

Section 11.—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 refers only to the English and French languages. The numbers speaking one, both or neither of the official languages are given, by provinces, in Table 23. Information from the 1951 Census on official languages classified by origin was not available at the time of preparation of this Chapter. Such data for 1941 will be found in the 1947 Year Book, p. 122.

23.—Population Speaking One, Both or Neither of the Official Languages, by Provinces or Territories, 1951

NOTE.—Children under 5 years of age have been classed as speaking the language of the home.

Province or Territory	Official Language				Total
	English Only	French Only	English and French	Neither English nor French	
Newfoundland.....	356,377	153	3,990	896	361,416
Prince Edward Island.....	88,743	914	8,745	27	98,429
Nova Scotia.....	595,257	7,462	39,524	341	642,584
New Brunswick.....	318,560	100,712	96,095	330	515,697
Quebec.....	462,813	2,534,242	1,038,130	20,496	4,055,681
Ontario.....	4,115,584	78,974	359,965	43,019	4,597,542
Manitoba.....	685,914	7,869	58,441	24,317	776,541
Saskatchewan.....	767,248	4,656	40,789	19,035	831,728
Alberta.....	868,696	5,922	40,785	24,098	939,501
British Columbia.....	1,112,937	727	39,433	12,113	1,165,210
Yukon Territory.....	8,337	10	519	230	9,096
Northwest Territories.....	6,929	171	1,031	7,873	16,004
Canada.....	9,387,395	2,741,812	1,727,447	152,775	14,009,429

Mother tongues spoken are dealt with in Table 24, which shows that 1,659,770 persons had neither English nor French as mother tongue.

24.—Mother Tongues of the Population, 1951

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