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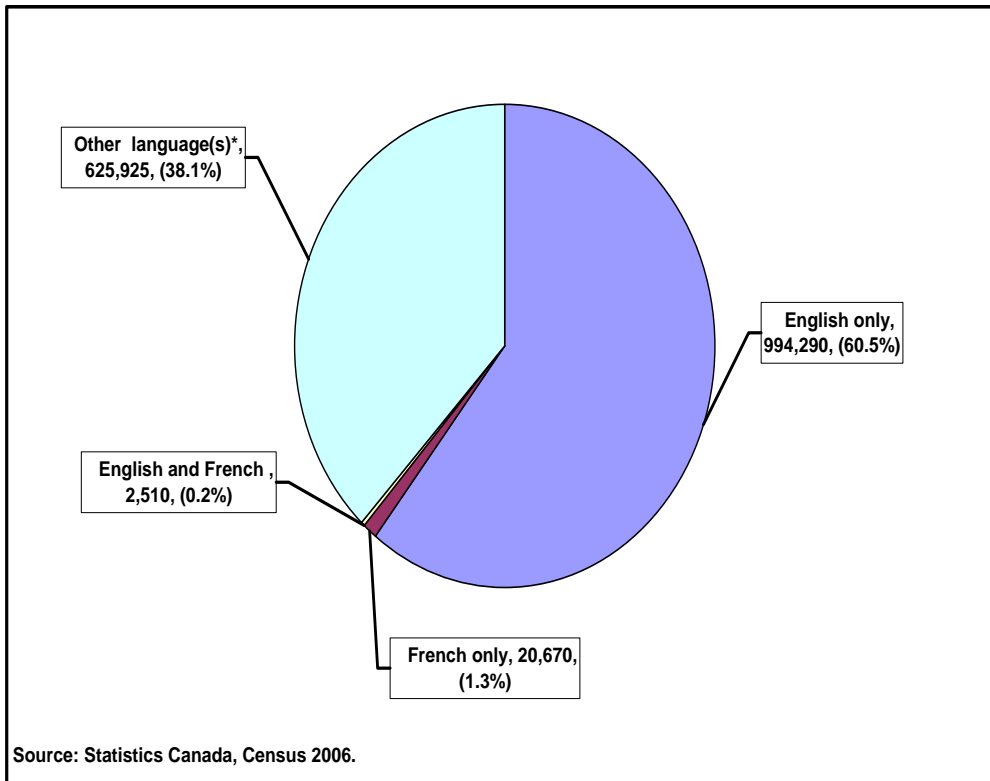
- ◆ English Mother Tongue
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## Population by Mother Tongue: PHD, 2006

Language patterns are very important to determine linguistic and economic integration in the region. This newsletter provides information on the mother tongue languages by using official data from the 2006 Census of Canada (Statistics Canada). Population by mother tongue demonstrates the cultural diversity in Peel-Halton-Dufferin (PHD). Mother tongue is defined as the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood at the time of the Census. For more detailed information on mother tongue, please visit the following website link:

<http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/reference/dictionary/pop095.cfm>

**Figure 1. Population by Mother Tongue: PHD, 2006**



## Highlights for the Peel-Halton-Dufferin Area

- ◆ In 2006, PHD had a lower proportion of people whose first language was English than Ontario.
- ◆ In 2006, the top five mother tongue languages after English in Peel were Punjabi, Urdu, Chinese, Polish & Portuguese.
- ◆ In 2006, the top five mother tongue languages after English in Halton were Polish, Italian, Portuguese, Chinese & German.
- ◆ In 2006, the top five mother tongue languages after English in Dufferin were German, Dutch, Italian, Portuguese and Polish.

## Implications for Human Services Sector

- ◆ Increased demand for culturally appropriate services for immigrants.

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## Did you know?

### How many people in PHD speak English as their mother tongue (or first language)?

- ◆ In 2006, 994,290 residents in PHD or 60.5% of the PHD population reported speaking English as a mother tongue (based on single responses). By comparison, 68.4% of Ontario's population reported speaking English as a mother tongue (based on single responses).

### How many people in PHD speak French as their mother tongue?

- ◆ In 2006, 20,670 residents in PHD or 1.3% of the PHD population reported speaking French as a mother tongue (based on single responses). By comparison, 4.1% of Ontario's population reported speaking French as a mother tongue (based on single responses).

### What are the top five mother tongue languages\*\* in Peel?

- ◆ Punjabi (92,820), Urdu (42,975), Chinese(41,850), Polish(34,830) and Portuguese(31,790).

### What are the top five mother languages\*\* in Halton?

- ◆ Polish (7,240), Italian(7,120), Portuguese(5,730), Chinese(5,625) and German(5,115).

### What are the top five mother languages\*\* in Dufferin?

- ◆ German (960), Dutch(455), Italian(360), Portuguese(340) and Polish (245).

**Table 1. Population by Mother Tongue:  
Ontario, PHD, Peel, Halton and Dufferin, 2006**

|                         | Ontario           | PHD              | Peel             | Halton         | Dufferin       |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>NUMBER</b>           |                   |                  |                  |                |                |
| <b>Total population</b> | <b>12,028,900</b> | <b>1,643,380</b> | <b>1,154,065</b> | <b>435,395</b> | <b>53,920</b>  |
| English only            | 8,230,705         | <b>994,290</b>   | 603,445          | 341,675        | 49,170         |
| French only             | 488,815           | <b>20,670</b>    | 11,970           | 8,105          | 595            |
| English and French      | 32,685            | <b>2,510</b>     | 1,700            | 720            | 90             |
| Other language(s)*      | 3,276,685         | <b>625,925</b>   | 536,950          | 84,900         | 4,075          |
| <b>PERCENT</b>          |                   |                  |                  |                |                |
| <b>Total population</b> | <b>100.00%</b>    | <b>100.00%</b>   | <b>100.00%</b>   | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |
| English only            | 68.4%             | <b>60.5%</b>     | 52.3%            | 78.5%          | 91.2%          |
| French only             | 4.1%              | <b>1.3%</b>      | 1.0%             | 1.9%           | 1.1%           |
| English and French      | 0.3%              | <b>0.2%</b>      | 0.1%             | 0.2%           | 0.2%           |
| Other language(s)*      | 27.2%             | <b>38.1%</b>     | 46.5%            | 19.5%          | 7.6%           |

**Source: Statistics Canada, Census 2006.**

\*Includes responses indicating single responses of a non-official language and multiple responses. Multiple responses include cases where one non-official language is in combination either with English or French or with both official languages.

\*\*<http://www.spcpeel.com/diversity%20presentation.pdf> (page10)