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Languages, Census 2021

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In the 2021 Census, 80.3% of Yukoners reported English only as mother tongue, 4.5% reported French only, 11.8% reported only a non-official language and 3.4% reported having multiple mother tongues. Nationally, 54.9% of the population reported English only as mother tongue, 19.6% reported French only, 21.4% reported a non-official language and 4.0% reported having multiple mother tongues.

In 2021, 89.6% of the Yukon population spoke English most often at home, 2.6% spoke French most often at home, 5.6% spoke a non-official language most often at home, and 2.2% reported speaking multiple languages most often at home.

In Yukon, the most-commonly reported non-official mother tongues were Tagalog (Filipino, Pilipino) at 2.5% of the total population, followed by German (1.5%) and Punjabi (1.0%). Nationally, the most common non-official mother tongues were Mandarin (1.9%), Punjabi (1.8%), Spanish (1.5%) and Cantonese (Yue) (1.5%).

Mother tongue and languages spoken most often at home, Yukon Census 2021

Selected language	Mot	her tongue	Language spoken most often at home	
	number	%	number	%
Total	39,840	100.0	39,840	100.0
English	31,995	80.3	35,685	89.6
French	1,785	4.5	1035	2.6
Non-official language	4,705	11.8	2,235	5.6
Indigenous	325	0.8	25	0.1
Non-Indigenous language	4,380	11.0	2,210	5.5
Multiple responses	1355	3.4	885	2.2

Knowledge of official languages, Yukon, Census 2021

Knowledge of official languages	Number	<u>%</u>
Total	39,840	100.0
English only	33,950	85.2
French only	85	0.2
English and French	5,660	14.2
Neither English nor French	145	0.4



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Most common (>100 persons) non-official mother tongue languages, Yukon Census 2021

Percentage of non-official

		language mother-tongue	Percentage of total
Mother tongue	Number	population	population
Total Mother Tongue-Non-official languages	4,705	100.0	11.8
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	985	20.9	2.5
German	600	12.8	1.5
Punjabi	410	8.7	1.0
Spanish	235	5.0	0.6
Cantonese (Yue)	200	4.3	0.5
Japanese	135	2.9	0.3
Mandarin	130	2.8	0.3
Tutchone Languages	115	2.4	0.3
Swiss German	115	2.4	0.3
Dutch	105	2.2	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population.

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.