

**DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILES
OF QUÉBEC'S ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITIES
RTS DE LA GASPÉSIE**

BASED ON THE 2021 CENSUS OF CANADA

BASELINE DATA REPORT SERIES 2022-2023

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Introduction

About the 2022-2023 Report Series

This volume of the Baseline Data Report (BDR) series presents demographic characteristics of the English-speaking population residing in the areas covered by the organizations participating in the *Networking and Partnership Initiative* (NPI)¹. The information presented is drawn from the 2021 Census of Canada and organized by province, RTS and RLS territories (see section below for regional definitions). The selection of characteristics is guided by their importance as determinants of the health status and vitality of Québec's official language minority community.

Baseline Data Report Series

The Baseline Data Report Series is intended to serve as a resource for NPI sponsor organizations and their health and social service partners (e.g. CISSS/CIUSSS) to better understand the demographic factors, health determinants and language barriers affecting the English-speaking population in their region.

A listing of the full series of BDRs from 2003 along with the data source for each volume is presented in Appendix "B".

Determinants of Health

National governments and health organizations around the world have identified a broad range of social, economic and environmental factors that have been demonstrated to have a strong influence on the health of populations and individuals. The Public Health Agency of Canada outlines various determinants of health – some of which are social determinants – such as income and social status, social support networks, education, employment and working conditions, health services, physical and social environments, biology and genetic endowment, personal health practices and coping skills, healthy child development, gender and culture.²

Language Barriers

Significant research has been conducted on the impact of language barriers on health, quality of healthcare and safety in recent years. In this approach, the study of linguistic differences between social actors in a health-related setting, such as language discordant encounters between patient and clinician who do not speak the same language, is prevalent. Studies include a focus upon the use of language production as a cue for social categorization and

¹ For further information on the CHSSN *Networking and Partnership Initiative* go to <https://chssn.org/projects/npi/>

² Public Health Agency of Canada. "What Determines Health?" www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ph-sp/determinants/index-eng.php accessed February 2023.

impression formation which impacts the evaluation and treatment of individuals seeking health and social services.

Suggested Readings

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https://accessalliance.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Access_Alliance_Investing_in_Language_Access_to_Optimize_Health_System_Performance.pdf

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Methodological Notes

Data Source

The information in this report is based on a series of tables developed by the Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN) based on data from the 2021 Census of Canada. The statistics are drawn from two different Statistics Canada data sources which vary according (1) to the definition of the population surveyed and (2) by the questionnaire that was administered.

The statistics for table 1 (Population Size) and table 2 (Age Structure) and the accompanying graphs are based on a 100% sample of Canadians including people in non-institutional collective dwellings. These individuals answered Statistics Canada's 2021 short form census questionnaire.

The statistics for all other tables and accompanying graphs are based on a 25% sample of Canadians living in private households. This sample excludes individuals in institutions and non-institutional collective dwellings. These individuals answered Statistics Canada's 2021 long form questionnaire.

The short form census questionnaire reaches a larger population, but the long form census is the primary source of exhaustive demographic data in Canada. Without the long form, the socio-demographic characteristics provided by tables 3 through 8 of this BDR report would not be attainable.

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 among declared languages 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 2022-2023 Baseline Data Report consists of a series of stand-alone documents which present key data for the RTS and RLS territories in Québec in which there are at least 250 English-speaking residents.

Demographic and Socio-economic Characteristics

The demographic and socio-economic variables addressed in the 2022-2023 BDR are:

- Population size
- Age structure
- Household living arrangements
- Income
- Low-income cut-off (LICO)

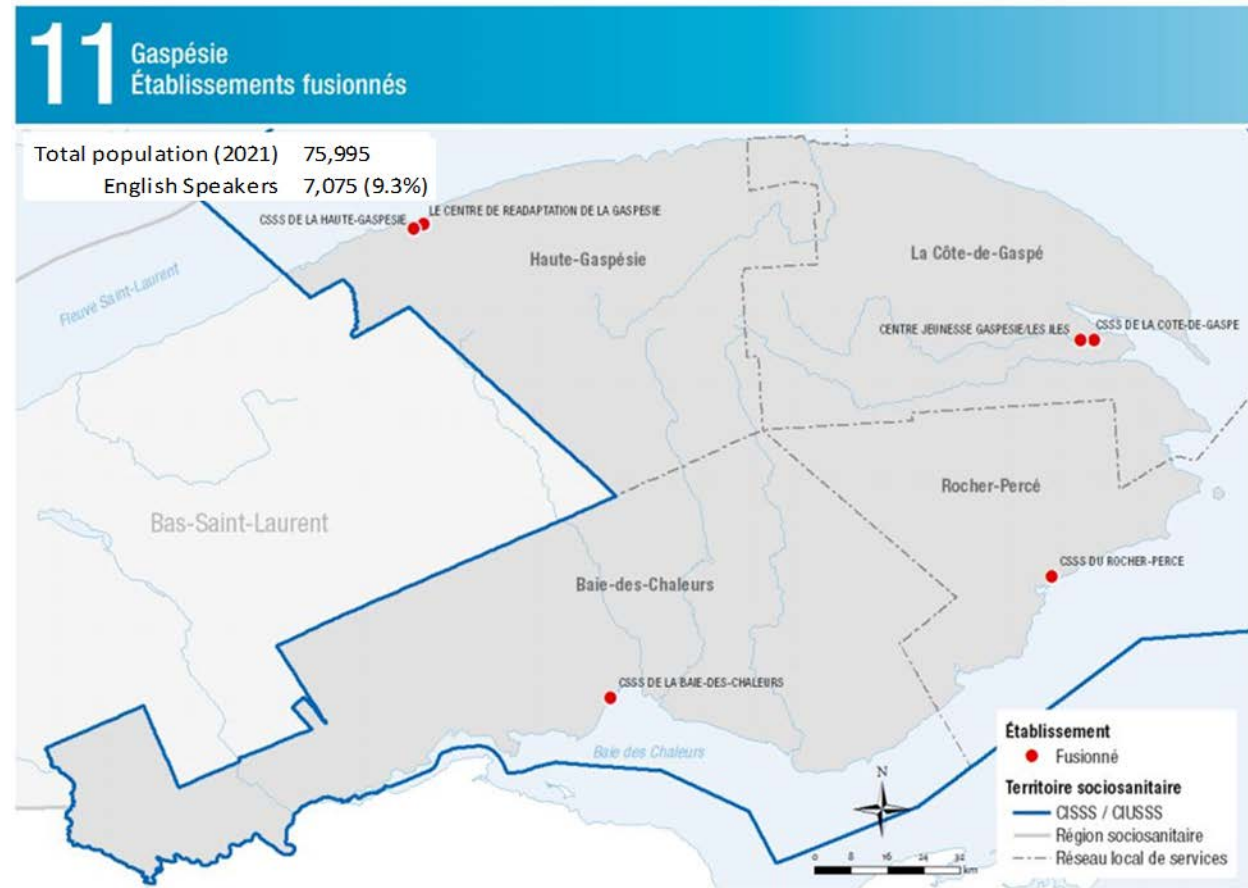
- Educational attainment
- Labour force activity

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 dictionary for the 2021 Census may also be consulted.³

³ <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/ref/dict/index-eng.cfm>

Map of the Territory



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Demographic Size

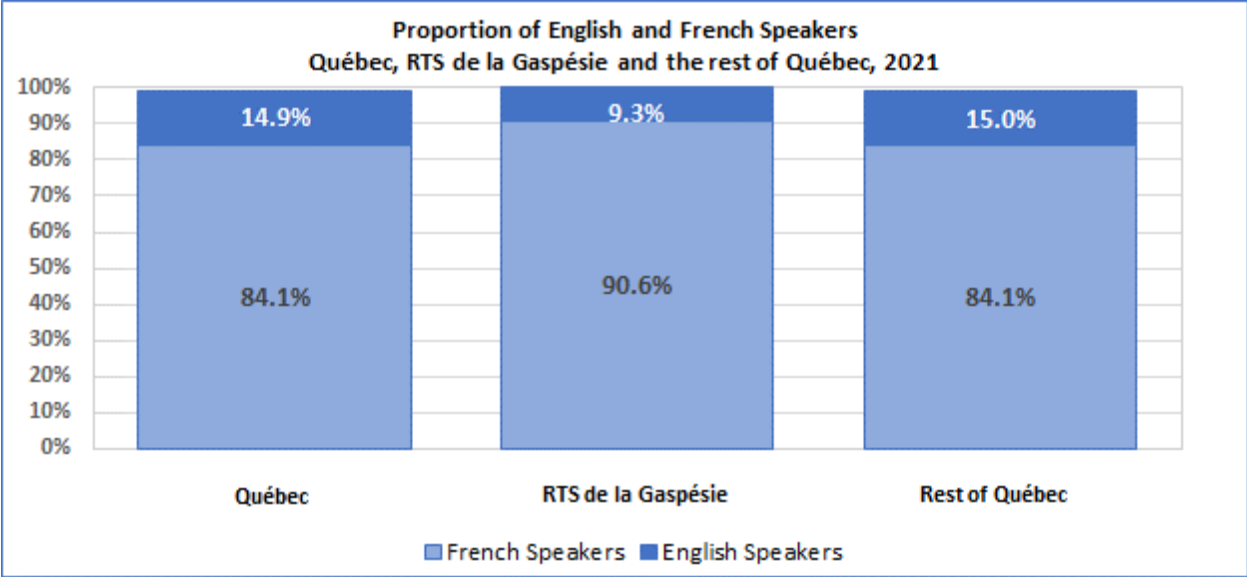
Québec's English speakers form one of Canada's official language minority groups. Studies have confirmed that language barriers affect access and quality of care for linguistic minority communities. Obstacles to communication can reduce recourse to preventative services; increase consultation time including 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.⁴ 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	RTS de la Gaspésie	Rest of Québec
English speakers	number	1,253,580	7,075	1,246,505
	percentage	14.9%	9.3%	15.0%
French speakers	number	7,074,330	68,885	7,005,445
	percentage	84.1%	90.6%	84.1%
Total population	number	8,406,905	75,995	8,330,910
	percentage	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: JPocock Research Consulting, 2021 Census, Statistics Canada. Total population excluding institutional residents - 100% sample.

⁴ See Bowen, S. (2001). *Language Barriers in Access to Health Care*, Ottawa: Health Canada. Also, 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.



- Across Québec, there were 1,253,580 English speakers, representing 14.9% of the provincial population.
- In 2021, there were 7,075 English speakers living in the RTS de la Gaspésie region where they represented 9.3% of the population. This share is much lower than the overall provincial share for English speakers.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 1,246,505 English speakers where they represented 15.0% of the population. This proportion is much higher than that represented by English speakers across the RTS de la Gaspésie 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. From Sanderson’s study we learn that the types of issues experienced by Quebec’s English-speaking seniors and their caregivers in accessing services differ from those of English speakers younger in age.⁵

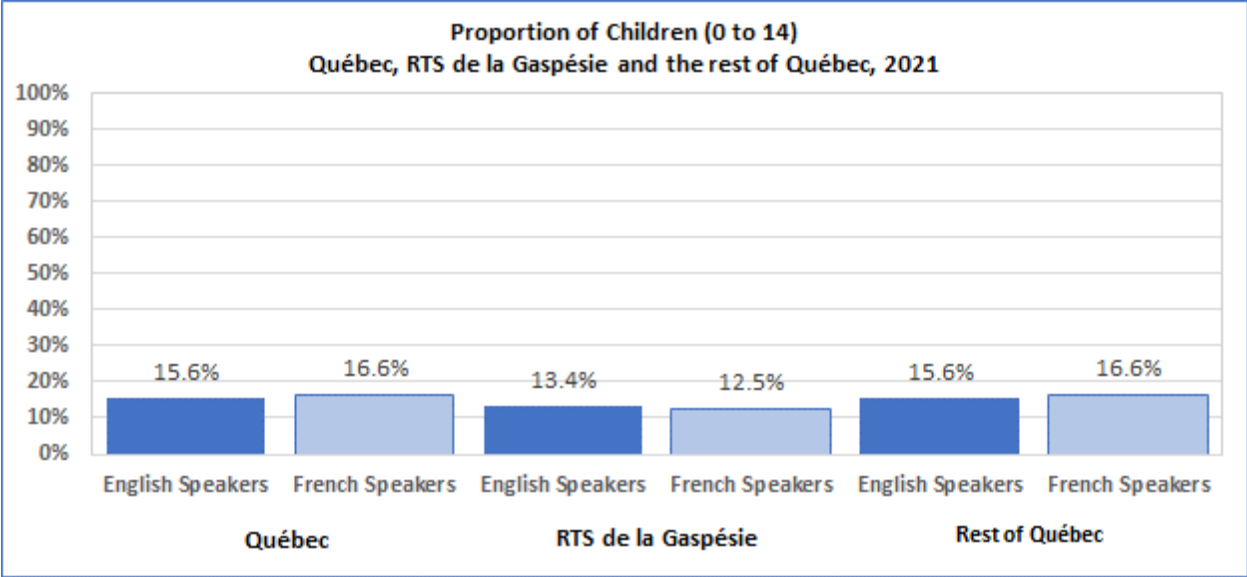
Typically, the age structure of the majority is important in shaping the scope and design of available health services and programs. Improving the health and the vitality of all citizens residing in a given territory requires attention to the problems that are pressing for the minority and may be overlooked by focusing on the majority, and awareness of problems that are shared by both language groups but are being met with system solutions that are not equally accessible for both.

Table 2 - Age Structure of the Population

Age Structure of the Population	Québec		RTS de la Gaspésie		Rest of Québec	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total - Age groups	1,253,580	7,074,330	7,075	68,885	1,246,505	7,005,445
0-14 years	195,065	1,174,295	950	8,645	194,115	1,165,650
15-24 years	160,090	726,400	570	5,225	159,520	721,175
25-44 years	376,685	1,792,825	1,365	13,300	375,320	1,779,525
45-64 years	328,055	1,924,990	2,045	21,360	326,010	1,903,630
65+ years	193,685	1,455,820	2,140	20,360	191,545	1,435,460
Total - Age groups	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
0-14 years	15.6%	16.6%	13.4%	12.5%	15.6%	16.6%
15-24 years	12.8%	10.3%	8.1%	7.6%	12.8%	10.3%
25-44 years	30.0%	25.3%	19.3%	19.3%	30.1%	25.4%
45-64 years	26.2%	27.2%	28.9%	31.0%	26.2%	27.2%
65+ years	15.5%	20.6%	30.2%	29.6%	15.4%	20.5%

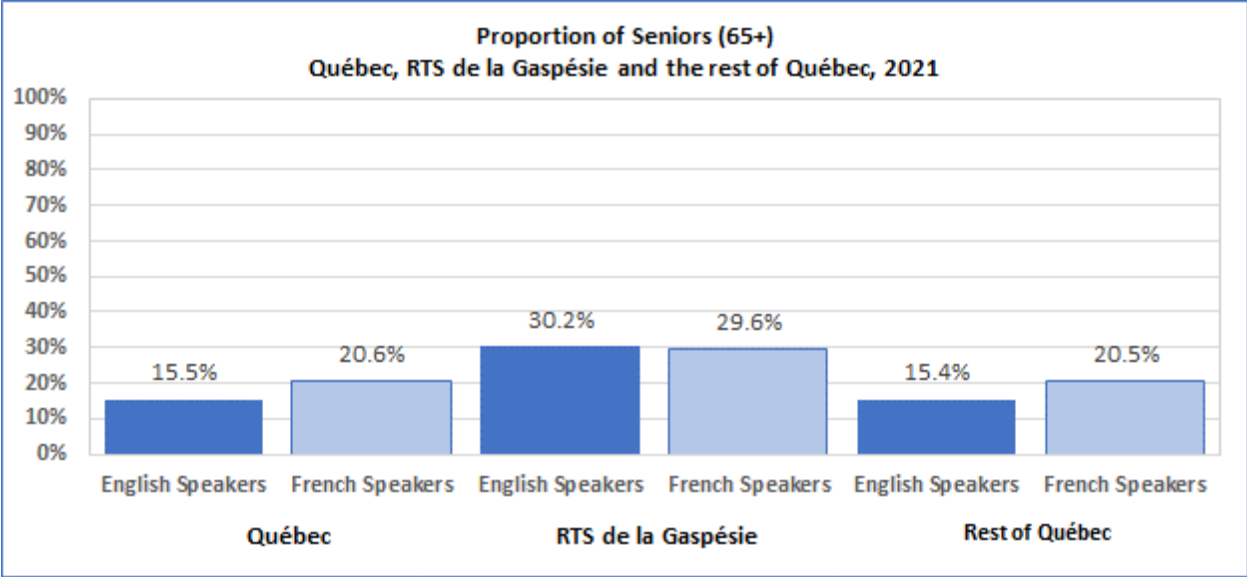
Source: JPocock Research Consulting, 2021 Census, Statistics Canada. Total population excluding institutional residents - 100% sample.

⁵ Sanderson, D. (2020). Language Related Difficulties Experienced by Caregivers of English-Speaking Seniors in Quebec. *SAGE Open*, 10(3). <https://doi.org/10.1177/2158244020951261>



Children (aged 0-14)

- Across Québec, there were 195,065 English-speaking children aged 0-14, representing 15.6% 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 2021, there were 950 English-speaking children aged 0-14 living in RTS de la Gaspésie where they account for 13.4% of the population. The proportion of children in the regional English-speaking population is higher than their proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. This proportion is lower than the level for English-speaking children across the province.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 194,115 English-speaking children aged 0-14 where they represent 15.6% of the population. This share is higher than that exhibited by English-speaking children across the RTS de la Gaspésie region. The proportion of children in the territory's English-speaking population is lower than the share in the rest of Québec's French-speaking majority population.



Seniors (aged 65 and over)

- Across Québec, there were 193,685 English-speaking seniors aged 65+ representing 15.5% of the English-speaking population. The proportion of seniors in the English-speaking population is much lower than that found in the French-speaking majority population in Quebec.
- In 2021, there were 2,140 English-speaking seniors aged 65+ living in the RTS de la Gaspésie region where they accounted for 30.2% of the population. This share is much higher than that of English-speaking seniors across the province. The proportion of seniors in the regional English-speaking population is similar to the proportion in the French-speaking majority population.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 191,545 English-speaking seniors aged 65+ where they account for 15.4% of the population. This share is much lower than that of English-speaking seniors across the RTS de la Gaspésie region. The proportion of seniors in the English-speaking population is much lower than the proportion in the French-speaking majority population in the rest of Québec.

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.⁶ 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 are linked to increases in social problems and poorer health status among the population as a whole.⁷

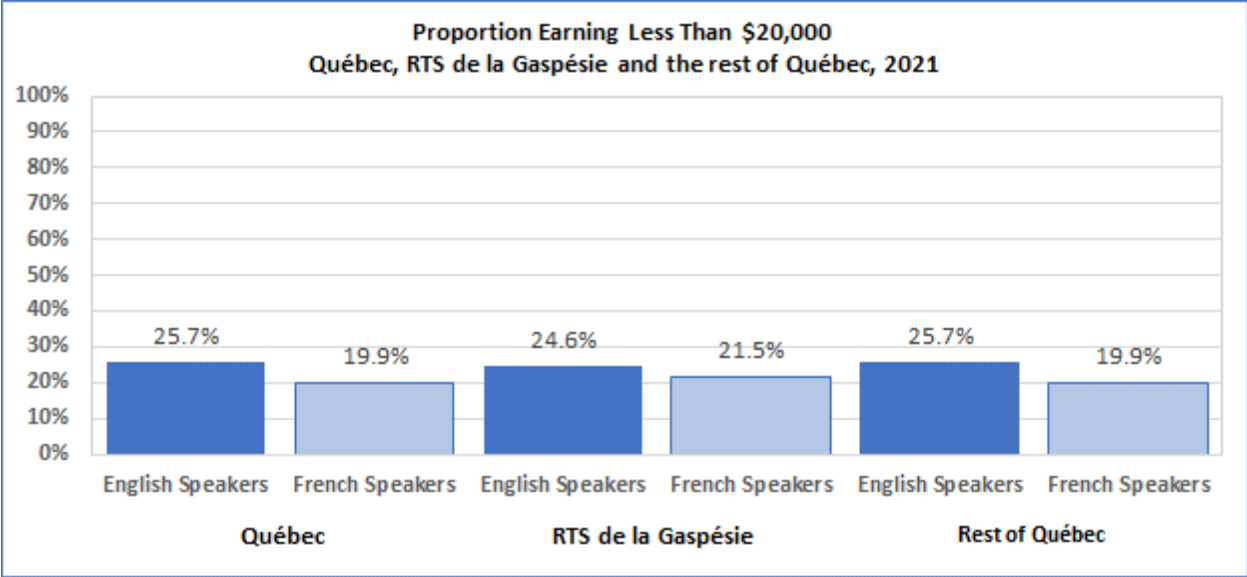
Table 3 - Income

Population by Income Group	Québec		RTS de la Gaspésie		Rest of Québec	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total Population 15+	1,049,640	5,811,880	6,050	59,445	1,043,590	5,752,435
Less than \$20,000	269,805	1,154,945	1,490	12,760	268,315	1,142,185
\$20,000 - \$49,999	422,205	2,420,025	3,085	29,050	419,120	2,390,975
\$50,000 +	357,635	2,236,925	1,480	17,640	356,155	2,219,285
Total Population 15+	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$20,000	25.7%	19.9%	24.6%	21.5%	25.7%	19.9%
\$20,000 - \$49,999	40.2%	41.6%	51.0%	48.9%	40.2%	41.6%
\$50,000 +	34.1%	38.5%	24.5%	29.7%	34.1%	38.6%

Source: JPocock Research Consulting, 2021 Census, Statistics Canada. Population in private households - 25% sample.

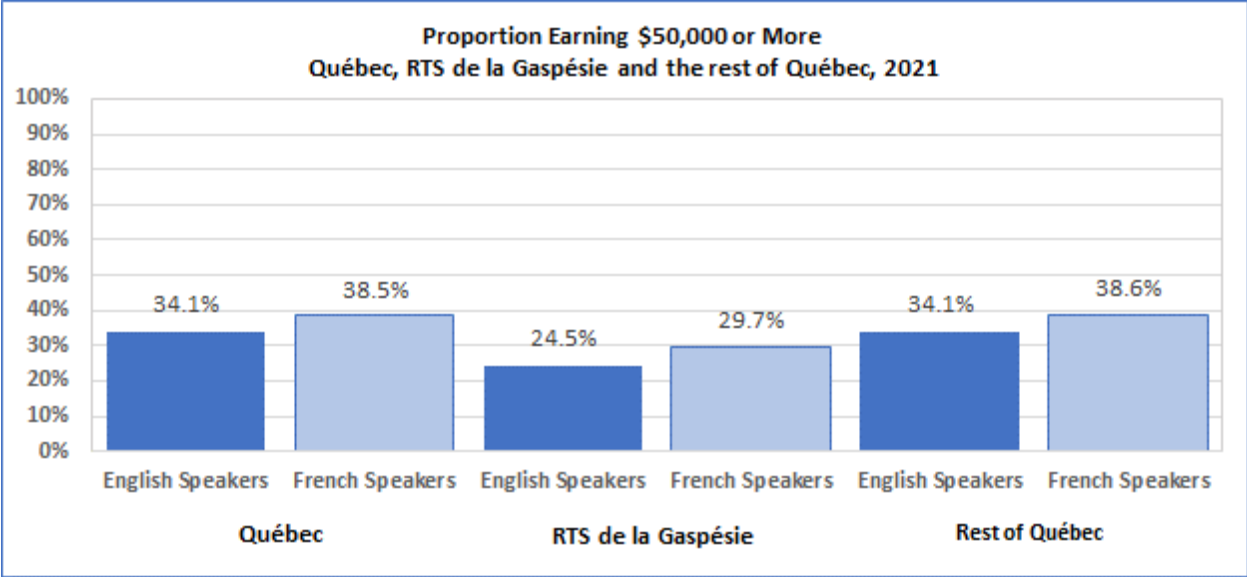
⁶ Public Health Agency of Canada, <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/ph-sp/determinants/determinants-eng.php#evidence> accessed February 2023.

⁷ Ibid.



Income under \$20k

- Across Québec in 2021, there were 269,805 English speakers aged 15+ with income under \$20k. This group represents 25.7% 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 2021, there were 1,490 English speakers aged 15+ with income under \$20k in the RTS de la Gaspésie region where they represent 24.6% of the English-speaking population aged 15 and over. This share is similar to 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 268,315 English speakers aged 15+ with income under \$20k where they account for 25.7% of the population. This share is similar to that experienced by English speakers across RTS de la Gaspésie. 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 357,635 English speakers aged 15+ with a total income of \$50k or more, who represented 34.1% 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 2021, there were 1,480 English speakers aged 15+ with a total income of \$50k or more living in the RTS de la Gaspésie region, where they represented 24.5% of the population. This proportion was much lower 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 the rest of Québec, we find 356,155 English-speaking high earners aged 15+, where they represent 34.1% of the population. This share is much higher than that experienced by English-speaking high earners across the RTS de la Gaspésie 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. 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.⁸ Individuals living alone may lack the important health benefits of a strong support network in the event of activity limitations due to disability, illness or aging. COVID-19 pandemic uncovered the vulnerability of individuals living in low-income multi-generational households. The recent health crisis turned single households consisting of three or more generations into a high-risk factor for contagious infection.⁹

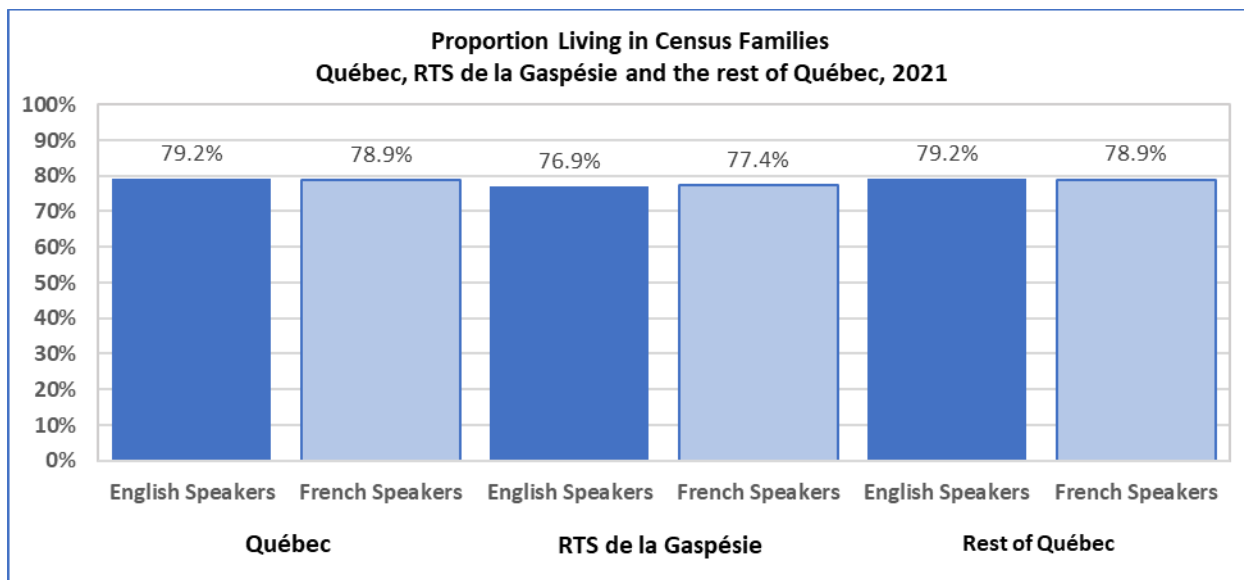
Table 4 - Population by Household Living Arrangements

Population by Household Living Arrangements	Québec		RTS de la Gaspésie		Rest of Québec	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total - Household living arrangements	1,244,440	6,985,640	7,005	68,105	1,237,435	6,917,535
Total persons in census family households	985,995	5,512,205	5,390	52,745	980,605	5,459,460
Persons in two-parent households	835,415	4,706,995	4,435	44,805	830,980	4,662,190
Persons in single-parent households	150,580	805,215	960	7,950	149,620	797,265
Total persons in non-census family households	258,445	1,473,435	1,610	15,350	256,835	1,458,085
Living with relatives	28,935	127,905	265	1,755	28,670	126,150
Living with non-relatives only	55,820	209,445	190	1,825	55,630	207,620
Living alone	173,695	1,136,085	1,145	11,760	172,550	1,124,325
Total - Household living arrangements	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Total persons in census family households	79.2%	78.9%	76.9%	77.4%	79.2%	78.9%
Persons in two-parent households	67.1%	67.4%	63.3%	65.8%	67.2%	67.4%
Persons in single-parent households	12.1%	11.5%	13.7%	11.7%	12.1%	11.5%
Total persons in non-census family households	20.8%	21.1%	23.0%	22.5%	20.8%	21.1%
Living with relatives	2.3%	1.8%	3.8%	2.6%	2.3%	1.8%
Living with non-relatives only	4.5%	3.0%	2.7%	2.7%	4.5%	3.0%
Living alone	14.0%	16.3%	16.3%	17.3%	13.9%	16.3%

Source: JPocock Research Consulting, 2021 Census, Statistics Canada. Population in private households - 25% sample.

⁸ For discussion of the survey, see Pocock, J. (2008) "Baseline Data Report 2007-2008. Québec's Social and Health Survey Information." Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN). www.chssn.org

⁹ Yang, F. and Aitken, N. (2021). People living in apartments and larger households were at higher risk of dying from COVID-19 during the first wave of the pandemic. Statistics Canada. <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/45-28-0001/2021001/article/00004-eng.htm> accessed February 2023.

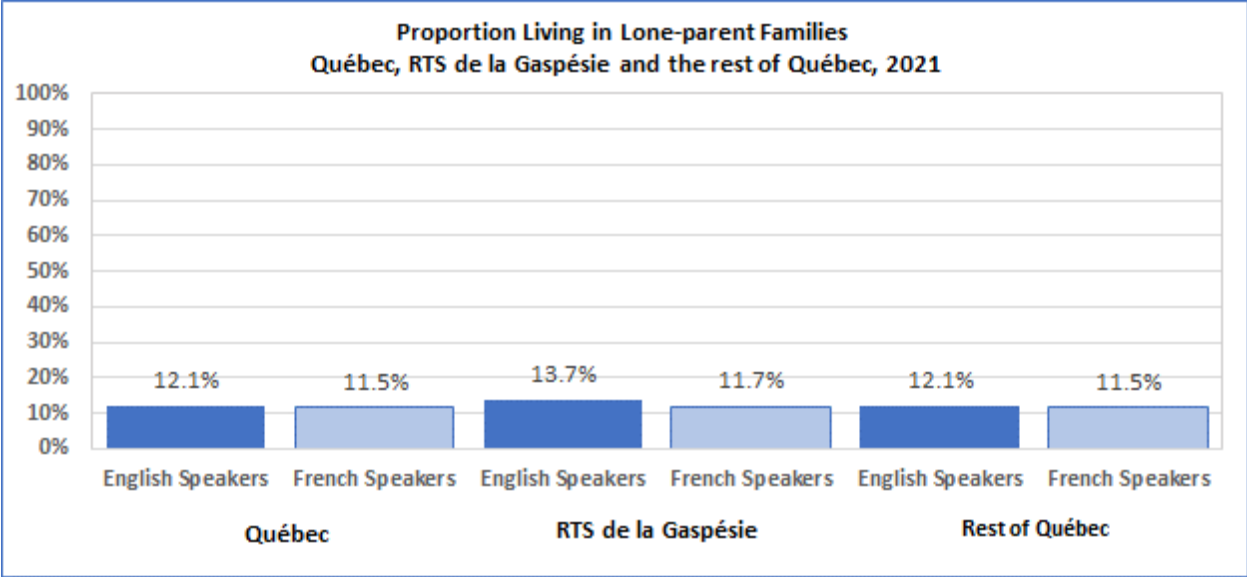


Living in census families¹⁰

- Across Québec, there were 985,995 English speakers living in census family households. This group represents 79.2% 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 2021, there were 5,390 English speakers living in census family households in the RTS de la Gaspésie region where they comprise 76.9% of the population. This share is similar to 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 the rest of Québec, we find 980,605 English speakers living in census family households where they account for 79.2% of the population. This share is similar to that accounted for by English speakers across the RTS de la Gaspésie 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.

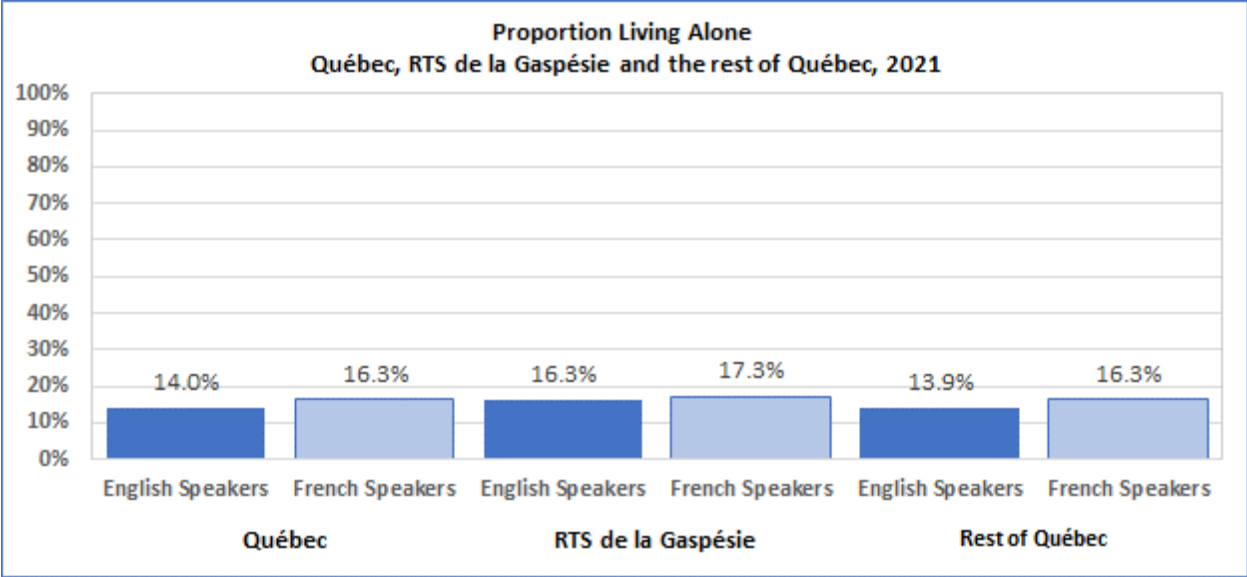
¹⁰According to Statistics Canada, a "Census family is defined as a married couple and the children, if any, of either and/or both spouses; a couple living common law and the children, if any, of either and/or both partners; or a parent of any marital status in a one-parent family with at least one child living in the same dwelling and that child or those children. All members of a particular census family live in the same dwelling. Children may be biological or adopted children regardless of their age or marital status as long as they live in the dwelling and do not have their own married spouse, common-law partner or child living in the dwelling. Grandchildren living with their grandparent(s) but with no parents present also constitute a census family."

<https://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p3Var.pl?Function=Unit&Id=32746> accessed February 2023.



Living in lone-parent families

- Across Québec, there were 150,580 English speakers living in lone-parent families. This group represents 12.1% 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 2021, there were 960 English speakers living in lone-parent families in the RTS de la Gaspésie region where they account for 13.7% of the population. The proportion of those living in lone-parent families in the regional English-speaking population is higher than the proportion found in the regional French-speaking majority population. The proportion is higher than that found in the provincial English-speaking population.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 149,620 English speakers living in lone-parent families where they represent 12.1% of the population. This is similar to 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 lower than the proportion we find for English speakers across the RTS de la Gaspésie region.



Living alone

- Across Québec, there were 173,695 English speakers living alone. This group represents 14.0% of the English-speaking population. The proportion of English speakers living alone is lower than the level in the French-speaking majority population in Quebec.
- In 2021, there were 1,145 English speakers living alone in the RTS de la Gaspésie region, where they account for 16.3% of the population. This level is higher than that displayed by the provincial English-speaking population. The proportion of those living alone in the regional English-speaking population is lower than the proportion found in the regional French-speaking majority population.
- In the rest of Québec we find 172,550 English speakers living alone, where they represent 13.9% of the population. This share is lower than that exhibited by English speakers across the RTS de la Gaspésie 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.

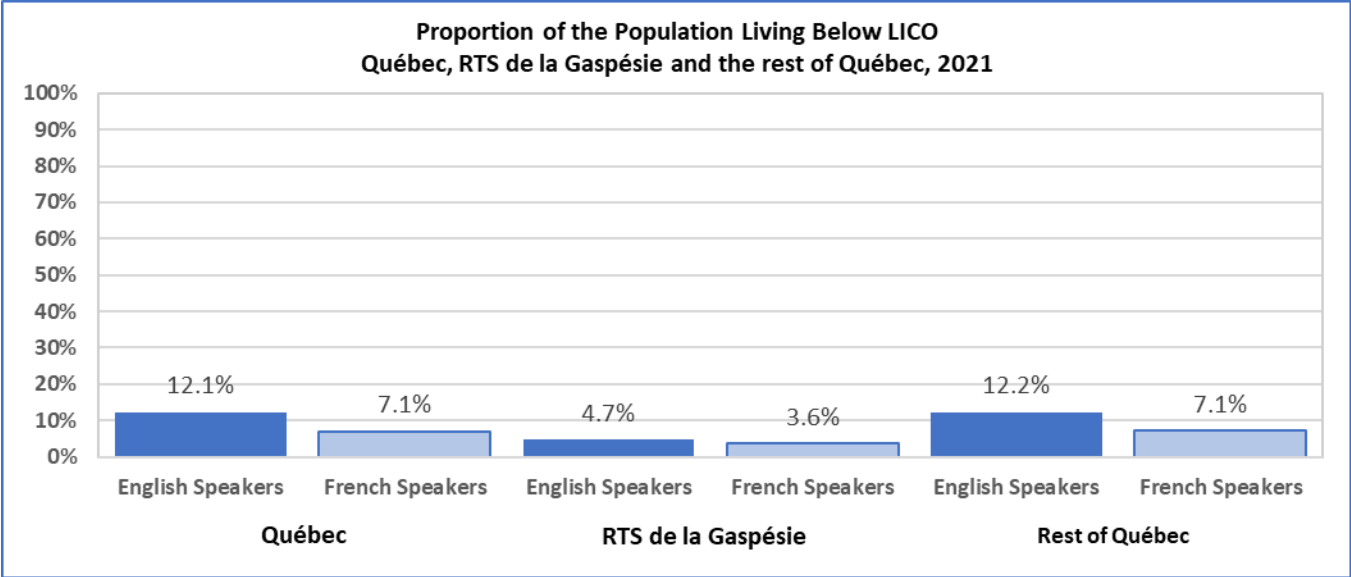
Low-Income Cut-off

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.”¹¹ The following tables consider the population living below LICO by language, administrative territory and age group.

Table 5 - Population Living Below LICO, Within Age Groups

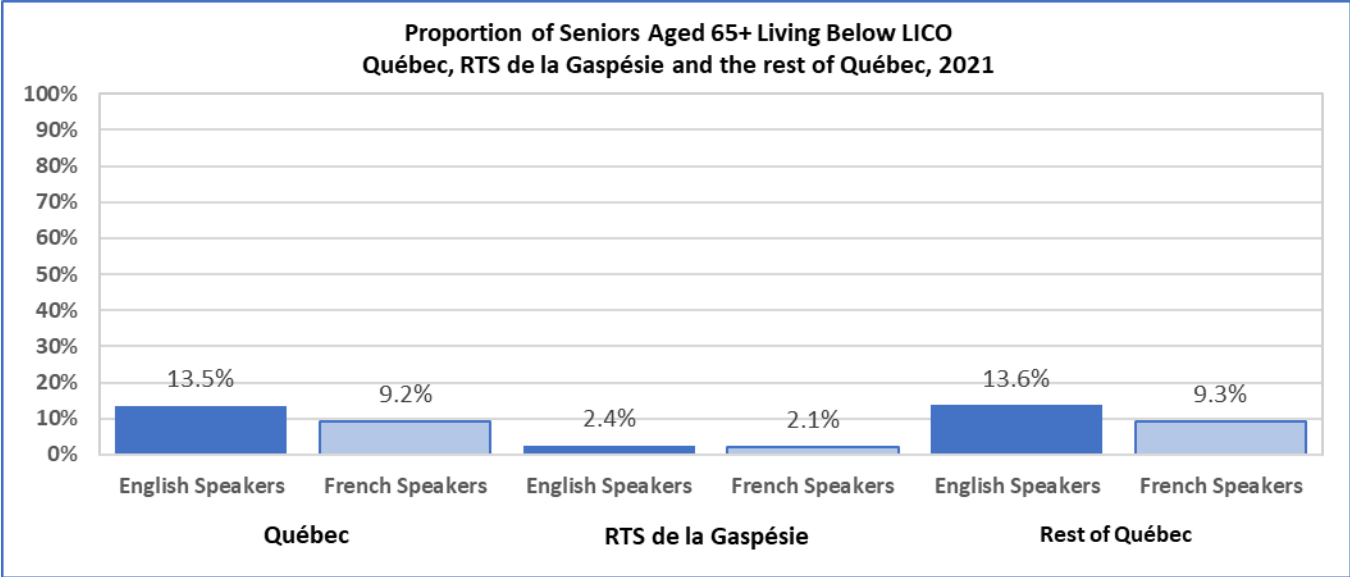
Population Living Below the Low-Income Cut-off (LICO), Across Age Groups	Québec		RTS de la Gaspésie		Rest of Québec	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total - Age groups	148,545	491,540	300	2,420	148,245	489,120
0-14 years	16,915	56,870	0	185	16,915	56,685
15-24 years	30,265	65,630	25	195	30,240	65,435
25-44 years	44,260	105,500	40	320	44,220	105,180
45-64 years	32,270	136,215	175	1,320	32,095	134,895
65+ years	24,845	127,330	50	415	24,795	126,915
Proportion of those below LICO across age groups						
Total - Age groups	12.1%	7.1%	4.7%	3.6%	12.2%	7.1%
0-14 years	8.9%	4.9%	-	2.1%	9.0%	4.9%
15-24 years	19.4%	9.1%	5.5%	3.7%	19.4%	9.2%
25-44 years	11.9%	5.9%	3.3%	2.4%	11.9%	5.9%
45-64 years	10.0%	7.1%	9.2%	6.2%	10.0%	7.1%
65+ years	13.5%	9.2%	2.4%	2.1%	13.6%	9.3%
<p><i>Source: JPocock Research Consulting, 2021 Census, Statistics Canada. Population in private households - 25% sample. 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.</i></p>						

¹¹ For an explanation of how Statistics Canada calculates low income cut-off (LICO) <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/75f0002m/2012002/lico-sfr-eng.htm> accessed February 2023.



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

- Across Québec, there were 148,545 English speakers living below LICO. This group accounts for 12.1% 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 2021, there were 300 English speakers living below LICO in the RTS de la Gaspésie region, where they represent 4.7% 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 RTS de la Gaspésie is much lower than the proportion for Quebec's English speakers in general.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 148,245 English speakers living below LICO, where they represent 12.2% 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 RTS de la Gaspésie.

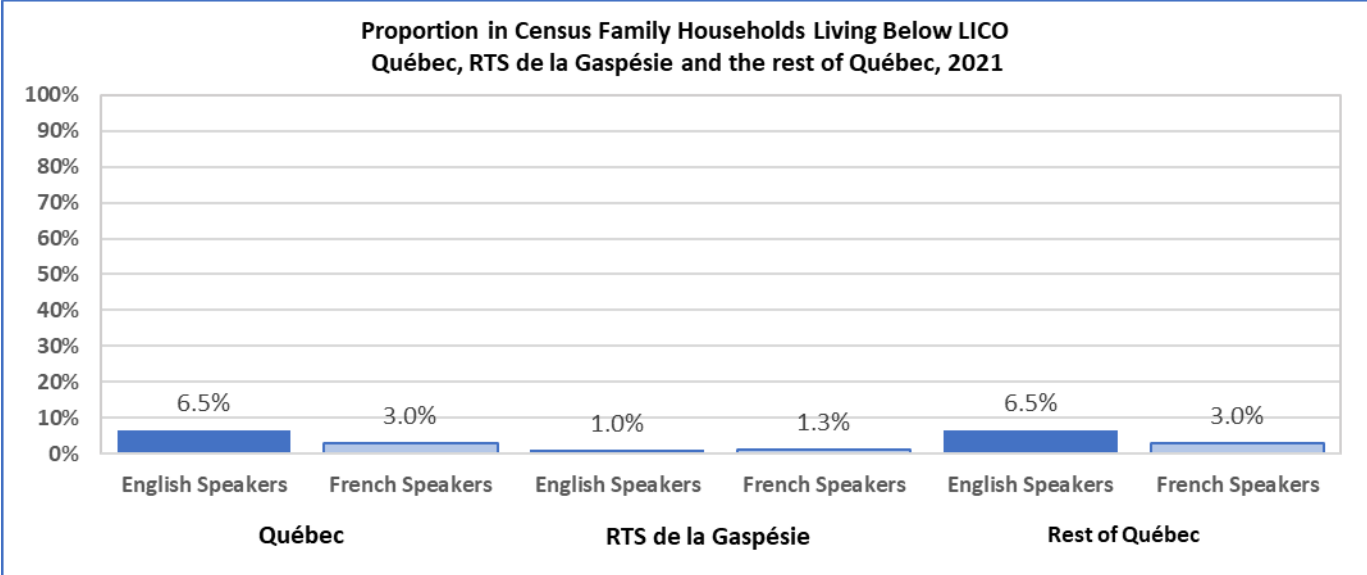


Seniors (65+) living below the low-income cut-off (LICO)

- Across Québec, there were 24,845 English-speaking seniors living below LICO. This group represents 13.5% 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 Quebec.
- In 2021, there were 50 English-speaking seniors living below LICO in the RTS de la Gaspésie region where they account for 2.4% 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 much lower than that experienced by English-speaking seniors across the province.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 24,795 English-speaking seniors living below LICO where they represent 13.6% 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 much higher than the level displayed by English-speaking seniors across the RTS de la Gaspésie region.

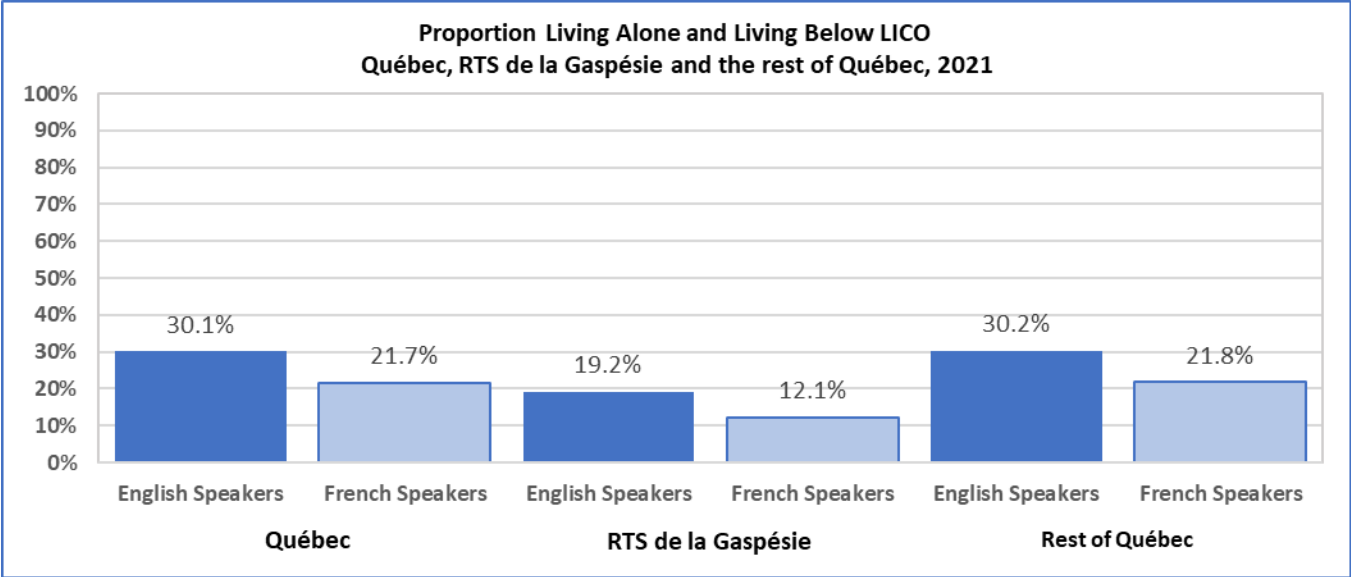
Table 6 - Population Living Below LICO, by Household Living Arrangements

Population Living Below the Low-Income Cut-off Level, by Household Living Arrangements	Québec		RTS de la Gaspésie		Rest of Québec	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total - Household living arrangements	148,545	491,540	300	2,420	148,245	489,120
Total persons in census family households	63,075	162,730	50	670	63,025	162,060
Persons in two-parent households	41,135	90,185	25	355	41,110	89,830
Persons in single-parent households	21,935	72,545	0	315	21,935	72,230
Total persons in non-census family households	85,470	328,810	255	1,750	85,215	327,060
Living with relatives	3,675	10,330	0	35	3,675	10,295
Living with non-relatives only	29,710	72,645	30	290	29,680	72,355
Living alone	52,090	245,835	210	1,425	51,880	244,410
Proportion of those below LICO, by household living arrangements						
Total - Household living arrangements	12.1%	7.1%	4.7%	3.6%	12.2%	7.1%
Total persons in census family households	6.5%	3.0%	1.0%	1.3%	6.5%	3.0%
Persons in two-parent households	5.0%	1.9%	0.6%	0.8%	5.0%	1.9%
Persons in single-parent households	15.1%	9.1%	-	4.0%	15.1%	9.1%
Total persons in non-census family households	33.3%	22.4%	16.8%	11.4%	33.4%	22.5%
Living with relatives	13.2%	8.2%	-	2.0%	13.3%	8.2%
Living with non-relatives only	53.4%	34.7%	17.1%	15.9%	53.5%	34.9%
Living alone	30.1%	21.7%	19.2%	12.1%	30.2%	21.8%
Source: JPocock Research Consulting, 2021 Census, Statistics Canada. Population in private households - 25% sample. 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 63,075 English-speaking persons in census family households living below LICO. This group represents 6.5% 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 2021, there were 50 English-speaking persons in census family households living below LICO in the RTS de la Gaspésie region, where they represent 1.0% of the regional English-speaking population. The proportion of persons in census family households living below LICO in the regional English-speaking population is lower 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 63,025 English-speaking persons in census family households living below LICO, where they account for 6.5% 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 RTS de la Gaspésie region.



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

- Across Québec, there were 52,090 English-speaking persons living alone and below LICO. This group represents 30.1% 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 2021, there were 210 English-speaking persons living alone and below LICO in the RTS de la Gaspésie region where they account for 19.2% 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 much lower than that experienced by the provincial English-speaking population.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 51,880 English-speaking persons living alone and below LICO where they represent 30.2% 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 much higher than the proportion experienced by English speakers across the RTS de la Gaspésie 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 members¹². A case in point, Genereux's study of the psychosocial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic upon Québec communities demonstrates that key protective factors such as a sense of coherence are linked to levels of education.¹³

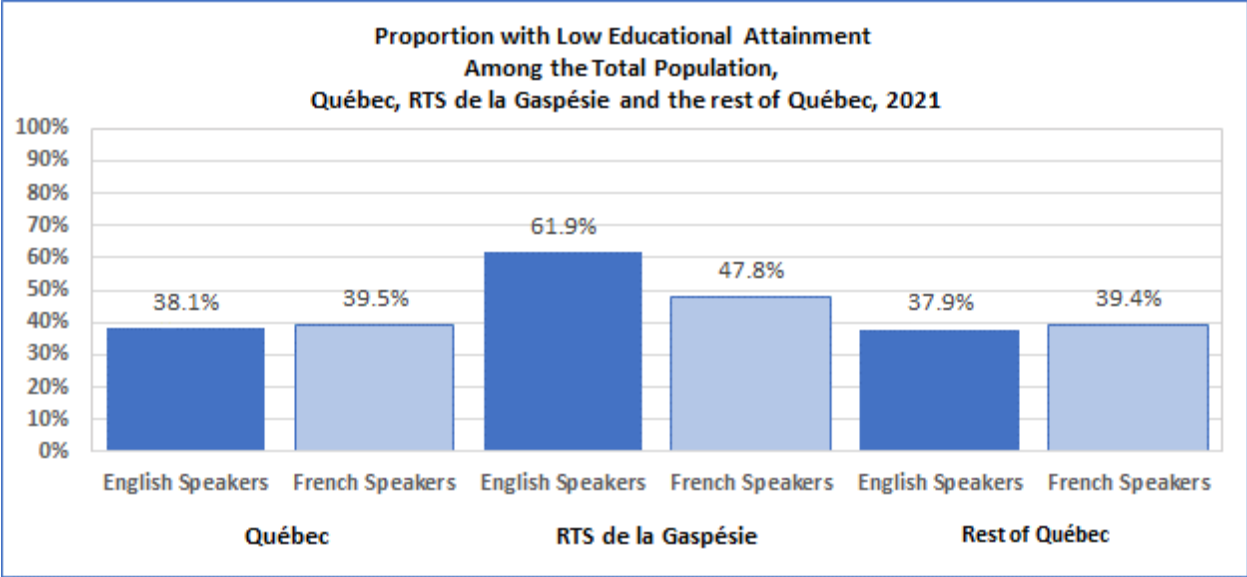
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Table 7 - Highest Educational Certification, for Selected Age Groups

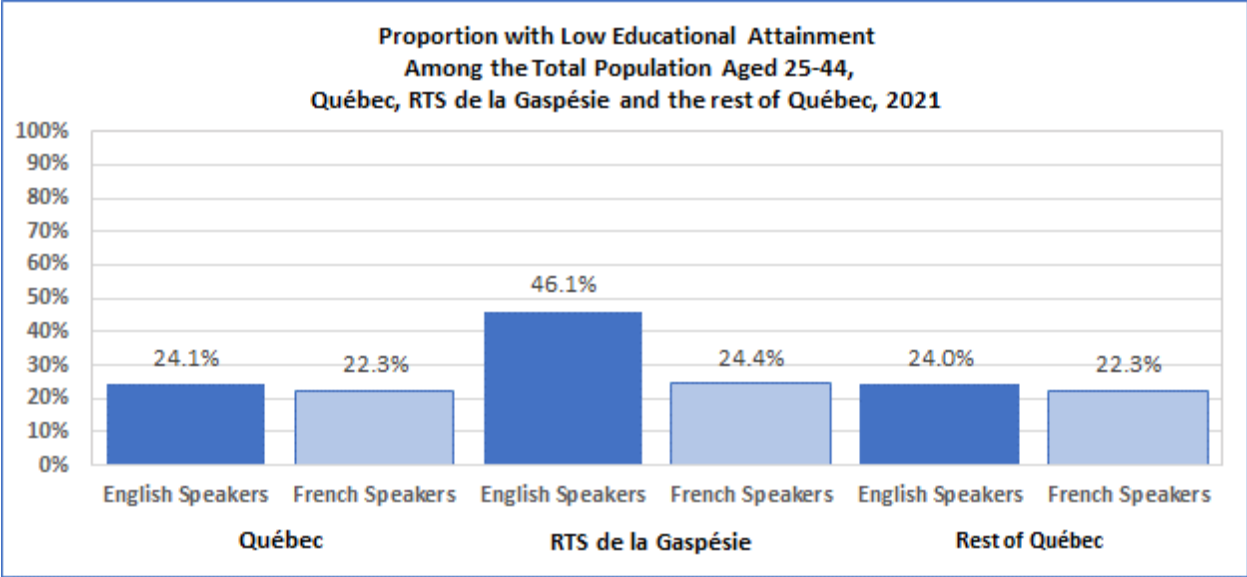
Total Population by Highest Educational Certification		Québec		RTS de la Gaspésie		Rest of Québec	
		English	French	English	French	English	French
Total	Total	1,049,640	5,811,880	6,050	59,445	1,043,590	5,752,435
	25-44 years	377,080	1,787,550	1,355	13,275	375,725	1,774,275
	45-64 years	327,965	1,915,975	2,020	21,210	325,945	1,894,765
High school diploma or less	Total	399,730	2,293,515	3,745	28,430	395,985	2,265,085
	25-44 years	90,820	398,185	625	3,245	90,195	394,940
	45-64 years	112,980	657,060	1,155	9,325	111,825	647,735
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	Total	86,445	1,007,585	740	12,280	85,705	995,305
	25-44 years	33,445	393,840	260	3,940	33,185	389,900
	45-64 years	31,405	376,435	265	4,930	31,140	371,505
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	Total	178,355	1,020,485	860	9,900	177,495	1,010,585
	25-44 years	61,330	344,935	225	3,005	61,105	341,930
	45-64 years	62,200	367,785	375	3,930	61,825	363,855
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	Total	31,300	220,170	70	1,850	31,230	218,320
	25-44 years	11,810	67,990	20	330	11,790	67,660
	45-64 years	12,100	81,910	0	645	12,100	81,265
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	Total	353,815	1,270,135	640	6,975	353,175	1,263,160
	25-44 years	179,675	582,605	215	2,745	179,460	579,860
	45-64 years	109,275	432,785	215	2,380	109,060	430,405
High school diploma or less	Total	38.1%	39.5%	61.9%	47.8%	37.9%	39.4%
	25-44 years	24.1%	22.3%	46.1%	24.4%	24.0%	22.3%
	45-64 years	34.4%	34.3%	57.2%	44.0%	34.3%	34.2%
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	Total	8.2%	17.3%	12.2%	20.7%	8.2%	17.3%
	25-44 years	8.9%	22.0%	19.2%	29.7%	8.8%	22.0%
	45-64 years	9.6%	19.6%	13.1%	23.2%	9.6%	19.6%
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	Total	17.0%	17.6%	14.2%	16.7%	17.0%	17.6%
	25-44 years	16.3%	19.3%	16.6%	22.6%	16.3%	19.3%
	45-64 years	19.0%	19.2%	18.6%	18.5%	19.0%	19.2%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	Total	3.0%	3.8%	1.2%	3.1%	3.0%	3.8%
	25-44 years	3.1%	3.8%	1.5%	2.5%	3.1%	3.8%
	45-64 years	3.7%	4.3%	-	3.0%	3.7%	4.3%
University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above	Total	33.7%	21.9%	10.6%	11.7%	33.8%	22.0%
	25-44 years	47.6%	32.6%	15.9%	20.7%	47.8%	32.7%
	45-64 years	33.3%	22.6%	10.6%	11.2%	33.5%	22.7%

Source: JPocock Research Consulting, 2021 Census, Statistics Canada. Population in private households - 25% sample.



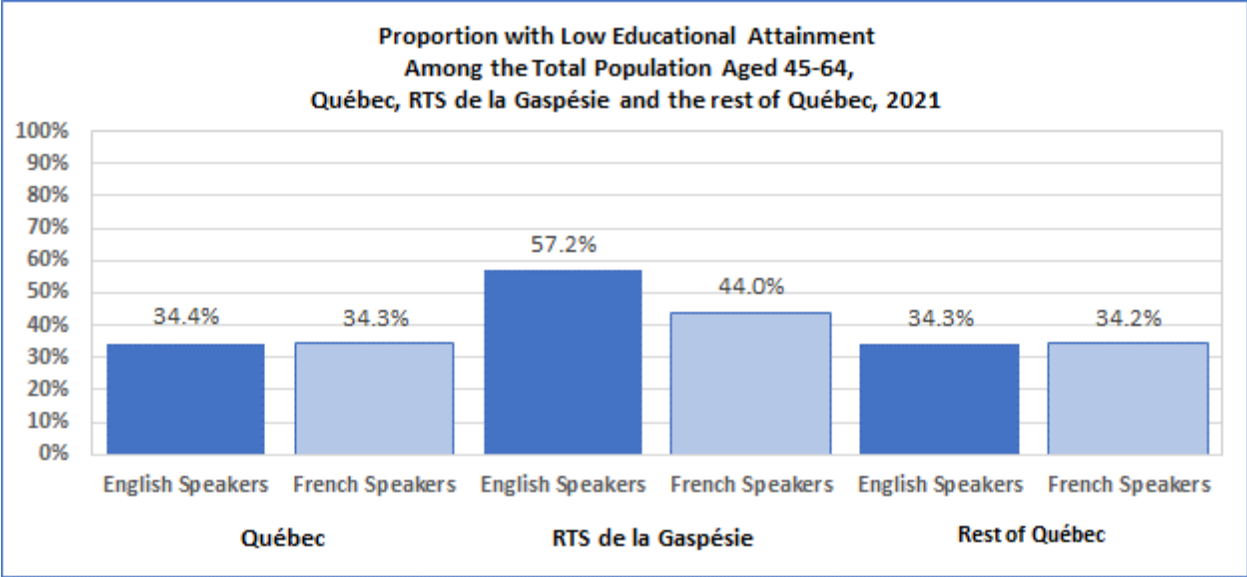
Population aged 15+, high school diploma or less

- Across Québec, there were 399,730 English speakers aged 15 and over with a high school diploma or less. This group accounts for 38.1% 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 2021, there were 3,745 English speakers aged 15 and over with a high school diploma or less in the RTS de la Gaspésie region where they account for 61.9% 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 much higher than the proportion in the regional French-speaking majority population. The level for the English-speaking regional proportion is much higher than that exhibited by English speakers across the province.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 395,985 English speakers aged 15 and over with a high school diploma or less where they represent 37.9% 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 much lower than the proportion exhibited by the English speakers across the RTS de la Gaspésie region.



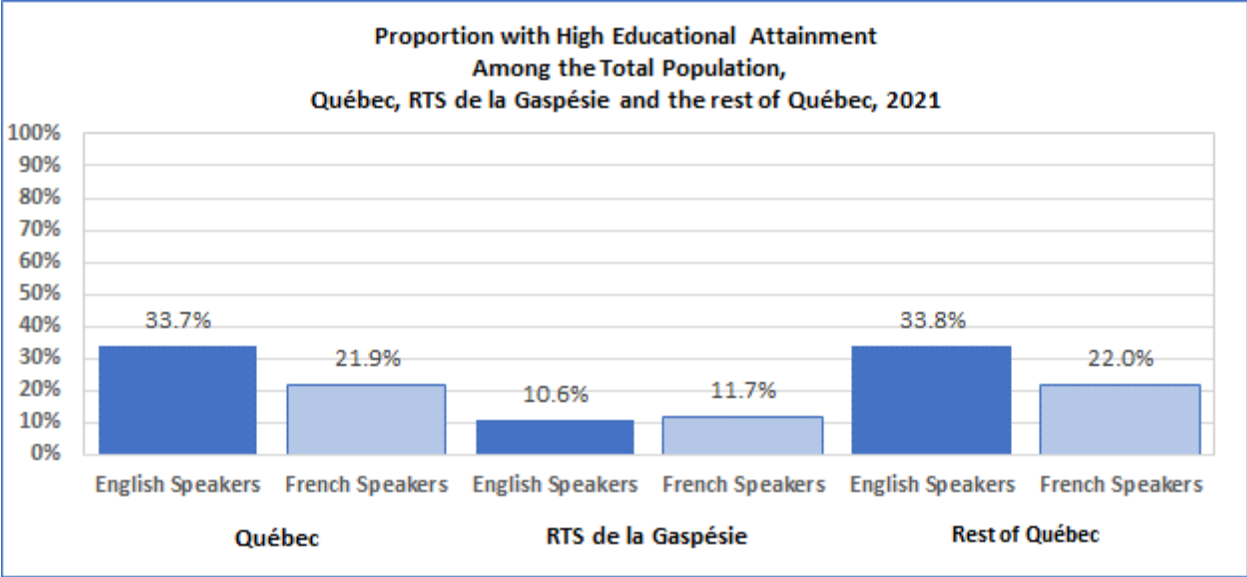
Population 25-44, high school diploma or less

- Across Québec, there were 90,820 English speakers aged 25-44 with a high school diploma or less. This group represents 24.1% 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 2021, there were 625 English speakers aged 25-44 with a high school diploma or less in the RTS de la Gaspésie region where they account for 46.1% 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 much higher than that exhibited by English speakers across the province in the same age cohort.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 90,195 English speakers aged 25-44 with a high school diploma or less where they comprise 24.0% 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 lower than the proportion exhibited by English speakers across the RTS de la Gaspésie region.



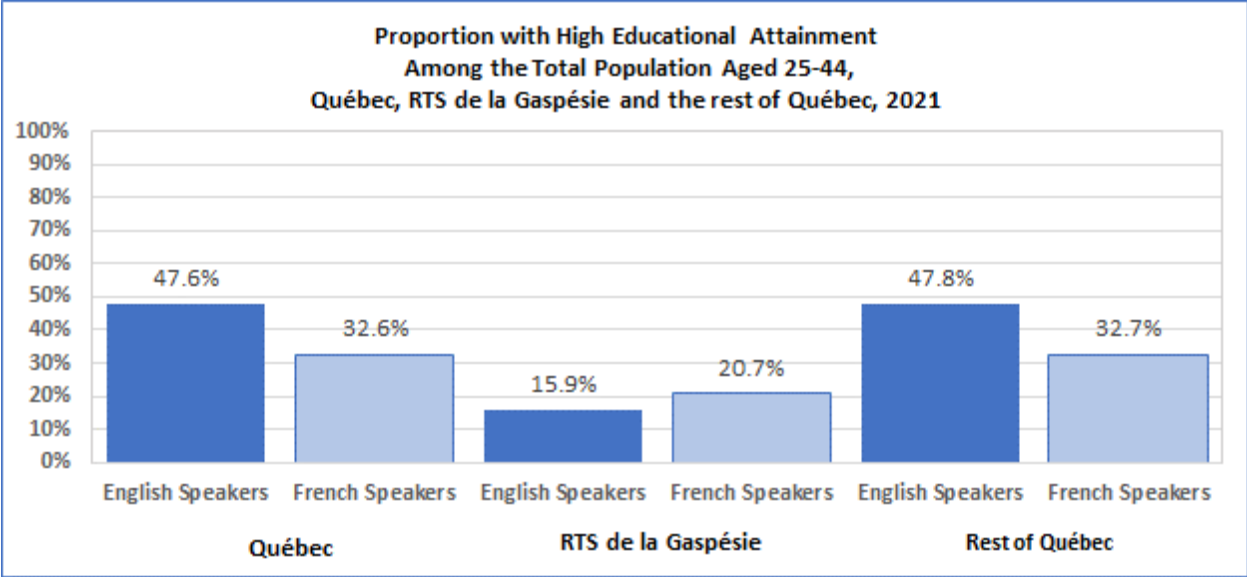
Population 45-64, high school diploma or less

- In Québec in 2021, there were 112,980 English-speaking aged 45-64 with a high school diploma or less. This group represents 34.4% 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 2021, there were 1,155 English speakers aged 45-64 with a high school diploma or less in the RTS de la Gaspésie region where they account for 57.2% 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 much higher than that exhibited by the province's English speakers.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 111,825 English speakers aged 45-64 with a high school diploma or less where they comprise 34.3% 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 aged 45-64 with a high school diploma or less in the territory's English-speaking population is much lower than the proportion exhibited by English speakers across the region.



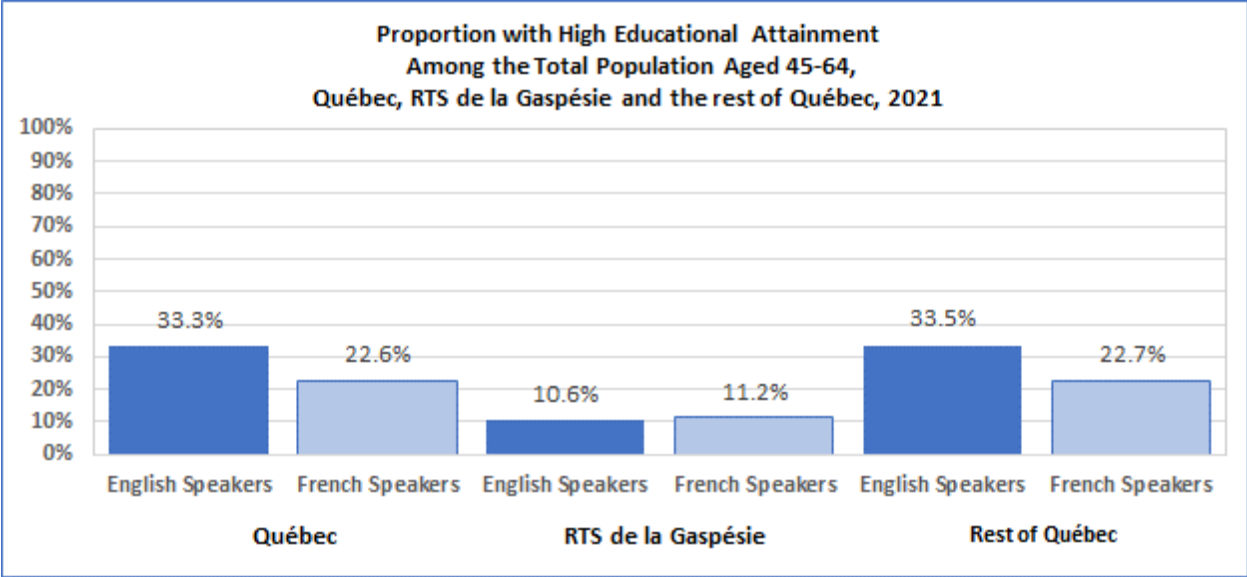
Population aged 15+, university degree or higher

- In Québec in 2021, there were 353,815 English-speaking aged 15 and over with a university degree or higher. This group represents 33.7% 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 2021, there were 640 English speakers aged 15 and over with a university degree or higher in the RTS de la Gaspésie region where they account for 10.6% 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 lower than 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 353,175 English speakers aged 15 and over with a university degree or higher where they represent 33.8% 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 2021, there were 179,675 English speakers aged 25-44 with a university degree or higher. This group accounts for 47.6% 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 2021, there were 215 English speakers aged 25-44 with a university degree or higher in the RTS de la Gaspésie where they represent 15.9% 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 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 179,460 English speakers aged 25-44 with a university degree or higher where they comprise 47.8% 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 2021, there were 109,275 English speakers aged 45-64 with a university degree or higher. This group represents 33.3% 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 2021, there were 215 English speakers aged 45-64 with a university degree or higher in the RTS de la Gaspésie region where they represent 10.6% 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 109,060 English speakers aged 45-64 with a university degree or higher where they comprise 33.5% 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.¹⁴

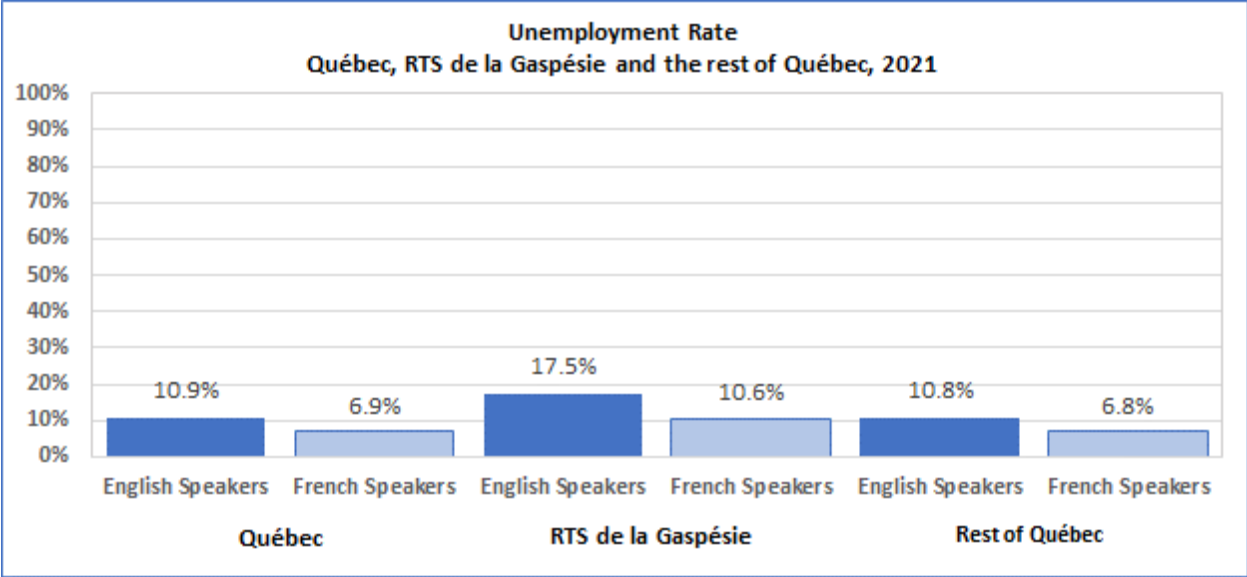
Table 8 - Labour Force Activity

Total Population by Labour Force Activity	Québec		RTS de la Gaspésie		Rest of Québec	
	English	French	English	French	English	French
Total - Labour force activity	1,049,640	5,811,880	6,050	59,445	1,043,590	5,752,435
In the labour force	699,015	3,721,255	2,970	31,595	696,045	3,689,660
Employed	623,105	3,465,265	2,450	28,230	620,655	3,437,035
Unemployed	75,910	255,990	520	3,360	75,390	252,630
Out of the labour force	350,625	2,090,630	3,085	27,850	347,540	2,062,780
Total - Labour force activity	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
In the labour force	66.6%	64.0%	49.1%	53.1%	66.7%	64.1%
Employed	89.1%	93.1%	82.5%	89.3%	89.2%	93.2%
Unemployed	10.9%	6.9%	17.5%	10.6%	10.8%	6.8%
Out of the labour force	33.4%	36.0%	51.0%	46.9%	33.3%	35.9%

Source: JPocock Research Consulting, 2021 Census, Statistics Canada. Population in private households - 25% sample.

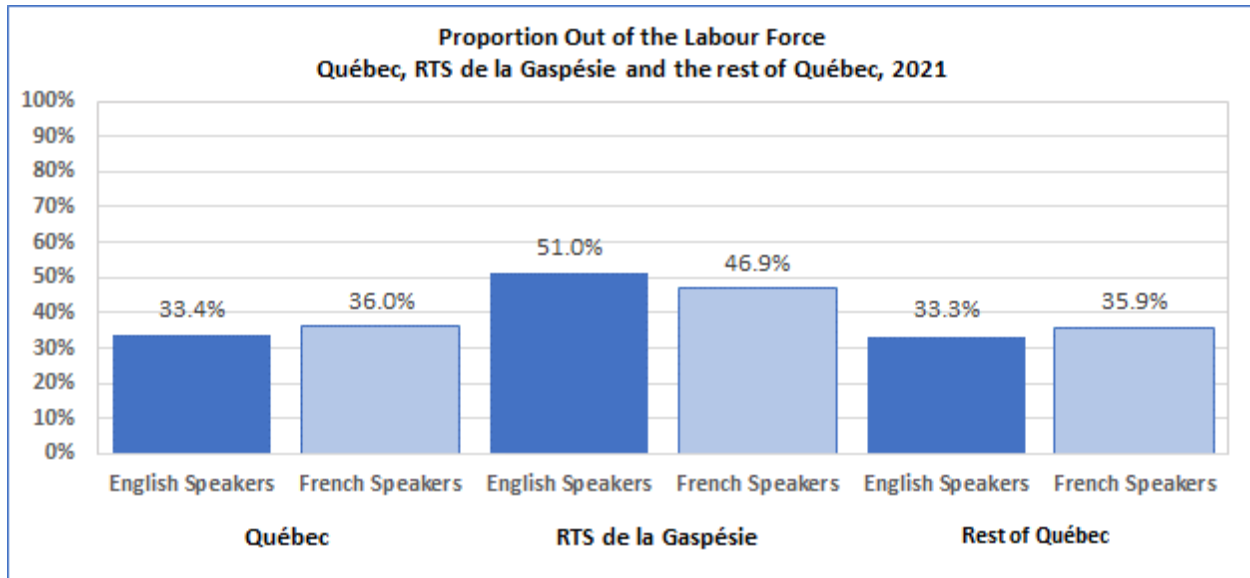
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Unemployed

- Across Québec in 2021, there were 75,910 English speakers who were unemployed resulting in an unemployment rate of 10.9%. The unemployment rate of Quebec's English speakers was much higher than the unemployment rate of the French-speaking majority.
- In 2021, there were 520 unemployed English speakers in the RTS de la Gaspésie region where they experienced an unemployment rate of 17.5%. 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 much higher than that experienced by the provincial English-speaking population.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 75,390 unemployed English speakers resulting in an unemployment rate of 10.8%. 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 much lower than the unemployment rate experienced by English speakers across the RTS de la Gaspésie region.



Out of the labour force¹⁵

- Across Québec in 2021, there were 350,625 English speakers out of the labour force in 2016. This group represents 33.4% of the English-speaking population aged 15+. The proportion of English speakers out of the labour force is lower than that found in the French-speaking majority population in Quebec aged 15 and over.
- In 2021, there were 3,085 English speakers out of the labour force in the RTS de la Gaspésie region where they comprise 51.0% of the regional English-speaking population aged 15+. The proportion of those out of the labour force 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 higher than that exhibited by the provincial English-speaking population.
- In the rest of Québec, we find 347,540 English speakers out of the labour force where they account for 33.3% of the English-speaking population. This is 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 RTS de la Gaspésie region.

¹⁵The Statistics Canada category “[out of the labour force](http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/nhs-enm/2011/ref/dict/99-000-x2011001-eng.pdf)” 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 RTS and RLS, 2021¹⁶

Number and Proportion of English and French Speakers in RTS de la Gaspésie by RLS Territory, 2021				
Geography	Total Population	French Speakers	English Speakers	Proportion of English Speakers
Québec	8,406,905	7,074,330	1,253,580	14.9%
RTS de la Gaspésie	75,995	68,885	7,075	9.3%
RLS de la Baie-des-Chaleurs	30,610	26,690	3,920	12.8%
RLS de la Haute-Gaspésie	10,575	10,515	60	0.6%
RLS de La Côte-de-Gaspé	18,715	16,365	2,345	12.5%
RLS du Rocher-Percé	16,090	15,320	750	4.7%
<i>Source: JPocock Research Consulting, 2021 Census, Statistics Canada. Total population excluding institutional residents - 100% sample.</i>				

¹⁶Baseline Data Reports are only available for those RLS territories with at least 250 English speakers. This table nonetheless lists all RLS territories in a given RTS area.

Appendix B – Baseline Data Report Series

2003-2004	Regional Profiles of English-speaking Communities	2001 Census
2004-2005	Profiles of English-speaking Communities In Selected CLSC Territories	2001 Census
2005-2006	English-Language Health and Social Services Access in Québec	2005 CHSSN-CROP Survey on Community Vitality
2006-2007	Community Network Building	Case studies (qualitative interviews)
2007-2008	Health and Social Survey Information on Quebec's English-speaking Communities	1998 Québec Health and Social Survey
2008-2009	Regional Profiles of Quebec's English-speaking Communities: Selected 1996-2006 Census Findings	1996 and 2006 Census
2009-2010	Demographic Profiles of Quebec's English-speaking Communities for Selected CSSS Territories	1996 and 2006 Census
2010-2011	English-Language Health and Social Services Access in Québec	2010 CHSSN-CROP Survey on Community Vitality
2010-2011	2010-2011 Companion Report – Comparison of French and English respondents to the 2010 CROP survey	2010 CHSSN-CROP Survey on Community Vitality
2011-2012	Socio-economic Profiles of English-speaking Visible Minority Population by Quebec Health Region	2006 Census of Canada
2012-2013	Quebec's English-speaking Community Networks and their Partners in Public Health and Social Services	Survey of NPI organizations and interviews
2013-2014	Demographic Profiles of Quebec's English-speaking Communities for Selected CSSS Territories	2011 Census of Canada; 2011 National Household Survey
2014-2015	Canadian Community Health Survey (2011-2012) / Findings related to the Mental and Emotional Health of Quebec's English-speaking Communities	Canadian Community Health Survey, 2011-2012
2015-2016	English-Language Health and Social Services Access in Québec	2015 CHSSN-CROP Survey on Community Vitality
2015-2016	2015 CHSSN-CROP Survey on Community Vitality / Findings on English-speaking Community Vitality Across Key Sectors	2015 CHSSN-CROP Survey on Community Vitality
2016-2017	Demographic Summaries for English-speaking Populations Across Quebec's RTS Territories (2011)	2011 Census of Canada; 2011 National Household Survey
2017-2018	Demographic Profiles of Quebec's English-speaking Communities for Selected RLS Territories	2016 Census of Canada
2018-2019	Socio-demographic Profile of Children Aged 0 to 5 and their Parents	2016 Census of Canada
2018-2019	English-language Health and Social Service Access in Quebec	2019 CHSSN-CROP Community Health and Social Survey
2019 -2021	Gender Based Socio-demographic Profiles	2016 Census of Canada
2019 -2021	Time Series Report: CHSSN/CROP Surveys 2005-2019	2005-2019 CHSSN CROP Community Health and Social Surveys
2021-2022	Socio-demographic Characteristics of Visible Minorities in Quebec's English-speaking Communities	2016 Census of Canada
2022-2023	Demographic Profiles of Quebec's English-speaking Communities	2021 Census of Canada

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