

Alberta Official Statistics

Proportion of Aboriginal Identity Population by Mother Tongue, Canada, Provinces and Territories

- According to the 2011 National Household Survey¹, English remains the dominant mother tongue² among the Aboriginal identity population³ across all provinces and territories except Quebec and Nunavut.
- In Canada overall, 76.4% of Aboriginals reported English as their mother tongue while 14.5% reported an Aboriginal language, and 9.3% reported French.
- Among provinces, Alberta ranked fourth overall with a proportion of 87.2% of Aboriginal identity population reporting English as their mother tongue. Alberta also ranked fifth with 11.7% of Aboriginal identity population reporting their mother tongue as being an Aboriginal language.

Note: Totals exceed 100% because multiple responses were also included.

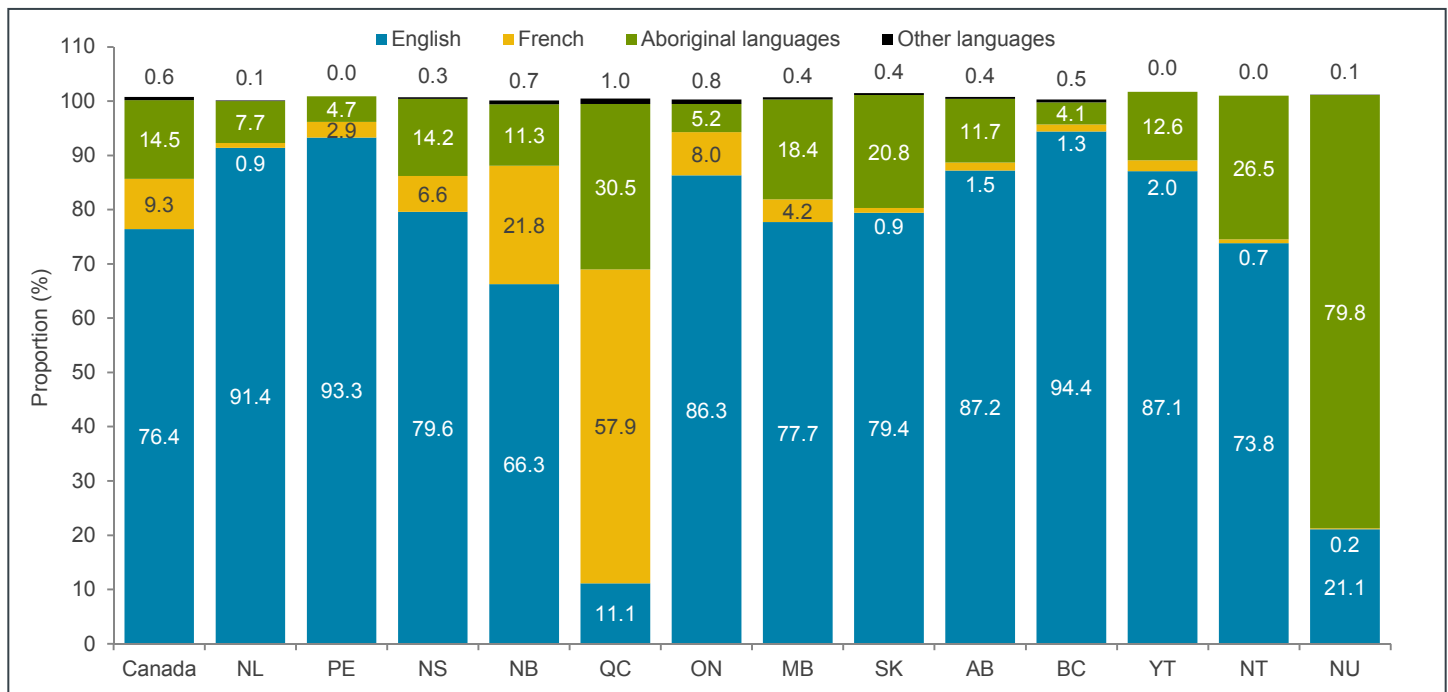
1 Although the content of the NHS is similar to that of the 2006 Census long form, the shift from a mandatory to a voluntary survey, and some content changes, can affect the comparability of the data over time. As a result, users are cautioned when comparing NHS estimates with counts produced from the 2006 long form Census, especially for data involving small geographies. Users are suggested to consult the user guide and the reference materials provided by Statistics Canada to ensure appropriate use and analyses of NHS data

2 Mother tongue refers to the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the individual on May 10, 2011

3 Aboriginal identity refers to whether the person reported being an Aboriginal person, that is, First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuk (Inuit) and/or being a Registered or Treaty Indian (that is, registered under the Indian Act of Canada) and/or being a member of a First Nations or Indian Band.

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Sources: Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey