

Section 10.—Languages and Mother Tongues

Official language is not to be confused with mother tongue. Mother tongue is the language a person first spoke in childhood and still understands; official language (a term used herein for census purposes) refers only to the English and French languages. The numbers of persons speaking one, both or neither of the official languages are given in Table 22, classified by origin.

22.—Population Speaking One, Both or Neither of the Official Languages, by Origin, 1951

NOTE.—Infants are classed as speaking the language of the home.

Origin	Population Speaking—				Total
	English Only	French Only	English and French	Neither English nor French	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
British Isles ¹	6,431,396	24,519	253,262	508	6,709,685
French.....	291,252	2,688,063	1,339,118	734	4,319,167
Other European.....	2,314,727	20,177	117,533	101,285	2,553,722
German.....	597,229	2,096	10,043	10,627	619,995
Italian.....	108,280	7,420	23,878	12,667	152,245
Jewish.....	147,350	731	28,237	5,352	181,670
Netherlander.....	247,049	456	4,652	12,110	264,267
Polish.....	196,407	1,562	8,920	12,956	219,845
Russian.....	81,798	533	3,962	4,986	91,279
Scandinavian ²	277,046	554	4,026	1,398	283,024
Ukrainian.....	360,304	1,901	7,315	25,523	395,043
Other.....	299,264	4,924	26,500	15,666	346,354
Asiatic.....	59,180	1,034	5,051	7,562	72,827
Native Indian and Eskimo.....	115,531	3,814	3,917	42,345	165,607
Other and not stated.....	175,309	4,205	8,566	341	188,421
Totals.....	9,337,395	2,741,812	1,727,447	152,775	14,009,429

¹ Includes English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh and Manx.

² Includes Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

Mother tongue spoken is dealt with in Table 23, which shows that 1,659,770 persons had neither English nor French as mother tongue.

23.—Mother Tongues of the Population, 1951

NOTE.—Infants are classed as speaking the language of the home.

Mother Tongue	Number	Percentage of Total	Mother Tongue	Number	Percentage of Total
English.....	8,280,809	59.11	Lithuanian.....	12,307	0.09
French.....	4,068,850	29.04	Magyar.....	42,402	0.30
Chinese.....	28,289	0.20	Netherlander.....	87,935	0.63
Danish.....	15,714	0.11	Norwegian.....	43,831	0.31
Estonian.....	8,784	0.06	Polish.....	129,238	0.92
Finnish.....	31,771	0.23	Roumanian.....	10,105	0.07
Flemish.....	12,623	0.09	Russian.....	39,223	0.28
Gaelic.....	13,974	0.10	Serbo-Croatian.....	11,031	0.08
German.....	329,302	2.35	Slovak.....	45,516	0.32
Greek.....	8,036	0.06	Swedish.....	36,096	0.26
Icelandic.....	11,207	0.08	Syrian and Arabic.....	5,475	0.04
Indian and Eskimo.....	144,787	1.03	Ukrainian.....	352,323	2.51
Italian.....	92,244	0.66	Yiddish.....	103,593	0.74
Japanese.....	17,589	0.12	Other.....	19,356	0.14
Letish.....	7,019	0.05			
			Totals.....	14,009,429	100.00