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**Summary:**

- English is the mother tongue for 92% of the population in the Rainy River District and 75% of the population in the Kenora District.
- Less than 600 persons reported knowledge of both official languages.
- Very few persons (20) in the Kenora and Rainy River Districts reported knowledge of French only.
- 13% of the population are immigrants (2960 persons).
- 80% of the population immigrated to the Kenora and Rainy River Districts before 1991.
- 3/4 of the population is third generation.

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## Mother Tongue, Language and Immigration

In Canada, the 2006 Census reported that there were more than 200 non-official languages in the country and that this accounted for 20% of the population's mother tongue being neither English nor French.


Almost 12% of the population reported that they spoke a non-official language at home. The Chinese language

accounted for the third highest mother tongue in Canada.

According to the Census, children and grandchildren of immigrants (for example from Italy, the Ukraine and Germany around 1971) do not contribute to the mother tongue of their parents or grandparents but rather identify as either English or French.

There is an increase seen in other languages spoken because of the immigration from countries where languages such as Chinese, Spanish and Punjabi are spoken.

In Ontario, English as the mother tongue and the language spoken most often at home is declining. This shift is likely due to immigration.



Exercise caution when interpreting data as percentages may be misleading when used with small numbers. Percentages may vary with other reports because of the effects of rounding.

## Immigration

Immigration has contributed to the growth experience in Canada between 2001 and 2006. The settlement of immigrants in more recent decades has been to the large urban cities. The Canadian-born population is growing at slower rates (3.3%) than that found for Canada's foreign-born population (13.6%).

The majority of immigrants reported that Canada was their only

choice of a country to live. They saw Canada as a place where they could improve the lives of their families and reunite with other family members and friends. China, Europe (i.e., Romania, United Kingdom & the Netherlands), Central and South America, Caribbean and Africa are the most common countries of origin for immigrants.

Between 2001 and 2006, 57% of immigrants to

Canada were between the ages of 25 and 54 years.

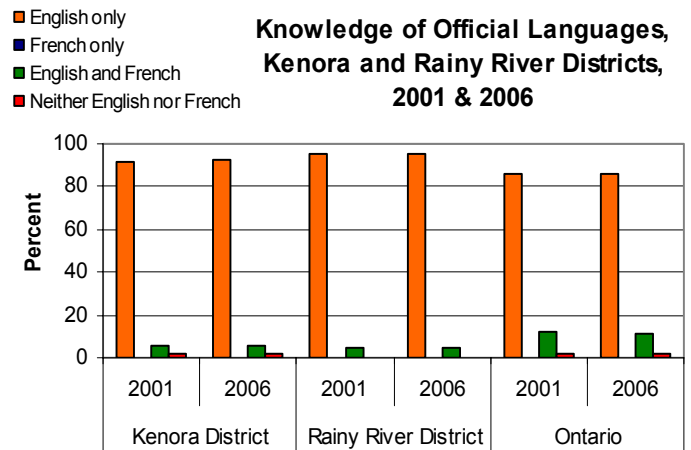
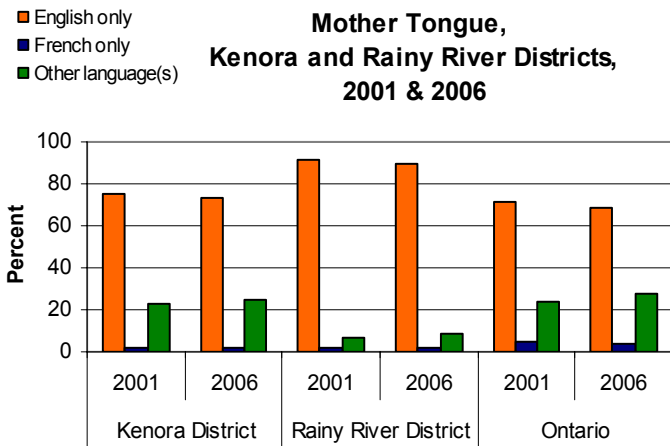
Ontario, one of the three provinces where most immigrants chose to live, has the highest number of newcomers. The other two provinces are Quebec and British Columbia.

In the Kenora and Rainy River Districts, only 320 persons immigrated to the area between 2001 and 2006.

## The 2006 Census in Kenora and Rainy River Districts

In the 2006 Census, for the Kenora and Rainy River Districts, a total of 65,780 persons reported that the first language learned and still understood was English only. An additional 1,785 persons reported that their first language learned and still understood was French only. Another 17,575 persons reported that the first language learned and still understood was other non-official languages.

Between the 2001 and 2006 Census, the Kenora and Rainy River Districts experienced a decline in the percent of the population whose first language learned at home and still understood was English. Where the French language as the first language learned at home and still understood remained relatively stable, the other non-official languages first learned at home and still understood increased.

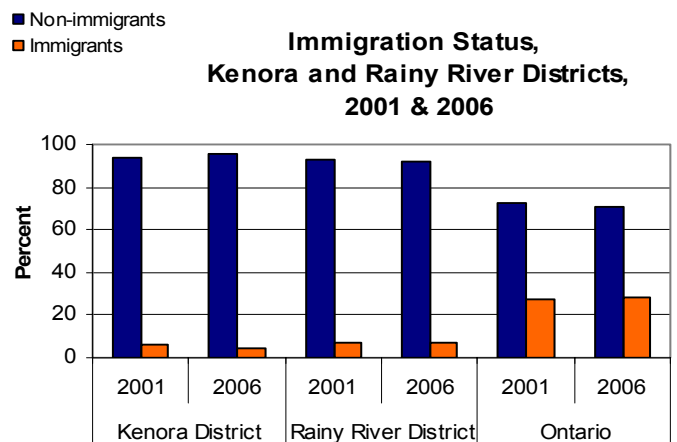
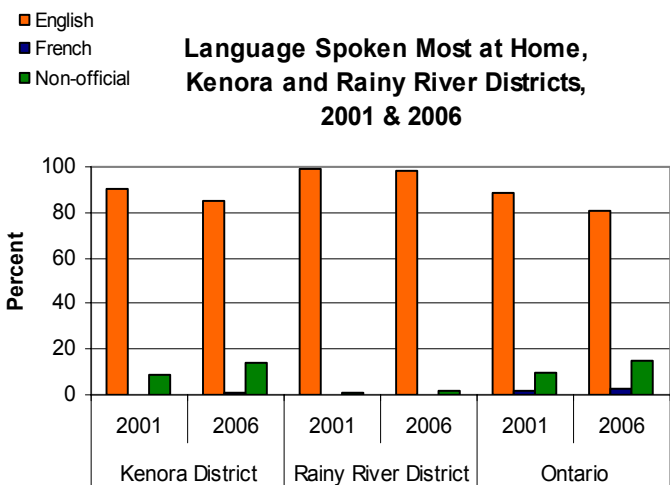


Between the 2001 and 2006 Census, in the Kenora and Rainy River Districts, English as the language spoken most often at home declined slightly in all areas while French increased in the Kenora District and also for Ontario. Persons who reported speaking a non-official language at home also increased. In the 2006 Census, a total of 9,470 persons reported speaking a non-official language at home.

According to the 2006 Census for knowledge of official languages in the Kenora and Rainy River Districts, 79,745 persons indicated knowledge of English only and 20 persons indicated knowledge of French only. However, 4,520 persons reported that they could converse in both English and French.

In the 2001 Census, depending upon how the language question was asked, there was at least 6% of the population (7,705) in the Kenora and Rainy River Districts who spoke Cree and Ojibway.

In the Kenora District, 95.2% of the population reported being non-immigrants compared to 92.4% for the Rainy River District. Only 4,415 people reported being immigrants. In Ontario, 28.3% of the population reported being immigrants.



**What is mother tongue?**

Mother tongue refers to the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the individual at the time of the census. Other languages include responses indicating single responses and multiple responses of a non-official language. Multiple responses include cases where one of the languages is either English or French, in combination with one non-official language.

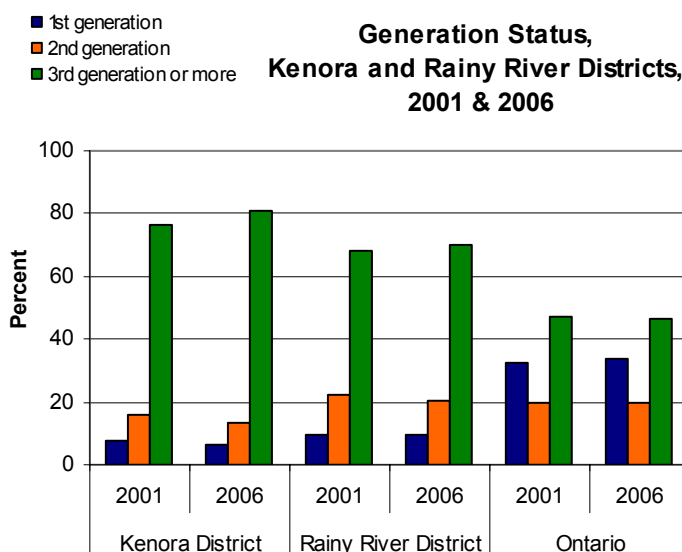
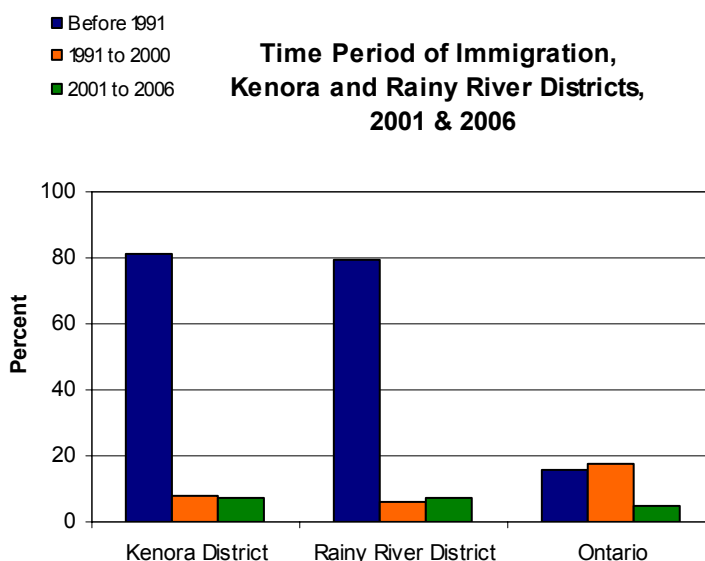
Official languages refers to the ability to conduct a conversation in English, in French and both English and French, or in neither of the official languages.

Language spoken most often at home refers to the language spoken most often at home by the individual at the time of the census.

Detailed language data is not available at this time from the 2006 Census however, the 2001 Census suggests that growth in the Aboriginal languages may explain the increase in the non-official languages.

Prior to 1991, a total of 3,555 immigrants migrated to the Kenora and Rainy River Districts. Between 1991 and 2000, a total of 535 immigrants migrated to the area. Between 2001 and 2006, only 320 immigrants migrated to the area. By comparison, Ontario recorded a total of 580,740 immigrants in 2006.

In the 2006 Census, a total of 4,575 persons reported that they were first-generation immigrants, 9,885 reported being second-generation immigrants and 51,430 persons reported being third-generation or more. By comparison, a considerably larger percentage of Ontario's immigrants, just over one third, are first-generation immigrants.



**Who are immigrants?**

Immigrants are persons who are, or have ever been, landed immigrants in Canada. A landed immigrant is a person who has been granted the right to live in Canada permanently. Some of the immigrants have resided in Canada for a number of years, while others are recent arrivals. Most immigrants are born outside Canada, but a small number were born in Canada. Included are immigrants who landed in Canada prior to Census Day, May 16, 2006.

**How many generations of persons are counted in Canada?**

Generation status refers to people 15+ years of age who are the 1<sup>st</sup> generation, 2<sup>nd</sup> generation, or 3<sup>rd</sup> generation or more living in Canada.

1<sup>st</sup> generation refers to persons born outside Canada, (landed immigrants); people born outside of Canada to parents who are Canadian citizens by birth; includes people who are non-permanent residents.

2<sup>nd</sup> generation refers to persons born inside Canada with at least one or both parents born outside Canada.

3<sup>rd</sup> generation refers to persons born inside Canada with both parents born inside Canada.

## Mother Tongue by Percent, 2006

## Language Spoken at Home by Percent

	English	French	English & French	Other Language (s)	English	French	Non-Official Language
Dryden	91.3	2.5	0.2	6.1	98.6	0.3	1.0
Ear Falls	88.7	6.1	0.0	5.7	96.5	2.2	0.0
Ignace	90.8	2.3	0.2	6.7	98.0	0.3	1.2
Kenora	90.8	2.3	0.2	6.7	98.0	0.3	1.2
Machin	85.6	6.7	0.0	7.7	97.9	0.0	1.0
Pickle Lake	66.7	5.2	2.1	27.1	87.5	0.0	11.5
Red Lake	83.1	6.1	0.3	10.4	93.1	3.0	3.4
Sioux Lookout	80.5	2.4	0.3	16.7	95.0	0.5	3.2
Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls	92.5	2.2	0.0	5.2	98.5	0.0	0.0
Kenora Unorganized	90.8	2.3	0.2	6.7	98.0	0.3	1.2
Kenora District	73.0	2.3	0.2	24.6	84.7	0.5	14.3
Alberton	90.4	1.6	0.0	7.4	95.7	0.0	4.3
Atikokan	90.8	2.5	0.6	5.9	97.7	0.8	1.1
Chapple	88.8	1.2	0.0	11.2	94.7	0.0	4.7
Dawson	79.8	1.6	0.0	19.4	96.0	1.6	0.0
Emo	85.0	3.0	0.0	12.0	97.4	0.0	2.6
Fort Frances	93.5	1.6	0.0	5.0	99.0	0.2	0.6
La Vallee	97.7	0.0	0.0	1.9	99.5	0.0	0.9
Lake of the Woods	87.5	0.0	0.0	12.5	98.5	0.0	0.0
Morley	91.8	2.0	0.0	6.1	101.0	0.0	0.0
Rainy River	92.1	1.1	0.0	6.2	100.6	0.0	0.0
Rainy River Unorganized	93.0	1.4	0.0	5.3	98.9	0.0	0.7
Rainy River District	89.6	1.6	0.1	8.7	97.9	0.2	1.6
Ontario	68.4	4.1	0.3	27.2	80.3	2.4	15.1

## Generation Status by Percent, 2006

## Immigration Characteristics by Percent

	1st Generation	2nd Generation	3rd Generation or more	Non-Immigrants	Immigrants	Before 1991	1991 to 2000	2001 to 2006
Dryden	7.1	17.9	75.0	93.8	5.3	91.8	4.7	3.5
Ear Falls	7.4	14.3	78.3	93.9	5.6	84.6	0.0	15.4
Ignace	6.3	18.4	75.2	94.9	5.0	87.9	10.7	1.3
Kenora	6.3	18.4	75.2	94.9	5.0	87.9	10.7	1.3
Machin	7.5	31.3	61.3	94.9	5.1	100.0	0.0	0.0
Pickle Lake	12.0	9.3	80.0	92.7	5.2	100.0	0.0	0.0
Red Lake	10.1	16.8	73.0	92.1	6.8	86.9	6.6	4.9
Sioux Lookout	9.0	15.9	75.0	92.3	7.6	56.4	24.4	20.5
Sioux Narrows/Nestor Falls	13.7	15.4	70.9	88.1	9.6	84.6	0.0	15.4
Kenora Unorganized	6.3	18.4	75.2	94.9	5.0	87.9	10.7	1.3
Kenora District	6.1	13.1	80.8	95.2	4.4	81.2	11.3	7.4
Alberton	7.9	20.4	71.7	94.1	5.3	100.0	0.0	0.0
Atikokan	7.7	18.1	74.2	93.9	6.1	100.0	0.0	0.0
Chapple	13.2	22.1	65.4	88.3	12.3	57.1	38.1	0.0
Dawson	19.4	30.6	50.0	84.7	15.3	78.9	21.1	0.0
Emo	12.3	22.7	65.5	89.8	10.2	63.0	22.2	11.1
Fort Frances	8.8	21.8	69.5	93.3	6.5	87.4	8.7	3.9
La Vallee	6.5	17.3	76.2	94.8	4.7	90.0	0.0	0.0
Lake of the Woods	19.6	23.5	56.9	78.5	16.9	36.4	54.5	0.0
Morley	7.5	31.3	61.3	94.9	5.1	100.0	0.0	0.0
Rainy River	21.6	28.4	50.0	78.7	20.8	51.4	18.9	29.7
Rainy River Unorganized	10.4	23.3	66.3	91.2	8.5	95.8	8.3	0.0
Rainy River District	9.3	20.4	70.2	92.4	7.4	79.4	13.7	7.0
Ontario	34.0	19.5	46.5	70.8	28.3	15.7	7.8	4.8