

# 2016

Census Release Report



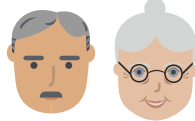
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## LANGUAGE

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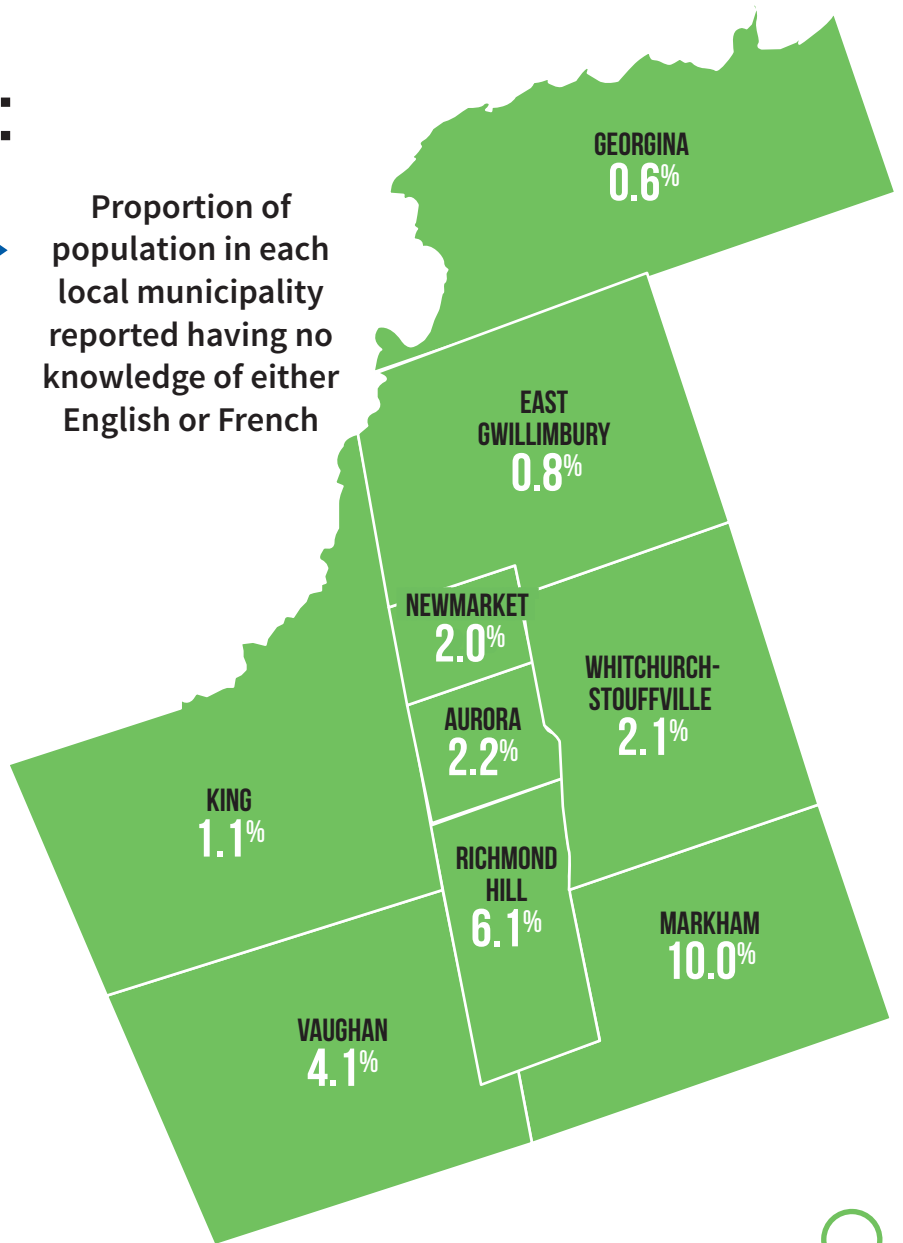
of York Region residents reported English as the language spoken most often at home

**0.3%**  
(2,960)



of York Region residents reported French as the language spoken most often at home

Proportion of population in each local municipality reported having no knowledge of either English or French



Increase in the number of York Region residents who reported having no knowledge of English or French

**TOP 10** non-official languages spoken at home

CANTONESE	83,400	TAMIL	14,250
MANDARIN	63,770	KOREAN	9,210
FARSI	25,705	URDU	8,375
RUSSIAN	24,545	SPANISH	7,165
ITALIAN	16,485	PUNJABI	5,365

## Linguistic Characteristics of York Region's Population (Preliminary Analyses based on 2016 Census)

On August 2, 2017 Statistics Canada released a series of data from the 2016 Census on linguistic characteristics of Canadians. This summary presents statistics for York Region and its nine local municipalities. Historical trends and comparisons with other municipalities in the GTA will also be highlighted when appropriate.

### Highlights

- 6.6% (73,205) of York Region residents reported being able to conduct a conversation in both English and French
- 87.7% (967,745) of York Region residents reported having knowledge of English but not French
- 5.6% (61,855) of York Region residents reported having no knowledge of either English or French
- From 2011 to 2016, the number of residents in York Region who reported having no knowledge of official languages has increased by 27.5% (from 48,500 in 2011 to 61,855 in 2016)
- Among the local municipalities, Markham had the highest proportion of residents (10.0%) having no knowledge of either official languages, followed by Richmond Hill (6.1%) and Vaughan (4.1%)
- Seniors (those aged 65 and over) were less likely to have knowledge of English or French compared with those in younger age categories; Overall, 18.1% (28,360) of all seniors in York Region did not speak either official language
- 42.7% of all seniors in York Region having no knowledge of either official language lived in Markham, followed by 27.6% in Vaughan and 22.2% in Richmond Hill
- 68.2% (684,910) of residents in York Region reported English as the language most often spoken at home
- In comparison, only 0.3% (2,960) of York Region residents reported French as the language spoken most often at home
- 31.5% (316,170) of York Region residents reported speaking a non-official language most often at home
- In 2016, the language composition of York Region comprised over 120 different languages (including English and French), illustrating York Region's linguistic diversity (single response)
- Of those speaking a non-official language most often at home, about 48.3% spoke Chinese languages
- Cantonese and Mandarin were two of the top ten most common non-official languages spoken at home by York Region residents, followed by Farsi, Russian and Italian

## End Notes

This summary provides an overview of York Region's demography based on Statistics Canada's 2016 Census of Population data on linguistic characteristics. It serves as the second in a series of reports summarizing the 2016 Census data release:

- [Age, Sex and Type of Dwelling – May 3, 2017](#)
- [Families, Households and Marital Status – August 2, 2017](#)

Additional data will be available from Statistics Canada according to the following schedule:

- Income – September 13, 2017
- Immigration and ethnocultural diversity, aboriginal people, housing – October 25, 2017
- Education, labour, journey to work, language at work, mobility and migration – November 29, 2017

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