medonte	1,140	1,290	150	13.2%
Penetanguishene	290	390	100	34.5%
Ramara	675	725	50	7.4%
Severn	585	575	-10	-1.7%
Springwater	1,030	1,655	625	60.7%
Tay	475	450	-25	-5.3%
Tiny	1,175	1,210	35	3%
Wasaga Beach	2,345	3,050	705	30.1%
Simcoe County	47,750	67,085	19,335	40.5%

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Approximately 200 people living in Simcoe County in 2021 reported a single response Indigenous language as their mother tongue, down from 280 in 2016.

In 2021, the majority of those who reported a single response Indigenous language as their mother tongue reported Algonquian languages (175/200) such as Ojibway languages (160). In 2016, 255/280 reported Algonquian languages such as Ojibway (230).

Top 10 Single Response Non-Official Mother Tongues in Simcoe County, 2011-2021

The top reported single response mother tongue languages varied between 2011, 2016 and 2021. In 2021, in Simcoe County the top 5 single response mother tongue languages were Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and German. For the top 5 single response mother tongue languages by local municipalities in Simcoe County, 2021 see Appendix A.

Top 10 single response mother tongue languages in Simcoe County, 2011-2021						
	2011		2016		2021	
	Language	#	Language	#	Language	#
1	German	5,145	Italian	5,755	Spanish	6,475
2	Italian	4,850	German	4,645	Italian	6,385
3	Portuguese	3,755	Portuguese	4,580	Portuguese	5,985
4	Polish	2,980	Spanish	3,740	Russian	4,960
5	Spanish	2,580	Polish	3,300	German	3,700
6	Dutch	2,520	Dutch	2,275	Polish	3,545
7	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	1,100	Russian	2,190	Punjabi (Panjabi)	2,390
8	Hungarian	1,085	Mandarin	1,650	Mandarin	2,350
9	Russian	870	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	1,395	Urdu	2,140
10	Chinese, n.o.s	785	Hungarian	1,095	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	2,115
	Total single response non-official languages	38,470	Total single response non-official languages	47,750	Total single response non-official languages	67,085

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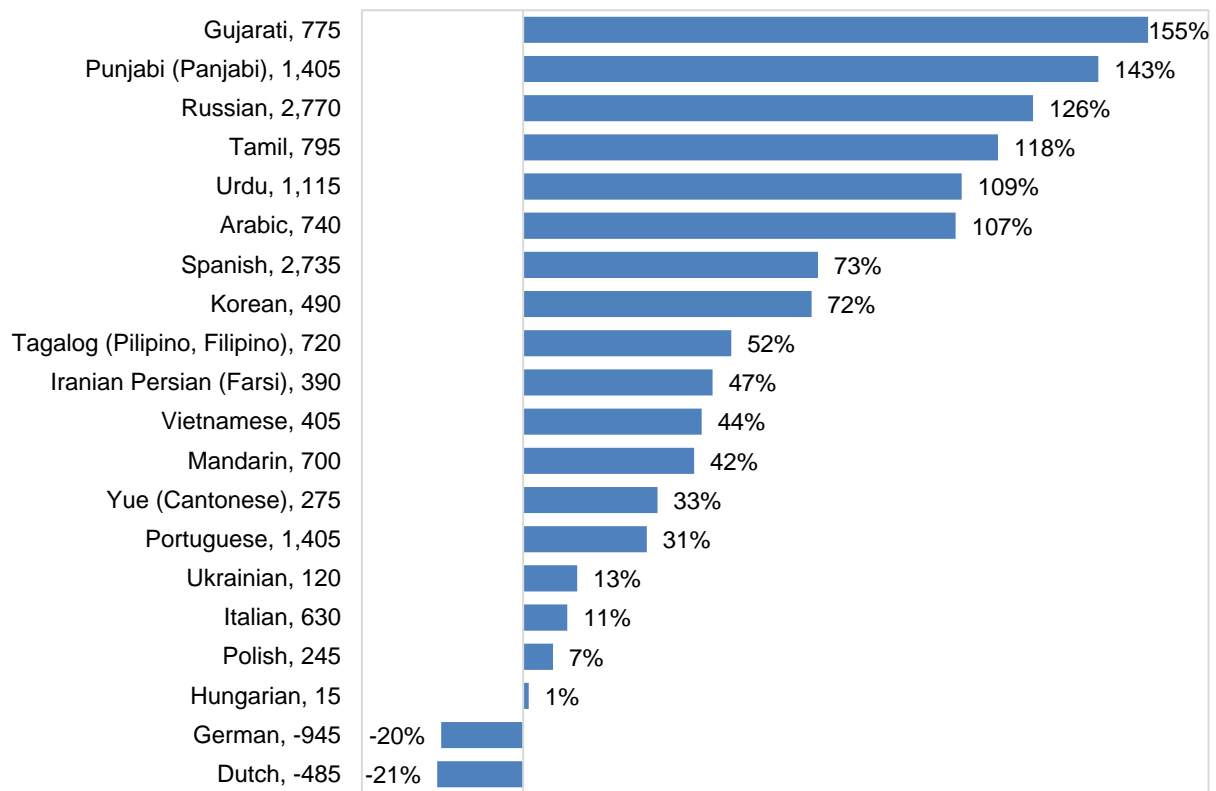
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The graph below shows the percent change between 2016 and 2021 in the top 20 most common single response non-official mother tongue languages in Simcoe County. The number beside the language label represents the number increase or decrease in people reporting that language as their single response mother tongue language between 2016 and 2021. Approximately 775 more people in Simcoe County spoke Gujarati as their single response mother tongue language in 2021 compared to 2016, representing an increase of 155%.

Percent change between 2016 and 2021 in the top 20 most common single response non-official mother tongue languages in Simcoe County



Note: In 2021 Persian (Farsi) was captured as Iranian Persian.

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Mother Tongue of Those Who Could Conduct a Conversation in Neither English nor French by Age

The top 5 single response mother tongue languages of those who could conduct a conversation in neither English nor French in Simcoe County in 2021 were Portuguese (13.8%), Spanish (10.5%), Mandarin (9.7%), Russian (9.6%) and Italian (6.4%).

Top 5 single response mother tongue languages of those who could conduct a conversation in neither English nor French in Simcoe County by age, 2021							
	0 to 14 years	15 to 24 years	25 to 64 years	65 to 74 years	75 years and over	Total	
	#	#	#	#	#	#	%
Portuguese	30	-	165	175	165	540	13.8%
Spanish	50	-	190	65	95	410	10.5%
Mandarin	35	-	195	85	55	380	9.7%
Russian	130	-	110	60	80	375	9.6%
Italian	-	-	25	45	180	250	6.4%
Total single response non-official languages for those who could conduct a conversation in neither English nor French	550	65	1,455	885	965	3,920	100.0%

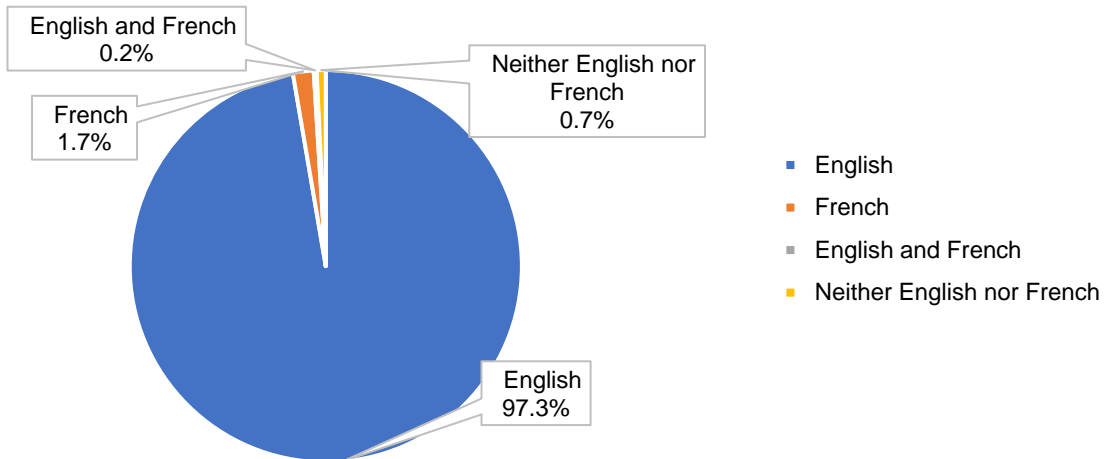
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Source: Statistics Canada. 2022. Table 98-10-0173-01 Mother tongue by knowledge of official languages: Canada, provinces and territories, census divisions and census subdivisions.

First Official Language Spoken

English was the first official language spoken by 97.3% of residents in Simcoe County in 2021.

First official language spoken in Simcoe County, 2021



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First official language spoken by residents in Simcoe County in 2021 varied by local municipality. Tiny (7.0%), Penetanguishene (6.5%) and Essa (4.1%) had the largest percentage of the population whose first official language spoken was French. Bradford West Gwillimbury (2.9%) had the largest percentage of the population whose first official language spoken was neither English nor French.

First official language spoken in Simcoe County and local municipalities, 2021

	English		French		English and French		Neither English nor French	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Adjala-Tosorontio	10,800	98.4%	110	1.0%	-	0.1%	55	0.5%
Barrie	142,165	97.2%	2,480	1.7%	455	0.3%	1,165	0.8%
Bradford West Gwillimbury	40,610	95.7%	365	0.9%	215	0.5%	1,250	2.9%
Chippewas of Rama First Nation*	995	100.5%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Christian Island 30**	680	100.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Clearview	14,450	98.7%	145	1.0%	25	0.2%	25	0.2%
Collingwood	24,060	98.5%	290	1.2%	35	0.1%	45	0.2%
Essa	21,845	95.2%	940	4.1%	70	0.3%	90	0.4%
Innisfil	42,300	97.7%	465	1.1%	100	0.2%	450	1.0%
Midland	17,065	96.9%	490	2.8%	30	0.2%	30	0.2%
New Tecumseth	42,755	98.0%	410	0.9%	75	0.2%	385	0.9%
Orillia	32,125	98.6%	340	1.0%	30	0.1%	95	0.3%
Oro-Medonte	22,600	98.4%	295	1.3%	25	0.1%	40	0.2%
Penetanguishene	8,580	93.1%	600	6.5%	25	0.3%	-	0.1%
Ramara	10,245	98.8%	80	0.8%	-	0.1%	25	0.2%
Severn	14,370	98.8%	155	1.1%	-	0.0%	20	0.1%
Springwater	21,145	97.8%	350	1.6%	40	0.2%	90	0.4%
Tay	10,850	98.1%	185	1.7%	15	0.1%	-	0.1%
Tiny	11,800	92.4%	890	7.0%	45	0.4%	30	0.2%
Wasaga Beach	24,255	97.6%	440	1.8%	35	0.1%	130	0.5%
Simcoe County	513,715	97.3%	9,015	1.7%	1,250	0.2%	3,955	0.7%

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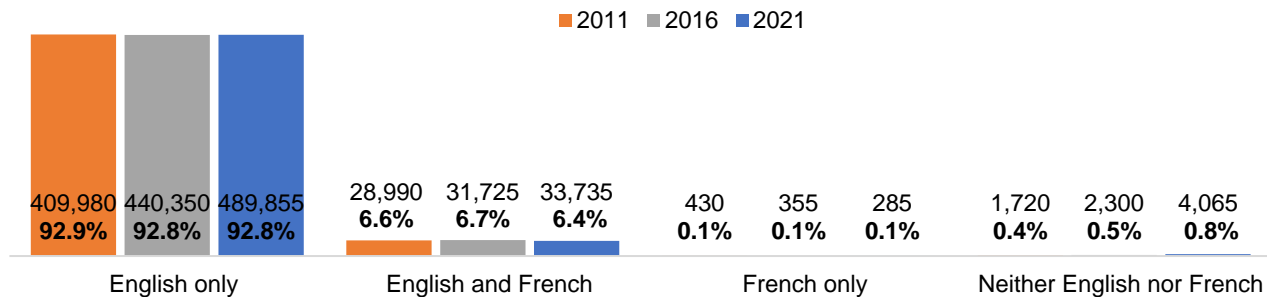
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Knowledge of Official Languages

Knowledge of official languages refers to whether a person could conduct a conversation in English only, French only, in both or in neither language. For a child who has not yet learned to speak, this includes languages that the child is learning to speak at home (Statistics Canada, 2021). Statistics Canada has acknowledged there is no clear definition of what conducting a conversation means. Between 2016 and 2021 in Simcoe County, the percentage of the population who could conduct a conversation in English only remained consistent at 92.8%. Those who could conduct a conversation in English and French decreased (6.7% vs 6.4%), while the percentage of the population who could conduct a conversation in neither English nor French increased (0.5% vs 0.8%). The number of people in Simcoe County who could conduct a conversation in neither English nor French nearly doubled (+76.7%) from 2,300 people in 2016 to 4,065 in 2021.

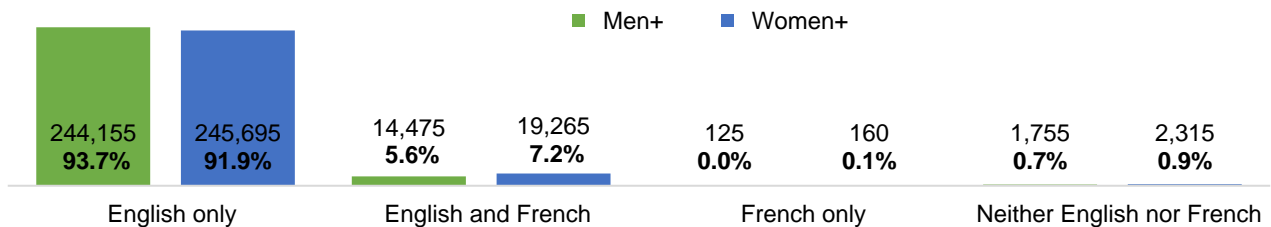
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Knowledge of official languages varied by gender. A larger number and percentage of Women+ could conduct a conversation in English and French compared to Men+ (7.2% vs 5.6%). A larger number and percentage of Women+ also could conduct a conversation in neither English nor French compared to Men+ (0.9% vs 0.7%).

Knowledge of official languages in Simcoe County by gender, 2021



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Of the people in Simcoe County who could conduct a conversation in neither English nor French, a larger percentage were 65 to 74 years (22.3% vs 11.5%) or 75 years and over (24.0% vs 7.9%) compared to the total population.

Knowledge of official languages in Simcoe County by age, 2021										
	English only		English and French		French only		Neither English nor French		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
0 to 14 years	80,270	16.4%	5,990	17.8%	145	50.0%	615	15.1%	87,020	16.5%
15 to 24 years	52,785	10.8%	4,885	14.5%	-	3.4%	65	1.6%	57,755	10.9%
25 to 64 years	261,775	53.4%	17,455	51.7%	105	36.2%	1,500	36.9%	28,084	53.2%
65 to 74 years	56,630	11.6%	3,240	9.6%	20	6.9%	905	22.3%	60,795	11.5%
75 years and over	38,390	7.8%	2,160	6.4%	-	5.2%	975	24.0%	41,540	7.9%
Total	489,850	100.0%	33,740	100.0%	290	100.0%	4,065	100.0%	527,940	100.0%

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Language Spoken Most Often at Home

The majority of people living in Simcoe County in 2021 spoke English most often at home (91.8%). Approximately 5.7% or 30,200 people living in Simcoe County in 2021 spoke a non-official language or multiple non-official languages most often at home.

Language spoken most often at home in Simcoe County, 2021		
	#	%
English	484,540	91.8%
French	2,790	0.5%
Non-official	30,010	5.7%
Indigenous	35	0.0%
Non-Indigenous	29,970	5.7%
English and French	1,270	0.2%
English and non-official language(s)	8,970	1.7%
French and non-official language(s)	35	0.0%
English, French and non-official language(s)	140	0.0%
Multiple non-official languages	190	0.0%
Total	527,940	100.0%

Source: Statistics Canada. 2022. (table). Census Profile. 2021 Census of Population. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-316-X2021001. Ottawa. Released August 17, 2022.



The top 10 single response non-official languages spoken most often at home in Simcoe County have changed between 2011, 2016 and 2021. In 2021, the top 5 single response non-official languages spoken most often at home in Simcoe County were Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Punjabi (Panjabi) and Mandarin. See Appendix B for the top 5 single response non-official languages spoken most often at home by local municipality.

Top 10 single response non-official languages spoken most often at home in Simcoe County, 2011-2021						
	2011		2016		2021	
	Language	#	Language	#	Language	#
1	Portuguese	1,505	Portuguese	1,625	Russian	3,415
2	Italian	1,155	Spanish	1,620	Spanish	3,165
3	Polish	1,140	Russian	1,440	Portuguese	2,365
4	Spanish	1,090	Italian	1,245	Punjabi (Panjabi)	1,680
5	German	780	Polish	1,180	Mandarin	1,650
6	Russian	480	Mandarin	1,115	Urdu	1,435
7	Korean	475	Urdu	600	Polish	1,345
8	Chinese, n.o.s.	460	Vietnamese	595	Italian	1,265
9	Urdu	390	Punjabi (Panjabi)	580	Tamil	1,095
10	Punjabi (Panjabi)	380	German	520	Korean	870
	Total single response non-official languages	12,720	Total single response non-official languages	16,870	Total single response non-official languages	30,010

Source: Statistics Canada. 2022. (table). Census Profile. 2021 Census of Population. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-316-X2021001. Ottawa. Released August 17, 2022.

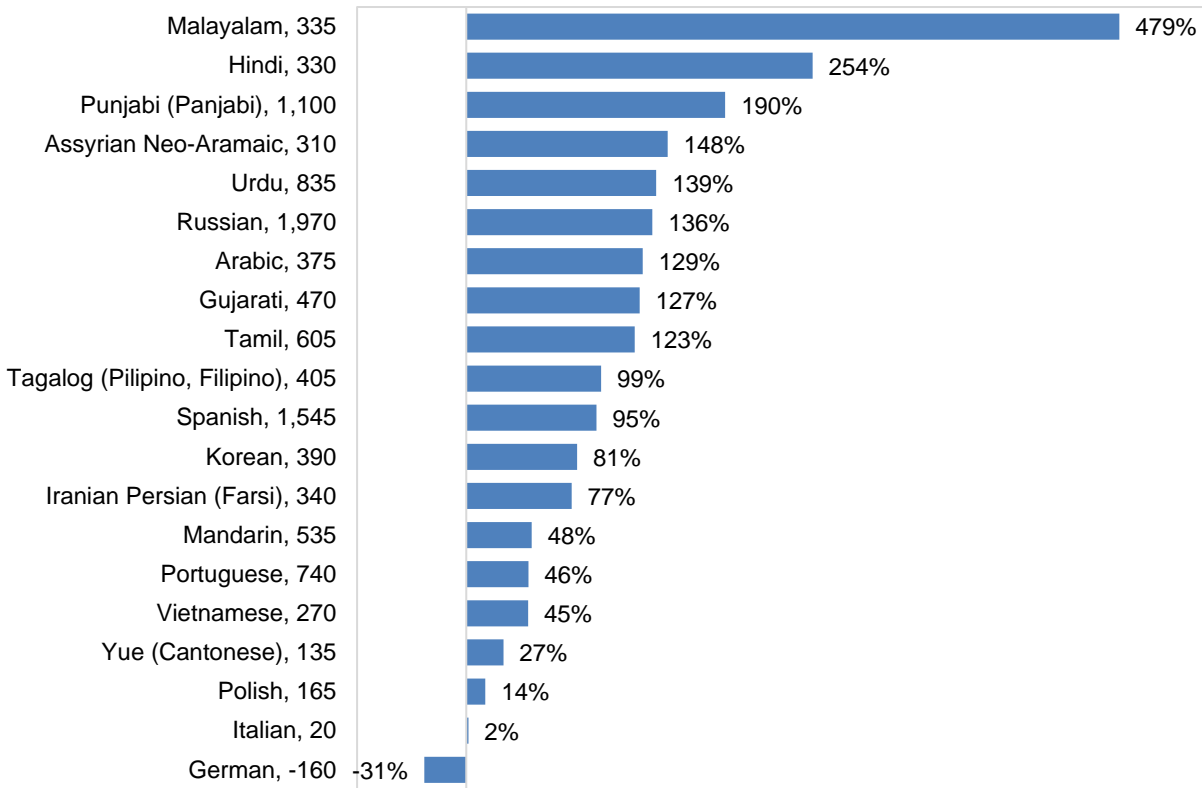
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The graph below shows the percent change between 2016 and 2021 in the top 20 most common single response non-official languages spoken most often at home in Simcoe County. The number beside the language label represents the number increase or decrease in people reporting that language as their single response language spoken most often at home between 2016 and 2021. Approximately 335 more people in Simcoe County reported Malayalam as their single response language spoken most often at home in 2021 compared to 2016, representing an increase of 479%.

Percent change between 2016 and 2021 in the top 20 most common single response languages spoken most often at home in Simcoe County



Note: In 2021 Persian (Farsi) was captured as Iranian Persian. Dari was excluded from the analysis as it was not present in the 2016 Census.

Source: Statistics Canada. 2022. (table). Census Profile. 2021 Census of Population. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-316-X2021001. Ottawa. Released August 17, 2022.

Statistics Canada. Census Profile - Age, Sex, Type of Dwelling, Families, Households, Marital Status and Language, 2016 Census. Catalogue no. 98-401-X2016052. Last updated on August 31, 2017.

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The local municipalities with the largest percentage of the population who spoke French most often at home were Tiny (2.7%), Essa (2.5%) and Penetanguishene (1.3%). The local municipalities with the largest percentage of the population who spoke a non-official language most often at home were Bradford West Gwillimbury (17.9%), Innisfil (7.4%) and New Tecumseth (7.1%).

Language spoken most often at home in Simcoe County and local municipalities, 2021								
	English		French		Non-official language		Multiple responses	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Adjala-Tosorontio	10,480	95.4%	30	0.3%	360	3.3%	105	1.0%
Barrie	131,565	89.9%	800	0.5%	10,305	7.0%	3,595	2.5%
Bradford West Gwillimbury	32,435	76.4%	105	0.2%	7,605	17.9%	2,285	5.4%
Chippewas of Rama First Nation*	980	99.0%	-	0.0%	-	1.0%	-	0.5%
Christian Island 30**	665	97.8%	-	0.0%	-	0.7%	-	1.5%
Clearview	14,310	97.7%	45	0.3%	210	1.4%	85	0.6%
Collingwood	23,570	96.5%	50	0.2%	535	2.2%	275	1.1%
Essa	21,255	92.7%	565	2.5%	700	3.1%	420	1.8%
Innisfil	38,950	89.9%	110	0.3%	3,220	7.4%	1,035	2.4%
Midland	16,955	96.3%	95	0.5%	375	2.1%	190	1.1%
New Tecumseth	39,480	90.5%	80	0.2%	3,080	7.1%	980	2.2%
Orillia	31,400	96.3%	55	0.2%	790	2.4%	350	1.1%
Oro-Medonte	22,400	97.5%	60	0.3%	350	1.5%	155	0.7%
Penetanguishene	8,880	96.4%	120	1.3%	115	1.2%	95	1.0%
Ramara	10,065	97.1%	-	0.1%	200	1.9%	95	0.9%
Severn	14,355	98.7%	30	0.2%	110	0.8%	55	0.4%
Springwater	20,670	95.6%	115	0.5%	575	2.7%	260	1.2%
Tay	10,865	98.2%	35	0.3%	105	0.9%	60	0.5%
Tiny	11,825	92.6%	350	2.7%	345	2.7%	250	2.0%
Wasaga Beach	23,420	94.2%	125	0.5%	1,000	4.0%	310	1.2%
Simcoe County	484,540	91.8%	2,790	0.5%	30,010	5.7%	10,605	2.0%

Note: * In 2021 Statistics Canada updated the name of Chippewas of Rama First Nation from Mnjikaning First Nation 32

**Data for Christian Island 30A was not available.

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Source: Statistics Canada. 2022. (table). Census Profile. 2021 Census of Population. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-316-X2021001. Ottawa. Released August 17, 2022.



Appendices

Appendix A: Top 5 Single Response Non-Official Mother Tongue Languages by Local Municipality in Simcoe County, 2021

Adjala-Tosorontio			Barrie		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
Italian	270	2.5%	Spanish	2,470	1.7%
Portuguese	135	1.2%	Russian	1,605	1.1%
Spanish	110	1.0%	Portuguese	1,320	0.9%
Polish	105	1.0%	Italian	1,160	0.8%
German	75	0.7%	Mandarin	1,100	0.8%
Total non-official languages	1,215	11.1%	Total non-official languages	20,810	14.2%
Total population	10,980	100.0%	Total population	146,265	100.0%

Bradford West Gwillimbury			Clearview		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
Portuguese	2,130	5.0%	German	115	0.8%
Italian	1,155	2.7%	Dutch	85	0.6%
Spanish	1,145	2.7%	Italian	70	0.5%
Russian	1,120	2.6%	Polish	60	0.4%
Urdu	870	2.0%	Portuguese & Spanish	30	0.2%
Total non-official languages	13,760	32.4%	Total non-official languages	680	4.6%
Total population	42,440	100.0%	Total population	14,640	100.0%

Collingwood			Essa		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
German	235	1.0%	Spanish	245	1.1%
Polish	160	0.7%	Portuguese	230	1.0%
Italian	125	0.5%	Italian	185	0.8%
Spanish	110	0.5%	Polish	170	0.7%
Punjabi (Panjabi)	100	0.4%	Russian	150	0.7%
Total non-official languages	1,855	7.6%	Total non-official languages	2,040	8.9%
Total population	24,430	100.0%	Total population	22,940	100.0%

Note: - Value is less than 20, so data is suppressed.

Source: Statistics Canada. 2022. (table). Census Profile. 2021 Census of Population. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-316-X2021001. Ottawa. Released August 17, 2022.



Innisfil			Midland		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
Russian	970	2.2%	German	235	1.3%
Italian	940	2.2%	Polish	75	0.4%
Spanish	880	2.0%	Italian	70	0.4%
Portuguese	820	1.9%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	65	0.4%
Polish	270	0.6%	Dutch & Spanish	50	0.3%
Total non-official languages	7,240	16.7%	Total non-official languages	1,060	6.0%
Total population	43,315	100.0%	Total population	17,610	100.0%

New Tecumseth			Orillia		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
Italian	1,010	2.3%	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	200	0.6%
Spanish	840	1.9%	Italian	195	0.6%
Portuguese	520	1.2%	German	185	0.6%
Punjabi (Panjabi)	430	1.0%	Gujarati	125	0.4%
Polish	365	0.8%	Spanish	110	0.3%
Total non-official languages	6,890	15.8%	Total non-official languages	2,080	6.4%
Total population	43,620	100.0%	Total population	32,595	100.0%

Oro-Medonte			Penetanguishene		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
German	185	0.8%	German	60	0.7%
Italian	115	0.5%	Polish	45	0.5%
Polish	115	0.5%	Dutch	30	0.3%
Russian	90	0.4%	Italian	20	0.2%
Dutch	90	0.4%	Russian	20	0.2%
Total non-official languages	1,290	5.6%	Total non-official languages	390	4.2%
Total population	22,965	100.0%	Total population	9,215	100.0%

Ramara			Severn		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
German	110	1.1%	German	120	0.8%
Italian	85	0.8%	Italian	70	0.5%
Russian	75	0.7%	Dutch	55	0.4%
Mandarin	45	0.4%	Portuguese	35	0.2%
Portuguese & Polish	40	0.4%	Polish	35	0.2%
Total non-official languages	725	7.0%	Total non-official languages	575	4.0%
Total population	10,370	100.0%	Total population	14,550	100.0%

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Springwater			Tay		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
Russian	165	0.8%	German	115	1.0%
Polish	160	0.7%	Polish	45	0.4%
German	145	0.7%	Italian	40	0.4%
Italian	125	0.6%	Dutch	35	0.3%
Spanish, Dutch & Mandarin	105	0.5%	Portuguese & Spanish	25	0.2%
Total non-official languages	1,655	7.7%	Total non-official languages	450	4.1%
Total population	21,625	100.0%	Total population	11,060	100.0%

Tiny			Wasaga Beach		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
Polish	230	1.8%	Italian	585	2.4%
German	195	1.5%	German	345	1.4%
Italian	155	1.2%	Polish	335	1.3%
Portuguese	80	0.6%	Portuguese	290	1.2%
Russian	70	0.5%	Spanish	190	0.8%
Total non-official languages	1,210	9.5%	Total non-official languages	3,050	12.3%
Total population	12,770	100.0%	Total population	24,855	100.0%

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Source: Statistics Canada. 2022. (table). Census Profile. 2021 Census of Population. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-316-X2021001. Ottawa. Released August 17, 2022.



Appendix B: Top 5 Single Response Non-Official Language Spoken Most Often at Home by Municipality, 2021

Adjala-Tosorontio			Barrie		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
Spanish	60	0.5%	Spanish	1,290	0.9%
Italian	50	0.5%	Russian	1,080	0.7%
Russian	45	0.4%	Mandarin	800	0.5%
Portuguese	40	0.4%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	665	0.5%
Polish	40	0.4%	Urdu	585	0.4%
Total non-official languages	360	3.3%	Total non-official languages	10,305	7.0%
Total population	10,980	100.0%	Total population	146,265	100.0%

Bradford West Gwillimbury			Clearview		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
Portuguese	1,010	2.4%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	25	0.2%
Russian	800	1.9%	Italian	20	0.1%
Urdu	605	1.4%	Russian	20	0.1%
Spanish	590	1.4%	Polish	20	0.1%
Tamil	475	1.1%	German	20	0.1%
Total non-official languages	7,605	17.9%	Total non-official languages	210	1.4%
Total population	42,440	100.0%	Total population	14,640	100.0%

Collingwood			Essa		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
Punjabi (Panjabi)	60	0.2%	Spanish	105	0.5%
Polish	55	0.2%	Russian	95	0.4%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	40	0.2%	Polish	60	0.3%
Kurdish	40	0.2%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	50	0.2%
Spanish	30	0.1%	Portuguese	45	0.2%
Total non-official languages	535	2.2%	Total non-official languages	700	3.1%
Total population	24,430	100.0%	Total population	22,940	100.0%

Note: - Value is less than 20, so data is suppressed.

Source: Statistics Canada. 2022. (table). Census Profile. 2021 Census of Population. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-316-X2021001. Ottawa. Released August 17, 2022.



Innisfil			Midland		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
Russian	700	1.6%	Polish	55	0.3%
Spanish	430	1.0%	German	35	0.2%
Portuguese	305	0.7%	Russian	35	0.2%
Italian	185	0.4%	Gujarati	30	0.2%
Tamil	180	0.4%	Spanish	30	0.2%
Total non-official languages	3,220	7.4%	Total non-official languages	375	2.1%
Total population	43,315	100.0%	Total population	17,610	100.0%

New Tecumseth			Orillia		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
Spanish	415	1.0%	Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	105	0.3%
Punjabi (Panjabi)	320	0.7%	Gujarati	75	0.2%
Tamil	230	0.5%	Yue (Cantonese)	75	0.2%
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	225	0.5%	Mandarin	65	0.2%
Italian	190	0.4%	Spanish & Korean	40	0.1%
Total non-official languages	3,080	7.1%	Total non-official languages	790	2.4%
Total population	43,620	100.0%	Total population	32,595	100.0%

Oro-Medonte			Penetanguishene		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
Russian	65	0.3%	Polish	-	0.2%
Polish	35	0.2%	Russian	-	0.2%
Mandarin	30	0.1%	Gujarati	-	0.2%
Spanish	-	0.1%	Punjabi (Panjabi)	-	0.1%
Portuguese	-	0.1%	Serbo-Croatian	-	0.1%
Total non-official languages	350	1.5%	Total non-official languages	115	1.2%
Total population	22,965	100.0%	Total population	9,215	100.0%

Ramara			Severn		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
Russian	50	0.5%	Russian	20	0.1%
Mandarin	25	0.2%	Mandarin	-	0.1%
Polish	-	0.1%	Portuguese	-	0.1%
Yue (Cantonese)	-	0.1%	Spanish	-	0.0%
Iranian Persian	-	0.1%	Italian	-	0.0%
Total non-official languages	200	1.9%	Total non-official languages	110	0.8%
Total population	10,370	100.0%	Total population	14,550	100.0%

Note: - Value is less than 20, so data is suppressed.

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Springwater			Tay		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
Russian	100	0.5%	Polish	-	0.1%
Mandarin	75	0.3%	Russian	-	0.1%
Spanish	45	0.2%	German	-	0.1%
Polish	45	0.2%	Serbo-Croatian	-	0.1%
Punjabi (Panjabi)	35	0.2%	Serbian	-	0.1%
Total non-official languages	575	2.7%	Total non-official languages	105	0.9%
Total population	21,625	100.0%	Total population	11,060	100.0%

Tiny			Wasaga Beach		
Language	Number	% of Total Population	Language	Number	% of Total Population
Polish	105	0.8%	Polish	170	0.7%
Russian	45	0.4%	Italian	140	0.6%
Italian	35	0.3%	Portuguese	110	0.4%
Portuguese	30	0.2%	Russian	105	0.4%
German	20	0.2%	Spanish	85	0.3%
Total non-official languages	345	2.7%	Total non-official languages	1,000	4.0%
Total population	12,770	100.0%	Total population	24,855	100.0%

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Source: Statistics Canada. 2022. (table). Census Profile. 2021 Census of Population. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-316-X2021001. Ottawa. Released August 17, 2022.



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