

Profile of the English-Speaking Community in

Montréal-Centre

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Method

This data is taken from the 2021 Census of Canada.

ARC organized two focus groups and two surveys to get a better understanding of the needs of English speakers in Montérégie-Centre. One focus group was with active community members in the Lacolle, Clarenceville and Noyan. Another focus group was held with partners in the Montérégie administrative region. One survey was sent to the military families in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu and another across the Montérégie-Centre region.

Purpose of the document



Build knowledge on the regional English-speaking population



Support programming to respond to needs

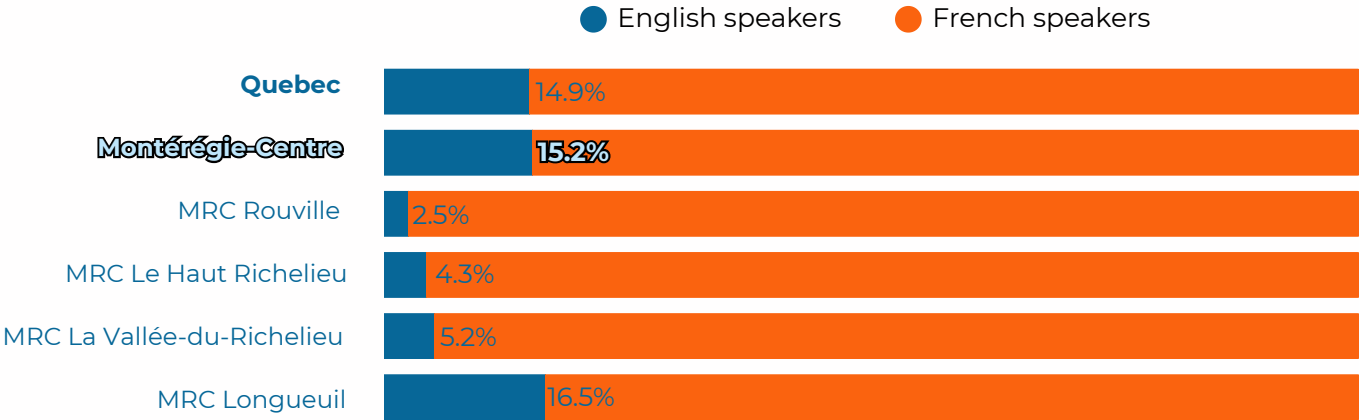


Inform decision-making in allocating resources (time, money, human resources)



English-Speaking Population

Proportion of English and French speakers (FOLS) by Province, Region and MRC



ARC covers a total of 62,247 English speakers in the Montérégie-Centre.

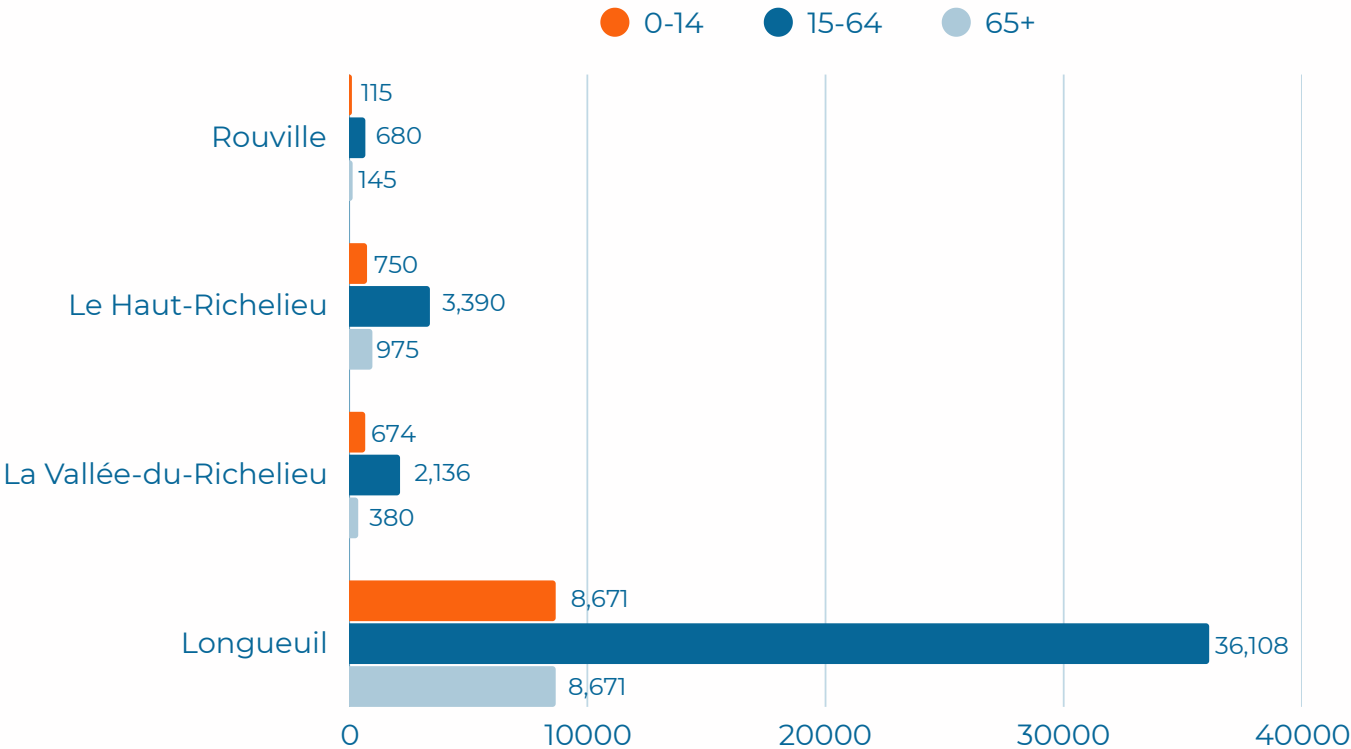
This is how they are distributed through the MRCs:

- Longueuil :** 53,123 (Brossard, St-Hubert, Greenfield Park and Saint-Lambert)
- La Vallée-du-Richelieu:** 3,198 (Chambly and Carignan)
- Le Haut-Richelieu:** 4,989
- Rouville:** 937

English-Speaking Population

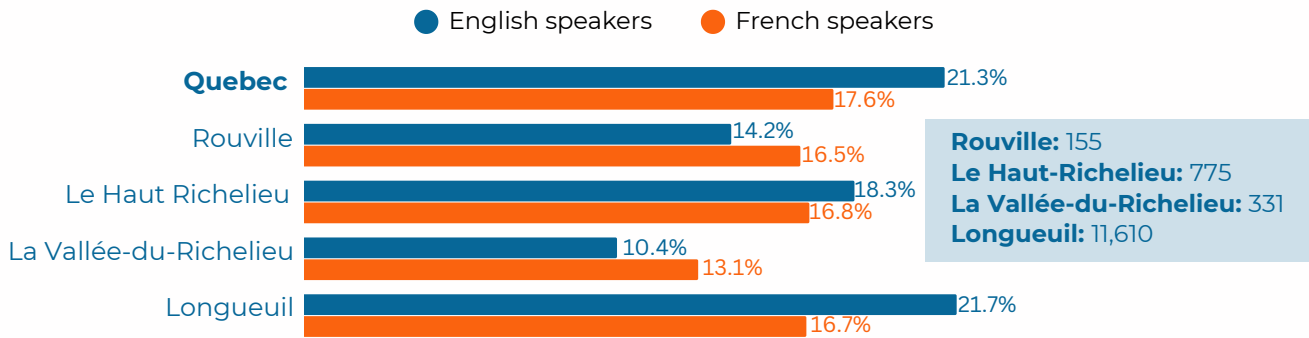
Most of the English-speaking population in the MRCs covered by ARC is located in Longueuil. While the age groups are relatively balanced in Rouville, Le Haut-Richelieu, La Vallée-du-Richelieu, and in Longueuil the 15-64 age group is very large.

Age distribution of English speakers by MRC

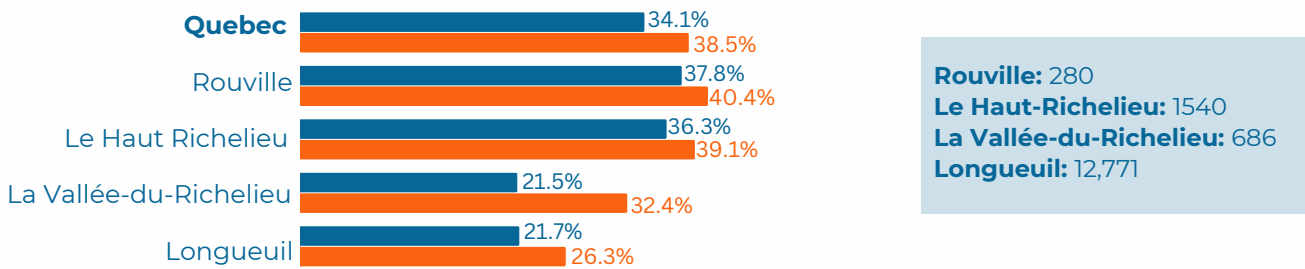


Income

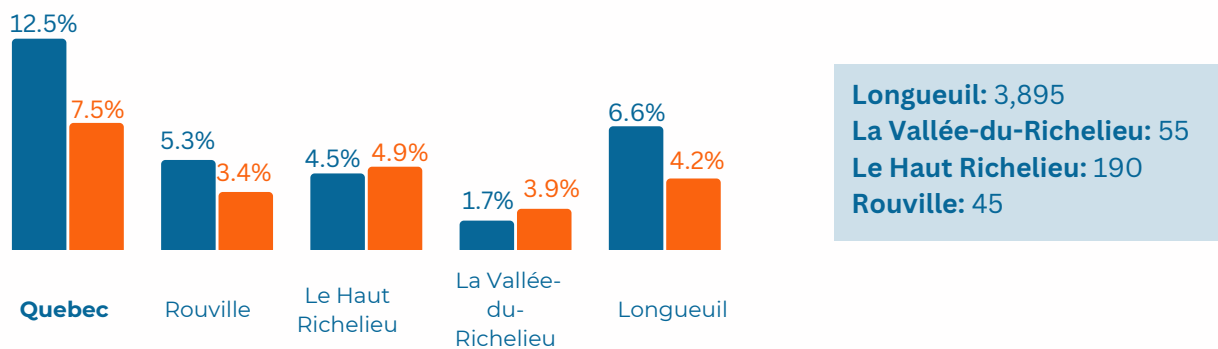
English and French speakers earning less than \$20,000



English and French speakers earning \$50,000 or more



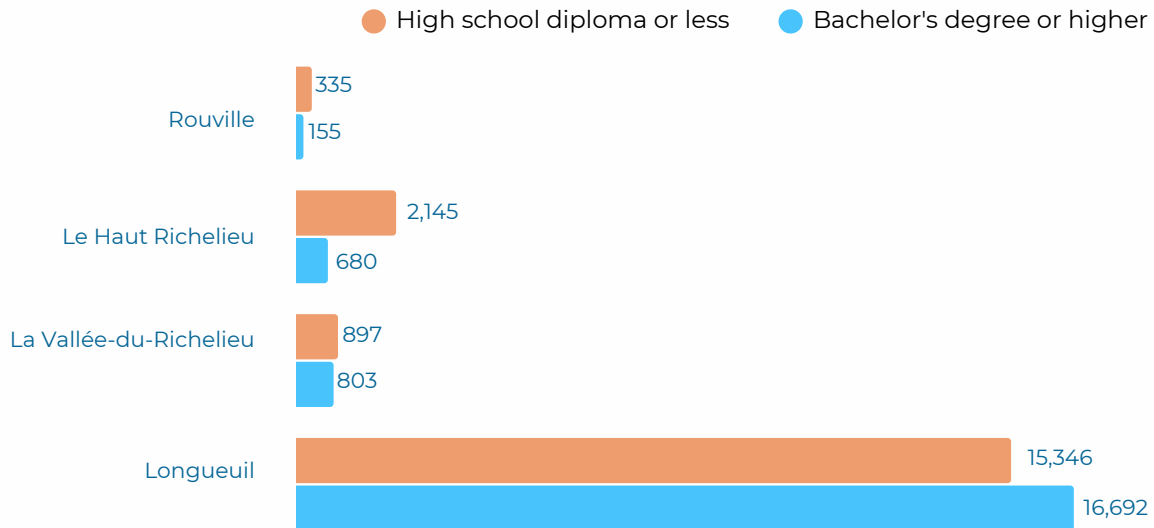
English and French speakers living under the LICO



English speakers are less likely to be making \$50,000 a year or more than French speakers in the Province and the MRCs in this profile. English speakers are more likely than French speakers to be living under the LICO in Longueuil and Rouville.

Education

Educational Attainment for English speakers by MRC

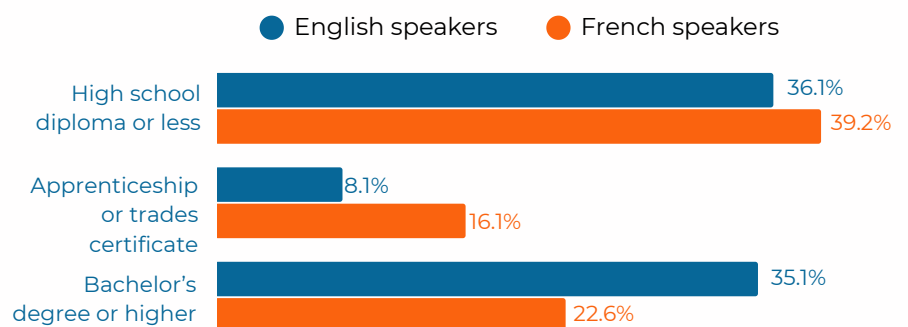


Longueuil has the highest number of English speakers with a Bachelor's degree or higher. Le Haut Richelieu and Rouville have a significantly higher number of English speakers with low levels of education than with a Bachelor's degree or higher.



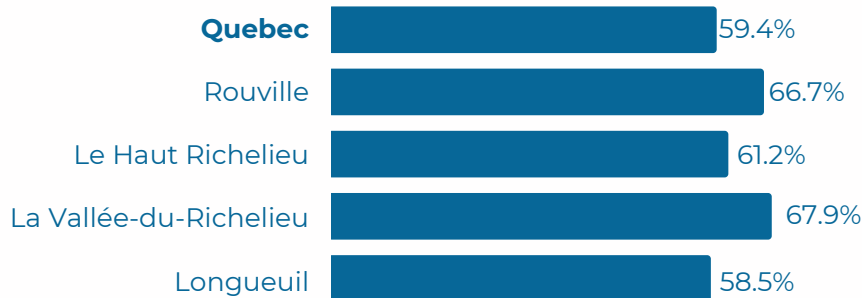
English speakers have a higher proportion of their population with a Bachelor's degree or higher than French speakers.

Educational Attainment in Montérégie-Centre



Labour Force Activity

Employment rate for English speakers by MRC and province



Employment rates for English speakers are higher in Rouville, Haut-Richelieu and La Vallée-du-Richelieu than the province.

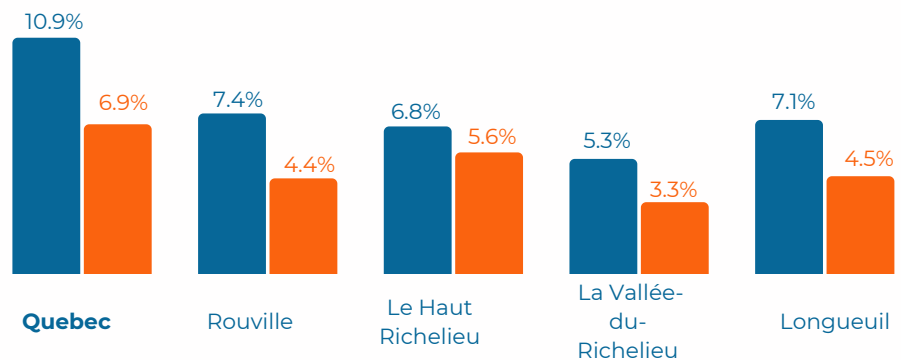
Region	Employed*	Unemployed*
MRC Rouville	500	40
MRC Le Haut-Richelieu	2600	190
MRC La Vallée-du-Richelieu	1708	133
MRC Longueuil	25949	3128



The unemployment rates are much higher for English speakers than they are for French speakers in all four MRCs. The same is true for the province.

Unemployment rate by MRC and province

● English speakers ● French speakers



*An employed person can also include people who have a job but are not at work due to illness, disability, personal or family responsibilities, vacation or labour dispute.

Unemployed: people who would like to be employed but are not. Does not include people who are not looking for employment such as: retirees and stay at home spouses. (Statistics Canada. Dictionary of Census population. (2021) <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/ref/dict/az/index-eng.cfm>)

Mobility

Mobility is an important element in the cohesiveness and vitality of a community. The longer people live in a community, the more likely they are to contribute, volunteer and make connections with other members of the community.

English and French speakers that have moved from another province between 2016 and 2021

Region	English speakers	French speakers
MRC Rouville	25	60
MRC Le Haut-Richelieu	330	545
MRC La Vallée-du-Richelieu	108	178
MRC Longueuil	1290	670

*Mobility refers to people moving from one residence to another between May 10, 2016 and 2021.

A large number of English speakers in these four MRCs moved between 2016 and 2021.

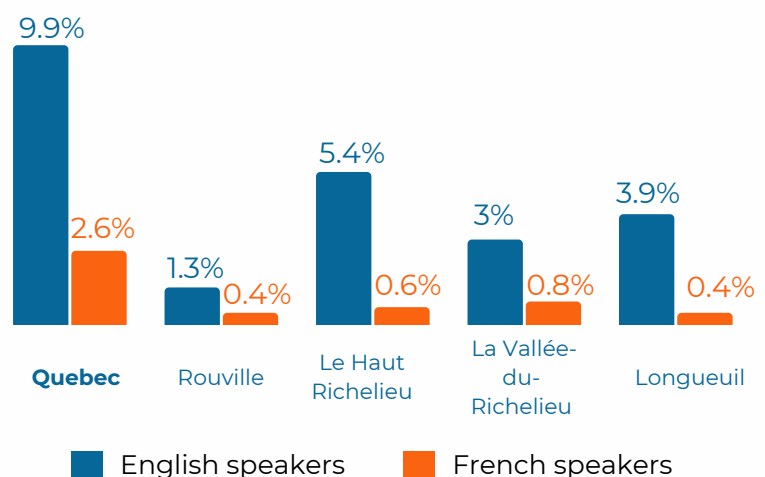
The English-speaking population has a much larger percentage of migrants from outside Canada than the French-speaking population has.



A total of **25,745** English speakers have moved between 2016 and 2021 in Montérégie-Centre.

Of these movers, **4,760** moved from outside Canada.

Migrants from outside Canada



*People who lived in the same residence between 2016 and 2021 are referred to as non-movers, and people who changed residences during this time are referred to as movers. This can be a move within or between municipalities, MRCs, administrative regions, provinces, or an international move.

Visible minorities

Total visible Minority population by MRC

Region	Total visible minority population
MRC Rouville	140
MRC Le Haut-Richelieu	800
MRC La Vallée-du-Richelieu	856
MRC Longueuil	28,902
TOTAL	30,698

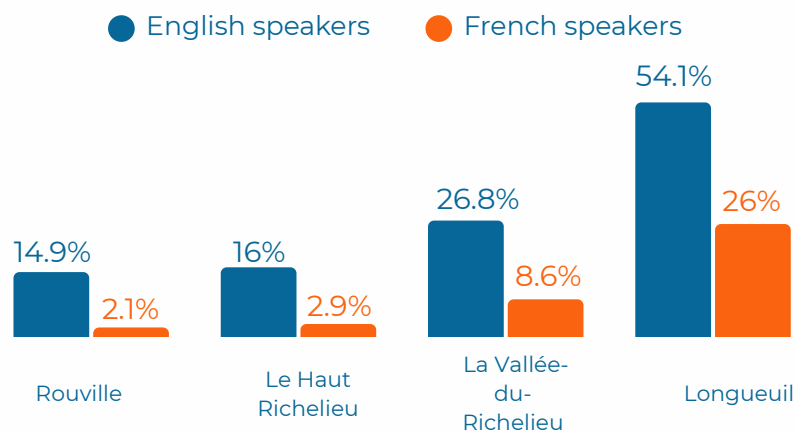


A total of **30,698** English speakers are visible minorities in the four MRCs in Montérégie-Centre.

This accounts for **49.3%** of the total English-speaking population in this region.

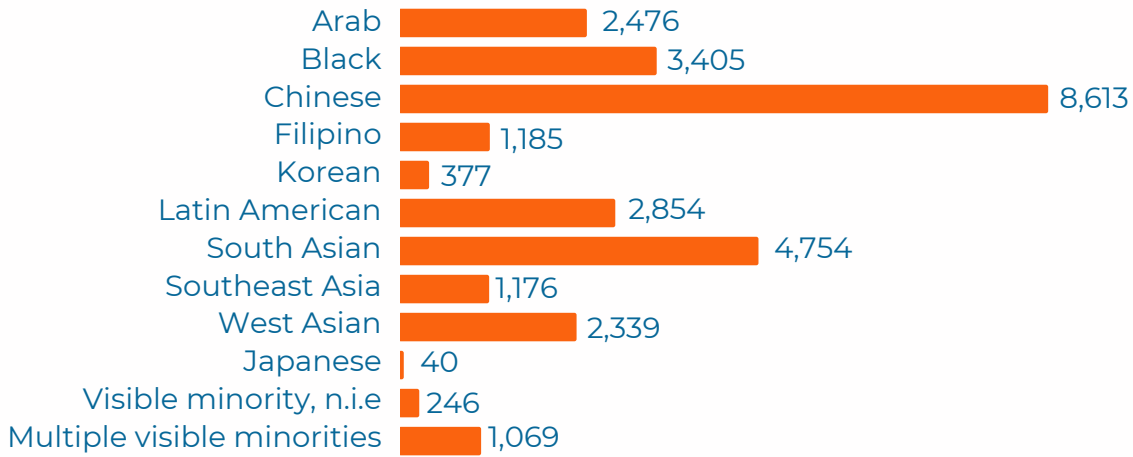
The proportion of visible minorities is much higher among English speakers than French speakers.

Proportion of visible minorities by language and MRC



Visible Minorities

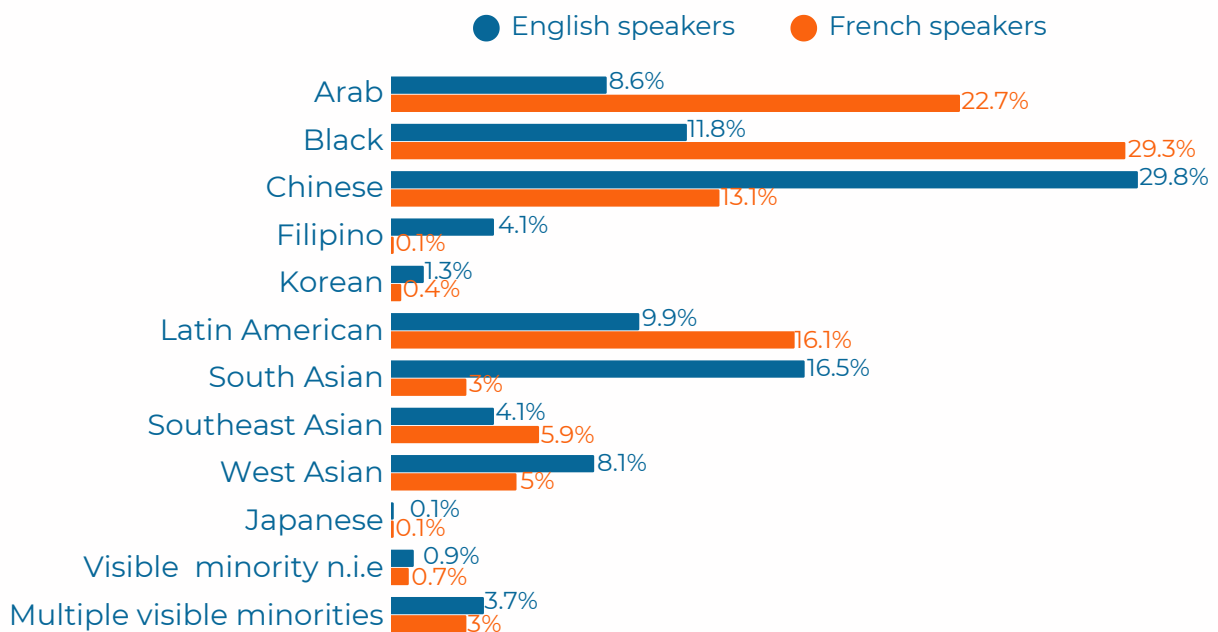
Breakdown of visible minority population in Longueuil



The top three visible minority groups in the Longueuil MRC are Chinese, South Asian and Black.

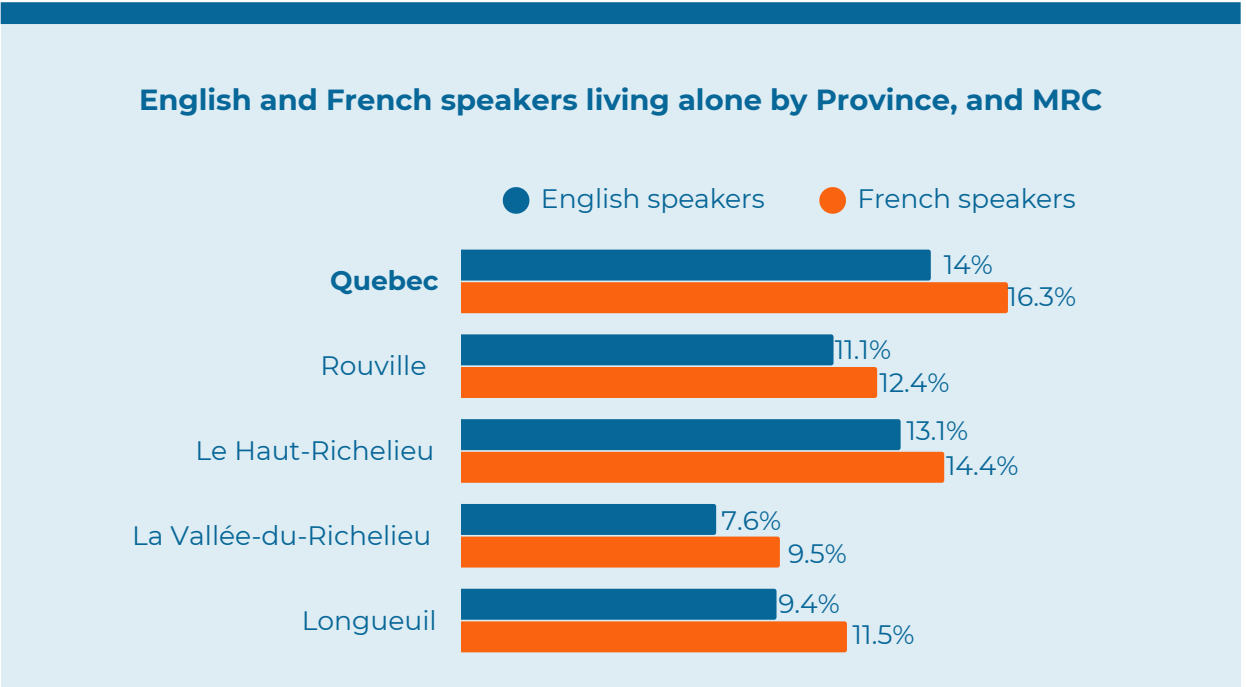
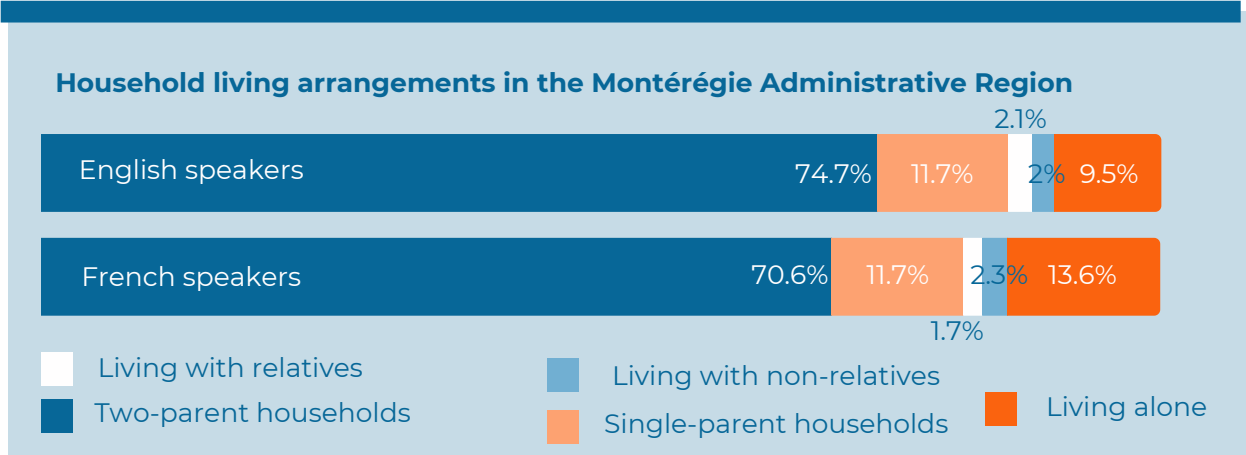
The proportion of English-speaking Chinese, Filipino, West and South Asian visible minorities is significantly higher than that of French speakers.

First official language spoken by visible minority populations in Longueuil



Household Living Arrangements

People living alone are more vulnerable as they lack the social support that is sometimes needed for certain activities because of disability, illness or aging (Pocock, 2023).



English speakers in the Montérégie administrative region are less likely to be living alone and more likely to be living in a two-parent household than French speakers.

There is a total of 6,165 English speakers living alone in the Montérégie-Centre region.

ARC's objectives for different age groups in Montérégie-Centre



Pre-schoolers
0-5 years

Encourage the development of preschoolers by fostering early literacy, preparing for school, and providing support for parents



Children
6-14 years

Assist children in embracing a healthy lifestyle, building resilience and promoting a sense of belonging in school



Youth
15-24 years

Support youth in bilingualism, encourage social and linguistic integration, and promote education and employment opportunities.



Adults
25-64 years

Inspire adults to volunteer and engage in community development activities, including promoting employment and educational programs, as well as supporting caregivers.

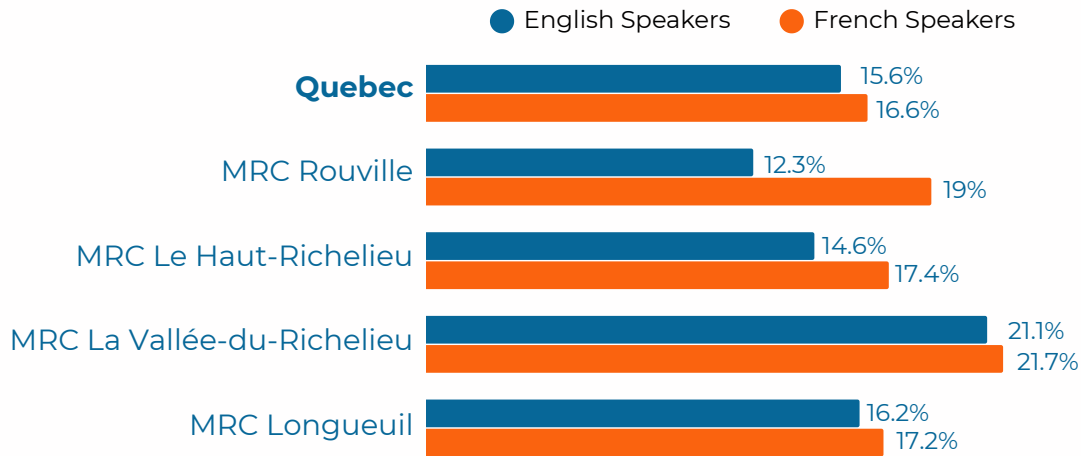


Seniors
65+ years

Provide opportunities for seniors and caregivers to participate in physical, social, and cognitive activities, reducing isolation and preserving their health and independence.

Age Groups - Children 0-14 Years

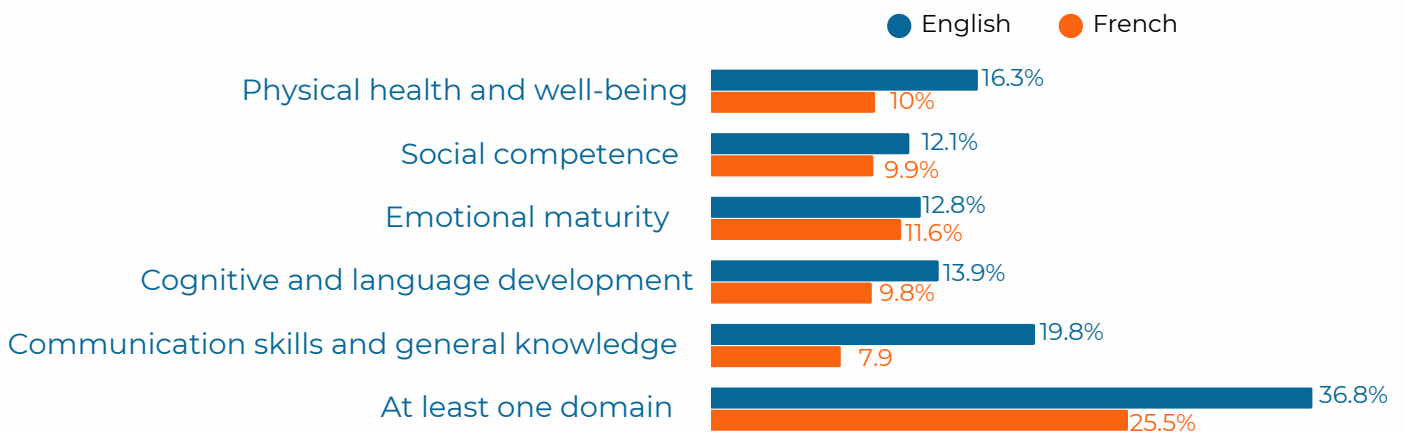
Proportion of children in the English - and French-Speaking Population



English speakers in the four MRCs of this profile have a smaller proportion of children aged 0-14 years than French speakers.

Montérégie Administrative Region

Proportion of vulnerable children in kindergarten by domain of development and mother tongue (2017)



L'Institut de la statistique du Québec developed the Quebec Survey of Child Development in Kindergarten (Enquête québécoise sur le développement des enfants à la maternelle, EQDEM[1]) as a tool to measure the development of kindergarten children.

English-speaking kindergartners are more vulnerable in all five domains and much more vulnerable overall than French-speaking kindergartners.

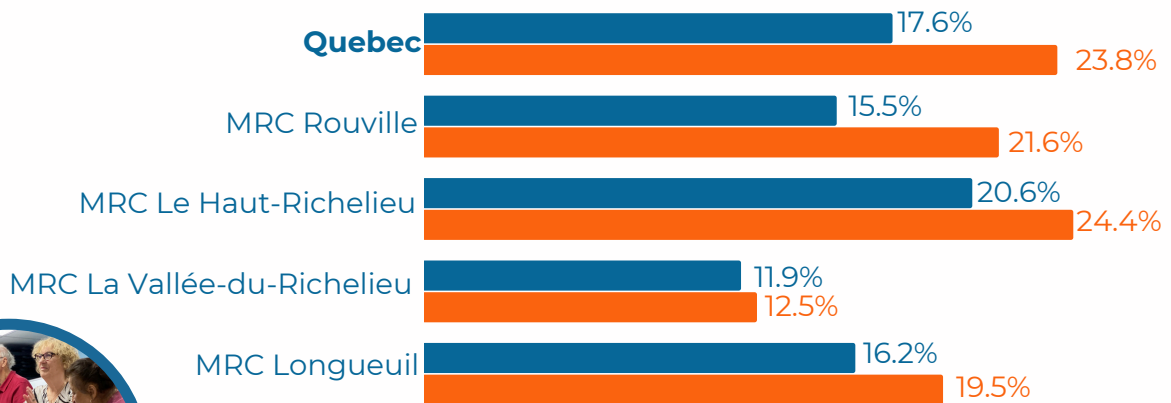
[1] Institut de la statistique de Québec. Québec Survey of Child Development in Kindergarten (QSCDK) <https://statistique.quebec.ca/fr/enquetes/realisees/enquete-quebecoise-sur-le-developpement-des-enfants-a-la-maternelle-eqdem>

Age Groups - Seniors 65 Years+

Proportion of Seniors 65 years+ in the English- and French-Speaking Population

● English speakers

● French speakers



There is a significantly higher proportion of French-speaking seniors compared to English speakers in the all four MRCs that ARC covers. The same is true of the province.

The number of senior English speakers per MRC are as follows:

Rouville: 115

Le Haut-Richelieu: 875

La Vallée-du-Richelieu: 380

Longueuil: 8,671



What is the Community Saying?

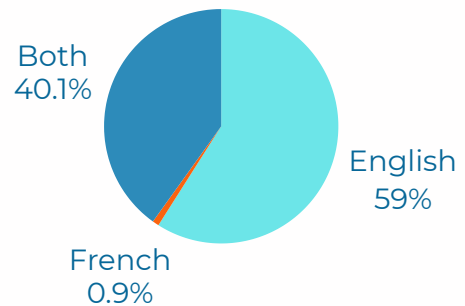
The Montérégie-Centre Region:

Who participated in the survey?

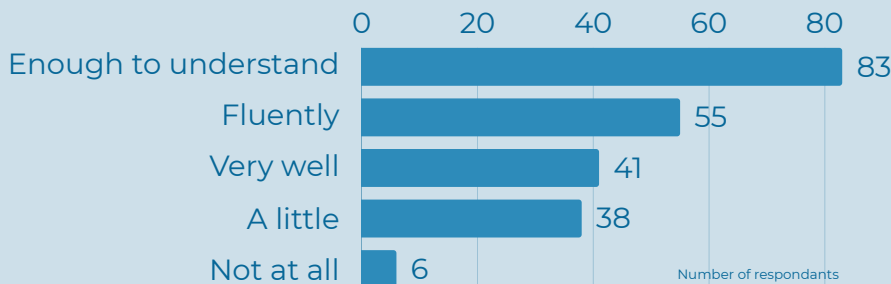
Out of the **224** participants:

retired: 156
65 years+: 142
female: 191
non-visible minorities: 198
born in Canada: 214

What language do you speak on a regular basis?



How well do you speak French?

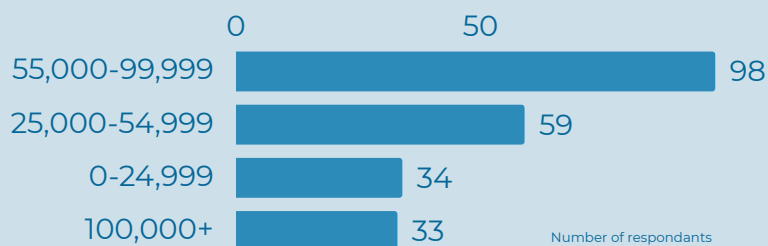


6 out of 10 people felt a strong sense of community,

8 out of 10 felt that social activities were important but only 33 people stated that they participate.

10 out of 10 people felt that access to health care services and family doctors was important.

Salary range



Many survey participants expressed an interest in more activities for seniors to help break social isolation, also either phone calls or visits for those who are unable to leave their homes.

Some participants suggested more multicultural events for people of all ages, to help integrate newcomers and introduce new cultures to community members.

What are the Partners Saying?

The Montréal Region as a whole:

Many organizations that service the English-speaking community have grown in the past 5 years, from employees, to office spaces to an increase in clientele.

BUT

Partners are having difficulty

- creating awareness of their services
- reaching out to youth

SO

ARC would like to create opportunities for organizations with common goals to communicate and support each other.

TRENDS THAT PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF:



More core funding
Self-generated funding such as
Social Economy and fundraising



Increased communication
between key partners

Mutual support between partners with different
target populations to increase awareness of
available services

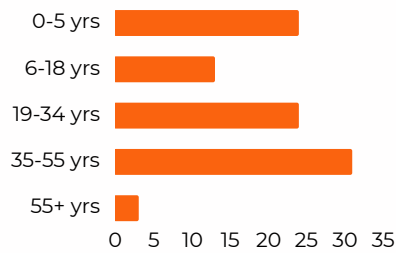
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Military Families

WHO RESPONDED TO THE SURVEY?



- There were 53 respondents.
- Military families are often relocated and rarely stay for long



29 out of **53** responses were from Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu

LEVEL OF COMFORT SPEAKING FRENCH

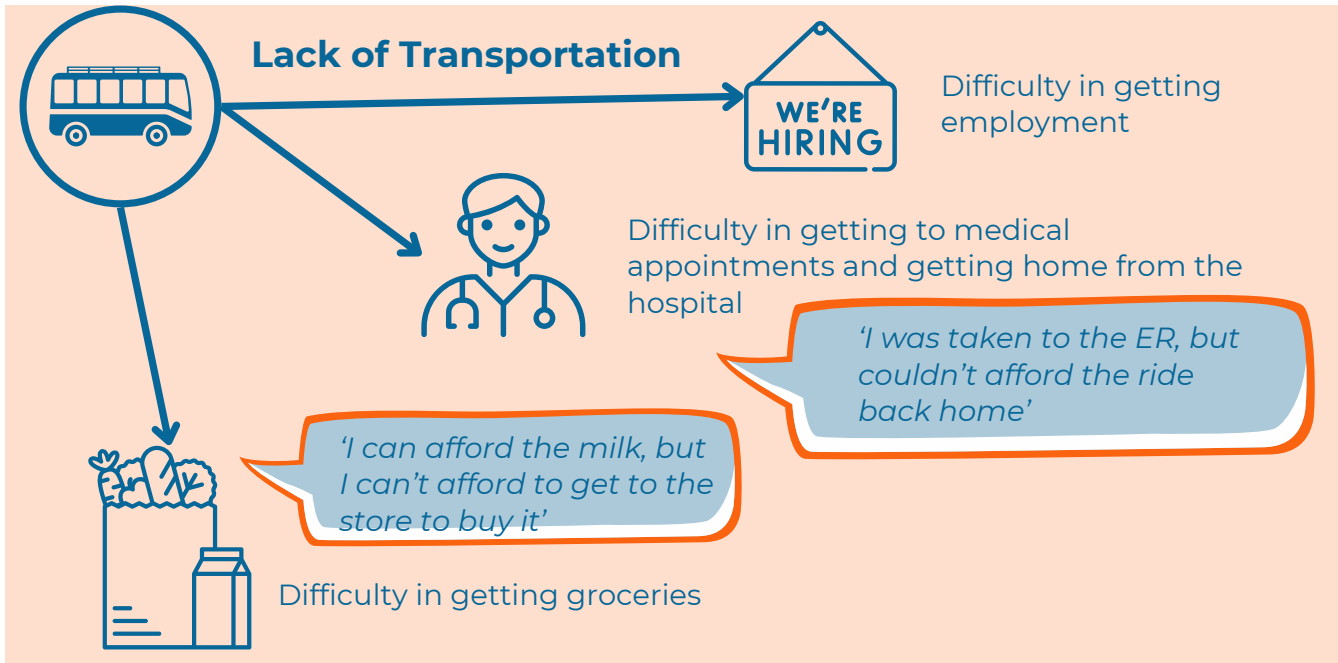
	Not comfortable	Neutral	Comfortable
Health	25	9	11
Children's education	13	14	4
Adult education	19	13	6
Service appointments	23	10	8
Extracurricular activities	26	6	10

Many respondents...

- ...are unaware of the activities and services that are offered to the English-speaking community
- ...would like more support in finding employment for spouses
- ...would like more support in learning French for employment and to help with community integration
- ...would like better access to healthcare in English

What is the Community Saying?

Le Haut-Richelieu



The Haut-Richelieu MRC borders the US to the south and is less densely populated than Longueuil, which is close to the city of Montreal. The highest numbers of English speakers are found in Clarenceville, Noyan and Lacolle.

The highest levels of unemployment and low income, and the lowest levels of education within the MRC can also be found in these regions.¹

Opportunity

Create partnerships with neighbouring municipalities, stakeholders and partners to create:

awareness
&
solutions

for these needs.



¹See Appendix A for more details.

Summary

ARC is a key resource in the Montérégie-Centre region to help English speakers connect to the services they require, and collaborate with regional partners in developing new programs for emerging needs.

ES Population Numbers

English speakers have a...

- ... higher proportion 45 years and older
- ... much higher proportion of visible minorities

...than French speakers

Employment, Income & Education

English speakers are more likely to...

- ... have higher levels of education
- ... be earning lower incomes
- ... be unemployed

...than French speakers

Mobility & Living Conditions

English speakers have...

- ... less vulnerable living conditions
- more movers from outside Canada

...than French speakers



The English-speaking community has expressed a need for:

- Better access to health care services in English
- Support in finding employment and improving French-language skills.
- More activities to help break social isolation for both those in the labour force and retirees.
- Multicultural activities for the community to connect and to create awareness of the many different cultures of the region.