

2021 Census

Linguistic Highlights

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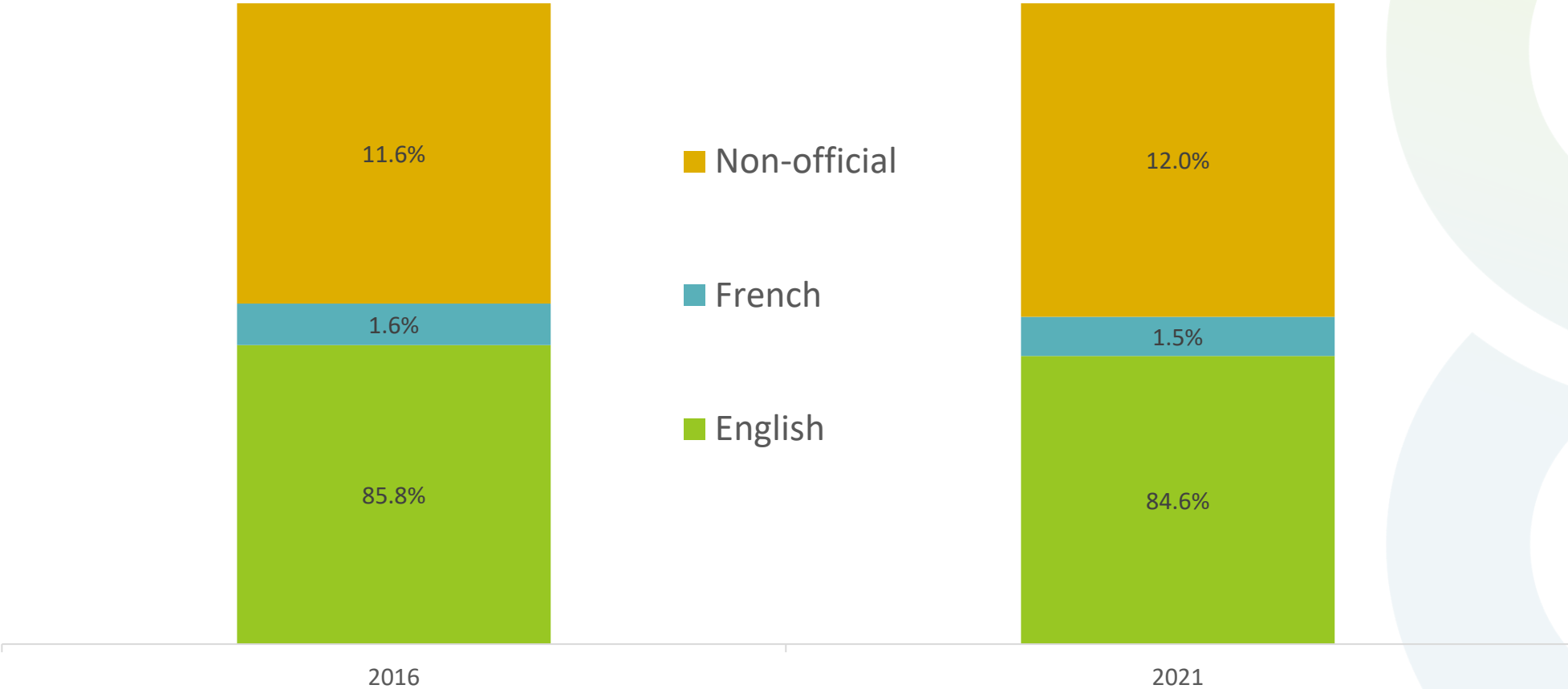


Mother tongue (single responses) - Official vs. Non-Official Languages – Kelowna CMA

Language	2016		2021	
	Number of People	% of population	Number of people	% of population
English	165,465	85.8%	185,995	84.6%
French	3,105	1.6%	3,215	1.5%
Non-official languages	22,290	11.6%	26,305	12.0%

Mother tongue refers to the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the person at the time the data was collected.

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Mother Tongue - Non-Official Languages – Kelowna CMA

Language	2016		2021	
	Number of People	% of population	Number of people	% of population
Punjabi	2,070	1.1%	3,540	1.6%
Spanish	1,040	0.5%	1,655	0.8%
Mandarin	750	0.4%	1,240	0.6%
Korean	445	0.2%	660	0.3%
Russian	830	0.4%	980	0.4%
Polish	780	0.4%	805	0.4%
Italian	890	0.5%	845	0.4%
Dutch	1,070	0.6%	915	0.4%

Knowledge of official languages– Kelowna CMA

	2016		2021	
	Number of People	% of population	Number of people	% of population
English only	179,045	92.8%	203,305	92.5%
French only	65	0.0%	60	0.0%
English and French	12,850	6.7%	15,095	6.9%
Neither English nor French	880	0.5%	1,380	0.6%

Knowledge of official languages refers to whether the person can conduct a conversation in English only, French only, in both or in neither language.

Key Takeaways

- The Kelowna CMA has seen an increase in ethnocultural diversity within its population, reflected by the change in mother tongue languages spoken in the region, in particular Punjabi, Spanish and Mandarin.
- Knowledge of official languages remained relatively unchanged.

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