



English-speaking Quebec: Portrait and issues

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Who and where

A minority

1. First official language spoken-English vs Mother Tongue-English

	2011	2016
FOLS-E • number	1,058,250	1,103,480
• percent	13.5%	13.7%
MT • number	700,405	718,990
• percent	9%	8.9%

1. ESQ = minority

- historic minority in QC (Bill 101)
- official language minority community in Canada (Official Languages Act)

Across Quebec

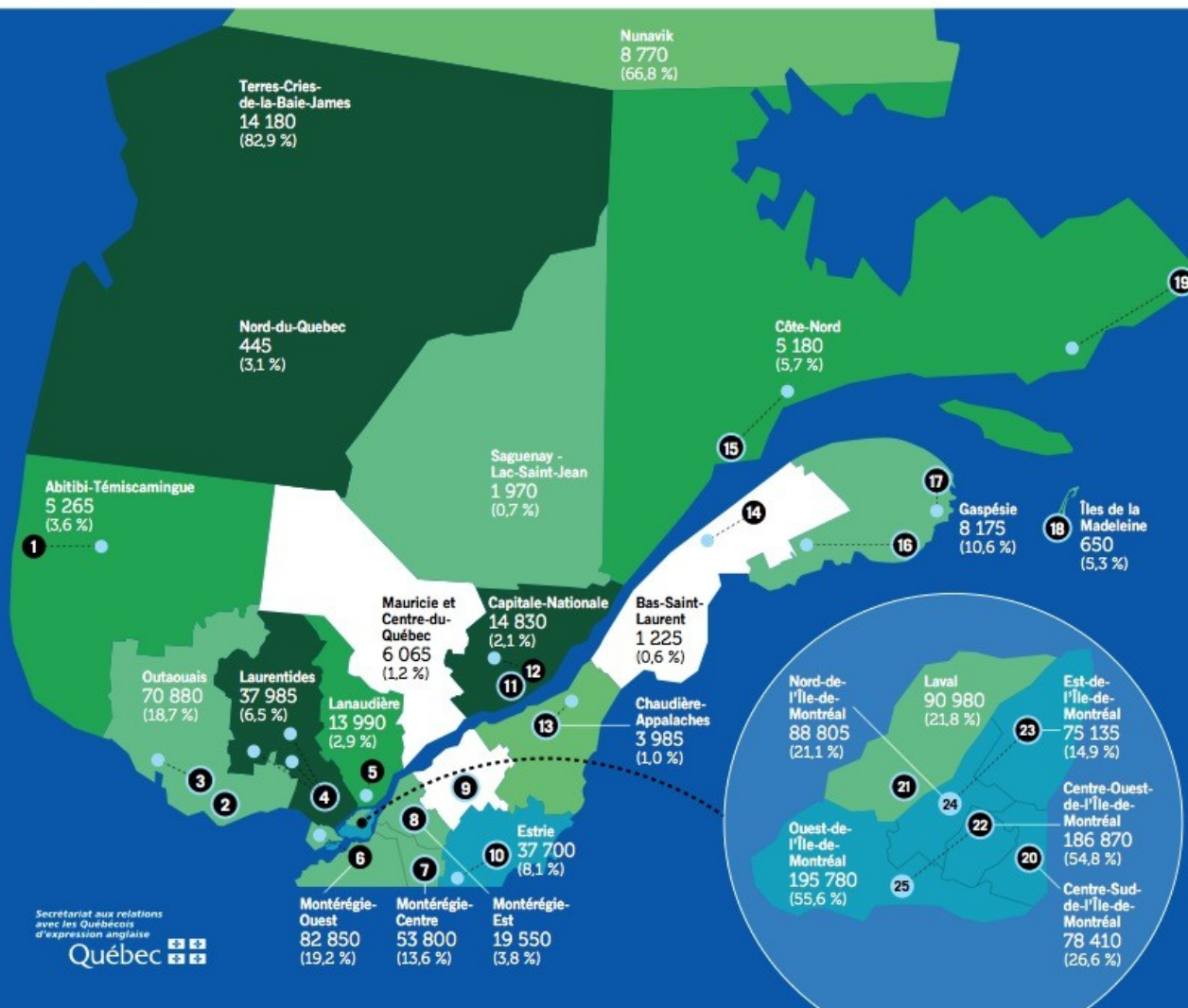


Quebec's
English-speaking
Communities

Les communautés
d'expression anglaise
du Québec

- Head Office with Mandate Expansion
- Head Office
- Satellite Office

CHSSN
Community Health
And Social Services Network
Réseau communautaire de santé
et de services sociaux



Population

1 103 475

2016 Census of Canada
Recensement du Canada, 2016

13,7 %

of Quebec
du Québec

ERCC Initiative

Initiative ERCC

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1 Abitibi-Témiscamingue
Neighbours Regional Association | 14 Bas-Saint-Laurent
Heritage Lower Saint Lawrence (HLSL) |
| 2 Outaouais
Connexions Resource Centre | 15 Côte-Nord
North Shore Community Association (NSCA) |
| 3 Outaouais
Regional Association of West Quebec (RAWQ) | 16 Gaspésie
Committee for Anglophone Social Action (CASA) |
| 4 Laurentides
4 Korners Family Resource Center | 17 Gaspésie
Vision Gaspé-Percé Now (VGPN) |
| 5 Lanaudière
English Community Organization of Lanaudière (ECOL) | 18 Îles de la Madeleine
Council for Anglophone Magdalen Islanders (CAMI) |
| 6 Montérégie-Ouest
Montérégie West Community Network (MWCN) | 19 Côte-Nord
Coasters Association |
| 7 Montérégie-Centre
Assistance and Referral Centre (ARC) | 20 Centre-Sud-de-l'Île-de-Montréal
Collective Community Services (CCS) |
| 8 Montérégie-Est
Montérégie East Partnership for the English-Speaking Community (MEPEC) | 21 Laval
The Youth & Parents AGAPE Association Inc. (AGAPE) |
| 9 Mauricie et Centre-du-Québec
Centre for Access to Services in English (CASE) | 22 Centre-Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal
African Canadian Development & Prevention Network (ACDPN) |
| 10 Estrie
Townshippers' Association | 23 Est-de-l'Île-de-Montréal
East Island Network for English-language Services (REISA) |
| 11 Capitale-Nationale
Jeffery Hale Community Partners (JHCP) | 24 Nord-de-l'Île-de-Montréal
East Island Network for English-language Services (REISA) |
| 12 Capitale-Nationale
Voice of English-speaking Quebec (VEQ) | 25 Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal
African Canadian Development & Prevention Network (ACDPN) |
| 13 Chaudière-Appalaches
Mégantic English-speaking Community Development Corp. (MCDC) | |

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Characteristics and issues

Diverse...

1. Early (18-19c) ESQ

- = English, Irish, Scots, Welsh, Jews, Blacks

2. Today (2006)

- ESQ more diverse than Francophone population
 - Percentage of population = immigrant origin
 - ESQ (FOLS-E): 32.5%
 - Francophone Quebecers: 7.6%
 - Percentage of population = visible minority
 - ESQ (FOLS-E): 24.2%
 - Francophone Quebecers: 6%

...and largely bilingual

French-English bilingualism rate, 2016

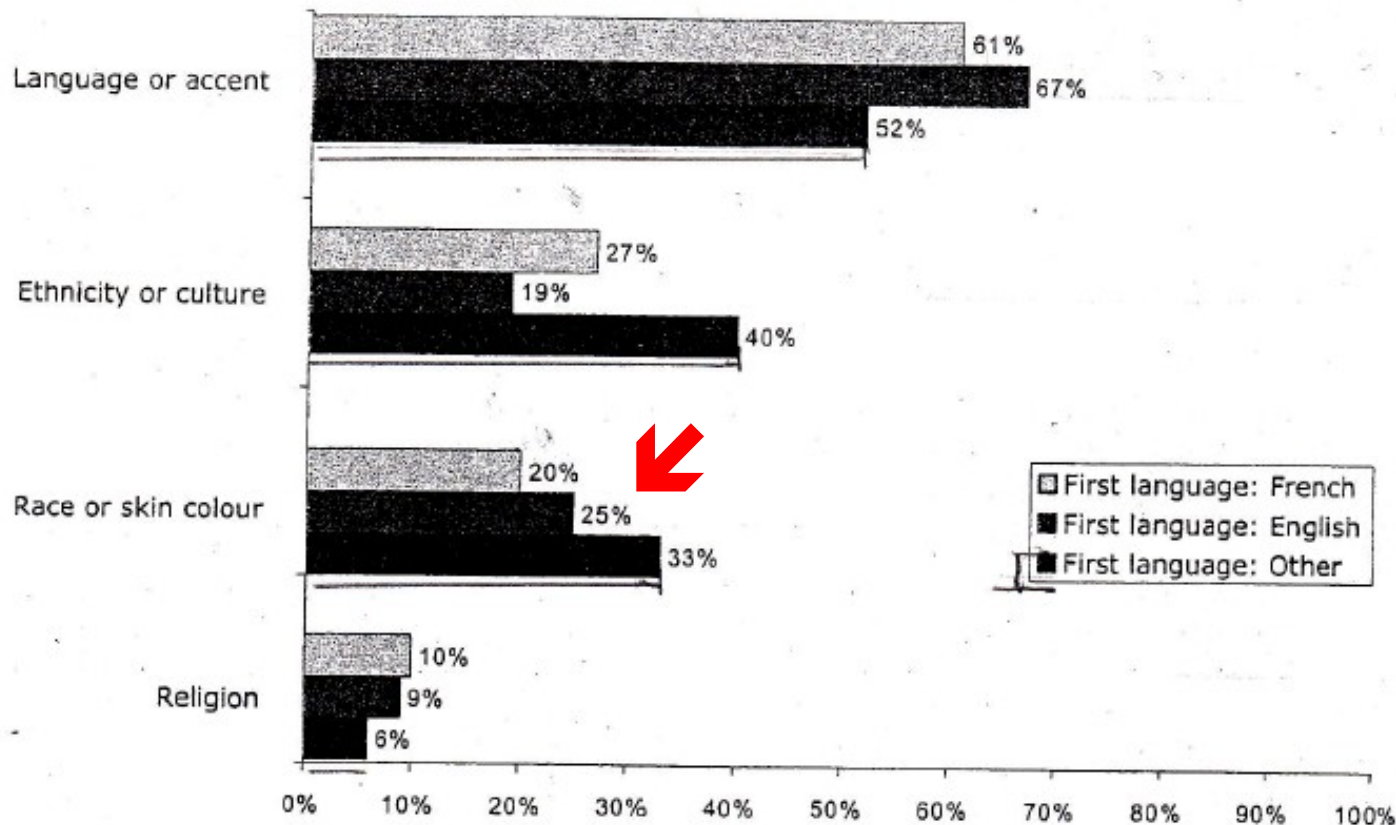
- MT English: 69%
- MT French: 40%
- MT other than English or French: 51%

...but experience of discrimination

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FIGURE 3:

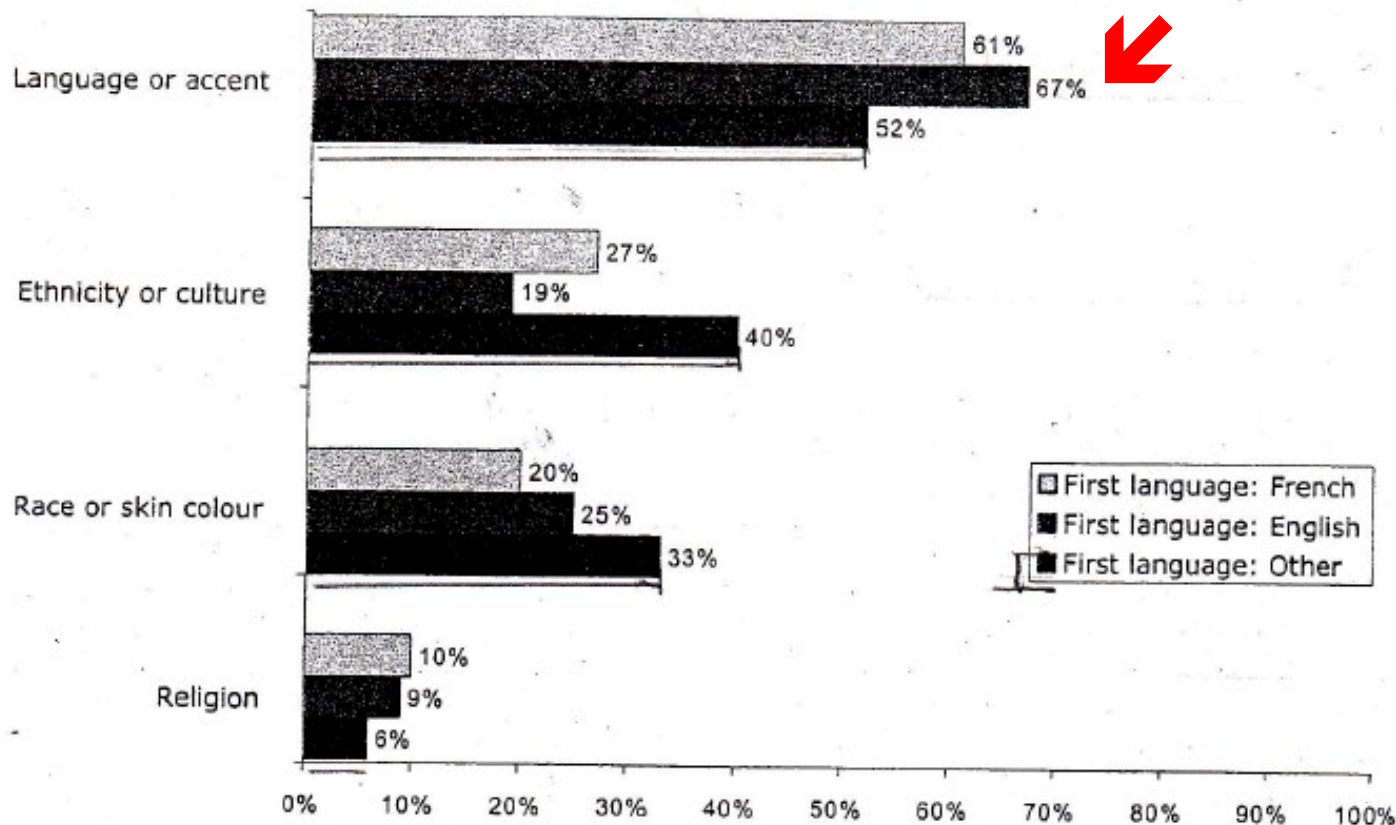
Perceived grounds of discrimination by first language of respondents in Quebec



...especially linguicism.

FIGURE 3:

Perceived grounds of discrimination by first language of respondents in Quebec



What is linguisticism?

= “discrimination against speakers of a different language or with a different accent.”

Chief sources of discrimination in Canada

- In Quebec
 - Anglophones: language/accent: 67%
 - Francophones: language/accent: 61%
 - Allophones: language/accent (52%), ethnicity (40%) and race (33%)
- In ROC
 - Skin colour, overall
 - + linguisticism, for Francophones

A different employment profile...

Working in different sectors, 2006

(1) professional, scientific and technical services

(2) administrative and management services

- Anglophones [FOLS-E]: 8.7% and 4.8% (more)
- Francophones: 5.8% and 3.5%

(3) retail

(4) health care & social assistance

Anglophones: 10.7% and 8.9% (less)

Francophones: 12.4% and 11.4% (more)

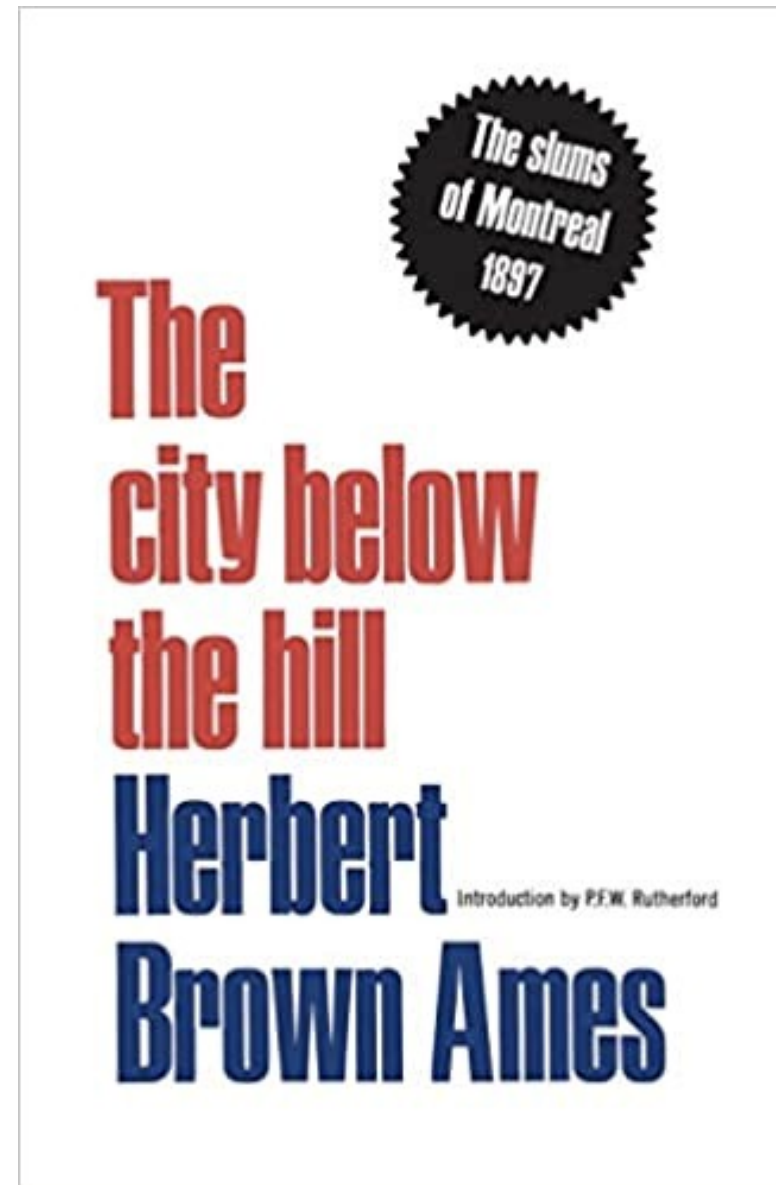
...but low numbers in Qc public service...

Proportion of MT English in total Qc population and in Qc public service



...plus poverty...

1. Historically, ESQ = small elite + many poor
2. Living below low-income cut-off (LICO), 2016:
 - ESQ youth: 23.6%
 - French-speaking youth: 14.9%
 - ESQ non-visible minorities: 17%
 - ESQ visible minorities: 37.7%
 - Francophone visible minorities: 39.5%



...and lower income.

1. Low income, 2016:

- Anglophones: 14.1%
- Francophones: 10.3%

2. Median income, 2016

- Anglophones: \$27,416
- Francophones: \$30,211

Active in civil society...

1. In 2013, the Centre for Community Organizations (www.coco-net.org) identified 800 English-speaking, bilingual and ethno-cultural community groups in 14 regions of Quebec
1. Community groups are positive spaces that “negotiate the language frontiers among and between Anglo-Quebecers and the French majority with the ultimate goal of constructing their identities as participatory members of society” *C. Gosselin, 2021*

...but issues interacting with govt.

Issues English-speaking, bilingual and ethno-cultural community groups have in relations with Qc govt (2013):

- Communication issues with govt = difficulty obtaining funding:
 - Do not operate as single issue organizations = difficulty in attaching themselves to a home ministry
 - Categorize their work in a different manner than Qc government; do not see their work as fitting into strict government classifications
 - Little contact with government officials
 - Lack of knowledge & info about the policies leading to funding for community groups; difficulty grasping the French-only manual's technical terms (Cadre de référence)
- Limits to capacity to work in French = limits to networking with sectoral coalitions having strong link to government
- Lack of government acknowledgement of the distinctiveness of these groups

Overall: declining vitality...

- Vulnerable institutions
- High outmigration
- Aging population
- Fragile institutions

...and context of some incorrect perceptions: “rich Anglophones...”



...and “best treated minority in the world...”



André Turmel... Mainly a matter of independence.

party platform.

CORNERSTONE

Turmel said sovereignty is the cornerstone of his campaign. He said he's against Bill 178 and other legislation which weakens Bill 101, the Quebec language law which makes the province officially unilingual.

"Bill 101 was a good law and it should be brought back and reinforced," he said.

"Anglophones have their institutions and their language. They are the best treated minority in the world."

"The French people have the responsibility to protect their language," Turmel added. "It's not a matter of putting down the English but ensuring the blossoming of our own language."

Vice-president of the PQ Sherbrooke youth wing for the past year and a member of the Sherbrooke area executive, Turmel said he has shown a certain potential and has

*Sherbrooke
Record, Aug.
8, 1989*

...but strong vitality organizations.

- Quebec Community Groups Network www.QCGN.ca
 - = umbrella group with approx. 44 members:
 - Province-wide sector groups (eg., Qc Farmers' Association)
 - Regional associations (eg., Coasters' Assoc.)
 - Specialist groups (eg., St. Columba House, Point St. Charles, Montreal)
- Regional Development Network www.regdevnet.ca
 - = umbrella group with approx. 15 members
 - Mostly regional associations

Conclusion

- Minority in numbers and experiences
- Declining vitality
- Complex issues not helped by public perceptions
- Many assets for stronger future

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