

CENSUS BULLETIN #4

Language

October 24th, 2012

Bulletin Highlights:

- In Brampton, 25,500 people or 4.89% of the population reported that they were bilingual (English and French) according to the 2011 Census, compared to 19,660 people or 6.1% in 1991.
- English remained the main language spoken at home in Brampton according to the 2011 Census. Punjabi and Urdu were the second and third most spoken languages at home.
- The percentage of Brampton's population who only speak a non-official language most often at home has almost doubled from 14.8% in 1996 to 27.3% in 2011.

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In 2011 Brampton had a total population of 523,911, an increase of 20.8% from the 2006 Census. Brampton ranked 2nd in population growth between 2006 and 2011 when compared to other municipalities greater than 100,000. At 34.7, Brampton had the lowest median age among Canada's largest cities. The average number of persons per household in Brampton was 3.5 in 2011 and average number of children per household remained the same in 2011 at 1.4. In 2011, 27.3% of the population spoke a non-official language most often at home

According to the 2011 Census, 54.04% (269,790) of the respondents reported English as their mother tongue, compared to 54.85% (236,715) in 2006. (Single responses)

Close to 1% (4,375) of the respondents claimed French as their mother tongue, higher than 0.84% (3,610) in 2006. (Single responses)

An increasing number of respondents reported a non-official language in Brampton as their mother tongue. The 2011 Census revealed that 45.08% (225,065) of respondents first spoke a language other than English or French, up from 42.0% (181,255) in 2006. (Single responses)

Population by Mother Tongue (Single Responses)

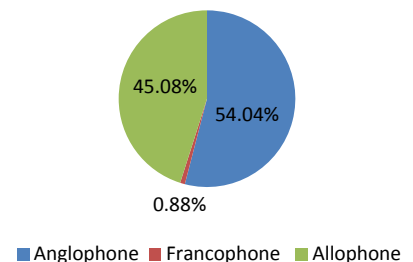
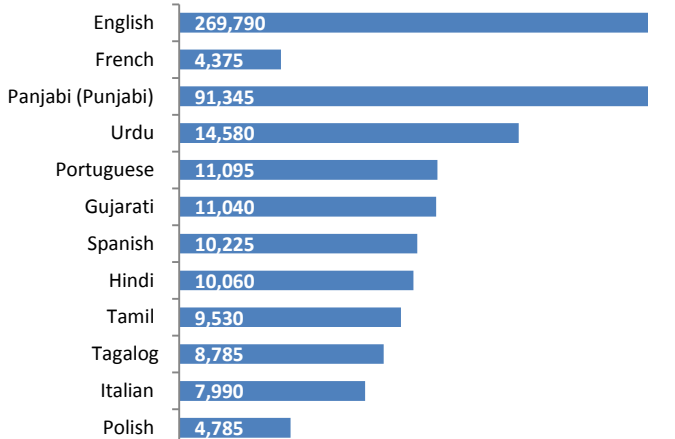
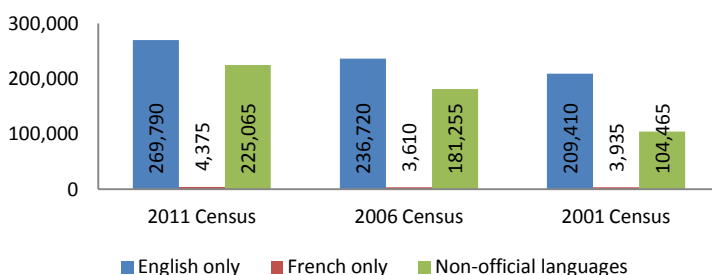


Figure 1: City of Brampton – Language Composition - Mother Tongue

Mother Tongue in Brampton, 2011



City of Brampton Population by Mother Tongue



The allophone population (those with a non-official language as mother tongue) experienced a 18.08% increase over the 2006 Census. The number of allophones more than doubled between the 1996 and 2011 census periods. Allophones represent a significant proportion of population growth in Brampton. (See Population of Mother Tongue above)

The 2011 Census showed that 91,345 individuals reported Punjabi as mother tongue, accounting for 17.51% of the total population an increase of 33.68% in comparison to 2006.

Punjabi remained the leading non-official language in Brampton followed by Urdu and Portuguese.

Gujarati, saw the largest increase, growing by 59.44% since the last census in 2006.

The top three non-official mother tongues (Punjabi, Portuguese and Urdu) accounted for more than 51% of the allophone population in Brampton.

Figure 2: Mother Tongue Languages by Age Group

The language composition of Brampton included 89 different languages listed as mother tongue in the 2011 Census, compared to the 69 languages reported in 2006, further underscoring Brampton's status as a growing multilingual city.

Brampton's population who speak a language other than English varies by age.

A higher percentage of the population aged 0 to 24 years report English as their mother tongue, while those aged 25 years and older show more of a balance between English and another languages.

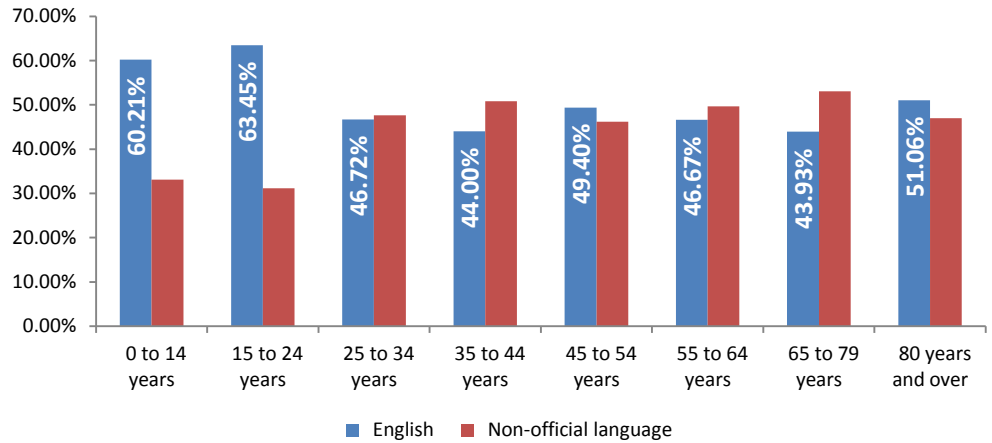
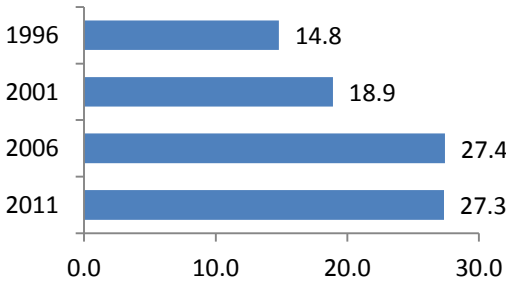


Figure 3: Brampton's Top Languages Spoken Most Often At Home

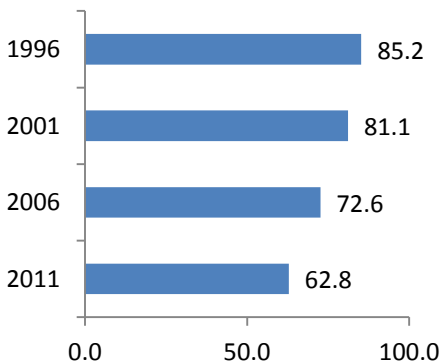
% of the population who only speak a non-official language most often at home



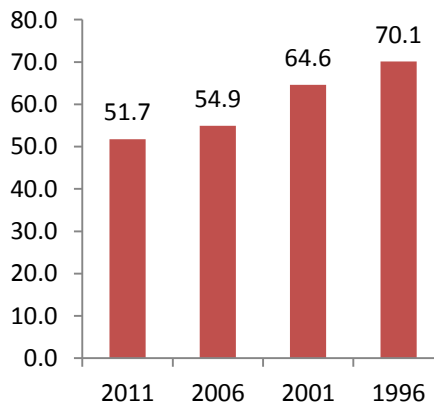
Language spoken most often at home	Population	% of Population
Total (Brampton)	521,685	100.0%
English	325,005	62.3%
Punjabi (Punjabi)	69,845	13.4%
Urdu	9,805	1.9%
Gujarati	7,280	1.4%
Tamil	7,180	1.4%
Spanish	5,770	1.1%
Hindi	5,735	1.1%
Portuguese	4,705	0.9%
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	3,715	0.7%
Vietnamese	3,095	0.6%

In Brampton, there are a total of 98 languages spoken most often at home.

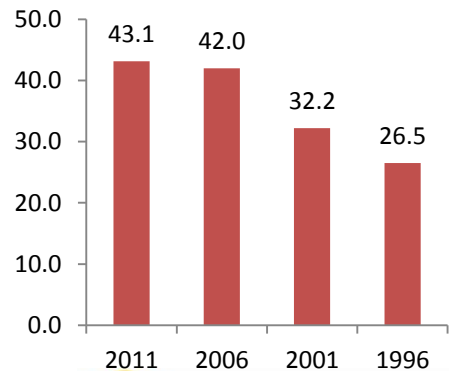
% of the population who speak English and/or French most often at home



% of population whose mother tongue is English only



% of the population whose mother tongue is a non-official language only



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Highlights from the National Census

In Canada, more than 200 languages were reported in the 2011 Census of Population as a home language or mother tongue.

While 20.6% of Canadians (6.8 million people) reported a mother tongue other than English or French, only 6.2% of Canadians spoke a language other than English or French as their sole home language.

The number of persons who reported speaking Tagalog, a Philippine-based language, most often at home increased the most (+64%) between 2006 and 2011. Nearly 279,000 persons reported speaking this language at home, compared with 170,000 in 2006.

In 2011, 17.5% of the population, or 5.8 million persons, reported speaking at least two languages at home in Canada compared to just under 4.5 million (14.2%) in 2006.

Census Data Release Dates

The following table outlines the scheduled release dates of 2011 Census data by Statistics Canada and a brief description of each release. For more information about the 2011 Census visit Statistics Canada's website www.statcan.gc.ca.

✓	Wednesday, February 8, 2012	Release no. 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population and dwelling counts
✓	Tuesday, May 29, 2012	Release no. 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age and sex
✓	Wednesday, September 19, 2012	Release no. 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families, households and marital status Structural type of dwelling and collectives
✓	Wednesday, October 24, 2012	Release no. 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language

National Household Survey (NHS) Release Dates

The following table outlines the scheduled release dates of National Household Survey (NHS) data by Statistics Canada and a brief description of each release. Complementing the data collected by the 2011 Census of Population, the National Household Survey (NHS) will provide information about people in Canada by their demographic, social and economic characteristics. For more information about the NHS visit Statistics Canada's website www.statcan.gc.ca.

	Wednesday, May 8, 2013	Release no. 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immigration, Citizenship. Place of birth, Language, Ethnic origin, Visible minorities, Religion and Aboriginal Peoples
	Wednesday, June 26, 2013	Release no. 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labour, Education, Place of work, Commuting to work, Mobility and migration and Language of work
	Wednesday, August 14, 2013	Release no. 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income, Earnings, Housing and Shelter costs

Glossary

Knowledge of Official Languages

Refers to the ability to conduct a conversation in English only, in French only, in both English and French, or in neither English nor French.

Home language

Refers to the language spoken most often or on a regular basis at home by the individual on May 10, 2011.

Mother tongue

Refers to the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the individual on May 10, 2011.

Single responses

A single response occurs when a respondent provides one mother tongue only.

First official language spoken

People who can conduct a conversation in French only are assigned French as their first official language spoken. People who can carry on a conversation in English only are assigned English as their first official language spoken. The responses to questions on mother tongue and language spoken most often at home are subsequently used to establish the first official language spoken by people who speak both English and French, or who cannot speak either of the two official languages.

Anglophone

The population with the English language as mother tongue

Francophone

The population with the French language as mother tongue

Allophone

The population with a non-official language as mother tongue

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