

Francophone Population

The Francophone population includes persons who consider French to be at least one of their mother tongue languages. Mother tongue is defined by Statistics Canada as “the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the individual.” French only Francophones refer to Francophones who identified French as their only mother tongue language. The Anglophone population refers to the population in Kingston who identified English as their only mother tongue language.

Highlights

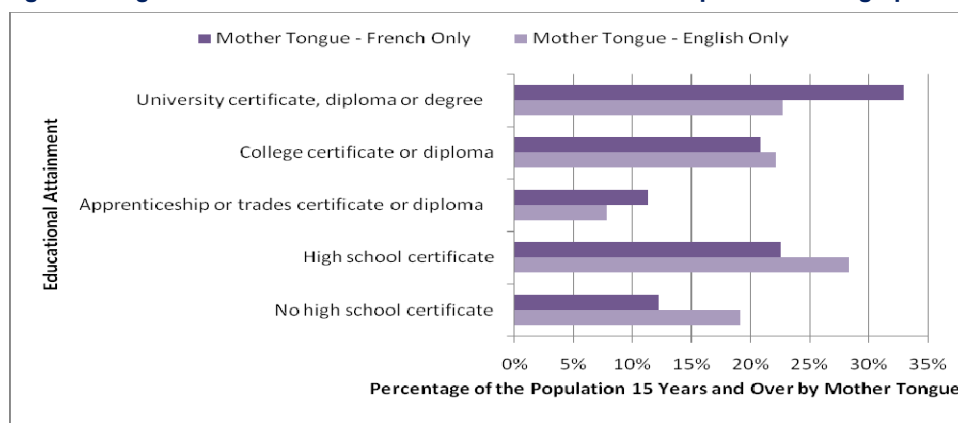
- Francophones comprised 3.3% of Kingston’s population in 2006 compared to 4.4% of Ontario’s population
- Francophone population: 5,085 persons
- Francophone growth rate (2001 to 2006):

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| <u>Kingston:</u> | 0.9% | <u>Ontario:</u> | 0.9% |
| French only Francophone growth rate (2001 to 2006): | 11.9% | French only Francophone labour force participation rate: | 7.9% |
| French only Francophone labour force participation rate: | 67.9% | French only Francophone unemployment rate: | 65.3% |
| French only Francophone unemployment rate: | 2.8% | | 6.5% |
- In 2006, 38% of French only Francophones moved to Kingston recently (after 2001) compared to only 20% of Anglophones in Kingston. Of the French only Francophones who moved to Kingston recently, a majority moved from a province outside of Ontario.

Table 5.4: Mobility Status 5 Years Ago by Mother Tongue in Kingston, 2006

| Mobility Status Five Years Ago | Number of Persons by Mother Tongue (%) | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--------|-------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| | English Only | | French Only | | English and French | |
| Non-movers | 70,460 | (57%) | 1,860 | (45%) | 160 | (46%) |
| Non-migrants | 27,585 | (22%) | 715 | (17%) | 125 | (36%) |
| Intraprovincial migrants | 18,940 | (15%) | 550 | (13%) | 45 | (13%) |
| Interprovincial migrants | 4,385 | (4%) | 860 | (21%) | 15 | (4%) |
| External migrants | 1,685 | (1%) | 180 | (4%) | 0 | (0%) |
| Total Population | 123,065 | (100%) | 4,170 | (100%) | 345 | (100%) |

Figure 1: Highest Level of Education Achieved for the Francophone and Anglophone Populations, 2006



- In 2006 33% of French only Francophones (aged 15 years and over) had a university certificate compared to 23% of the Anglophone population (Figure 1)

Implications

- Additional studies are needed to determine why Francophones are settling in Kingston and primarily from provinces outside of Ontario.
- By gearing social services and other resources towards Francophones, Kingston may become a more Francophone-friendly community. This may in turn increase the number of Francophones settling in Kingston and the number of persons in the labour force who can speak French at work.
- It may be useful for employers seeking to locate workplaces to recognize that Kingston is home to highly educated Francophones of working-age and a large source of employees who are able to speak French most often at work.