

## Other languages in New Brunswick

“Other language” refers to all languages other than English and French. It includes Aboriginal, immigrant and sign languages. The expression “non-official language” refers to the same concept.

The analysis in this report considers single and multiple mother tongue responses together, and refers to the total population excluding institutional residents.

- More and more respondents to the census are reporting a language other than English or French.
- In the 2016 Census, 25,165 people in New Brunswick or 3.4% of the total population reported a mother tongue other than English or French (alone or with other languages). This was up from 2.7% in 2011.
- The three most common non-official mother tongues in the province in 2016 were Arabic (3,060 people), Mandarin (2,325 people) and Mi’kmaq (1,925 people). Sign language was used by 245 people.
- Nationally, almost 8 million people reported a mother tongue other than English or French in 2016, representing 22.9% of the Canadian population.

