

Canadian Century Research Infrastructure
FIRST_SPOKEN_LANGUAGE

Definition: Refers to the language first learned by the person, as long as that language is still understood as of census day.

Source: Census Question

The table below indicates, for each census year, the numbers of the census questions corresponding to this variable.

Census Years	Schedule 1a	Schedule 1b	Schedule 1c	Schedule 2	Schedule 2a
1911					
1921					
1931					
1941					
1951				12	12

Census Guide, 1951

A. Census Question	What was the language this person first spoke in childhood and still understands?
B. Question Number	12 on Form 2 and 2A.
C. Variable(s) and Codes	OTHER_SPOKEN_LANGUAGE
D. Reference Point	As of census day, June 1, 1951.
E. Total Target Population	14,009,429
F. Statistical unit	The person.
G. Targeted Population	Each person enumerated.
H. Enumerators' Instructions	If the answer given varies in any way from the list of sixteen languages printed on the Population document, write the answer in the space provided. The one exception to this rule is "Dutch", which, if given by the respondent, will be recorded by a mark in the oval "Netherlands".

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I. Remarks	
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Codes

1000000 "Multiple Responses"
1000001 "English and French"
1000002 "English and Other"
1000003 "French and Other"
1000004 "Other multiples"
1000005 "Czech and Slovak, n.s"
2000000 "Single Response"
2000001 "Japanese"
2000002 "Korean"
2000003 "Greek"
2000004 "Armenian"
2000005 "Albanian"
2000006 "Georgian"
2010000 "Aboriginal languages"
2010100 "Algonquian languages"
2010101 "Algonquian"
2010102 "Attikamekw"
2010103 "Blackfoot"
2010104 "Cree"
2010105 "Maliseet"
2010106 "Micmac"
2010107 "Montagnais-Naskapi"
2010108 "Oji-Cree"
2010109 "Ojibway"
2010198 "Algonquian languages, n.s"
2010199 "Algonquian languages, n.e.c"
2010200 "Athapaskan languages"
2010201 "Dakelh (Carrier)"
2010202 "Chilcotin"
2010203 "Chipewyan"
2010204 "Dene"
2010205 "Dogrib"
2010206 "Kutchin-Gwich'in (Loucheux)"
2010207 "Slave"
2010208 "Babine-Witsuwit'en"
2010298 "Athapaskan languages, n.s"
2010299 "Athapaskan languages, n.e.c"
2010300 "Haida"
2010400 "Iroquoian languages"

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2010401 "Tuscarora"
2010402 "Nottoway"
2010403 "Huron-Wyandot"
2010404 "Laurentian"
2010405 "Onondaga"
2010406 "Susquehannock"
2010407 "Seneca"
2010408 "Cayuga"
2010409 "Mohawk"
2010410 "Oneida"
2010411 "Iroquois"
2010498 "Iroquoian languages, n.s"
2010499 "Iroquoian languages, n.e.c"
2010500 "Kutenai"
2010600 "Salish languages"
2010601 "Lillooet"
2010602 "Shuswap"
2010603 "Thompson (Ntlakapamux)"
2010604 "Okanagan"
2010605 "Nuxalk (Bella Coola)"
2010606 "Saanich"
2010607 "Halkomelem"
2010608 "Squamish"
2010609 "Comox"
2010610 "Sechelt"
2010611 "Chehalis"
2010612 "Salish"
2010698 "Salish languages, n.s"
2010699 "Salish languages, n.e.c"
2010700 "Siouan languages"
2010701 "Assiniboine (Nakota)"
2010702 "Crow"
2010703 "Stoney (Nakoda)"
2010704 "Dakota/Lakota"
2010798 "Siouan languages, n.s"
2010799 "Siouan languages, n.e.c"
2010800 "Tlingit"
2010900 "Tsimshian languages"
2010901 "Gitksan"
2010902 "Nisga'a"
2010903 "Tsimshian"
2010998 "Tsimshian languages, n.s."
2010999 "Tsimshian languages, n.e.c."
2011200 "Wakashan languages"
2011201 "Nootka"
2011202 "Makah"

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2011203 "Haisla"
2011204 "Heiltsuk"
2011205 "Kwakiutl/Kwak'wala"
2011298 "Wakashan languages, n.s"
2011299 "Wakashan languages, n.e.c"
2011300 "Eskimo-Aleut languages"
2011301 "Inuktitut"
2011398 "Eskimo-Aleut languages, n.s"
2011399 "Eskimo-Aleut languages, n.e.c"
2019998 "Aboriginal languages, n.s"
2019999 "Aboriginal languages, n.e.c"
2020000 "Romance languages"
2020001 "French"
2020002 "Walloon"
2020003 "Italian"
2020004 "Portuguese"
2020005 "Romanian"
2020006 "Spanish"
2020007 "Latin"
2020008 "Creole"
2029998 "Romance Languages, n.s"
2029999 "Romance languages, n.e.c"
2030000 "Germanic languages"
2030001 "English"
2030002 "German"
2030003 "Austrian"
2030004 "Yiddish"
2030005 "Jewish"
2030006 "Frisian"
2030007 "Luxemburgish"
2039998 "Germanic languages, n.s"
2039999 "Germanic languages, n.e.c"
2040000 "Netherlandic languages"
2040001 "Dutch"
2040002 "Flemish"
2049998 "Netherlandic languages, n.s"
2049999 "Netherlandic languages, n.e.c"
2050000 "Scandinavian languages"
2050001 "Danish"
2050002 "Icelandic"
2050003 "Norwegian"
2050004 "Swedish"
2050005 "Norse"
2050006 "Faroese"
2059998 "Scandinavian languages, n.s"
2059999 "Scandinavian languages, n.e.c"

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2060000 "Celtic languages"
2060001 "Gaelic"
2060002 "Welsh"
2060003 "Breton"
2060004 "Cornish"
2060005 "Manx"
2060006 "Irish"
2060007 "Scots Gaelic"
2060008 "Scots"
2069998 "Celtic languages, n.s."
2069999 "Celtic languages, n.e.c."
2070000 "Slavic languages"
2070001 "Russian"
2070002 "Belarussian"
2070003 "Ruthenian"
2070004 "Old Belarussian"
2070005 "Polish"
2070006 "Ukrainian"
2070007 "Bulgarian"
2070008 "Croatian"
2070009 "Serbian"
2070010 "Bosnian"
2070011 "Macedonian"
2070012 "Slovenian"
2070013 "Yugoslavian"
2070014 "Czech"
2070015 "Slovak"
2070016 "Silesian"
2079998 "Slavic languages, n.s."
2079999 "Slavic languages, n.e.c."
2080000 "Baltic languages"
2080001 "Latvian (Lettish)"
2080002 "Lithuanian"
2089998 "Baltic languages, n.s."
2089999 "Baltic languages, n.e.c."
2090000 "Finno-Ugric languages"
2090001 "Finnish"
2090002 "Hungarian"
2090003 "Estonian"
2099998 "Finno-Ugric languages, n.s."
2099999 "Finno-Ugric languages, n.e.c."
2100000 "Turkic languages"
2100001 "Turkish"
2109998 "Turkic languages, n.s."
2109999 "Turkic languages, n.e.c."
2110000 "Semitic languages"

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2110001 "Aramharic"
2110002 "Arabic"
2110003 "Egyptian"
2110004 "Syriac"
2110005 "Hebrew"
2110007 "Maltese"
2110008 "Somali"
2110009 "Tigrinya"
2119998 "Semitic languages, n.s"
2119999 "Semitic languages, n.e.c"
2120000 "Indo-Iranian languages"
2120001 "Bengali"
2120002 "Gujarati"
2120003 "Hindi"
2120004 "Konkani"
2120005 "Kurdish"
2120006 "Marathi"
2120007 "Pashto"
2120008 "Farsi (Persian)"
2120009 "Punjabi"
2120010 "Sindhi"
2120011 "Sinhalese"
2120012 "Urdu"
2129998 "Indo-Iranian languages, n.s"
2129999 "Indo-Iranian languages, n.e.c"
2130000 "Dravidian languages"
2130001 "Kannada"
2130002 "Malayalam"
2130003 "Tamil"
2130004 "Telugu"
2139998 "Dravidian languages, n.s"
2139999 "Dravidian languages, n.e.c"
2180000 "Sino-Tibetan languages"
2180001 "Chinese"
2180002 "Cantonese"
2180003 "Mandarin"
2189998 "Sino-Tibetan languages, n.s"
2189999 "Sino-Tibetan languages, n.e.c"
2190000 "Tai languages"
2190001 "Lao"
2190002 "Tai"
2199998 "Tai languages, n.s"
2199999 "Tai languages, n.e.c"
2200000 "Austro-Asiatic languages"
2200001 "Khmer (Cambodian)"
2200002 "Vietnamese"

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2209998 "Austro-Asiatic languages, n.s"
2209999 "Austro-Asiatic languages, n.e.c"
2210000 "Malayo-Polynesian languages"
2210001 "Malay-Bahasa"
2210002 "Tagalog (Filipino)"
2210003 "Hawaiian"
2210004 "Fijian"
2219998 "Malay-Polynesian languages, n.s"
2219999 "Malay-Polynesian languages, n.e.c"
2220000 "Non-verbal languages"
99999001 "Blank"
99999002 "Damaged"
99999003 "Illegible"
99999004 "In Error"
99999005 "Suspicious"
99999006 "Missing -- Mandatory Field"
99999007 "Not Applicable"
99999008 "Not Mapped"
99999009 "Correction"
99999010 "Suggestion"
99999011 "Unknown - Suggestion"
99999012 "Multiple Response - Suggestion"
99999901 "None"
99999902 "Not Given"
99999903 "Unknown"
99999904 "Invalid Value"
99999905 "Unable to speak"
99999906 "Infant"
99999999 "Uncodable"