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	Total - Gender [1][2]	Men+ [6]	Women+ [7]	Total - Gender	Men+ [6]	Women+ [7]
Total - Mother tongue [9][10]	504,805	247,400	257,410	209,890	102,090	107,800
Single responses	501,425	245,735	255,690	207,770	101,005	106,765
Official languages	488,775	239,145	249,625	199,565	96,585	102,975
English	486,560	238,020	248,540	198,595	96,105	102,485
French	2,215	1,130	1,085	975	485	490
Non-official languages	12,655	6,595	6,065	8,205	4,415	3,790
Indigenous languages [11]	1,835	860	980	30	15	15
Algonquian languages	1,580	745	840	15	5	10
Blackfoot	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cree-Innu languages	1,580	740	840	10	5	5
Atikamekw	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cree languages	5	0	5	0	0	0
Ililimowin (Moose Cree)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inu Ayimun (Southern East Cree)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iyiyiw-Ayimiwin (Northern East Cree)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nehinawewin (Swampy Cree)	5	0	5	0	0	0
Nehiyawewin (Plains Cree)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nihithawiwin (Woods Cree)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cree, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Innu (Montagnais)	1,575	740	830	10	5	5
Naskapi	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Algonquian languages	5	0	5	0	0	0
Mi'kmaq	5	0	5	0	0	0
Wolastoqewi (Malecite)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ojibway-Potawatomi languages	5	0	0	0	0	0
Anicinabemowin (Algonquin)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oji-Cree	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ojibway languages	5	0	0	0	0	0
Anishinaabemowin (Chippewa)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daawaamwin (Odawa)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saulteau (Western Ojibway)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ojibway, n.o.s.	5	0	0	0	0	0
Algonquian languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Athabaskan languages	5	0	5	0	0	0
Northern Athabaskan languages	5	0	5	0	0	0
Dakelh (Carrier)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dane-zaa (Beaver)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dene, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gwich'in	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slavey-Hare languages	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deh Gah Ghotie Zhatie (South Slavey)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Satuotine Yati (North Slavey)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slavey, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tahltan languages	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaska (Nahani)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tahltan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tlicho (Dogrib)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tse'khene (Sekani)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tsilhqot'in (Chilcotin)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tsuu T'ina (Sarsi)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tutchone languages	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Tutchone	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Tutchone	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tutchone, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wetsuwet'en-Babine	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tlingit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Athabaskan languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inuktut (Inuit) languages	250	110	135	15	10	5
Inuinnaqtun (Inuvialuktun)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inuinnaqtun	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inuvialuktun	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inuktitut	245	110	135	15	10	5
Inuktut (Inuit) languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iroquoian languages	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cayuga	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mohawk	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oneida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iroquoian languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Ktunaxa (Kutenai)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michif	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salish languages	0	0	0	0	0	0
Halkomelem	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lillooet	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ntlakapamux (Thompson)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secwepemctsin (Shuswap)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Squamish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Straits	0	0	0	0	0	0
Syilx (Okanagan)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salish languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siouan languages	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assiniboine	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stoney	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siouan languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tsimshian languages	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gitxsan (Gitksan)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nisga'a	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tsimshian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wakashan languages	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haisla	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heiltsuk	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kwak'wala (Kwakiutl)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nuu-chah-nulth (Nootka)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wakashan languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indigenous languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indigenous languages, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Indigenous languages	10,820	5,735	5,085	8,180	4,400	3,775
Afro-Asiatic languages	1,845	1,020	820	1,600	880	720
Berber languages	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kabyle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tamazight	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berber languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chadic languages	10	0	5	10	0	5
Hausa	5	5	5	5	5	5
Mina	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coptic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cushitic languages	60	35	30	60	30	30
Bilen	10	5	5	10	5	5
Oromo	30	15	15	30	15	15
Somali	10	5	10	10	5	10
Cushitic languages, n.i.e.	5	5	0	5	5	0
Semitic languages	1,775	985	790	1,530	840	685
Amharic	25	15	10	25	15	10
Arabic	1,565	885	675	1,325	745	575
Aramaic languages	5	0	5	5	0	5
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	5	0	0	5	0	0
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aramaic, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harari	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hebrew	15	5	10	15	5	10
Maltese	5	0	5	0	0	5
Tigrigna	160	80	80	160	80	80
Semitic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Austro-Asiatic languages	130	65	65	85	45	40
Khmer (Cambodian)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vietnamese	125	65	60	85	45	40
Austro-Asiatic languages, n.i.e	0	0	0	0	0	0
Austronesian languages	1,365	570	800	645	270	375
Bikol	10	10	5	5	5	0
Bisaya, n.o.s.	15	5	10	15	5	10
Cebuano	55	20	35	25	10	10
Fijian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hiligaynon	15	5	10	15	5	10
Ilocano	45	10	30	20	5	15
Indonesian	20	10	5	20	10	5
Kankanaey	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kinaray-a	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malagasy languages	5	0	0	0	0	0
Merina	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malagasy, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malay	5	0	5	5	0	5
Pampangan (Kapampangan, Pampango)	5	5	5	0	0	0
Pangasinan	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	1,185	500	685	545	225	315
Waray-Waray	0	0	0	0	0	0
Austronesian languages, n.i.e.	10	10	5	5	0	0
Creole languages	75	45	30	60	35	20
Haitian Creole	5	0	0	5	0	0
Jamaican English Creole	0	0	0	0	0	0
Krio	5	5	5	5	5	5
Morisyen	45	30	15	35	25	10
Sango	5	0	0	5	0	0
Creole, n.o.s.	15	10	5	10	5	0
Creole languages, n.i.e.	5	0	5	5	0	5
Dravidian languages	360	205	155	270	150	120
Kannada	10	10	5	10	10	5
Malayalam	140	85	60	100	60	35
Tamil	140	75	60	115	60	55
Telugu	65	40	30	50	30	25
Tulu	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dravidian languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Georgian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hmong-Mien languages	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indo-European languages	4,845	2,740	2,100	3,675	2,105	1,570
Albanian	45	20	25	45	20	25
Armenian	15	5	10	15	10	10
Balto-Slavic languages	500	250	250	390	205	190
Baltic languages	5	5	0	5	5	0
Latvian	10	5	5	10	5	5
Lithuanian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slavic languages	495	245	245	385	200	185
Belarusian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bulgarian	50	20	25	35	20	15
Czech	30	20	15	20	15	10
Macedonian	0	5	5	0	0	0
Polish	80	45	35	55	30	25
Russian	210	105	110	180	90	90
Rusyn	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serbo-Croatian	70	30	35	50	25	25
Bosnian	10	5	5	10	5	5
Croatian	25	15	15	20	10	10
Serbian	30	10	15	25	10	10
Serbo-Croatian, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slovak	5	5	5	10	5	5
Slovene (Slovenian)	15	5	10	5	0	10
Ukrainian	30	15	15	20	10	10
Slavic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Celtic languages	10	5	5	5	5	5
Irish	5	5	0	5	0	0
Scottish Gaelic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welsh	5	0	0	5	0	0
Celtic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Germanic languages	630	370	255	370	210	160
Frisian	0	0	0	0	0	0
High German languages	310	170	140	175	90	85
German	295	160	135	175	90	85
Pennsylvania German	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swiss German	15	5	10	5	0	5
Yiddish	0	0	0	0	0	0
Low Saxon-Low Franconian languages	180	105	75	90	50	35
Afrikaans	75	45	30	30	15	15
Dutch	100	55	45	55	35	25
Low German, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Low Saxon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plautdietsch	5	5	5	5	0	0
Vlaams (Flemish)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scandinavian languages	130	90	35	95	65	30
Danish	45	25	15	35	20	15
Icelandic	15	15	5	15	10	5
Norwegian	55	45	10	40	25	10
Swedish	15	10	5	5	10	0
Germanic languages, n.i.e.	5	10	0	5	5	0
Greek	45	35	15	35	25	5
Indo-Iranian languages	2,595	1,545	1,050	2,045	1,245	795
Indo-Aryan languages	2,130	1,295	830	1,605	1,015	590
Assamese	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bengali	595	380	215	545	355	185
Gujarati	145	105	45	125	95	35

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Hindi	255	155	100	195	125	70
Kacchi	5	0	0	5	0	0
Kashmiri	5	5	0	0	0	0
Konkani	5	0	0	0	0	0
Marathi	30	25	10	25	15	5
Nepali	60	30	25	45	25	20
Oriya languages	0	0	0	0	0	0
Odia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oriya, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Punjabi (Panjabi)	625	355	265	360	210	150
Rohingya	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sindhi	10	5	0	10	5	0
Sinhala (Sinhalese)	135	75	55	85	55	30
Urdu	260	155	110	215	125	85
Indo-Aryan languages, n.i.e.	5	0	0	5	0	0
Iranian languages	470	250	220	435	230	205
Baluchi	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kurdish	60	30	30	50	30	20
Parsi	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pashto	20	15	5	15	10	5
Persian languages	390	205	185	370	190	175
Dari	15	5	10	10	5	5
Iranian Persian	345	180	160	325	165	155
Persian (Farsi), n.o.s.	35	25	15	30	15	10
Iranian languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Indo-Iranian languages, n.i.e.	5	5	0	0	0	0
Italic (Romance) languages	995	510	485	770	395	380
Catalan	5	5	0	5	5	0
Italian	90	60	35	70	45	25
Portuguese	220	120	100	180	95	85
Romanian	40	15	20	30	15	15
Spanish	640	305	330	485	240	250
Italic (Romance) languages, n.i.e.	5	5	0	0	0	0
Indo-European languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Japanese	35	10	25	25	5	20
Korean	115	35	80	100	35	65
Mongolian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger-Congo languages	435	235	200	375	205	175
Akan (Twi)	65	35	25	55	30	20
Bamanankan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edo	5	0	0	5	0	0
Éwé	0	5	0	0	5	0
Fulah (Pular, Pulaar, Fulfulde)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ga	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ganda	10	5	5	10	5	5
Gikuyu	0	0	0	0	0	0
Igbo	40	25	20	40	20	20
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	5	0	5	5	0	5
Lingala	5	5	5	5	5	5
Luba-Kasai	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mòoré	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mwani	10	5	5	5	5	0
Ndebele	0	0	5	0	0	5
Rundi (Kirundi)	5	0	5	0	0	0
Shona	40	15	25	30	15	15
Soninke	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sotho-Tswana languages	5	0	0	5	0	0
Swahili	65	35	25	65	35	25
Wojenaka	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wolof	10	0	5	10	0	5
Yoruba	115	70	50	90	55	35
Niger-Congo languages, n.i.e.	50	20	30	40	20	25
Nilo-Saharan languages	40	20	20	30	20	15
Dinka	15	5	10	15	5	10
Nuer	5	5	5	5	5	5
Nilo-Saharan languages, n.i.e.	10	10	0	10	10	0
African, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign languages	110	65	50	60	35	25
American Sign Language	90	55	40	45	25	25
Quebec Sign Language	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign languages, n.i.e.	20	10	10	10	5	5
Sino-Tibetan languages	1,260	625	635	1,105	555	550
Chinese languages	1,235	610	625	1,080	535	540
Hakka	5	0	5	5	0	5
Mandarin	825	400	425	780	390	395

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Min Dong	0	0	0	0	0	0
Min Nan (Chaochow, Teochow, Fukien, Taiwanese)	20	15	10	20	10	15
Wu (Shanghainese)	5	0	5	5	0	5
Yue (Cantonese)	315	160	155	230	120	110
Chinese, n.o.s.	60	35	30	35	15	15
Chinese languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tibeto-Burman languages	25	15	10	25	15	10
Burmese	5	5	0	10	5	0
Kuki-Chin languages	10	5	5	10	5	5
Karenic languages	10	5	5	10	5	5
S'gaw Karen	5	5	0	5	5	0
Karenic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tibetan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tibeto-Burman languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sino-Tibetan languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tai-Kadai languages	45	10	35	25	5	15
Lao	10	0	10	10	0	5
Thai	35	10	25	20	5	10
Tai-Kadai languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkic languages	95	55	40	85	50	35
Azerbaijani	10	5	5	10	5	5
Kazakh	10	0	0	5	5	5
Turkish	65	35	30	50	30	25
Uyghur	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uzbek	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkic languages, n.i.e.	10	10	0	10	10	0
Uralic languages	65	25	45	45	10	30
Estonian	10	10	5	10	0	5
Finnish	15	5	10	10	5	5
Hungarian	40	10	25	30	10	20
Other languages, n.i.e.	5	0	0	0	0	0
Multiple responses	3,375	1,660	1,720	2,125	1,085	1,040
English and French	1,020	455	565	580	260	320
English and non-official language(s)	2,085	1,075	1,015	1,330	715	610
French and non-official language(s)	60	35	30	50	25	25
English, French and non-official language(s)	70	30	40	50	20	25
Multiple non-official languages	140	75	65	110	55	55

Footnotes:

[1] Gender Gender refers to an individual's personal and social identity as a man, woman or non-binary person (a person who is not exclusively a man or a woman).   Gender includes the following concepts: gender identity, which refers to the gender that a person feels internally and individually;   gender expression, which refers to the way a person presents their gender, regardless of their gender identity, through body language, aesthetic choices or accessories (e.g., clothes, hairstyle and makeup), which may have traditionally been associated with a specific gender. A person's gender may differ from their sex at birth, and from what is indicated on their current identification or legal documents such as their birth certificate, passport or driver's licence. A person's gender may change over time. Some people may not identify with a specific gender.

[2] Given that the non-binary population is small, data aggregation to a two-category gender variable is sometimes necessary to protect the confidentiality of responses provided. In these cases, individuals in the category "non-binary persons" are distributed into the other two gender categories and are denoted by the "+" symbol.

[3] Age   'Age' refers to the age of a person (or subject) of interest at last birthday (or relative to a specified, well-defined reference date).

[4] Mother tongue Mother tongue refers to the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the person at the time the data was collected. If the person no longer understands the first language learned, the mother tongue is the second language learned. For a person who learned more than one language at the same time in early childhood, the mother tongue is the language this person spoke most often at home before starting school. The person has more than one mother tongue only if they learned these languages at the same time, and still understands them. For a child who has not yet learned to speak, the mother tongue is the language spoken most often to this child at home. A child who has not yet learned to speak has more than one mother tongue only if these languages are spoken to them equally often so that the child learns these languages at the same time.

[5] Knowledge of official languages Knowledge of official languages refers to whether the person can conduct a conversation in English only, French only, in both or in neither language. For a child who has not yet learned to speak, this includes languages that the child is learning to speak at home.

[6] This category includes men and boys, as well as some non-binary persons.

[7] This category includes women and girls, as well as some non-binary persons.

[8] For more information on language variables, including information on their classifications, the questions from which they are derived, data quality and their comparability with other sources of data, please refer to the Languages Reference Guide, Census of Population, 2021.

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[10] n.i.e. = not included elsewhere   n.o.s. = not otherwise specified

[11] Users should be aware that estimates associated with Indigenous languages are more affected than most by the incomplete enumeration of certain reserves and settlements in the Census of Population.

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Canada. Table 98-10-0175-01.