
**DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE
OF THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITIES
ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF LAVAL & THE REST
OF QUÉBEC**

BASED ON THE 2016 CENSUS OF CANADA

MRC Profile Series

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Introduction

About the MRC Profile Series

The MRC Profile Series is intended to serve as a resource that will allow local communities to better understand the demographic factors affecting them and to assist institutional partners and community leaders in developing strategies to improve the well-being of their constituencies.

This series presents selected demographic characteristics of the English-speaking population residing in the MRC or MRC-equivalent territories. The data is drawn from a series of tables developed by the Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN) based on the 2016 Census of Canada. The selection of characteristics is guided by their importance as determinants of the health status and vitality of Quebec's English-speaking minority communities.

Methodological Notes

Data Source

This report is based on a series of tables developed by the Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN) based on data from the 2016 Census of Canada. The population included here are those in private householders, drawing on the long-form census which has a 25% sample of the Canadian population.

Percentages may not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

Linguistic definitions

There are numerous linguistic definitions that are used to identify the English-speaking population in Québec. The choice of linguistic indicator depends largely on the issue being examined. This report uses the [First Official Language Spoken](#) (FOLS) definition with multiple responses proportionally distributed since it best reflects the total English-speaking health service users in the province. First Official Language Spoken is derived from three census questions: knowledge of official languages, mother tongue and home language. Dual responses are divided equally among English-speaking and French-speaking groups.

Other definitions include [Mother tongue](#) which refers to the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood. The [language most often spoken at home](#) is used to designate the home language. [Knowledge of official languages](#) indicates the official language in which a person can carry on a conversation. The [language used most often at work](#) indicates the language spoken most frequently at work.

Geographic Regions

The MRC profile series consists of stand-alone documents which present key data for the MRC and MRC-equivalent territories in Quebec in which there are at least 250 English-speaking residents. Data is also presented for the Administrative Region in which each MRC is located.

Demographic and Socio-economic Characteristics

The demographic and socio-economic variables addressed in the 2017-2018 MRC Profile Series are:

- Population size
- Age structure
- Household living arrangements
- Educational attainment
- Labour force activity
- Income
- Low-income cut-off (LICO)

Statistics Canada Definitions

While for the most part the meaning of demographic and administrative terms are clarified as they arise in the report, the online Statistics Canada census dictionary for the¹ may also be consulted.

¹ <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/nhs-enm/2011/ref/dict/99-000-x2011001-eng.pdf>

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Map of the Territory



Demographic Size

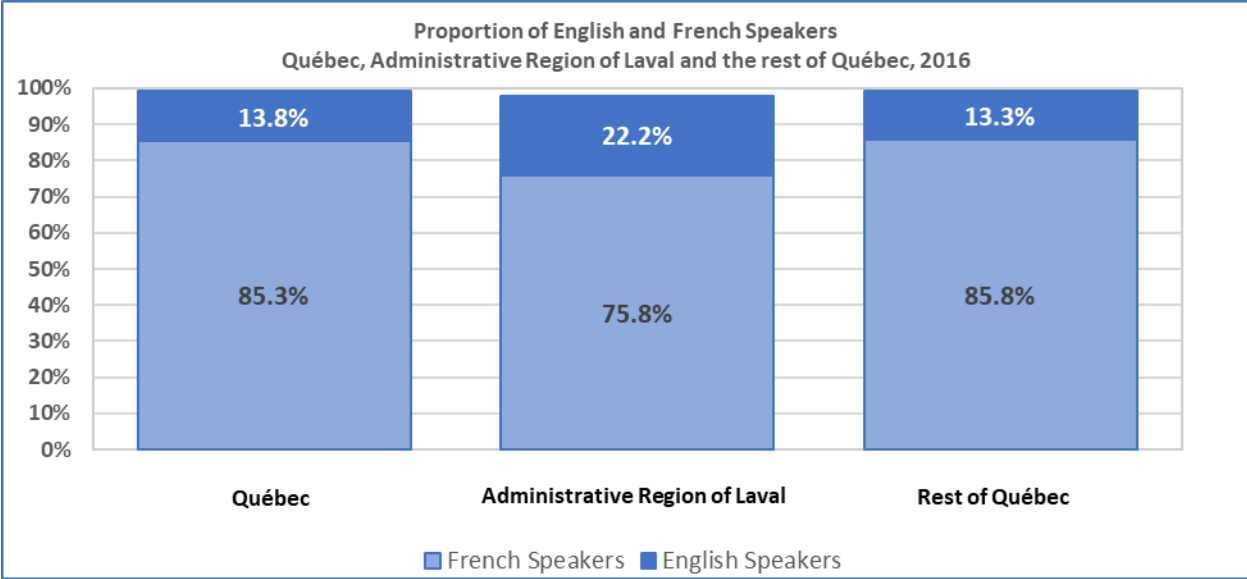
Quebec’s English speakers form one of Canada’s official language minority groups. Studies have confirmed that language barriers affect access and quality of care for linguistic minority communities. Obstacles to communication can reduce recourse to preventative services; increase consultation time including the number of tests and the possibility of diagnostic and treatment errors; affect the quality of services requiring effective communication such as social services; reduce the probability of treatment compliance and reduce users’ satisfaction with the services received.² In the complex context of a medical situation, where the communication between care provider and patient is a key factor in the achievement of a positive health outcome, it is not surprising that the language spoken most often is considered the most effective. The treatment by health professionals of sensitive issues such as cancer, addiction, or depression, requires ease of communication as a feature of building trust and offering comfort to patients.

Table 1 - Population Size

Size of Population		Québec	Administrative Region of Laval	Rest of Québec
FOLS - English speakers	number	1,097,925	91,115	1,006,810
	percentage	13.8%	22.2%	13.3%
FOLS - French speakers	number	6,795,280	311,535	6,483,745
	percentage	85.3%	75.8%	85.8%
Total population	number	7,965,450	410,850	7,554,600
	percentage	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: JPocock Research Consulting, 2016 Census, Statistics Canada. Population in private households - 25% sample. The linguistic concept is First Official Language Spoken with multiple responses distributed equally between English and French.

² See Bowen, S. (2001). Language Barriers in Access to Health Care, Ottawa: Health Canada. And, Bowen, S. et al. (2010). From ‘multicultural health’ to ‘knowledge translation’ – rethinking strategies to promote language access within a risk management framework. *The Journal of Specialized Translation (Jostrans)*, Issue 14, http://www.jostrans.org/issue14/art_bowen.php. See also, Jacobs, E, and A. Chen, L. Karliner, N. Agger-Gupta & S. Mutha. (2006). “The Need for More Research on Language Barriers in Health Care: A Proposed Research Agenda”. *The Millbank Quarterly*, Vol. 84, No. 1, pp. 111-133.



- Across Québec, there were 1,097,925 English speakers, representing 13.8% of the provincial population.
- In 2016, there were 91,115 English speakers living in the Laval region where they represented 22.2% of the population. This share is much higher than the overall provincial share for English speakers.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 1,006,810 English speakers where they represented 13.3% of the population. This proportion is much lower than that represented by English speakers across the Laval territory.

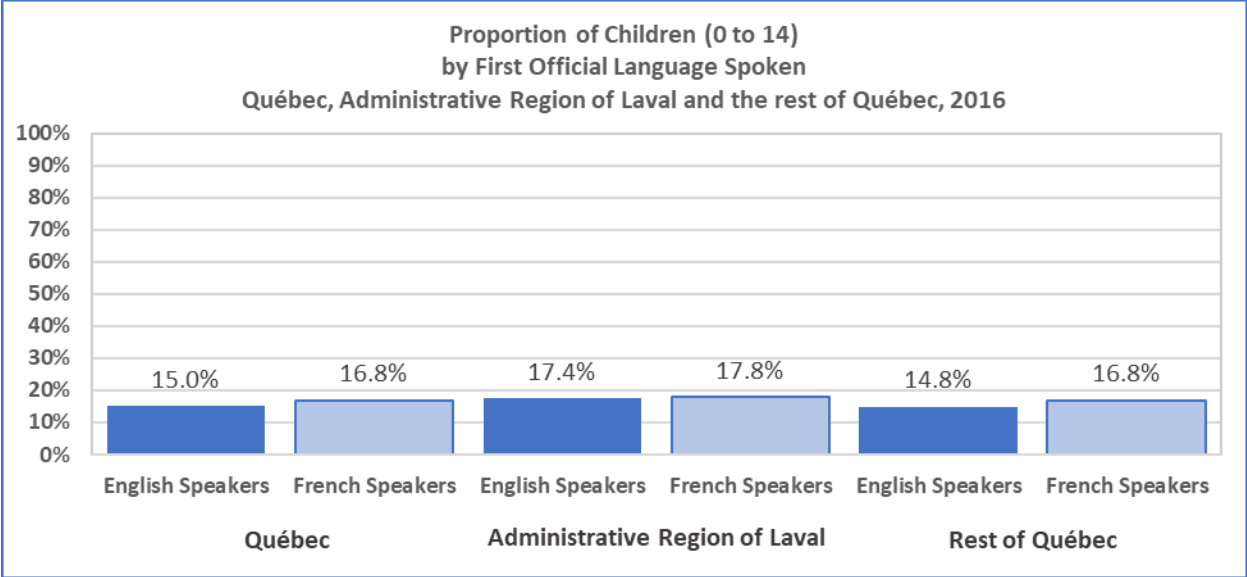
Age Structure

The distribution of the English-speaking population across age categories, and the extent to which language majority and minority communities differ in accordance to age, is important in understanding their distinct health needs and resources. Each stage of life tends to be associated with specific health and social service needs. The strategy for meeting these needs by public agencies must also take the age and age-related competencies of the client group into consideration. Typically, the age structure of the majority is important in shaping the scope and design of available health services and programs. Improving the health and the vitality of all citizens residing in a given territory requires awareness of the problems that are pressing for the minority and may be overlooked in the focus on the majority, and, awareness of problems that are shared by both language groups but are being met with solutions that are not equally accessible for both.

Table 2 - Age Structure of the Population

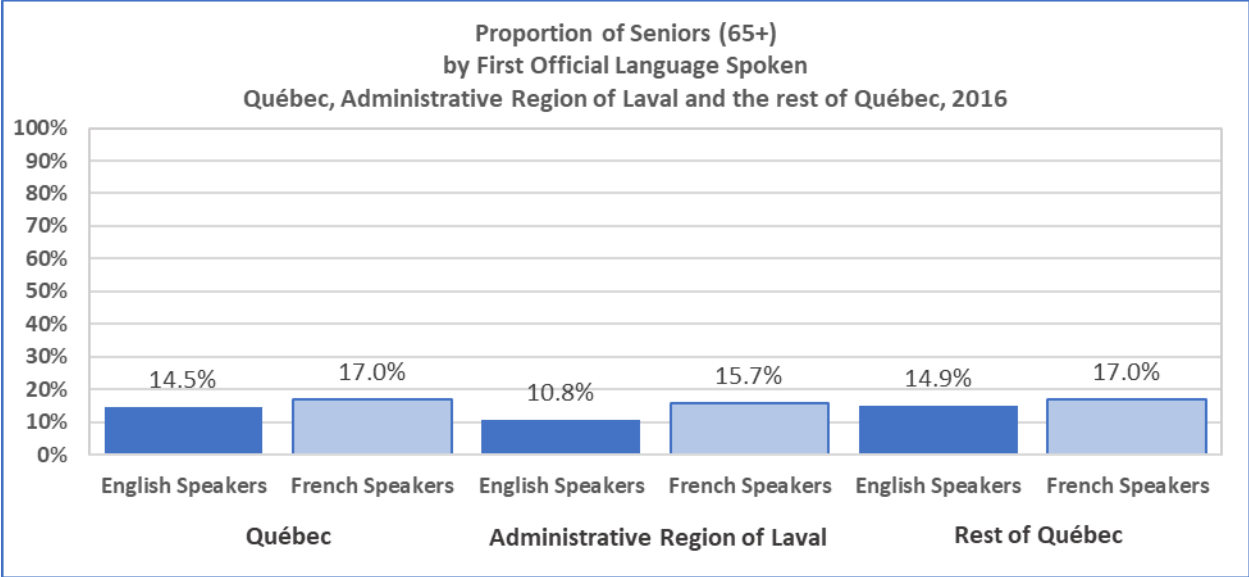
Age Structure of the Population	Québec		Administrative Region of Laval		Rest of Québec	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total - Age groups	1,097,925	6,795,280	91,115	311,535	1,006,810	6,483,745
0-14 years	165,085	1,143,060	15,850	55,475	149,235	1,087,585
15-24 years	146,460	776,310	12,080	39,995	134,380	736,315
25-44 years	320,930	1,728,440	27,185	75,010	293,745	1,653,430
45-64 years	305,775	1,995,460	26,170	92,225	279,605	1,903,235
65+ years	159,670	1,152,005	9,835	48,830	149,835	1,103,175
Total - Age groups	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
0-14 years	15.0%	16.8%	17.4%	17.8%	14.8%	16.8%
15-24 years	13.3%	11.4%	13.3%	12.8%	13.3%	11.4%
25-44 years	29.2%	25.4%	29.8%	24.1%	29.2%	25.5%
45-64 years	27.9%	29.4%	28.7%	29.6%	27.8%	29.4%
65+ years	14.5%	17.0%	10.8%	15.7%	14.9%	17.0%

Source: JPocock Research Consulting, 2016 Census, Statistics Canada. Population in private households - 25% sample. The linguistic concept is First Official Language Spoken with multiple responses distributed equally between English and French.



Children (aged 0-14)

- Across Québec, there were 165,085 English-speaking children aged 0-14, representing 15.0% of the English-speaking population. The proportion of children in the English-speaking population is lower than the level in the French-speaking majority population in Quebec.
- In 2016, there were 15,850 English-speaking children aged 0-14 living in Laval where they account for 17.4% of the population. The proportion of children in the regional English-speaking population is similar to their proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. This proportion is higher than the level for English-speaking children across the province.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 149,235 English-speaking children aged 0-14 where they represent 14.8% of the population. This share is lower than that exhibited by English-speaking children across the Laval region. The proportion of children in the territory's English-speaking population is lower than the share in the Rest of Québec French-speaking majority population.



Seniors (aged 65 and over)

- Across Québec, there were 159,670 English-speaking seniors aged 65+ representing 14.5% of the English-speaking population. The proportion of seniors in the English-speaking population is lower than that found in the French-speaking majority population in Quebec.
- In 2016, there were 9,835 English-speaking seniors aged 65+ living in the Laval region where they accounted for 10.8% of the population. This share is much lower than that of English-speaking seniors across the province. The proportion of seniors in the regional English-speaking population is much lower than the proportion in the French-speaking majority population.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 149,835 English-speaking seniors aged 65+ where they account for 14.9% of the population. This share is much higher than that of English-speaking seniors across the Laval region. The proportion of seniors in the English-speaking population is lower than the proportion in the French-speaking majority.

Income

Long-standing and substantial research provides evidence that income and social status are key determinants of the level of health and well-being experienced by communities and their members. Low-income Canadians are more likely to die earlier and to suffer more illnesses than Canadians with higher incomes, regardless of age, sex, race and place of residence.³ For vulnerable low-income households, language barriers in access to public health services loom large as they cannot afford private care services nor are they likely to have access to work-related benefits or private insurance coverage. Studies also suggest that the distribution of income in a given society may be a more important determinant of health than the total amount of income earned by society members. Large gaps in income distribution lead to increases in social problems and poorer health among the population as a whole⁴.

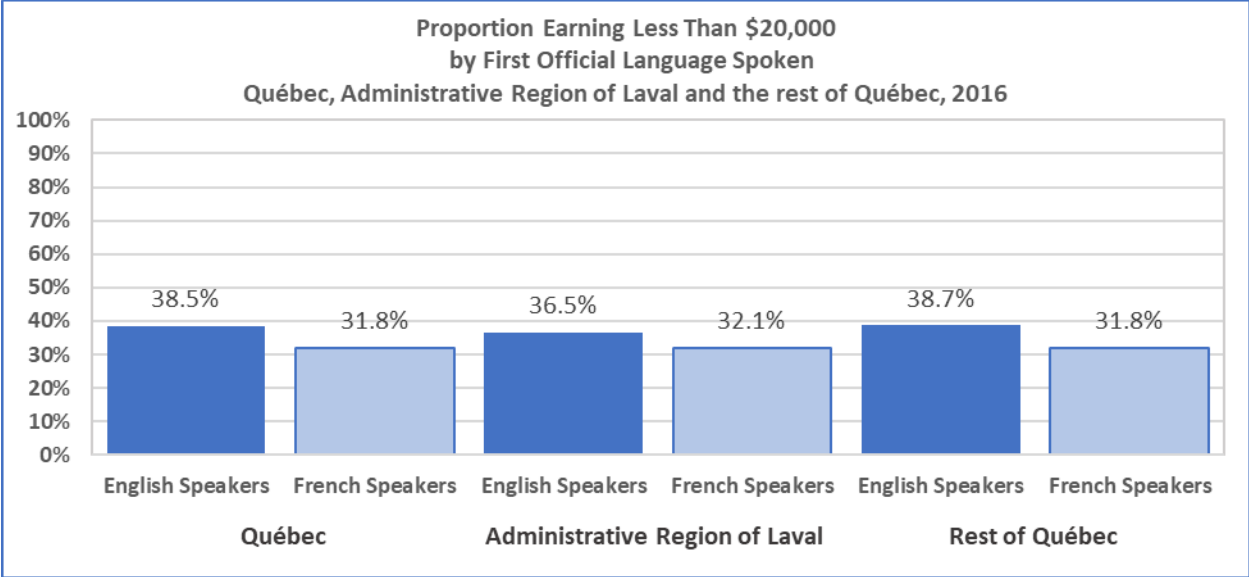
Table 3 - Income

Population by Income Group	Québec		Administrative Region of Laval		Rest of Québec	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total Population 15+	932,835	5,652,215	75,270	256,060	857,565	5,396,155
Less than \$20,000	359,020	1,799,170	27,485	82,110	331,535	1,717,060
\$20,000 - \$49,999	328,605	2,235,010	27,275	95,435	301,330	2,139,575
\$50,000 +	245,210	1,618,025	20,515	78,515	224,695	1,539,510
Total Population 15+	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	38.5%	31.8%	36.5%	32.1%	38.7%	31.8%
\$20,000 - \$49,999	35.2%	39.5%	36.2%	37.3%	35.1%	39.6%
\$50,000 +	26.3%	28.6%	27.3%	30.7%	26.2%	28.5%

Source: JPocock Research Consulting, 2016 Census, Statistics Canada. Population in private households - 25% sample. The linguistic concept is First Official Language Spoken with multiple responses distributed equally between English and French.

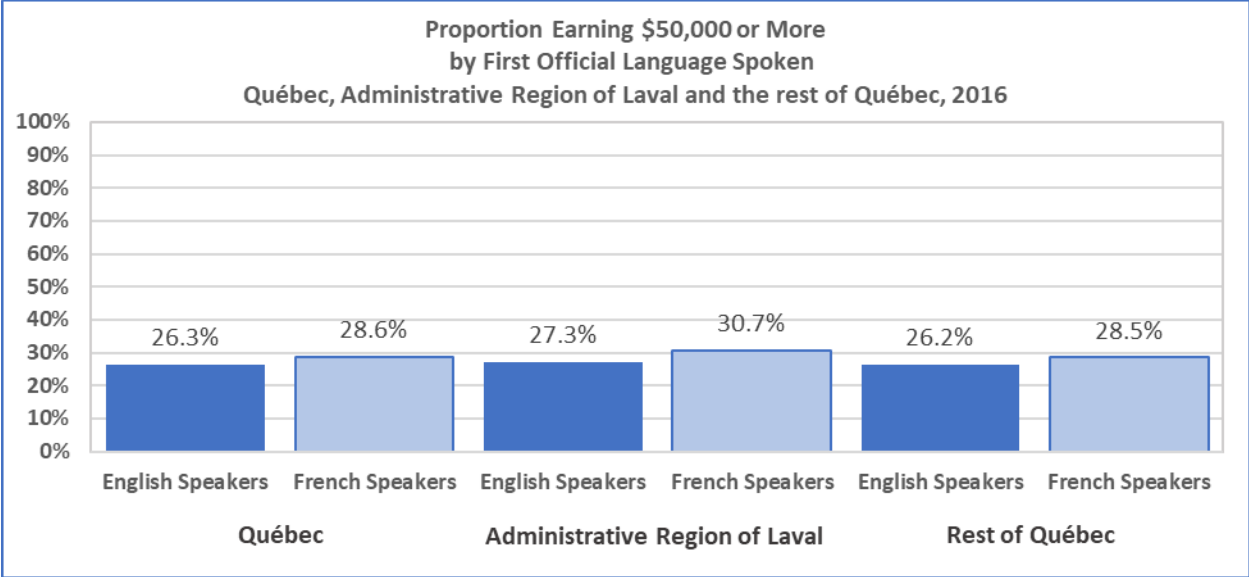
³ Public Health Agency of Canada, <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ph-sp/determinants/determinants-eng.php#evidence> Accessed March 2014.

⁴ *Ibid.*



Income under \$20k

- Across Québec in 2016, there were 359,020 English speakers aged 15+ with income under \$20k. This group represents 38.5% of the English-speaking population aged 15+. The proportion of English speakers with income under \$20k is much higher than that found in the French-speaking majority population in Quebec.
- In 2016, there were 27,485 English speakers aged 15+ with income under \$20k in the Laval region where they represent 36.5% of the English-speaking population aged 15 and over. This share is lower than that displayed by the provincial English-speaking population. The proportion of those with income under \$20k in the region's English-speaking population is higher than the proportion in the French-speaking majority population.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 331,535 English speakers aged 15+ with income under \$20k where they account for 38.7% of the population. This share is higher than that experienced by English speakers across Administrative Region of Laval. The proportion of those with income under \$20k in the territory's English-speaking population is much higher than the proportion for the French-speaking majority population in the rest of Québec.



Earning \$50k and over

- Across Québec, there were 245,210 English speakers aged 15+ with a total income of \$50k or more, who represented 26.3% of the English-speaking population in that age group. The proportion of high earners in the English-speaking population is lower than that found in the French-speaking majority population in Quebec.
- In 2016, there were 20,515 English speakers aged 15+ with a total income of \$50k or more living in the Laval region, where they represented 27.3% of the population. This proportion was similar to the proportion of English-speaking high earners across the province. The proportion of high earners in the regional English-speaking population is lower than the share of high earners in the French-speaking majority population in the region.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 224,695 English-speaking high earners aged 15+, where they represent 26.2% of the population. This share is similar to that experienced by English-speaking high earners across the Laval region. The proportion of high earners in the territory's English-speaking population is lower than the proportion of high earners in the territory's French-speaking majority population.

Household Living Arrangements

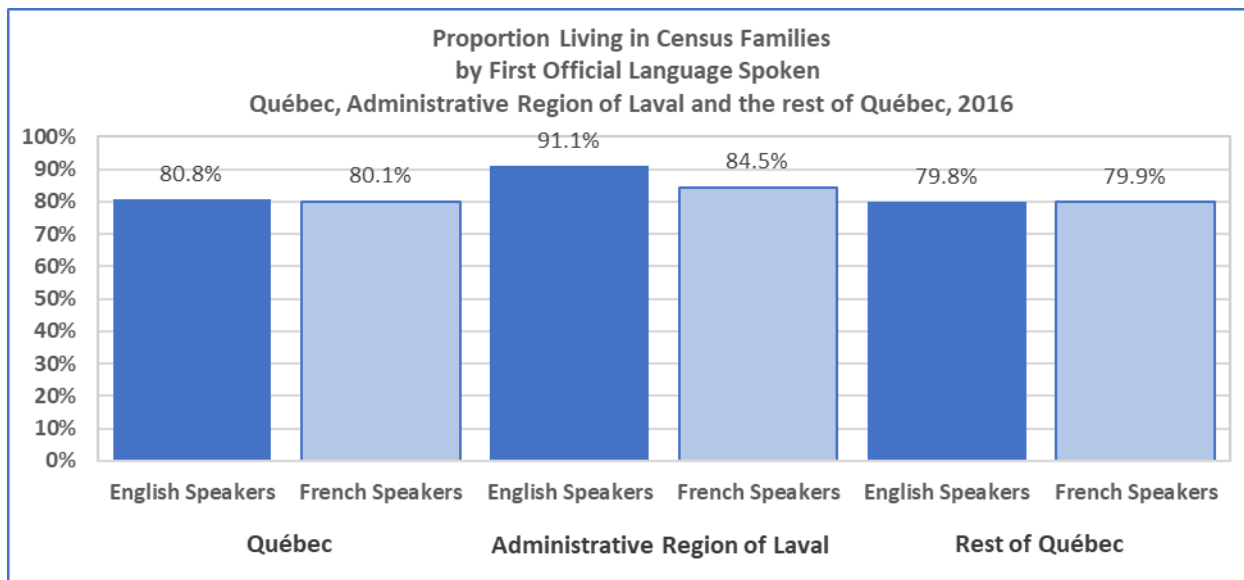
Household living arrangements may be used as an indicator of groups within a population who are vulnerable to a poor health status. For example, the Quebec Social and Health Survey (1998) revealed that parents of minors living in lone parent households were more likely to report food insecurity, high levels of psychological distress and having more than one health problem compared to parents with other household arrangements.⁵ Individuals living alone may lack the important health benefits of a strong support network in the event of activity limitations due to illness or aging.

Table 4 - Population by Household Living Arrangements

Population by Household Living Arrangements	Québec		Administrative Region of Laval		Rest of Québec	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total - Household living arrangements	1,097,925	6,795,280	91,115	311,535	1,006,810	6,483,745
Total persons in census family households	886,705	5,443,560	83,000	263,205	803,705	5,180,355
Persons in two-parent households	750,650	4,640,895	72,955	223,455	677,695	4,417,440
Persons in single-parent households	136,050	802,660	10,045	39,750	126,005	762,910
Total persons in non-census family households	211,215	1,351,720	8,120	48,330	203,095	1,303,390
Living with relatives	23,435	116,660	1,305	5,965	22,130	110,695
Living with non-relatives only	40,935	213,270	1,070	6,675	39,865	206,595
Living alone	146,855	1,021,795	5,745	35,690	141,110	986,105
Total - Household living arrangements	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Total persons in census family households	80.8%	80.1%	91.1%	84.5%	79.8%	79.9%
Persons in two-parent households	68.4%	68.3%	80.1%	71.7%	67.3%	68.1%
Persons in single-parent households	12.4%	11.8%	11.0%	12.8%	12.5%	11.8%
Total persons in non-census family households	19.2%	19.9%	8.9%	15.5%	20.2%	20.1%
Living with relatives	2.1%	1.7%	1.4%	1.9%	2.2%	1.7%
Living with non-relatives only	3.7%	3.1%	1.2%	2.1%	4.0%	3.2%
Living alone	13.4%	15.0%	6.3%	11.5%	14.0%	15.2%

Source: JPocock Research Consulting, 2016 Census, Statistics Canada. Population in private households - 25% sample. The linguistic concept is First Official Language Spoken with multiple responses distributed equally between English and French.

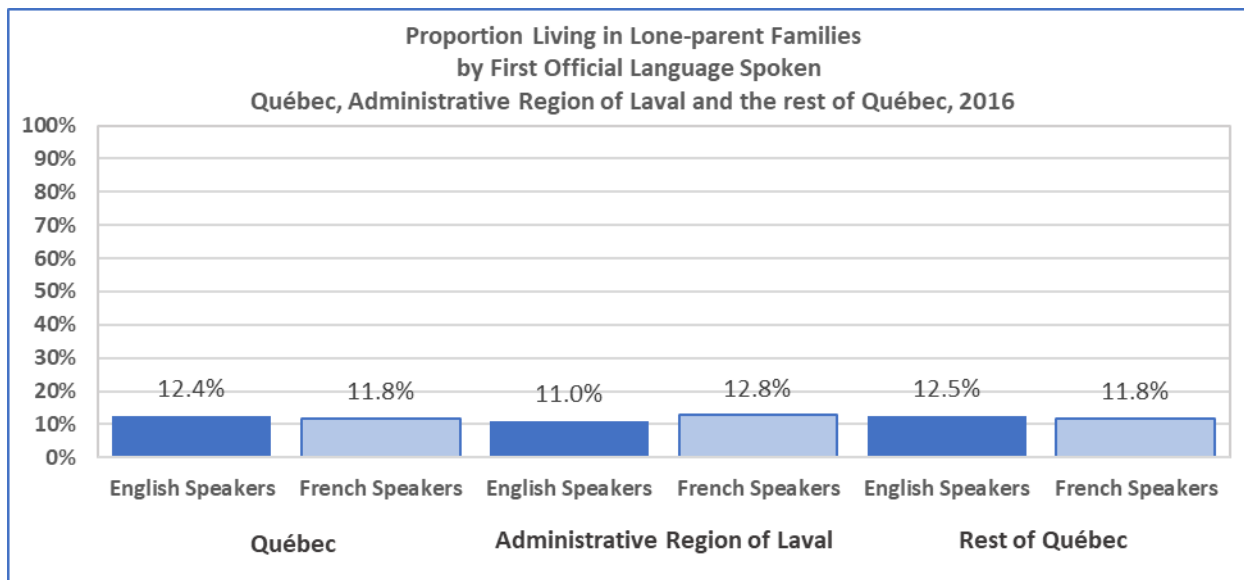
⁵ For discussion of the survey, see Pocock, J. (2008) "Baseline Data Report 2007-2008. Quebec's Social and Health Survey Information." *Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN)*. www.chssn.org



Living in census families⁶

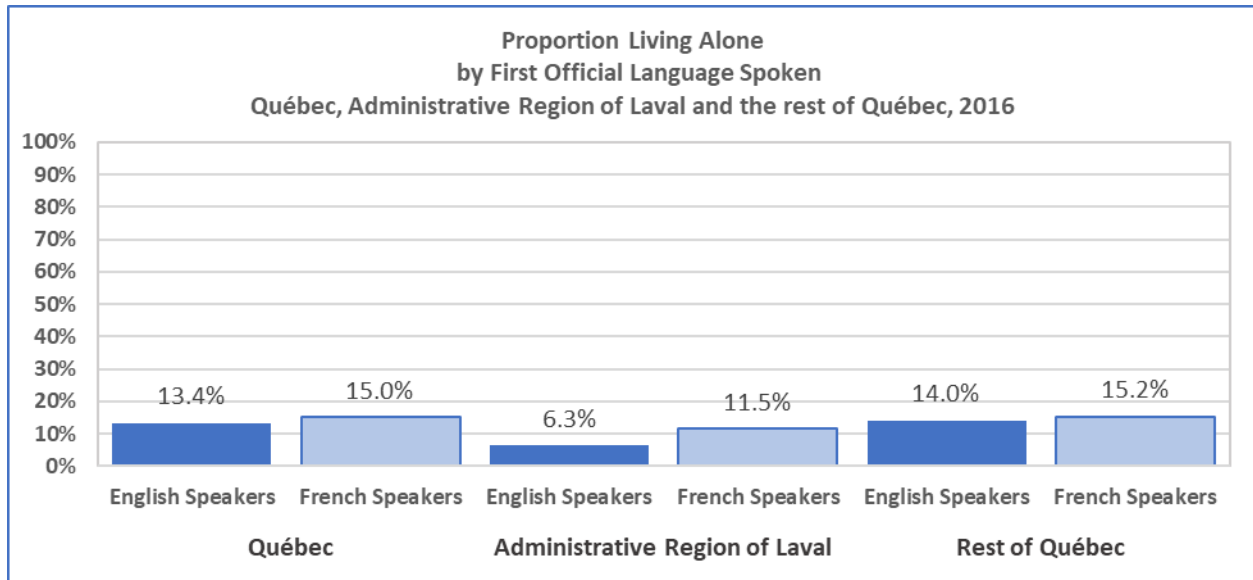
- Across Québec, there were 886,705 English speakers living in census family households. This group represents 80.8% of the 15+ English-speaking population. The proportion of English speakers living in census family households is similar to that found in the French-speaking majority population in Quebec.
- In 2016, there were 83,000 English speakers living in census family households in the Laval region where they comprise 91.1% of the population. This share is higher than that displayed by the provincial English-speaking population. The proportion of those living in census family households in the regional English-speaking population is higher than the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 803,705 English speakers living in census family households where they account for 79.8% of the population. This share is lower than that accounted for by English speakers across the Laval region. The proportion of persons living in census family households in the English-speaking population is similar to the proportion represented by the French-speaking majority population in the rest of Québec.

⁶ Under Statistics Canada's terminology, a census family refers "a married couple (with or without children of either and/or both spouses), a common-law couple (with or without children of either and/or both partners) or a lone parent of any marital status, with at least one child. A couple may be of opposite sex or same sex. 'Children' in a census family include grandchildren living with their grandparent(s) but with no parents present." (<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/nhs-enm/2011/ref/dict/99-000-x2011001-eng.pdf>)



Living in lone-parent families

- Across Québec, there were 136,050 English speakers living in lone-parent families. This group represents 12.4% of the English-speaking population. The proportion of English speakers living in lone-parent families is similar to the proportion found in the French-speaking majority population in Québec.
- In 2016, there were 10,045 English speakers living in lone-parent families in the Laval region where they account for 11.0% of the population. The proportion of those living in lone-parent families in the regional English-speaking population is lower than the proportion found in the regional French-speaking majority population. The proportion is lower than that found in the provincial English-speaking population.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 126,005 English speakers living in lone-parent families where they represent 12.5% of the population. This is higher than the proportion represented by the French-speaking majority population in the rest of Québec. The proportion of English speakers living in lone-parent families in the rest of Québec is higher than the proportion we find for English speakers across the Laval region.



Living alone

- Across Québec, there were 146,855 English speakers living alone. This group represents 13.4% of the English-speaking population. The proportion of English speakers living alone is lower than the level in the French-speaking majority population in Québec.
- In 2016, there were 5,745 English speakers living alone in the Laval region, where they account for 6.3% of the population. This level is much lower than that displayed by the provincial English-speaking population. The proportion of those living alone in the regional English-speaking population is much lower than the proportion found in the regional French-speaking majority population.
- In the rest of Québec we find 141,110 English speakers living alone, where they represent 14.0% of the population. This share is much higher than that exhibited by English speakers across the Laval region. The proportion of those living alone in the territory's English-speaking population is lower than the proportion exhibited by the French-speaking majority population in the rest of Québec.

Low-Income Cut-off

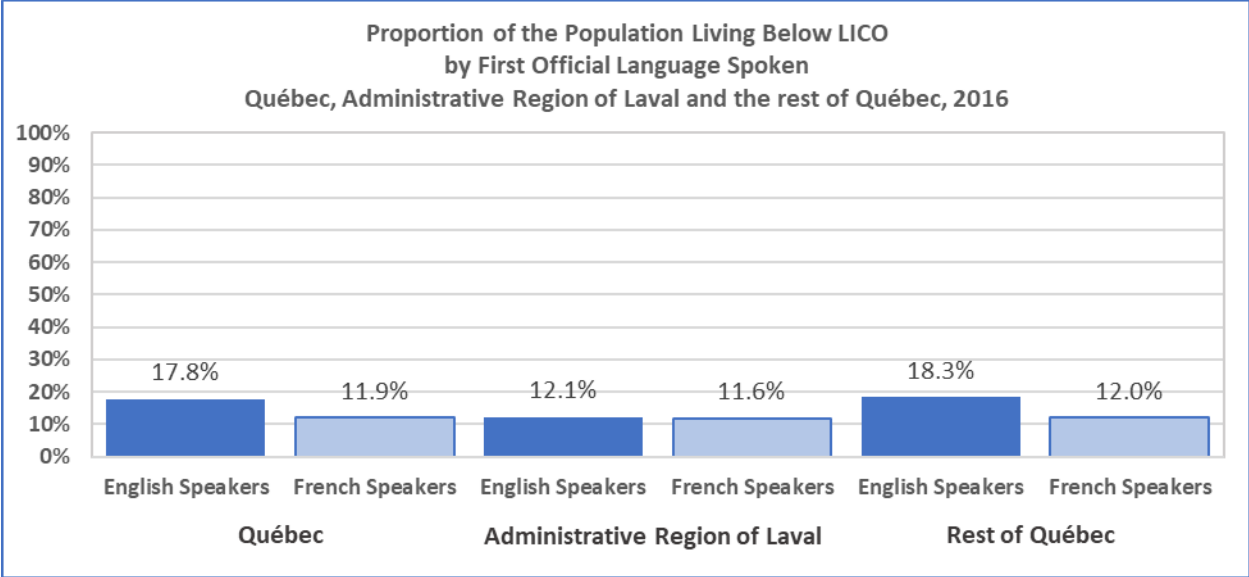
Although there is no official measure of poverty in Canada, the Statistics Canada measure of Low-income cut-offs (LICO) is probably the best known. Commonly known as the “poverty line”, LICO uses the income levels of a given family and considers how large a share of its income is spent on necessities such as food, shelter and clothing. If the amount a family spends is 20% higher than an average family in a year, it falls into the low-income cut-off category. People who live below-income cut-offs may be said to live in “straitened circumstances.”⁷ The following table considers the population living below LICO by language, administrative territory and age group.

Table 5 - Population Living Below LICO, Within Age Groups

Population Living Below the Low-Income Cut-off (LICO), Across Age Groups	Québec		Administrative Region of Laval		Rest of Québec	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total - Age groups	195,300	811,110	10,980	36,155	184,320	774,955
0-14 years	25,480	125,400	1,770	6,825	23,710	118,575
15-24 years	35,280	118,175	1,415	4,610	33,865	113,565
25-44 years	60,205	193,170	3,015	8,230	57,190	184,940
45-64 years	48,885	221,935	2,980	9,035	45,905	212,900
65+ years	25,445	152,425	1,800	7,460	23,645	144,965
Proportion of those below LICO across age groups						
Total - Age groups	17.8%	11.9%	12.1%	11.6%	18.3%	12.0%
0-14 years	15.4%	11.0%	11.2%	12.3%	15.9%	10.9%
15-24 years	24.1%	15.2%	11.7%	11.5%	25.2%	15.4%
25-44 years	18.8%	11.2%	11.1%	11.0%	19.5%	11.2%
45-64 years	16.0%	11.1%	11.4%	9.8%	16.4%	11.2%
65+ years	15.9%	13.2%	18.3%	15.3%	15.8%	13.1%

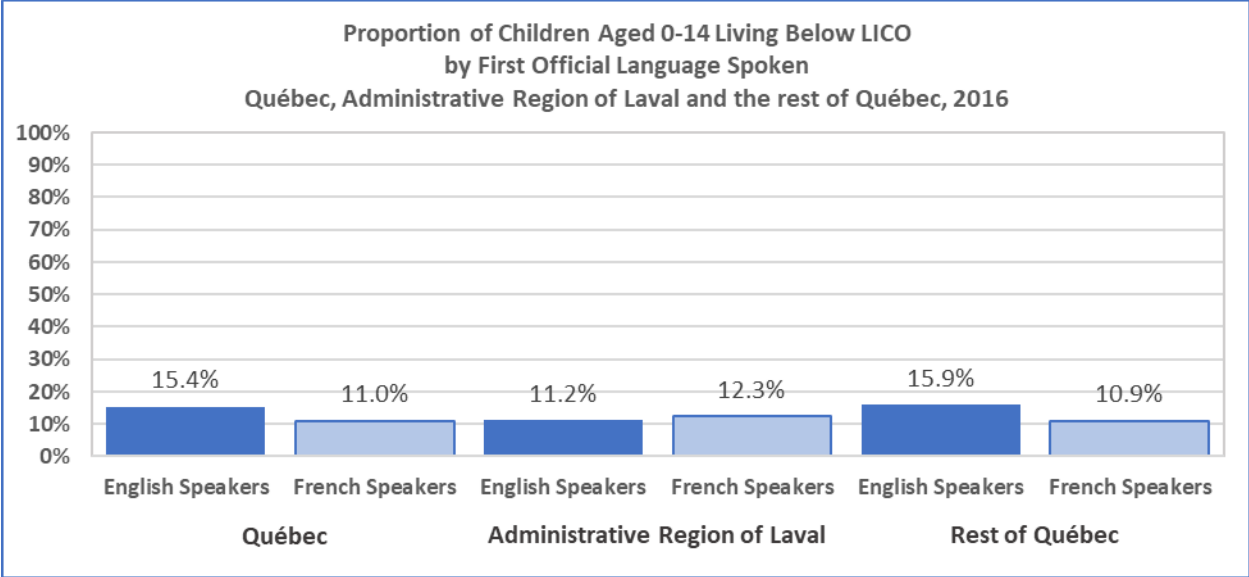
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⁷ See “Low income cut-offs” (dated 2015-11-2) <https://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/75f0002m/2012002/lico-sfr-eng.htm> for explanation of how LICOs are calculated.



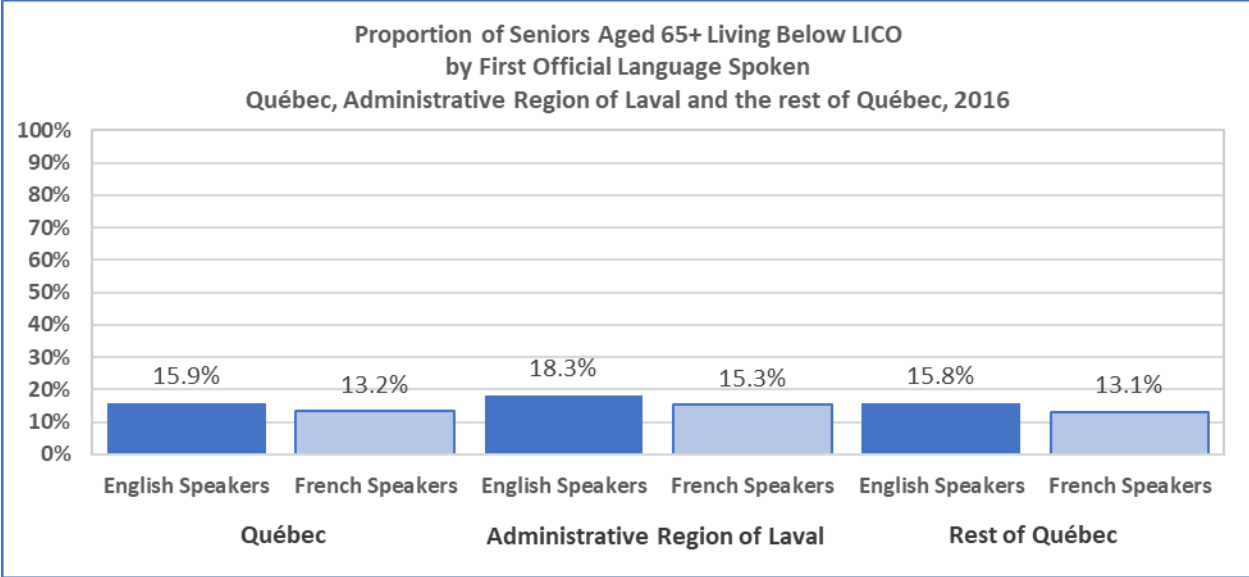
Population living below the low-income cut-off (LICO)

- Across Québec, there were 195,300 English speakers living below LICO. This group accounts for 17.8% of the English-speaking population. The proportion of English speakers living below LICO is much higher than the proportion in the French-speaking majority population in Quebec.
- In 2016, there were 10,980 English speakers living below LICO in the Laval region, where they represent 12.1% of the regional English-speaking population. The proportion of those living below LICO in the regional English-speaking population is similar to the proportion found in the regional French-speaking majority population. This English-speaking regional proportion in Laval is much lower than the proportion for Quebec's English speakers in general.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 184,320 English speakers living below LICO, where they represent 18.3% of the English-speaking population. This level is much higher than the proportion for the French-speaking majority population in the same territory. The proportion of those living below LICO in the territory's English-speaking population is much higher than the proportion for English speakers across Laval.



Children (0-14) Living below the low-income cut-off (LICO)

- Across Québec, there were 25,480 English-speaking children living below LICO. This group represents 15.4% of the population of children. The proportion of English-speaking children living below LICO is much higher than the proportion found for children in the French-speaking majority population in Quebec.
- In 2016, there were 1,770 English-speaking children living below LICO in the Laval region where they account for 11.2% of the children in the regional English-speaking population. The proportion of children living below LICO in the regional English-speaking population is lower than the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority children's population. This proportion is much lower than that displayed by English-speaking children across the province.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 23,710 English-speaking children living below LICO where they represent 15.9% of the English-speaking children's population. This proportion is much higher than the proportion experienced by children in the French-speaking majority in the same territory. The proportion of children living below LICO in the territory's English-speaking population is much higher than the proportion experienced by English-speaking children across the Laval region.



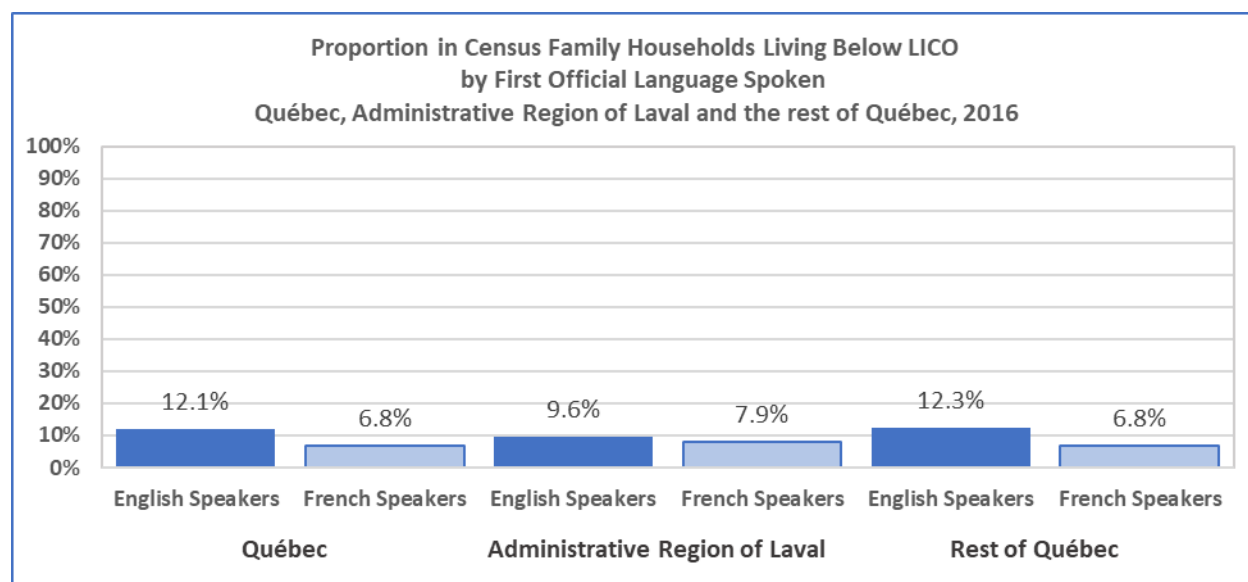
Seniors (65+) Living below the low-income cut-off (LICO)

- Across Québec, there were 25,445 English-speaking seniors living below LICO. This group represents 15.9% of the English-speaking senior population. The proportion of English-speaking seniors living below LICO is much higher than the proportion of seniors living below LICO in the French-speaking majority population in Québec.
- In 2016, there were 1,800 English-speaking seniors living below LICO in the Laval region where they account for 18.3% of the regional English-speaking senior population. The proportion of those seniors living below LICO in the regional English-speaking senior population is higher than the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority senior population. This proportion is higher than that experienced by English-speaking seniors across the province.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 23,645 English-speaking seniors living below LICO where they represent 15.8% of the English-speaking senior population. This is much higher than the proportion experienced by the French-speaking majority senior population living below LICO in the same territory. The proportion of seniors living below LICO in the territory's English-speaking population is lower than the level displayed by English-speaking seniors across the Laval region.

Table 6 - Population Living Below LICO, by Household Living Arrangements

Population Living Below the Low-Income Cut-off Level, by Household Living Arrangements	Québec		Administrative Region of Laval		Rest of Québec	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total - Household living arrangements	195,300	811,110	10,980	36,155	184,320	774,955
Total persons in census family households	107,000	371,305	7,960	20,920	99,040	350,385
Persons in two-parent households	72,245	213,605	5,830	13,340	66,415	200,265
Persons in single-parent households	34,755	157,700	2,135	7,575	32,620	150,125
Total persons in non-census family households	88,300	439,810	3,020	15,235	85,280	424,575
Living with relatives	4,950	15,720	225	675	4,725	15,045
Living with non-relatives only	25,910	107,000	560	3,190	25,350	103,810
Living alone	57,435	317,095	2,235	11,360	55,200	305,735
Proportion of those below LICO, by household living arrangements						
Total - Household living arrangements	17.8%	11.9%	12.1%	11.6%	18.3%	12.0%
Total persons in census family households	12.1%	6.8%	9.6%	7.9%	12.3%	6.8%
Persons in two-parent households	9.6%	4.6%	8.0%	6.0%	9.8%	4.5%
Persons in single-parent households	25.5%	19.6%	21.3%	19.1%	25.9%	19.7%
Total persons in non-census family households	41.8%	32.5%	37.2%	31.5%	42.0%	32.6%
Living with relatives	21.1%	13.5%	17.2%	11.3%	21.4%	13.6%
Living with non-relatives only	63.3%	50.2%	52.3%	47.8%	63.6%	50.2%
Living alone	39.1%	31.0%	38.9%	31.8%	39.1%	31.0%

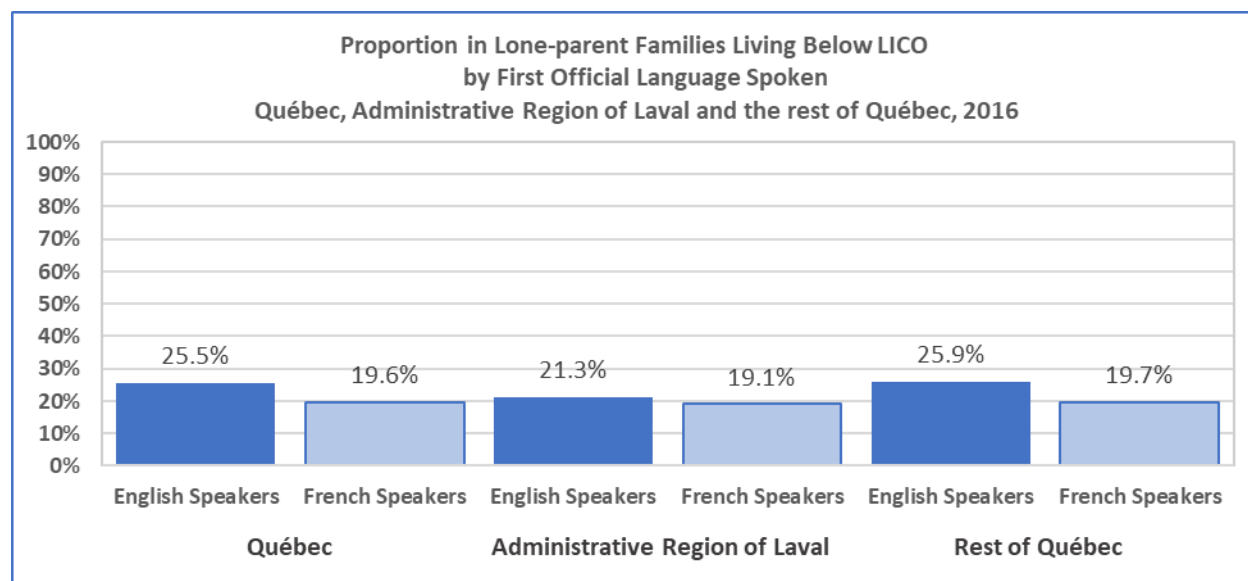
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Persons in Census Family Households living below the low-income cut-off (LICO)

- Across Québec, there were 107,000 English-speaking persons in census family households living below LICO. This group represents 12.1% of the English-speaking population in census family households. The proportion of English-speaking persons in census family households living below LICO is much higher than the proportion found in the French-speaking majority population in Quebec living below LICO in census family households.

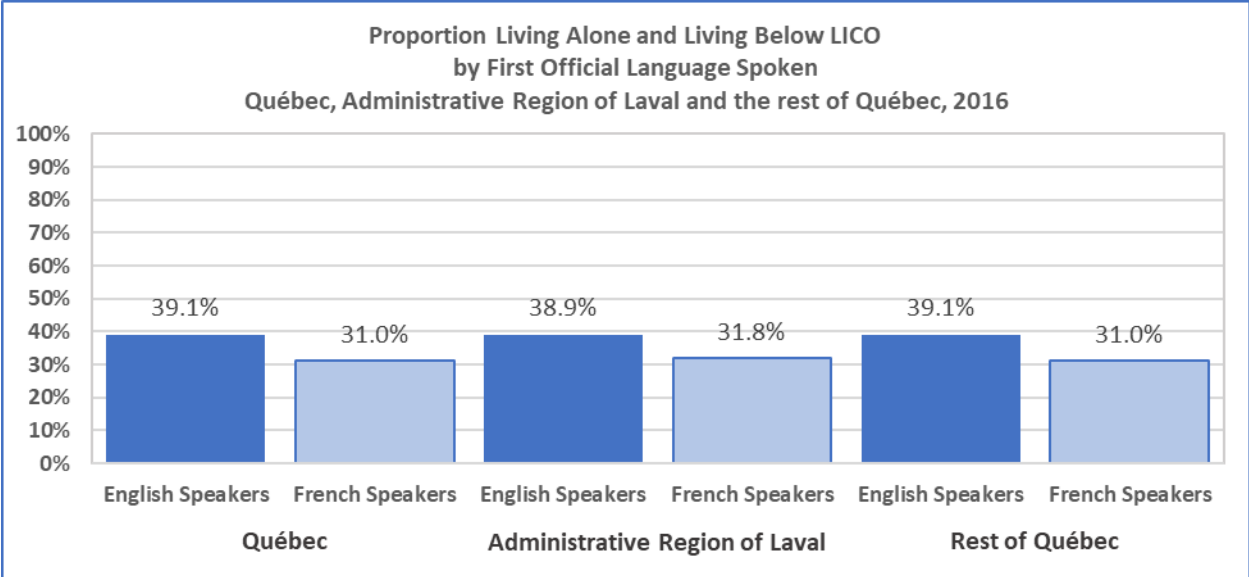
- In 2016, there were 7,960 English-speaking persons in census family households living below LICO in the Laval region, where they represent 9.6% of the regional English-speaking population. The proportion of persons in census family households living below LICO in the regional English-speaking population is much higher than the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. The proportion in the regional English-speaking population is much lower than that found in the provincial English-speaking population.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 99,040 English-speaking persons in census family households living below LICO, where they account for 12.3% of the English-speaking population. This level is much higher than the proportion experienced by the French-speaking majority population in the same territory. The proportion of those persons in census family households living below LICO in the territory's English-speaking population is much higher than the proportion found in the English-speaking population of the Laval region.



Persons in Lone-Parent Families Living below the low-income cut-off (LICO)

- Across Québec, there were 34,755 English-speaking persons in lone-parent families living below LICO. This group represents 25.5% of the English-speaking population living in lone-parent families. The proportion of English-speaking persons in lone-parent families living below LICO is much higher than the proportion found in the French-speaking majority population in Quebec living in lone parent families.
- In 2016, there were 2,135 English-speaking persons in lone-parent families living below LICO in the Laval region where they account for 21.3% of the regional English-speaking lone-parent family population. The proportion of persons in lone-parent families living below LICO in the regional English-speaking population is higher than the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. The level for the English-speaking regional population is lower than that found in the provincial English-speaking population.

- In the rest of Québec, we find 32,620 English-speaking persons in lone-parent families living below LICO where they account for 25.9% of the English-speaking lone-parent family population. This is much higher than the proportion experienced by the French-speaking majority lone-parent family population in the same territory. The proportion of persons in lone-parent families living below LICO in the territory's English-speaking population is much higher than the proportion experienced by English speakers across the Laval region.



Persons living alone and living below the low-income cut-off (LICO)

- Across Québec, there were 57,435 English-speaking persons living alone and below LICO. This group represents 39.1% of the English-speaking population living alone. The proportion of English speaking persons living alone and below LICO is much higher than that found in the French-speaking majority population in Quebec living alone.
- In 2016, there were 2,235 English-speaking persons living alone and below LICO in the Laval region where they account for 38.9% of the regional English-speaking population living alone. The proportion of those persons living alone and below LICO in the regional English-speaking population is much higher than the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. This English-speaking regional proportion is similar to that experienced by the provincial English-speaking population.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 55,200 English-speaking persons living alone and below LICO where they represent 39.1% of the English-speaking population living alone. This is much higher than the proportion experienced by the French-speaking majority population living alone in the same territory. The proportion of those persons living alone and below LICO in the territory's English-speaking population is similar to the proportion experienced by English speakers across the Laval region.

Highest Educational Attainment

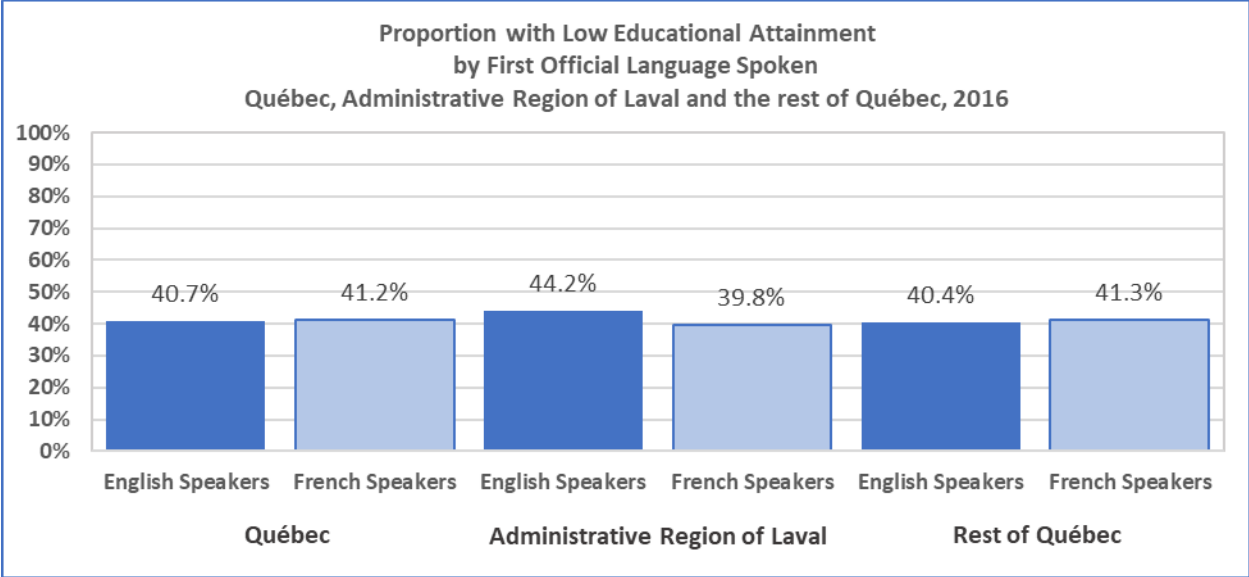
In many ways, education is an important determinant of the health status of a community. In Canada, the level of education achieved by an individual tends to be an indicator of social status, and ideally, a predictor of economic opportunity. The overall level of health literacy and preventative health practice enjoyed by a community also tends to be associated with the years of schooling by those included among its members⁸.

Table 7 - Highest Educational Certification, for Selected Age Groups

Total Population by Highest Educational Certification		Québec		Administrative Region of Laval		Rest of Québec	
		English	French	English	French	English	French
Total	Total	932,840	5,652,215	75,265	256,060	857,575	5,396,155
	25-44 years	320,930	1,728,440	27,185	75,005	293,745	1,653,435
	45-64 years	305,775	1,995,460	26,170	92,225	279,605	1,903,235
High school diploma or less	Total	380,050	2,328,625	33,230	101,815	346,820	2,226,810
	25-44 years	84,680	412,620	7,975	17,785	76,705	394,835
	45-64 years	116,390	758,965	10,925	31,620	105,465	727,345
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	Total	85,385	1,033,655	8,230	39,820	77,155	993,835
	25-44 years	31,555	392,520	3,320	13,890	28,235	378,630
	45-64 years	31,920	409,675	3,230	16,030	28,690	393,645
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	Total	164,800	998,740	14,985	47,220	149,815	951,520
	25-44 years	58,180	349,000	5,815	14,825	52,365	334,175
	45-64 years	57,415	366,790	5,280	17,705	52,135	349,085
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	Total	26,805	208,520	2,225	12,075	24,580	196,445
	25-44 years	9,560	64,660	895	3,870	8,665	60,790
	45-64 years	10,795	81,355	1,000	5,065	9,795	76,290
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	Total	275,800	1,082,680	16,600	55,135	259,200	1,027,545
	25-44 years	136,960	509,640	9,180	24,640	127,780	485,000
	45-64 years	89,255	378,675	5,745	21,805	83,510	356,870
High school diploma or less	Total	40.7%	41.2%	44.2%	39.8%	40.4%	41.3%
	25-44 years	26.4%	23.9%	29.3%	23.7%	26.1%	23.9%
	45-64 years	38.1%	38.0%	41.7%	34.3%	37.7%	38.2%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	Total	9.2%	18.3%	10.9%	15.6%	9.0%	18.4%
	25-44 years	9.8%	22.7%	12.2%	18.5%	9.6%	22.9%
	45-64 years	10.4%	20.5%	12.3%	17.4%	10.3%	20.7%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	Total	17.7%	17.7%	19.9%	18.4%	17.5%	17.6%
	25-44 years	18.1%	20.2%	21.4%	19.8%	17.8%	20.2%
	45-64 years	18.8%	18.4%	20.2%	19.2%	18.6%	18.3%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	Total	2.9%	3.7%	3.0%	4.7%	2.9%	3.6%
	25-44 years	3.0%	3.7%	3.3%	5.2%	2.9%	3.7%
	45-64 years	3.5%	4.1%	3.8%	5.5%	3.5%	4.0%
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	Total	29.6%	19.2%	22.1%	21.5%	30.2%	19.0%
	25-44 years	42.7%	29.5%	33.8%	32.9%	43.5%	29.3%
	45-64 years	29.2%	19.0%	22.0%	23.6%	29.9%	18.8%

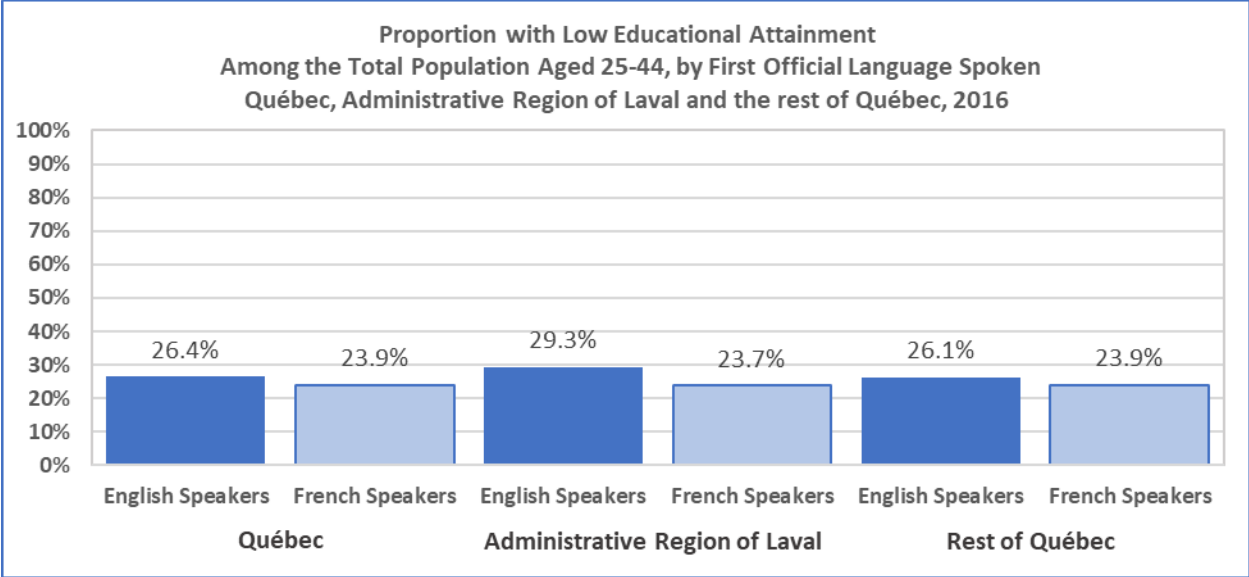
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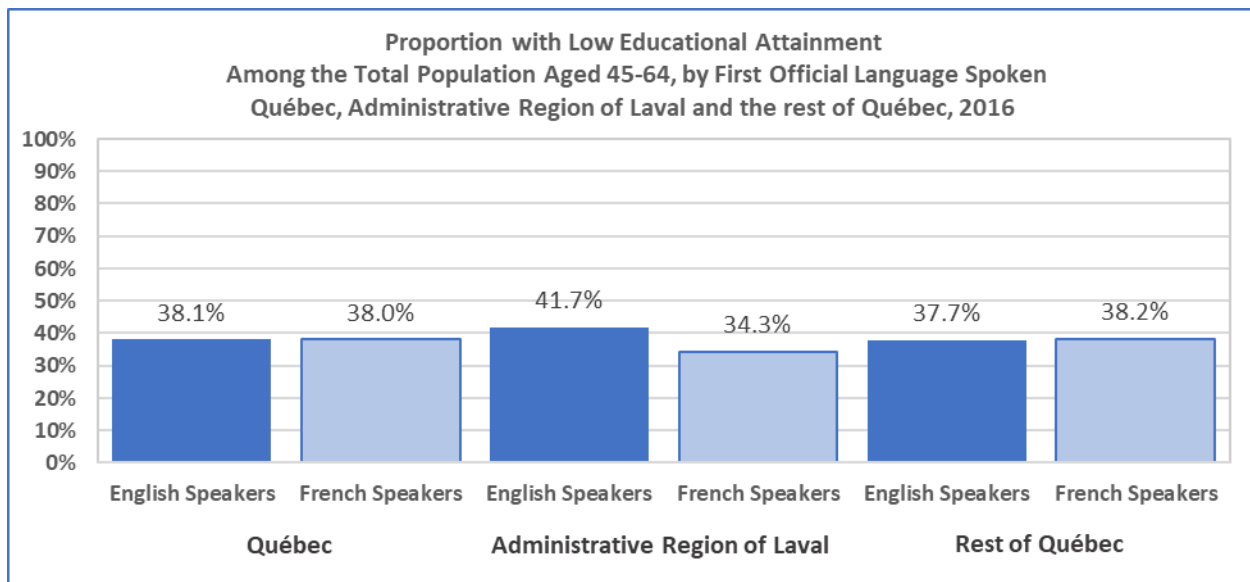
Population aged 15+, high school diploma or less

- Across Québec, there were 380,050 English speakers aged 15 and over with a high school diploma or less. This group accounts for 40.7% of the English-speaking population aged 15 and over. The proportion of English speakers aged 15 and over with a high school diploma or less is similar to the level found in the French-speaking majority population aged 15 and over in Quebec.
- In 2016, there were 33,230 English speakers aged 15 and over with a high school diploma or less in the Laval region where they account for 44.2% of the regional English-speaking population aged 15 and over. The proportion of those aged 15 and over with a high school diploma or less in the regional English-speaking population is higher than the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. The level for the English-speaking regional proportion is higher than that exhibited by English speakers across the province.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 346,820 English speakers aged 15 and over with a high school diploma or less where they represent 40.4% of the English-speaking population aged 15 and over. This level is similar to the proportion exhibited by the French-speaking majority population aged 15 and over in the same territory. The proportion of those aged 15 and over with a high school diploma or less in the English-speaking population is lower than the proportion exhibited by the English speakers across the Laval region.



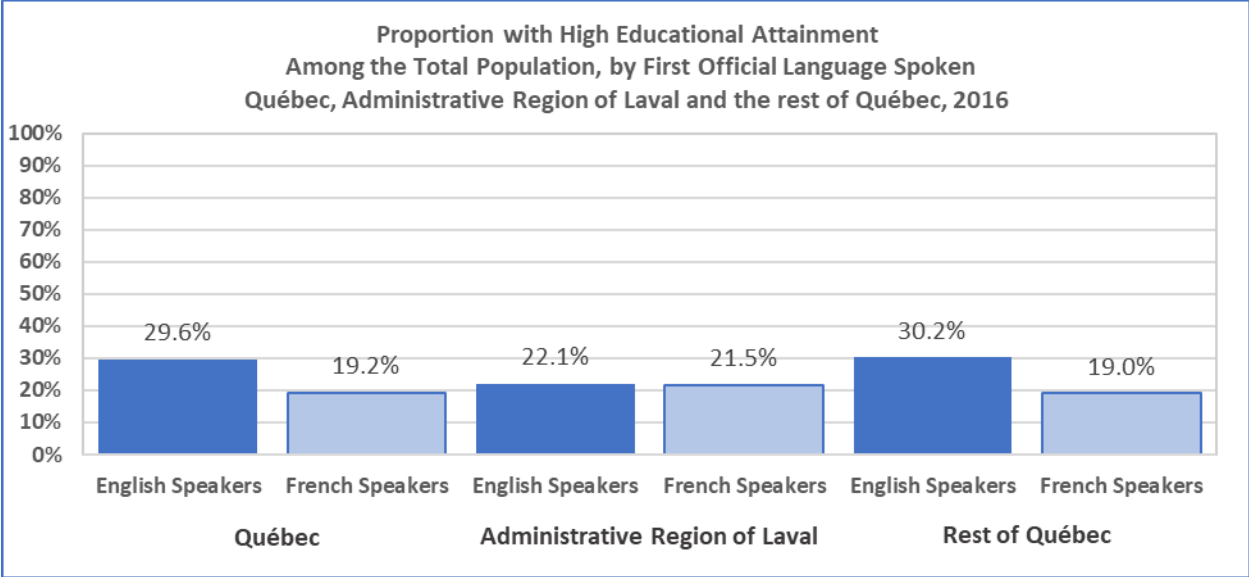
Population 25-44, high school diploma or less

- Across Québec, there were 84,680 English speakers aged 25-44 with a high school diploma or less. This group represents 26.4% of the English-speaking population aged 25 to 44. The proportion of English speakers aged 25-44 with a high school diploma or less is higher than that found in the French-speaking majority population in Quebec in the same age cohort.
- In 2016, there were 7,975 English speakers aged 25-44 with a high school diploma or less in the Laval region where they account for 29.3% of the regional English-speaking population. The proportion of those aged 25-44 with a high school diploma or less in the regional English-speaking population is much higher than the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population in that age group. This proportion is higher than that exhibited by English speakers across the province in the same age cohort.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 76,705 English speakers aged 25-44 with a high school diploma or less where they comprise 26.1% of the English-speaking 25-44 cohort. This is higher than the proportion in the French-speaking majority 25-44 cohort in the same territory. The proportion of those aged 25-44 with a high school diploma or less in the territory's English-speaking population is lower than the proportion exhibited by English speakers across the Laval region.



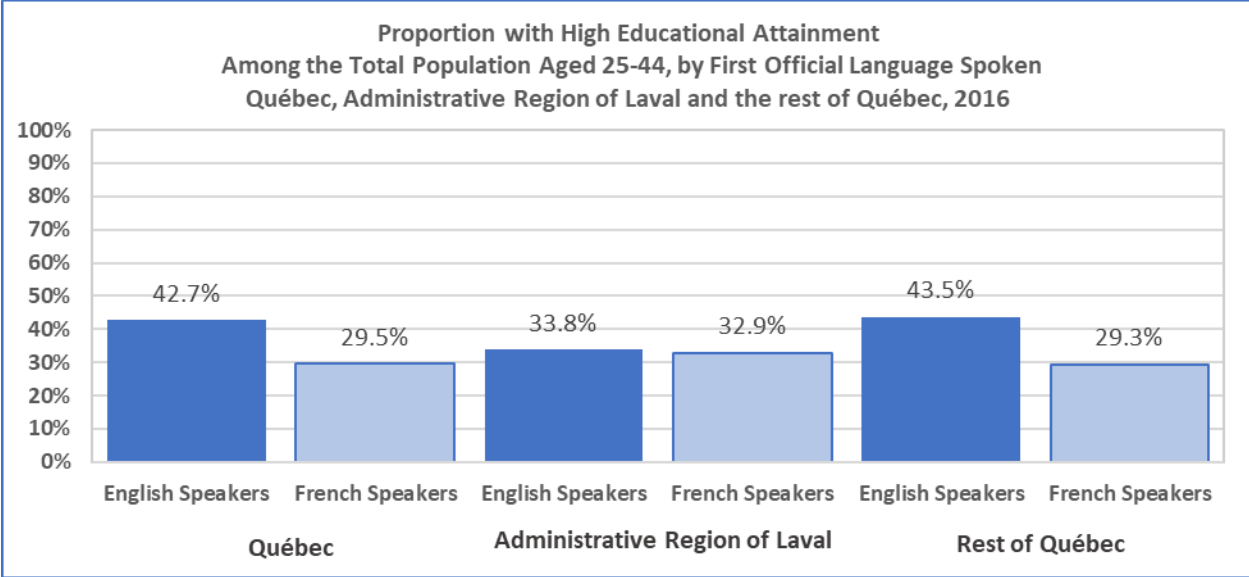
Population 45-64, high school diploma or less

- In Québec in 2016, there were 116,390 English-speaking aged 45-64 with a high school diploma or less. This group represents 38.1% of the English-speaking population. The proportion of English speakers aged 45-64 with a high school diploma or less is similar to that found in the same age cohort in the French-speaking majority population in Québec.
- In 2016, there were 10,925 English speakers aged 45-64 with a high school diploma or less in the Laval region where they account for 41.7% of the regional English-speaking population. The proportion of those aged 45-64 with a high school diploma or less in the regional English-speaking population is much higher than the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. This English-speaking regional proportion is higher than that exhibited by the province's English speakers.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 105,465 English speakers aged 45-64 with a high school diploma or less where they comprise 37.7% of the English-speaking population. This is similar to the proportion exhibited by the French-speaking majority population in the same territory. The proportion of those aged 45-64 with a high school diploma or less in the territory's English-speaking population is lower than the proportion exhibited by English speakers across the region.



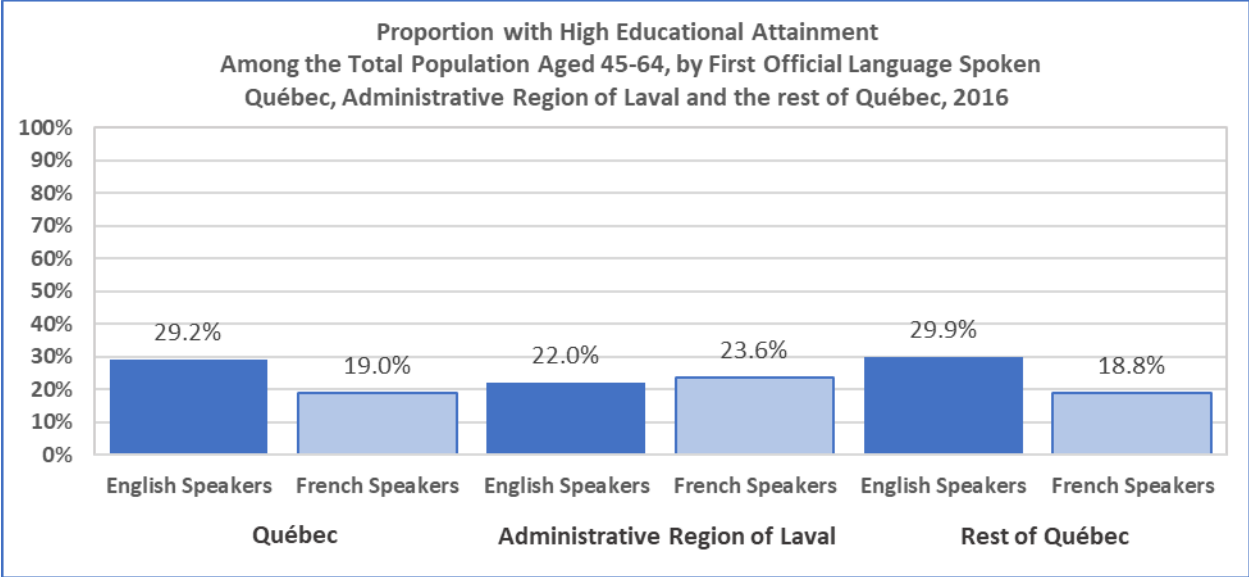
Population aged 15+, university degree or higher

- In Québec in 2016, there were 275,800 English-speaking aged 15 and over with a university degree or higher. This group represents 29.6% of the English-speaking population. The proportion of English speakers aged 15 and over with a university degree or higher is much higher than that found in the same age cohort in the French-speaking majority population in Québec.
- In 2016, there were 16,600 English speakers aged 15 and over with a university degree or higher in the Laval region where they account for 22.1% of the regional English-speaking population. The proportion of those aged 15 and over with a university degree or higher in the regional English-speaking population is similar to the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. This English-speaking regional proportion is much lower than that exhibited by the province's English speakers.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 259,200 English speakers aged 15 and over with a university degree or higher where they represent 30.2% of the English-speaking population. This is much higher than the proportion exhibited by the French-speaking majority population in the same territory. The proportion of those aged 15 and over with a university degree or higher in the territory's English-speaking population is much higher than the proportion exhibited by English speakers across the region.



Population 25-44, university degree or higher

- In Québec in 2016, there were 136,960 English speakers aged 25-44 with a university degree or higher. This group accounts for 42.7% of the English-speaking population. The proportion of English speakers aged 25-44 with a university degree or higher is much higher than that found in the same age cohort in the French-speaking majority population in Québec.
- In 2016, there were 9,180 English speakers aged 25-44 with a university degree or higher in the Laval where they represent 33.8% of the regional English-speaking population. The proportion of those aged 25-44 with a university degree or higher in the regional English-speaking population is similar to the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. This regional English-speaking proportion is much lower than that exhibited by the province's English speakers.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 127,780 English speakers aged 25-44 with a university degree or higher where they comprise 43.5% of the English-speaking population. This is much higher than the proportion exhibited by the French-speaking majority population in the same territory. The proportion of those aged 25-44 with a university degree or higher in the territory's English-speaking population is much higher than the proportion exhibited by English speakers across the region.



Population 45-64, university degree or higher

- In Québec in 2016, there were 89,255 English speakers aged 45-64 with a university degree or higher. This group represents 29.2% of the English-speaking population. The proportion of English speakers aged 45-64 with a university degree or higher is much higher than that found in the same age cohort in the French-speaking majority population in Québec.
- In 2016, there were 5,745 English speakers aged 45-64 with a university degree or higher in the Laval region where they represent 22.0% of the regional English-speaking population. The proportion of those aged 45-64 with a university degree or higher in the regional English-speaking population is lower than the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. This regional English-speaking proportion is much lower than that exhibited by the province's English speakers.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 83,510 English speakers aged 45-64 with a university degree or higher where they comprise 29.9% of the English-speaking population. This level is much higher than the proportion exhibited by the French-speaking majority population in the same territory. The proportion of those aged 45-64 with a university degree or higher in the territory's English-speaking population is much higher than the proportion exhibited by English speakers across the region.

Labour Force Activity

The rate and type of labour force participation experienced by a community and its members is strongly associated with health status. In industrial nations like Canada, labour force activity is linked with level of income as well as the level of social integration enjoyed by a group.

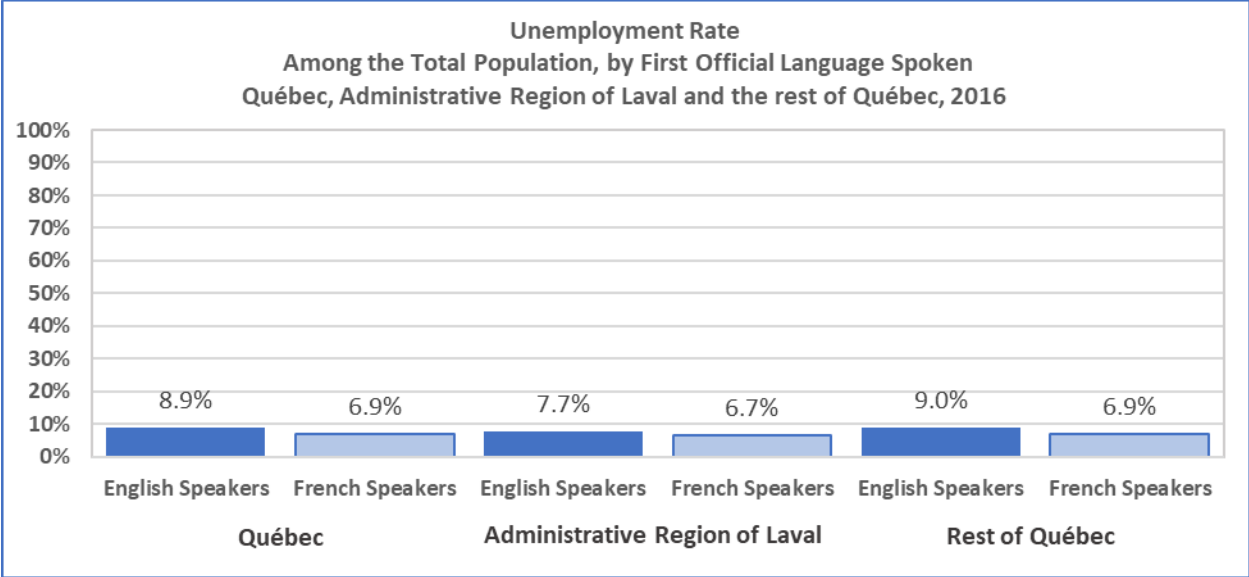
Employment is an important source of social identity and a key context for the establishment of a social support network that extends beyond the workplace. For an individual, work is an important source of the self-esteem and sense of control typically associated with good mental health.⁹

Table 8 - Labour Force Activity

Total Population by Labour Force Activity	Québec		Administrative Region of Laval		Rest of Québec	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total - Labour force activity	932,840	5,652,215	75,265	256,060	857,575	5,396,155
In the labour force	608,050	3,636,980	53,500	169,440	554,550	3,467,540
Employed	553,945	3,386,575	49,355	158,110	504,590	3,228,465
Unemployed	54,105	250,410	4,140	11,335	49,965	239,075
Out of the labour force	324,790	2,015,230	21,770	86,620	303,020	1,928,610
Total - Labour force activity	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
In the labour force	65.2%	64.3%	71.1%	66.2%	64.7%	64.3%
Employed	91.1%	93.1%	92.3%	93.3%	91.0%	93.1%
Unemployed	8.9%	6.9%	7.7%	6.7%	9.0%	6.9%
Out of the labour force	34.8%	35.7%	28.9%	33.8%	35.3%	35.7%

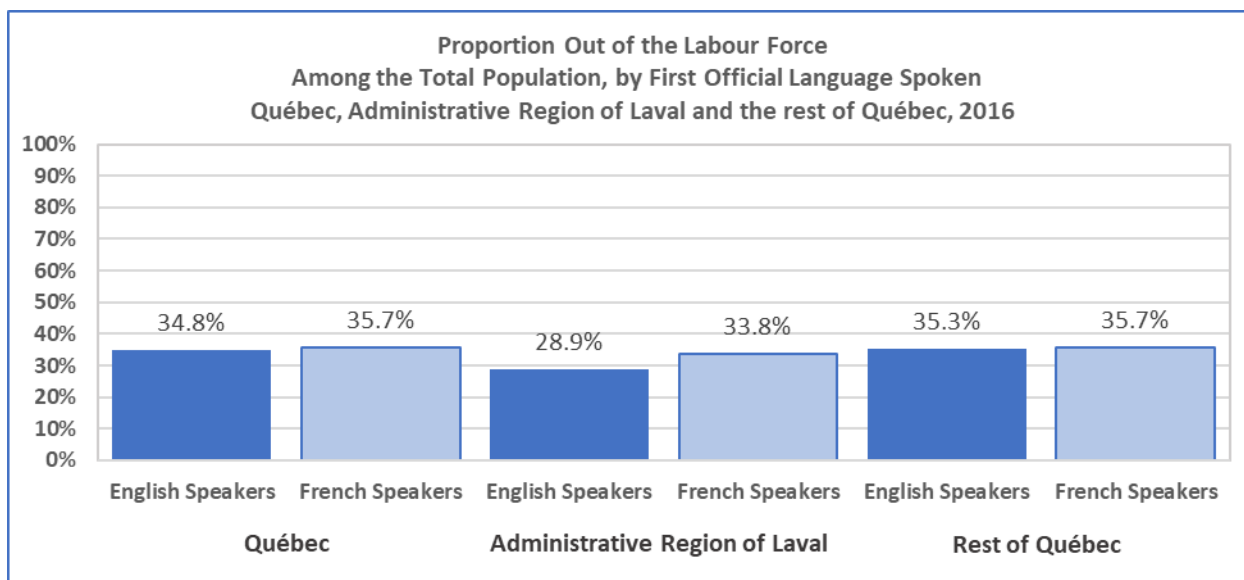
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Unemployed

- Across Québec in 2016, there were 54,105 English speakers who were unemployed resulting in an unemployment rate of 8.9%. The unemployment rate of Quebec's English speakers was much higher than the unemployment rate of the French-speaking majority.
- In 2016, there were 4,140 unemployed English speakers in the Laval region where they experienced an unemployment rate of 7.7%. The unemployment rate of the regional English-speaking population was higher than the unemployment rate in the regional French-speaking majority population. Their unemployment rate was lower than that experienced by the provincial English-speaking population.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 49,965 unemployed English speakers resulting in an unemployment rate of 9.0%. This is much higher than the unemployment rate experienced by the French-speaking majority population in the same territory. The unemployment rate of the English-speaking population is higher than the unemployment rate experienced by English speakers across the Administrative Region of Laval region.



Out of the labour force¹⁰

- Across Québec in 2016, there were 324,790 English speakers out of the labour force in 2016. This group represents 34.8% of the English-speaking population aged 15+. The proportion of English speakers out of the labour force is similar to that found in the French-speaking majority population in Quebec aged 15 and over.
- In 2016, there were 21,770 English speakers out of the labour force in the Laval region where they comprise 28.9% of the regional English-speaking population aged 15+. The proportion of those out of the labour force in the regional English-speaking population is lower than the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. This English-speaking regional proportion is lower than that exhibited by the provincial English-speaking population.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 303,020 English speakers out of the labour force where they account for 35.3% of the English-speaking population. This is similar to the proportion exhibited by the French-speaking majority population in the same territory. The proportion of those out of the labour force in the territory's English-speaking population is much higher than the proportion exhibited by English speakers across the Laval region.

¹⁰ The Statistics Canada category “[out of the labour force](#)” refers to persons 15 years and over, excluding institutional residents, who were neither employed nor unemployed during the week of Sunday May 1 to Saturday May 7, 2011. It includes students, homemakers, retired workers, and seasonal workers in an “off” season who were not looking for work because of a long-term illness or disability. (<http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/nhs-enm/2011/ref/dict/99-000-x2011001-eng.pdf>)

Appendix A – English speakers and French speakers by Administrative Region and MRC¹¹

Number and Proportion of English and French Speakers Administrative Region of Laval and its MRC's, 2016				
Geography	Total Population	French Speakers	English Speakers	Proportion of English Speakers
Administrative Region of Laval	410,850	311,535	91,115	22.2%
MRC Laval	410,850	311,535	91,115	22.2%
Source: JPocock Research Consulting, 2016 Census, Statistics Canada. Population in private households - 25% sample. The linguistic concept is First Official Language Spoken with multiple responses distributed equally between English and French.				

¹¹ Baseline Data Reports are only available for those MRC territories with at least 250 English speakers. This table nonetheless lists all MRC territories in a given administrative region.

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