

# Alberta Official Statistics

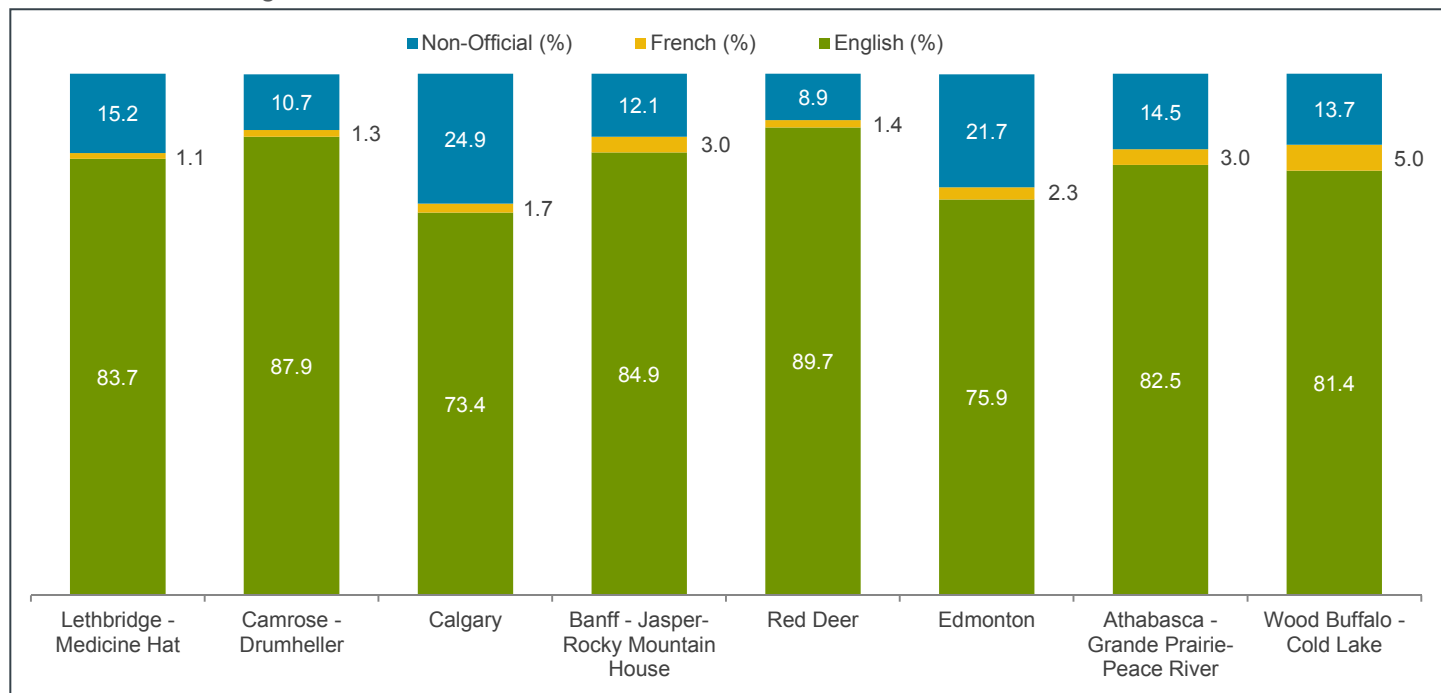
## Proportion of Population by Mother Tongue, Alberta Economic Regions

- Mother tongue refers to the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the person at the time of the census. Non-official languages are languages other than English or French.
- According to the 2011 Census, 77.8% of Albertans reported English as their mother tongue, followed by non-official language (20.1%) and French (2.1%)<sup>1</sup>.
- Among Alberta's economic regions, Red Deer reported the largest proportion of Albertans with English as their mother tongue at 89.7%. The Calgary economic region reported the lowest proportion of Albertans with English as their mother tongue (73.4%) and the highest proportion of Albertans whose mother tongue is a non-official language (24.9%).
- The Edmonton economic region posted the second highest proportion of Albertans with a non-official language as their mother tongue (21.7%), followed by Lethbridge-Medicine Hat (15.2%) and Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River (14.5%).
- The Wood Buffalo-Cold Lake economic region recorded the largest proportion of Albertans with French as their mother tongue (5.0%) followed by Banff-Jasper-Rocky Mountain House and Athabasca-Grande Prairie-Peace River both reporting 3.0%.

<sup>1</sup> Some percentages may add up to more than 100% due to rounding.

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Sources: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census of Population