
**DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE
OF THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITIES
IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF MONTÉRÉGIE
&
MRC LES MASKOUTAINS**

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

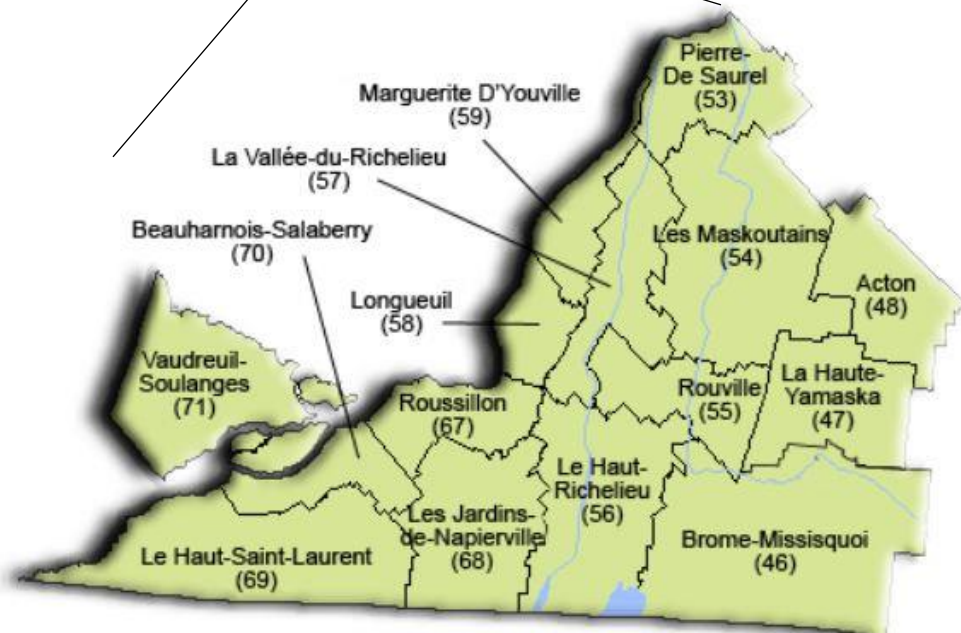
While for the most part the meaning of demographic and administrative terms are clarified as they arise in the report, the online Statistics Canada census dictionary for the¹ may also be consulted.

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

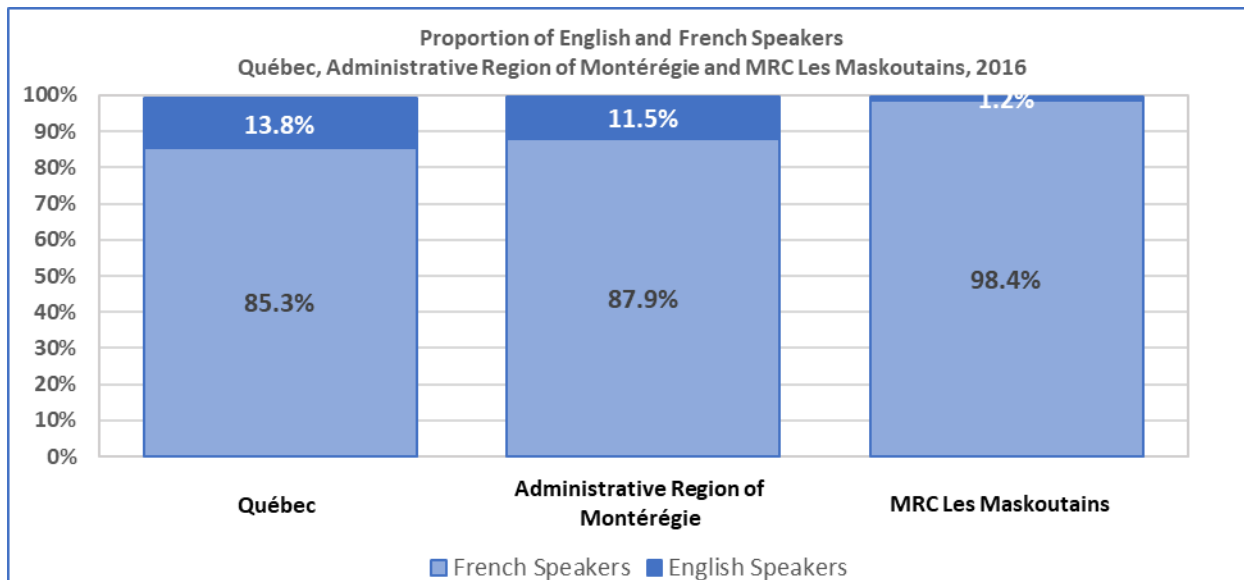
Quebec’s English speakers form one of Canada’s official language minority groups. Studies have confirmed that language barriers affect access and quality of care for linguistic minority communities. Obstacles to communication can reduce recourse to preventative services; increase consultation time including 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 Montérégie	MRC Les Maskoutains
FOLS - English speakers	number	1,097,925	169,915	995
	percentage	13.8%	11.5%	1.2%
FOLS - French speakers	number	6,795,280	1,296,400	82,510
	percentage	85.3%	87.9%	98.4%
Total population	number	7,965,450	1,474,525	83,815
	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 169,915 English speakers living in the Montérégie region where they represented 11.5% of the population. This share is lower than the overall provincial share for English speakers.
- In MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 995 English speakers where they represented 1.2% of the population. This proportion is much lower than that represented by English speakers across the Montérégie territory.

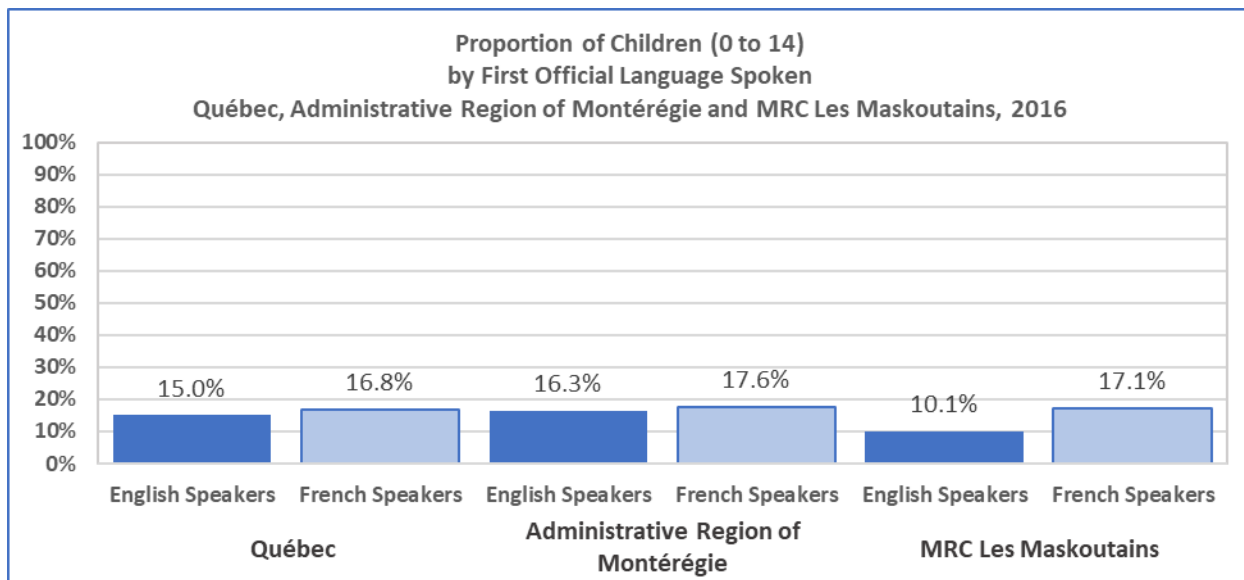
Age Structure

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

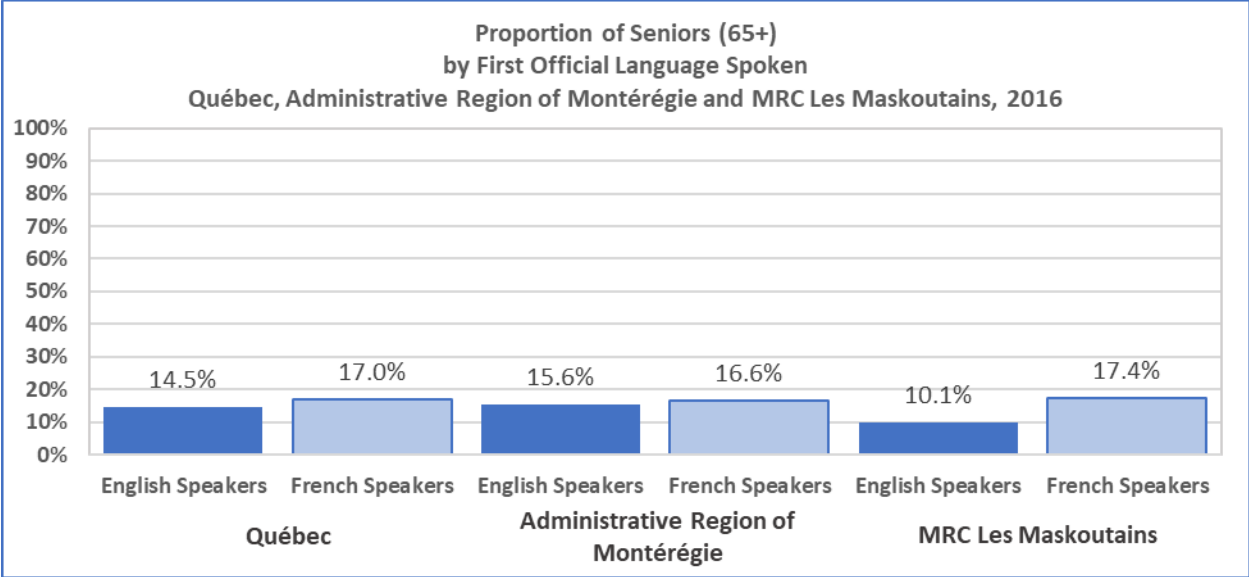
Age Structure of the Population	Québec		Administrative Region of Montérégie		MRC Les Maskoutains	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total - Age groups	1,097,925	6,795,280	169,915	1,296,400	995	82,510
0-14 years	165,085	1,143,060	27,715	228,245	100	14,100
15-24 years	146,460	776,310	20,540	148,480	120	9,625
25-44 years	320,930	1,728,440	45,665	317,895	335	20,045
45-64 years	305,775	1,995,460	49,530	386,455	335	24,380
65+ years	159,670	1,152,005	26,460	215,315	100	14,365
Total - Age groups	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
0-14 years	15.0%	16.8%	16.3%	17.6%	10.1%	17.1%
15-24 years	13.3%	11.4%	12.1%	11.5%	12.1%	11.7%
25-44 years	29.2%	25.4%	26.9%	24.5%	33.7%	24.3%
45-64 years	27.9%	29.4%	29.1%	29.8%	33.7%	29.5%
65+ years	14.5%	17.0%	15.6%	16.6%	10.1%	17.4%

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 27,715 English-speaking children aged 0-14 living in Montérégie where they account for 16.3% of the population. The proportion of children in the regional English-speaking population is lower than their proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. This proportion is higher than the level for English-speaking children across the province.
- In MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 100 English-speaking children aged 0-14 where they represent 10.1% of the population. This share is much lower than that exhibited by English-speaking children across the Montérégie region. The proportion of children in the territory's English-speaking population is much lower than the share in the MRC Les Maskoutains 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 26,460 English-speaking seniors aged 65+ living in the Montérégie region where they accounted for 15.6% of the population. This share is higher than that of English-speaking seniors across the province. The proportion of seniors in the regional English-speaking population is lower than the proportion in the French-speaking majority population.
- In MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 100 English-speaking seniors aged 65+ where they account for 10.1% of the population. This share is much lower than that of English-speaking seniors across the Montérégie region. The proportion of seniors in the English-speaking population is much lower than the proportion in the French-speaking majority population in MRC Les Maskoutains.

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.

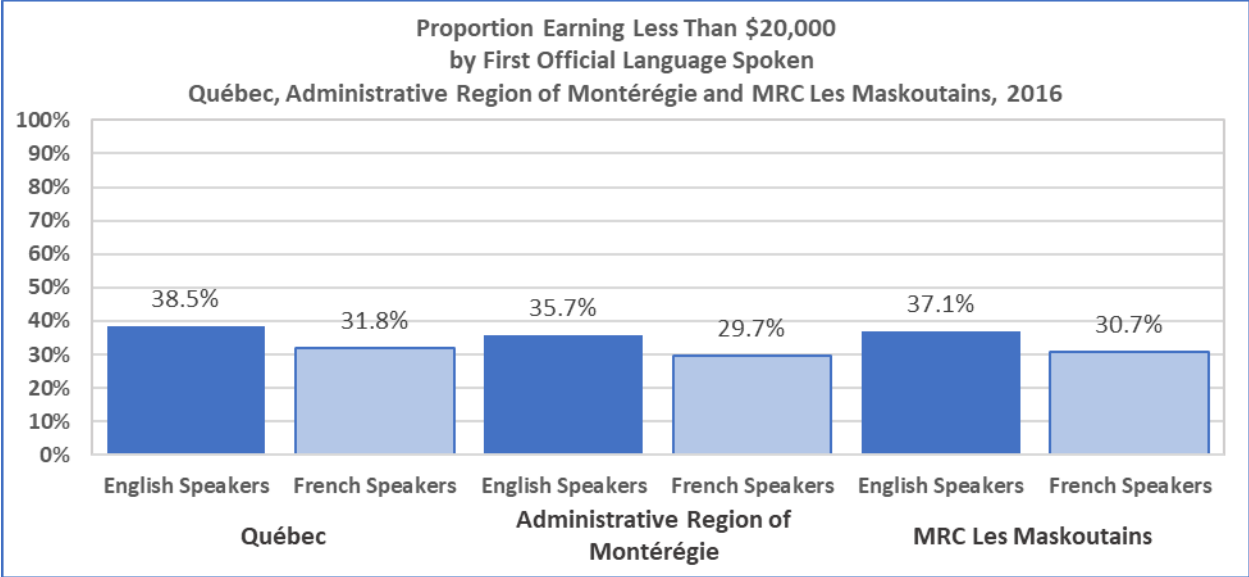
Table 3 - Income

Population by Income Group	Québec		Administrative Region of Montérégie		MRC Les Maskoutains	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total Population 15+	932,835	5,652,215	142,195	1,068,145	890	68,415
Less than \$20,000	359,020	1,799,170	50,785	316,860	330	20,975
\$20,000 - \$49,999	328,605	2,235,010	51,580	414,015	365	30,850
\$50,000 +	245,210	1,618,025	39,815	337,275	190	16,590
Total Population 15+	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	38.5%	31.8%	35.7%	29.7%	37.1%	30.7%
\$20,000 - \$49,999	35.2%	39.5%	36.3%	38.8%	41.0%	45.1%
\$50,000 +	26.3%	28.6%	28.0%	31.6%	21.3%	24.2%

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.

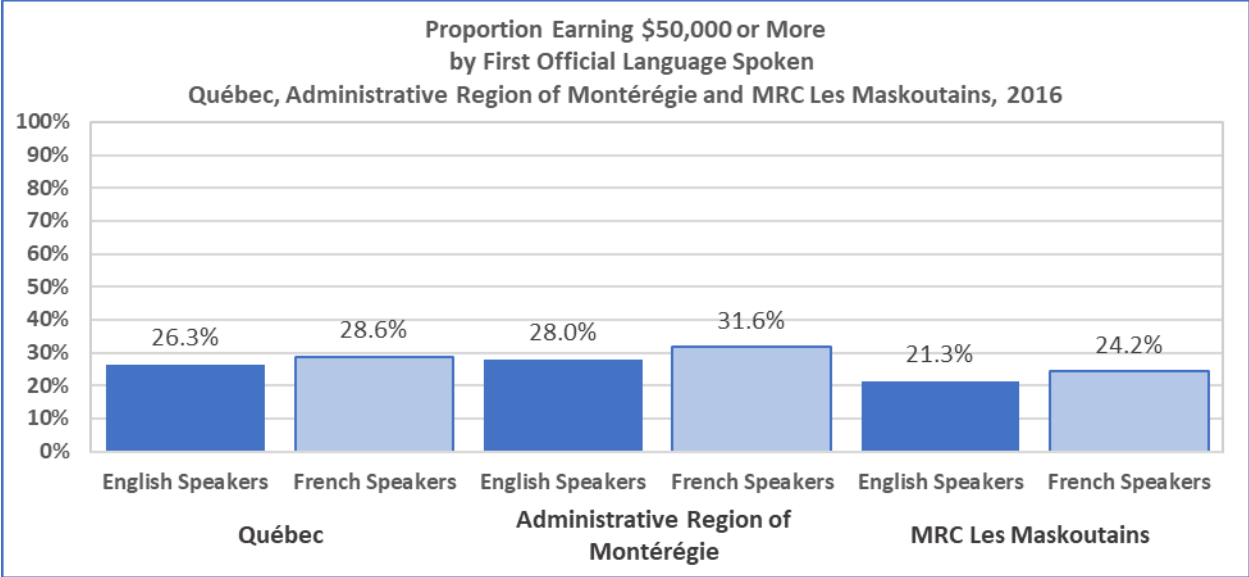
³ Public Health Agency of Canada, <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ph-sp/determinants/determinants-eng.php#evidence> Accessed March 2014.

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 50,785 English speakers aged 15+ with income under \$20k in the Montérégie region where they represent 35.7% 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 much higher than the proportion in the French-speaking majority population.
- In MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 330 English speakers aged 15+ with income under \$20k where they account for 37.1% of the population. This share is similar to that experienced by English speakers across the Administrative Region of Montérégie. 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 MRC Les Maskoutains.



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 39,815 English speakers aged 15+ with a total income of \$50k or more living in the Montérégie region, where they represented 28.% of the population. This proportion was higher than 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 MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 190 English-speaking high earners aged 15+, where they represent 21.3% of the population. This share is much lower than that experienced by English-speaking high earners across the Montérégie 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

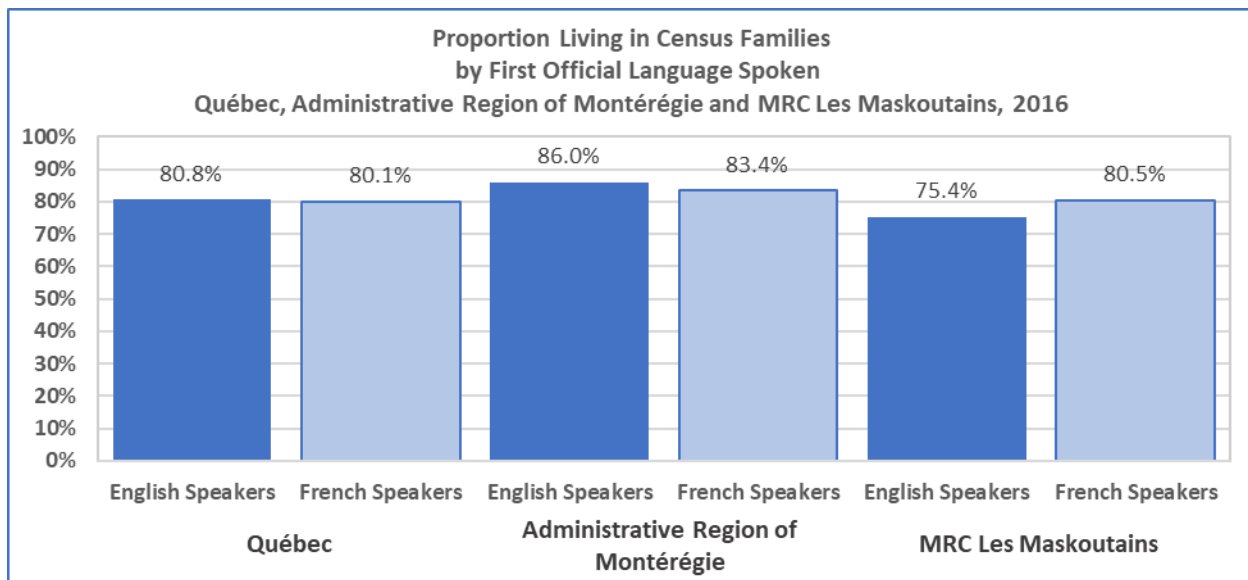
Household living arrangements may be used as an indicator of groups within a population who are vulnerable to a poor health status. For example, the Quebec Social and Health Survey (1998) revealed that parents of minors living in lone parent households were more likely to report food insecurity, high 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 Montérégie		MRC Les Maskoutains	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total - Household living arrangements	1,097,925	6,795,280	169,915	1,296,400	995	82,510
Total persons in census family households	886,705	5,443,560	146,140	1,080,615	750	66,425
Persons in two-parent households	750,650	4,640,895	126,050	927,000	665	56,935
Persons in single-parent households	136,050	802,660	20,090	153,610	80	9,495
Total persons in non-census family households	211,215	1,351,720	23,770	215,785	245	16,085
Living with relatives	23,435	116,660	3,305	20,305	30	1,065
Living with non-relatives only	40,935	213,270	3,435	30,345	55	2,110
Living alone	146,855	1,021,795	17,030	165,140	165	12,910
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%	86.0%	83.4%	75.4%	80.5%
Persons in two-parent households	68.4%	68.3%	74.2%	71.5%	66.8%	69.0%
Persons in single-parent households	12.4%	11.8%	11.8%	11.8%	8.0%	11.5%
Total persons in non-census family households	19.2%	19.9%	14.0%	16.6%	24.6%	19.5%
Living with relatives	2.1%	1.7%	1.9%	1.6%	3.0%	1.3%
Living with non-relatives only	3.7%	3.1%	2.0%	2.3%	5.5%	2.6%
Living alone	13.4%	15.0%	10.0%	12.7%	16.6%	15.6%

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.

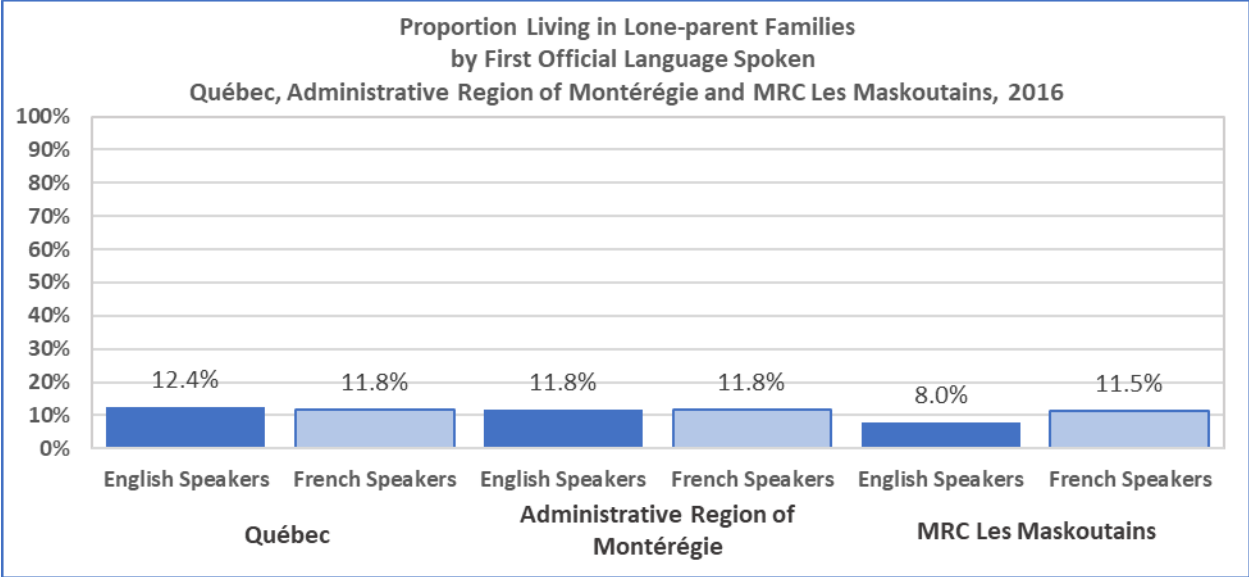
⁵ For discussion of the survey, see Pocock, J. (2008) "Baseline Data Report 2007-2008. Quebec's Social and Health Survey Information." *Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN)*. www.chssn.org



Living in census families⁶

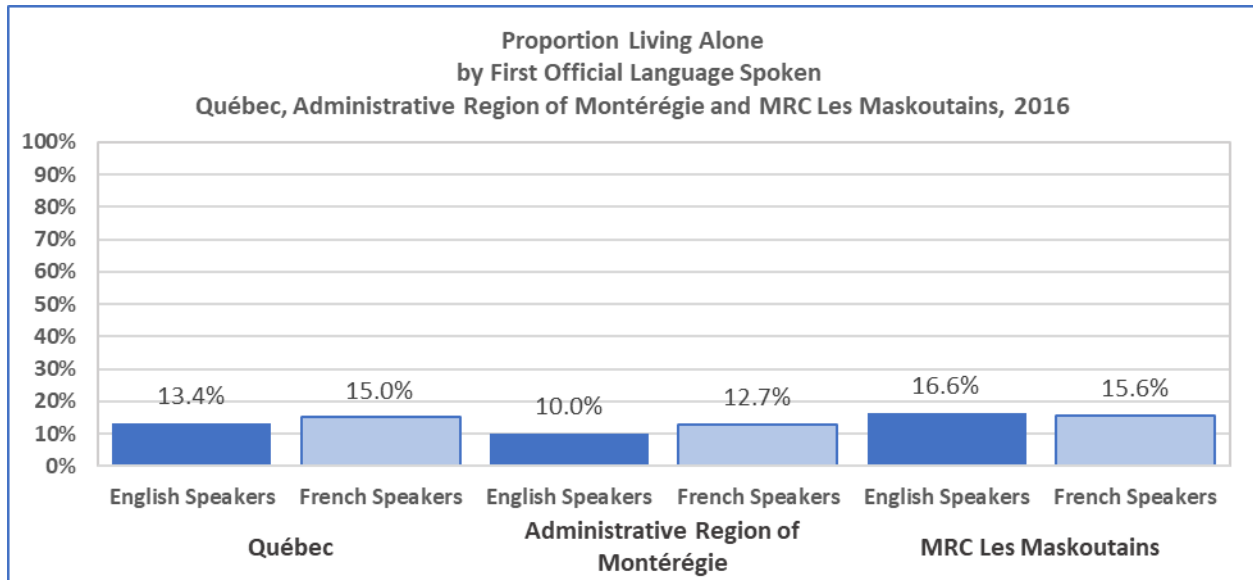
- Across Québec, there were 886,705 English speakers living in census family households. This group represents 80.8% of the 15+ English-speaking population. The proportion of English speakers living in census family households is similar to that found in the French-speaking majority population in Quebec.
- In 2016, there were 146,140 English speakers living in census family households in the Montérégie region where they comprise 86.0% 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 similar to the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population.
- In MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 750 English speakers living in census family households where they account for 75.4% of the population. This share is lower than that accounted for by English speakers across the Montérégie region. The proportion of persons living in census family households in the English-speaking population is lower than the proportion represented by the French-speaking majority population in MRC Les Maskoutains.

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 Quebec.
- In 2016, there were 20,090 English speakers living in lone-parent families in the Montérégie region where they account for 11.8% of the population. The proportion of those living in lone-parent families in the regional English-speaking population is similar to the proportion found in the regional French-speaking majority population. The proportion is similar to that found in the provincial English-speaking population.
- In MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 80 English speakers living in lone-parent families where they represent 8.0% of the population. This is much lower than the proportion represented by the French-speaking majority population in MRC Les Maskoutains. The proportion of English speakers living in lone-parent families in MRC Les Maskoutains is much lower than the proportion we find for English speakers across the Montérégie 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 17,030 English speakers living alone in the Montérégie region, where they account for 10.0% 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 MRC Les Maskoutains we find 165 English speakers living alone, where they represent 16.6% of the population. This share is much higher than that exhibited by English speakers across the Montérégie region. The proportion of those living alone in the territory's English-speaking population is higher than the proportion exhibited by the French-speaking majority population in MRC Les Maskoutains.

Low-Income Cut-off

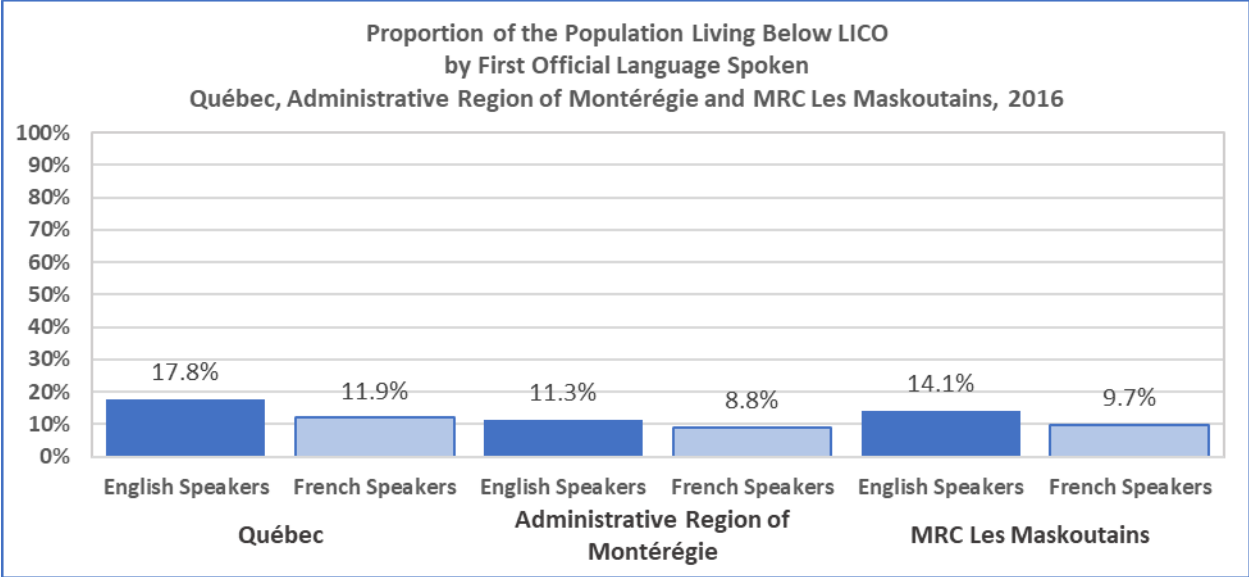
Although there is no official measure of poverty in Canada, the Statistics Canada measure of Low-income cut-offs (LICO) is probably the best known. Commonly known as the “poverty line”, LICO uses the income levels of a given family and considers how large a share of its income is spent on necessities 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 Montérégie		MRC Les Maskoutains	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total - Age groups	195,300	811,110	19,230	114,495	140	7,995
25-44 years	60,205	193,170	4,890	24,280	40	1,655
45-64 years	48,885	221,935	5,730	33,820	65	2,470
Proportion of those below LICO across age groups						
Total - Age groups	17.8%	11.9%	11.3%	8.8%	14.1%	9.7%
25-44 years	18.8%	11.2%	10.7%	7.6%	11.9%	8.3%
45-64 years	16.0%	11.1%	11.6%	8.8%	19.4%	10.1%

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. The percentages given here compare the number below LICO in a given age group with the total number in that age group as presented in 'Table 2 - Age Structure of the Population' of this document.

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.



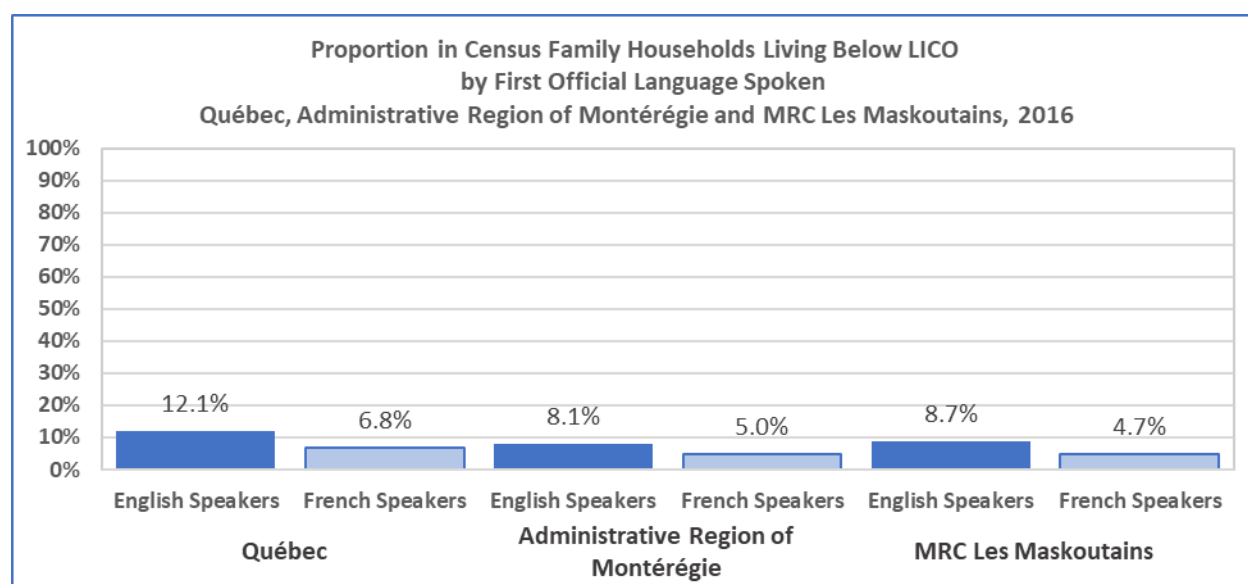
Population living below the low-income cut-off (LICO)

- 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 19,230 English speakers living below LICO in the Montérégie region, where they represent 11.3% of the regional English-speaking population. The proportion of those living below LICO in the regional English-speaking population is much higher than the proportion found in the regional French-speaking majority population. This English-speaking regional proportion in Montérégie is much lower than the proportion for Quebec's English speakers in general.
- In MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 140 English speakers living below LICO, where they represent 14.1% 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 Montérégie.

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 Montérégie		MRC Les Maskoutains	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total - Household living arrangements	195,300	811,110	19,230	114,495	140	7,995
Total persons in census family households	107,000	371,305	11,825	53,785	65	3,110
Persons in two-parent households	72,245	213,605	7,670	28,190	35	1,330
Persons in single-parent households	34,755	157,700	4,150	25,600	35	1,775
Total persons in non-census family households	88,300	439,810	7,405	60,710	70	4,890
Living alone	57,435	317,095	5,195	45,720	50	3,735
Proportion of those below LICO, by household living arrangements						
Total - Household living arrangements	17.8%	11.9%	11.3%	8.8%	14.1%	9.7%
Total persons in census family households	12.1%	6.8%	8.1%	5.0%	8.7%	4.7%
Persons in two-parent households	9.6%	4.6%	6.1%	3.0%	5.3%	2.3%
Persons in single-parent households	25.5%	19.6%	20.7%	16.7%	43.8%	18.7%
Total persons in non-census family households	41.8%	32.5%	31.2%	28.1%	28.6%	30.4%
Living alone	39.1%	31.0%	30.5%	27.7%	30.3%	28.9%

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. The percentages given here compare the number below LICO in a given household living arrangement with the total number in that arrangement as presented in "Table 4 - Household Living Arrangements" in this document.

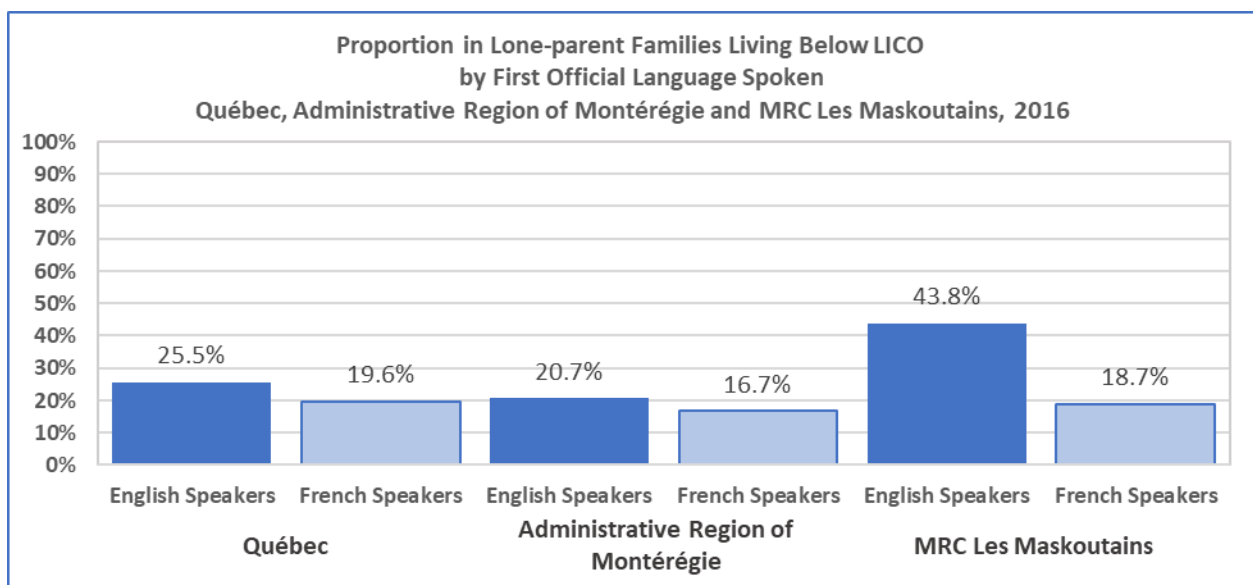


Persons in Census Family Households living below the low-income cut-off (LICO)

- 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 11,825 English-speaking persons in census family households living below LICO in the Montérégie region, where they represent 8.1% 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.

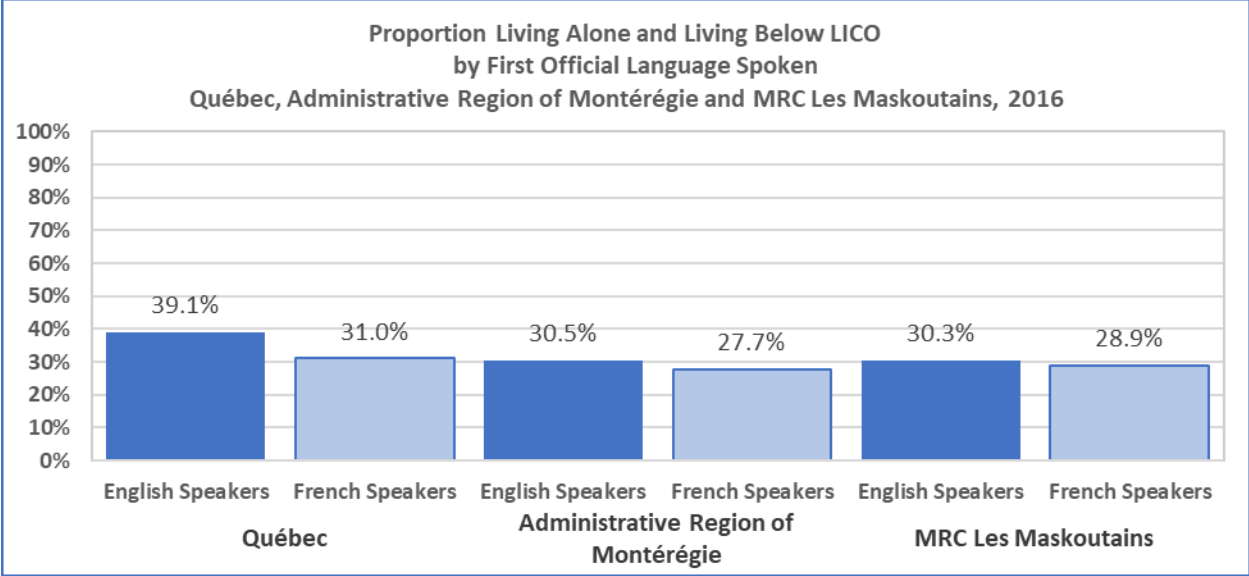
- In MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 65 English-speaking persons in census family households living below LICO, where they account for 8.7% of the English-speaking population. This level is much higher than the proportion experienced by the French-speaking majority population in the same territory. The proportion of those persons in census family households living below LICO in the territory's English-speaking population is higher than the proportion found in the English-speaking population of the Montérégie 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 4,150 English-speaking persons in lone-parent families living below LICO in the Montérégie region where they account for 20.7% 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 much 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 MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 35 English-speaking persons in lone-parent families living below LICO where they account for 43.8% 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 Montérégie 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 5,195 English-speaking persons living alone and below LICO in the Montérégie region where they account for 30.5% 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 higher than the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. This English-speaking regional proportion is much lower than that experienced by the provincial English-speaking population.
- In MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 50 English-speaking persons living alone and below LICO where they represent 30.3% of the English-speaking population living alone. This is similar to 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 Montérégie region.

Highest Educational Attainment

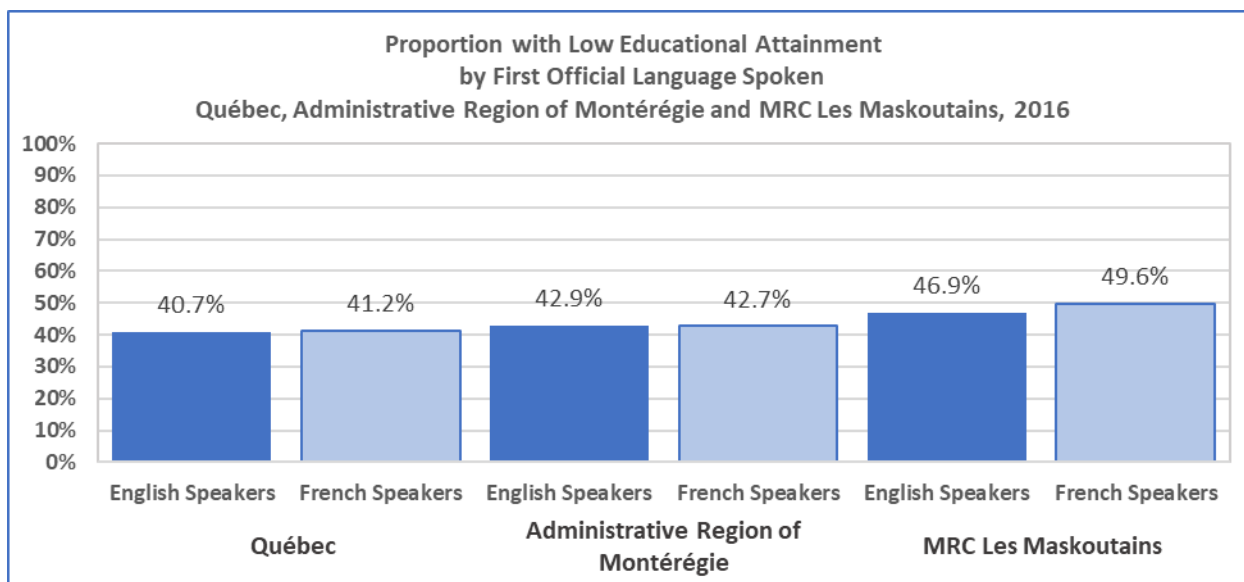
In many ways, education is an important determinant of the health status of a community. In Canada, the level of education achieved by an individual tends to be an indicator of social status, and ideally, a predictor of economic opportunity. The overall level of health literacy and preventative health 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 Montérégie		MRC Les Maskoutains	
		English	French	English	French	English	French
Total	Total	932,840	5,652,215	142,195	1,068,150	895	68,415
	25-44 years	320,930	1,728,440	45,670	317,895	335	20,045
	45-64 years	305,775	1,995,460	49,535	386,455	340	24,380
High school diploma or less	Total	380,050	2,328,625	61,040	455,725	420	33,935
	25-44 years	84,680	412,620	13,320	83,050	120	6,470
	45-64 years	116,390	758,965	20,055	150,790	165	11,810
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	Total	85,385	1,033,655	15,620	192,835	150	13,540
	25-44 years	31,555	392,520	5,785	74,550	50	5,390
	45-64 years	31,920	409,675	5,685	74,575	70	5,150
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	Total	164,800	998,740	27,325	191,100	125	11,605
	25-44 years	58,180	349,000	9,560	65,615	60	4,270
	45-64 years	57,415	366,790	9,905	72,400	35	4,160
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	Total	26,805	208,520	4,220	39,965	25	2,045
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	Total	275,800	1,082,680	33,995	188,525	175	7,300
	25-44 years	136,960	509,640	15,670	82,405	105	3,305
	45-64 years	89,255	378,675	12,130	72,380	50	2,430
High school diploma or less	Total	40.7%	41.2%	42.9%	42.7%	46.9%	49.6%
	25-44 years	26.4%	23.9%	29.2%	26.1%	35.8%	32.3%
	45-64 years	38.1%	38.0%	40.5%	39.0%	48.5%	48.4%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	Total	9.2%	18.3%	11.0%	18.1%	16.8%	19.8%
	25-44 years	9.8%	22.7%	12.7%	23.5%	14.9%	26.9%
	45-64 years	10.4%	20.5%	11.5%	19.3%	20.6%	21.1%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	Total	17.7%	17.7%	19.2%	17.9%	14.0%	17.0%
	25-44 years	18.1%	20.2%	20.9%	20.6%	17.9%	21.3%
	45-64 years	18.8%	18.4%	20.0%	18.7%	10.3%	17.1%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	Total	2.9%	3.7%	3.0%	3.7%	2.8%	3.0%
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	Total	29.6%	19.2%	23.9%	17.6%	19.6%	10.7%
	25-44 years	42.7%	29.5%	34.3%	25.9%	31.3%	16.5%
	45-64 years	29.2%	19.0%	24.5%	18.7%	14.7%	10.0%

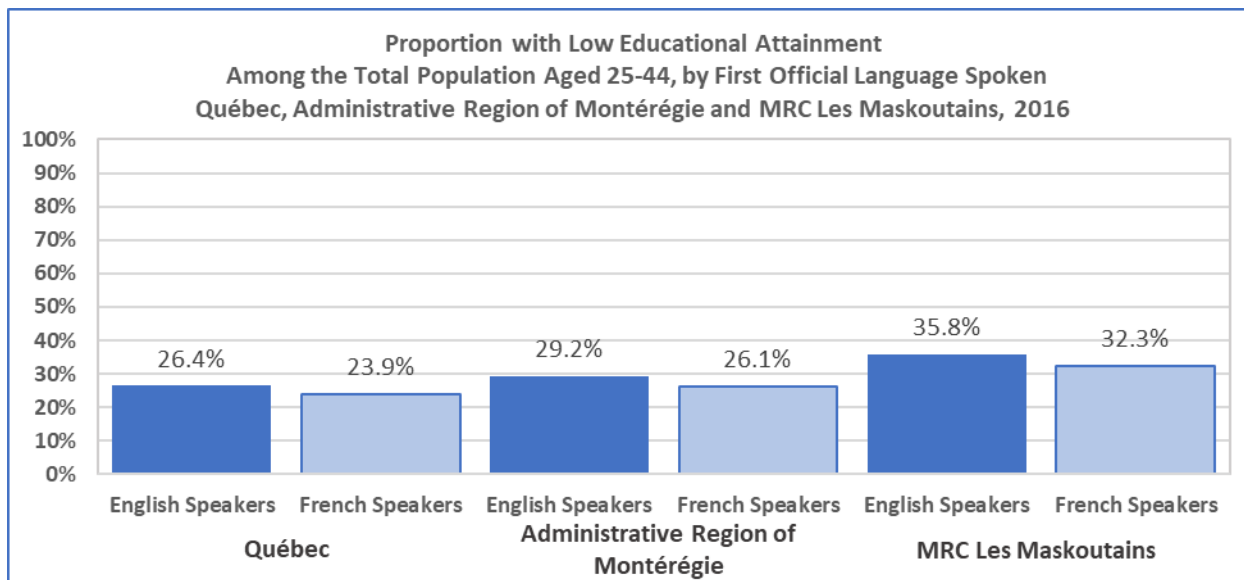
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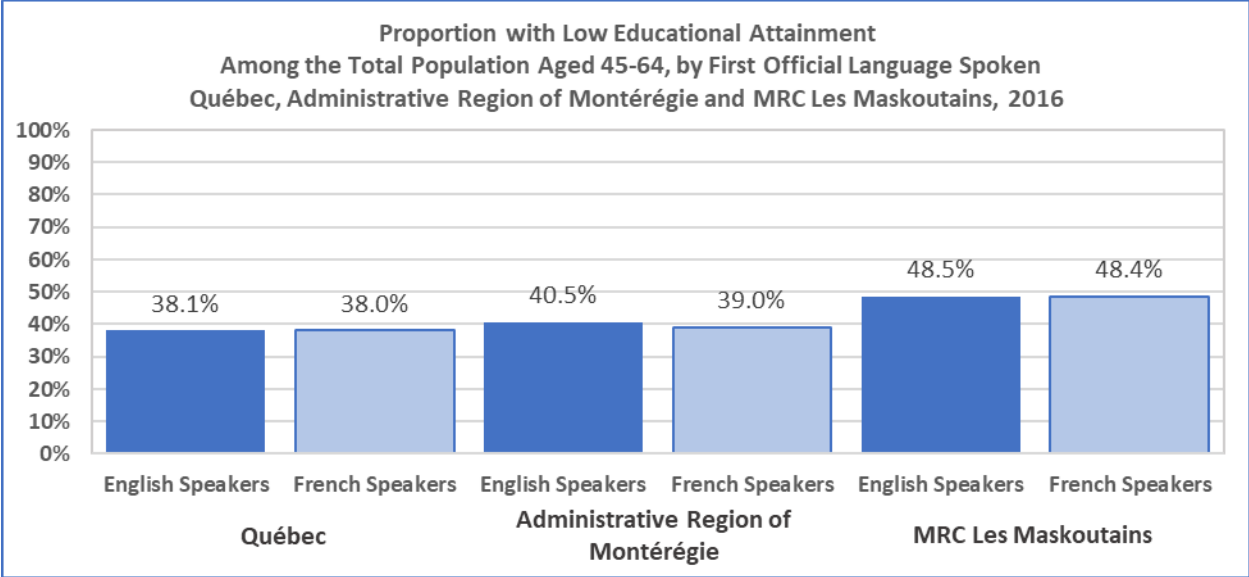
Population aged 15+, high school diploma or less

- 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 Québec.
- In 2016, there were 61,040 English speakers aged 15 and over with a high school diploma or less in the Montérégie region where they account for 42.9% 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 similar to 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 MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 420 English speakers aged 15 and over with a high school diploma or less where they represent 46.9% of the English-speaking population aged 15 and over. This level is lower than 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 higher than the proportion exhibited by the English speakers across the Montérégie region.



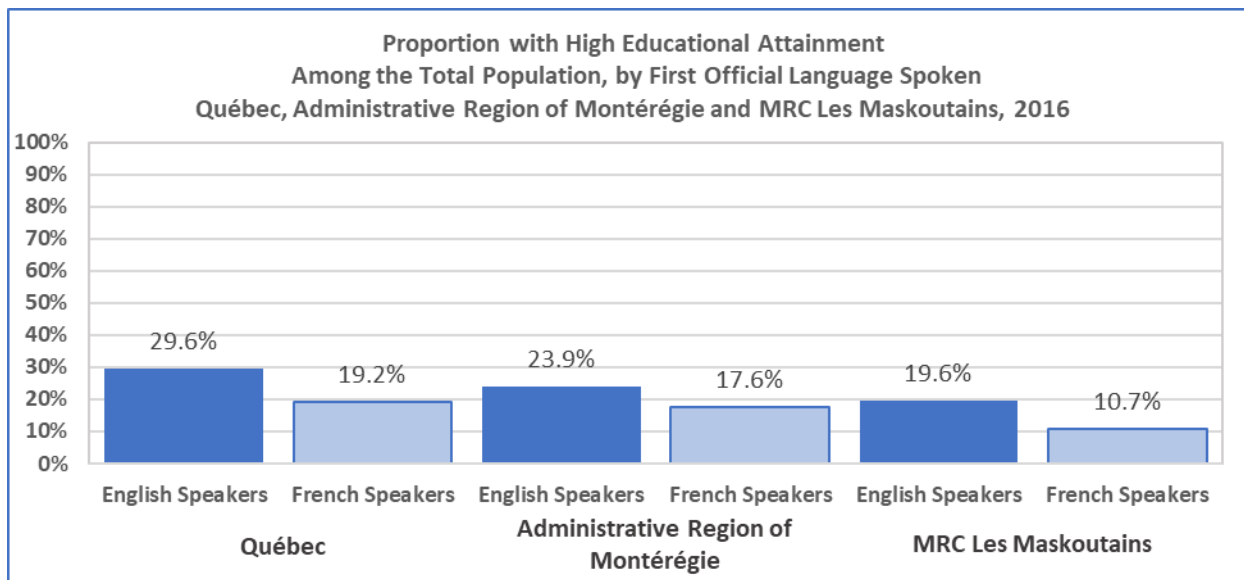
Population 25-44, high school diploma or less

- 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 13,320 English speakers aged 25-44 with a high school diploma or less in the Montérégie region where they account for 29.2% 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 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 MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 120 English speakers aged 25-44 with a high school diploma or less where they comprise 35.8% 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 much higher than the proportion exhibited by English speakers across the Montérégie region.



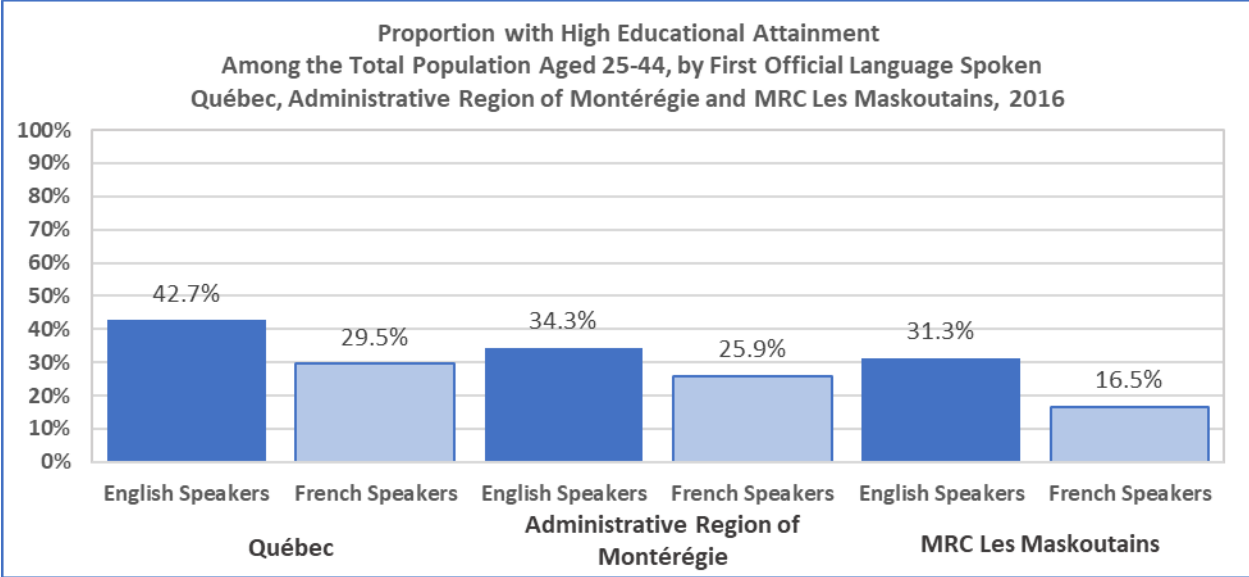
Population 45-64, high school diploma or less

- 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 Quebec.
- In 2016, there were 20,055 English speakers aged 45-64 with a high school diploma or less in the Montérégie region where they account for 40.5% 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 similar to 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 MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 165 English speakers aged 45-64 with a high school diploma or less where they comprise 48.5% 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 higher than the proportion exhibited by English speakers across the region.



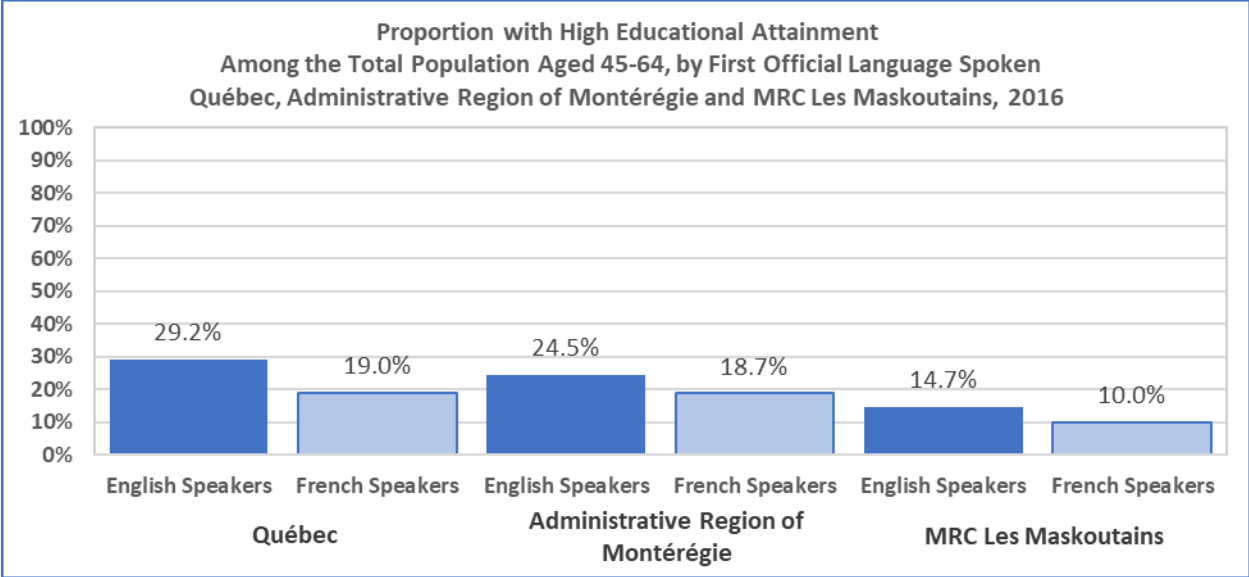
Population aged 15+, university degree or higher

- 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 33,995 English speakers aged 15 and over with a university degree or higher in the Montérégie region where they account for 23.9% 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 much higher than the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. This English-speaking regional proportion is lower than that exhibited by the province's English speakers.
- In MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 175 English speakers aged 15 and over with a university degree or higher where they represent 19.6% 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 lower 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 15,670 English speakers aged 25-44 with a university degree or higher in the Montérégie where they represent 34.3% 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 much higher than the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. This regional English-speaking proportion is lower than that exhibited by the province's English speakers.
- In MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 105 English speakers aged 25-44 with a university degree or higher where they comprise 31.3% 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 lower 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 Quebec.
- In 2016, there were 12,130 English speakers aged 45-64 with a university degree or higher in the Montérégie region where they represent 24.5% 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 much higher than the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. This regional English-speaking proportion is lower than that exhibited by the province's English speakers.
- In MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 50 English speakers aged 45-64 with a university degree or higher where they comprise 14.7% 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 lower 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.

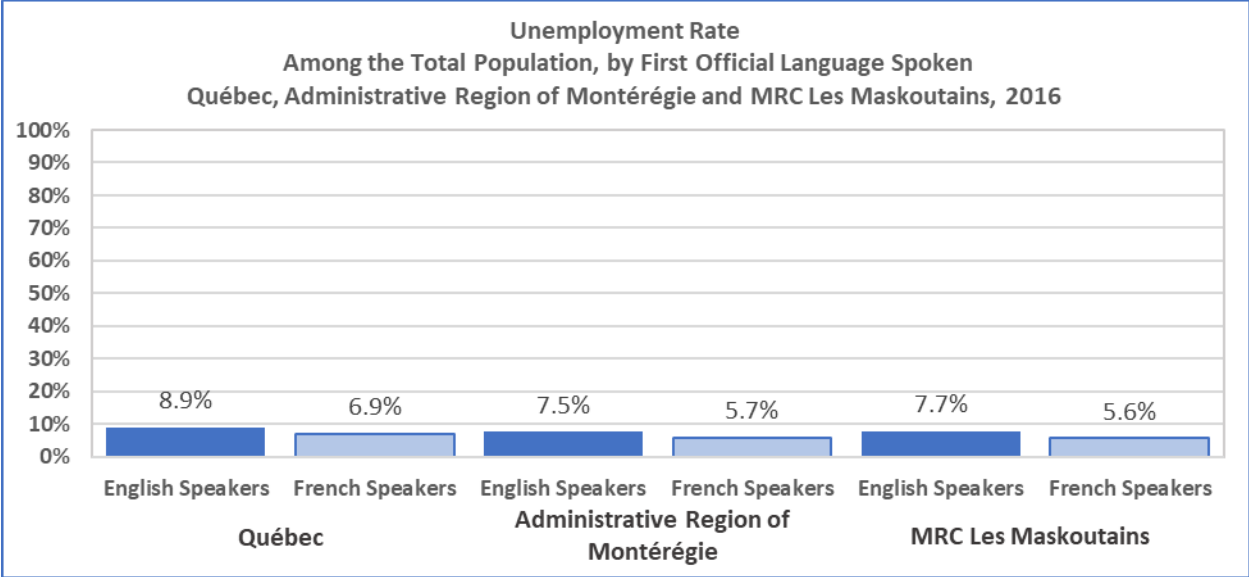
Employment is an important source of social identity and a key context for the establishment of a social support network that extends beyond the workplace. For an individual, work is an important source of the self-esteem and sense of control typically associated with good mental health.⁹

Table 8 - Labour Force Activity

Total Population by Labour Force Activity	Québec		Administrative Region of Montérégie		MRC Les Maskoutains	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total - Labour force activity	932,840	5,652,215	142,200	1,068,150	895	68,415
In the labour force	608,050	3,636,980	93,150	707,420	650	44,760
Employed	553,945	3,386,575	86,145	667,230	600	42,280
Unemployed	54,105	250,410	7,010	40,190	50	2,490
Out of the labour force	324,790	2,015,230	49,045	360,730	240	23,655
Total - Labour force activity	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
In the labour force	65.2%	64.3%	65.5%	66.2%	72.6%	65.4%
Employed	91.1%	93.1%	92.5%	94.3%	92.3%	94.5%
Unemployed	8.9%	6.9%	7.5%	5.7%	7.7%	5.6%
Out of the labour force	34.8%	35.7%	34.5%	33.8%	26.8%	34.6%

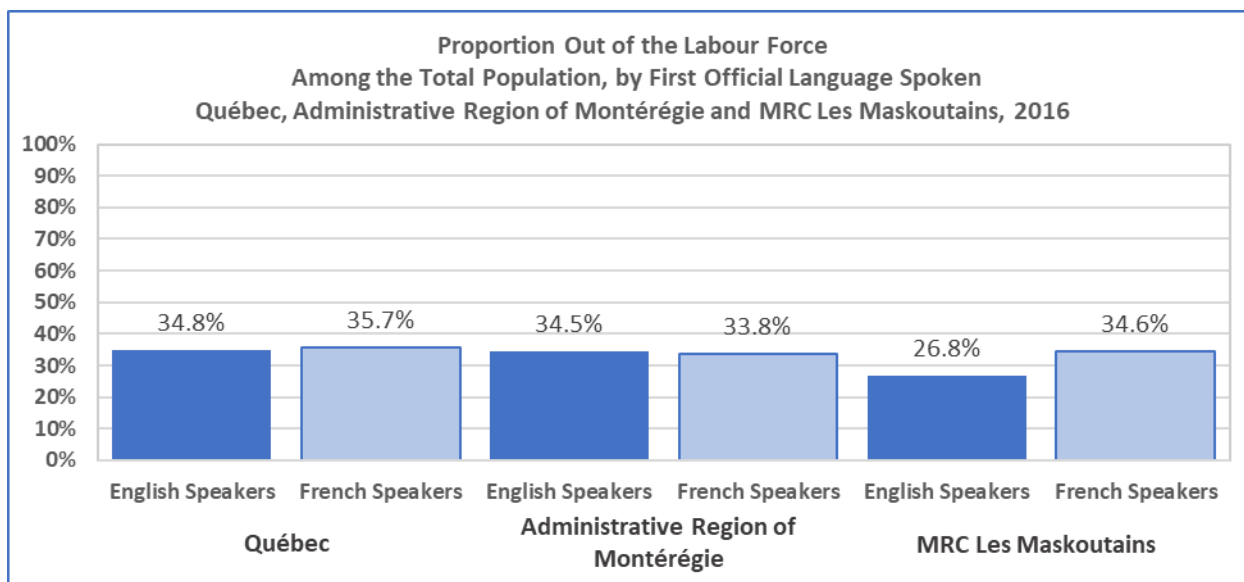
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Unemployed

- 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 7,010 unemployed English speakers in the Montérégie region where they experienced an unemployment rate of 7.5%. The unemployment rate of the regional English-speaking population was much 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 MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 50 unemployed English speakers resulting in an unemployment rate of 7.7%. 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 similar to the unemployment rate experienced by English speakers across the Administrative Region of Montérégie.



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 49,045 English speakers out of the labour force in the Montérégie region where they comprise 34.5% of the regional English-speaking population aged 15+. The proportion of those out of the labour force in the regional English-speaking population is similar to the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. This English-speaking regional proportion is similar to that exhibited by the provincial English-speaking population.
- In MRC Les Maskoutains, we find 240 English speakers out of the labour force where they account for 26.8% of the English-speaking population. This is much lower than 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 lower than the proportion exhibited by English speakers across the Montérégie 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 Montérégie and its MRC's, 2016				
Geography	Total Population	French Speakers	English Speakers	Proportion of English Speakers
Administrative Region of Montérégie	1,474,525	1,296,400	169,915	11.5%
MRC Brome-Missisquoi	56,610	46,035	10,545	18.6%
MRC La Haute-Yamaska	85,810	82,360	3,200	3.7%
MRC Acton	15,205	15,095	105	0.7%
MRC Pierre-De Saurel	49,485	48,855	595	1.2%
MRC Les Maskoutains	83,815	82,510	995	1.2%
MRC Rouville	35,480	34,725	730	2.1%
MRC Le Haut-Richelieu	114,700	110,415	4,205	3.7%
MRC La Vallée-du-Richelieu	122,245	116,860	5,280	4.3%
MRC Longueuil	406,360	341,375	59,285	14.6%
MRC Marguerite-D'Youville	76,225	74,460	1,685	2.2%
MRC Roussillon	169,740	141,980	27,040	15.9%
MRC Les Jardins-de-Napierville	27,220	24,995	2,095	7.7%
MRC Le Haut-Saint-Laurent	22,045	14,500	7,545	34.2%
MRC Beauharnois-Salaberry	62,230	59,710	2,470	4.0%
MRC Vaudreuil-Soulanges	147,355	102,530	44,160	30.0%

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.

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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