

2021 CENSUS: LANGUAGES



THE FOURTH CENSUS RELEASE PROVIDES INFORMATION ON **LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY** AND THE USE OF **ENGLISH** AND **FRENCH**, THE TWO OFFICIAL LANGUAGES IN CANADA.

NATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

74.2% of Canadians speak **English** regularly at home*



22.6% of Canadians speak **French** regularly at home*

16% increase in Canadians who predominately speak a **non-official language** at home**

Mandarin and **Punjabi** are the **most common non-official languages** spoken*



70+ different **Indigenous languages** are spoken in Canada*

4 in 10 Canadians are **multi-lingual***

*as of 2021 **between 2016 and 2021

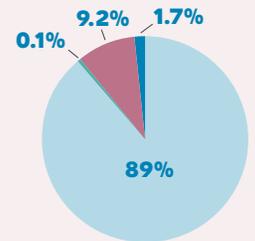
LANGUAGES IN THE CITY

32%* of City residents have a **mother tongue other than English or French**



47%* of City residents are **multi-lingual**

City of North Vancouver: **Knowledge of Official Languages** (2021)



- English only
- French only
- English and French
- Neither English or French

KNOWLEDGE OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: refers to a person who can conduct a conversation in **English** or **French**.

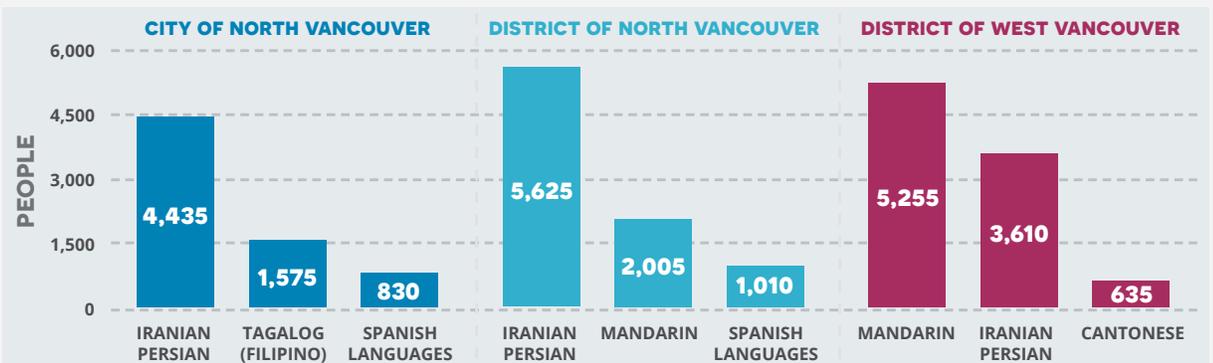
MOTHER TONGUE: the **first language learned at home** in **childhood** and still understood today.

*as of 2021

NORTH SHORE COMPARISON

Top 3 Non-Official Languages Spoken Most at Home (2021)

Over **100 languages** are spoken on the **North Shore**



WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Understanding **linguistic diversity** is important as it links to **culture, identity**, and the **connections** people have within their community. This information helps the City to better support access to **services and information**, and helps to **promote equity, diversity, and inclusion** within the community.

Source: **Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population.**

Learn more at cnv.org/statistics

