Talking Access & Equity: A Profile of City of Toronto Residents Who Speak Neither Official Language

A Visual Summary

Third report in our census research series  July 2018
Number of Residents Who Speak Neither Official Language
Percentage of Residents Who Speak Neither Official Language
Mother Tongue & Gender Breakdown
Residents Who Speak Neither Official Language with Cantonese Mother Tongue
Residents Who Speak Neither Official Language with Mandarin Mother Tongue
Residents Who Speak Neither Official Language with Portuguese Mother Tongue
Residents Who Speak Neither Official Language with Italian Mother Tongue
Residents Who Speak Neither Official Language with Spanish Mother Tongue
Residents Who Speak Neither Official Language with Tamil Mother Tongue
Age & Gender Breakdown

- Male
- Female
Unemployment Rates

- Total population
- Population with knowledge of neither official language

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Employment Type

A. Total Population
- Full-time full-year: 49.9%
- Part-time and/or part-year: 50.1%

B. Neither Official Language
- Full-time full-year: 38.7%
- Part-time and/or part-year: 61.3%
Poverty Rates

![Bar graph showing poverty rates in different categories based on knowledge of official languages.](image-url)
Areas with a Large Population of Residents Who Speak Neither Official Language
Key Findings

• Toronto is home to a diverse group of residents who speak neither official language
• Women and seniors are significant subgroups of this population
• Residents with a Chinese mother tongue make up a significant subgroup of this population
• Residents who do not speak either official language tend to live in areas where their mother tongue is commonly spoken
• Residents who do not speak either official language have high poverty rates
• Residents in the labour market who do not speak either official language have high unemployment rates, and most of those with employment lack full-time, full-year work
Recommendations

- Improve access to ESL instruction
- Improve access to services for residents with language barriers
- Meet the needs of linguistically-diverse seniors
- Ensure city plans & strategies meet the needs of linguistically-diverse residents
- Conduct further research to understand and support this population
Talking About Toronto Languages

• Read the “Talking Access & Equity” report
• Investigate the evolving linguistic diversity of the city with our interactive Toronto Language Map
• Check out the Top 5 Facts About Toronto Languages

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