

2.15 Distribution of population by mother tongue and home language, by province, 1986 Census¹

Province or territory	Mother tongue						Home language					
	English		French		Other		English		French		Other	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Newfoundland	561,300	98.8	2,670	0.5	4,375	0.8	559,770	99.2	2,110	0.4	2,135	0.4
Prince Edward Island	119,175	94.1	5,920	4.7	1,555	1.2	121,070	96.8	3,485	2.8	535	0.4
Nova Scotia	818,905	93.8	35,810	4.1	18,450	2.1	829,790	96.0	24,720	2.9	9,595	1.1
New Brunswick	462,935	65.3	237,570	33.5	8,940	1.3	478,125	68.1	219,350	31.3	4,385	0.6
Quebec	678,785	10.4	5,408,980	82.8	444,695	6.8	796,695	12.3	5,343,210	82.8	314,600	4.9
Ontario	7,097,920	78.0	484,265	5.3	1,519,505	16.7	7,798,355	86.6	340,545	3.8	862,270	9.6
Manitoba	780,015	73.4	51,775	4.9	231,220	21.8	915,415	87.2	29,765	2.8	104,130	9.9
Saskatchewan	827,250	81.9	23,720	2.3	158,655	15.7	934,890	93.8	8,980	0.9	52,835	5.3
Alberta	1,946,725	82.3	56,245	2.4	362,860	15.3	2,153,675	92.0	24,910	1.1	161,670	6.9
British Columbia	2,366,805	82.1	45,845	1.6	470,725	16.3	2,605,025	91.4	17,575	0.6	226,990	8.0
Yukon	20,930	89.1	620	2.6	1,950	8.3	22,665	97.0	275	1.2	415	1.8
Northwest Territories	28,905	55.3	1,420	2.7	21,920	42.0	34,430	66.2	755	1.5	16,855	32.4
Canada	15,709,650	62.1	6,354,840	25.1	3,244,850	12.8	17,249,900	68.9	6,015,680	24.0	1,756,425	7.0

¹ For the first time in the 1986 Census, Canadians were allowed to report more than one language. The data shown in this table have been adjusted to improve the comparability with previous Censuses. Multiple responses have been distributed among the component languages using the same proportions as in the 1981 Census.

2.16 Population by official language, 1986 Census

Province or territory	English only		French only		Both English and French		Neither English nor French		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Newfoundland	548,155	97.2	90	--	14,850	2.6	910	0.2	564,005
Prince Edward Island	112,950	90.3	210	0.2	11,780	9.4	150	0.1	125,090
Nova Scotia	790,900	91.5	2,055	0.2	69,645	8.1	1,550	0.2	864,150
New Brunswick	411,530	58.6	85,055	12.1	204,190	29.1	1,080	0.2	701,860
Quebec	369,065	5.7	3,808,560	59.0	2,226,745	34.5	50,120	0.8	6,454,485
Ontario	7,745,550	86.1	55,470	0.6	1,057,630	11.7	142,525	1.6	9,001,170
Manitoba	940,865	89.7	2,180	0.2	92,565	8.8	13,710	1.3	1,049,315
Saskatchewan	942,745	94.6	580	0.1	47,270	4.7	6,110	0.6	996,700
Alberta	2,161,695	92.4	2,125	0.1	149,815	6.4	26,630	1.1	2,340,265
British Columbia	2,630,065	92.3	1,330	--	176,185	6.2	42,005	1.5	2,849,585
Yukon	21,305	91.2	10	--	2,005	8.6	40	0.2	23,360
Northwest Territories	42,070	80.9	65	0.1	3,485	6.7	6,400	12.3	52,020
Canada	16,716,900	66.8	3,957,730	15.8	4,056,160	16.2	291,220	1.2	25,022,005

2.17 Population by place of birth, 1981 and 1986¹ Censuses (based on 20% sample data)

Place of birth	1981		1986	
	No.	%	No.	%
Non-immigrant population	20,240,160	84.0	21,113,855	84.4
Born in Canada	20,200,515	83.9	21,078,070	84.2
Born in province of residence	17,077,965	70.9	17,832,655	71.3
Born in other province	3,122,550	13.0	3,245,415	13.0
Born outside of Canada ²	39,640	0.2	35,790	0.1