

Languages used by New Brunswickers in the workplace

The census collects information on language of work primarily to measure the use of English and French in the workplace, and in areas of contact between the English- and French-speaking populations. This information is also used to study the linguistic integration of immigrants into the labour market and into society in general.

Language of work refers to the [language used most often at work](#) and [other language\(s\) used regularly at work](#) if applicable. A person can report more than one language.

- The proportion of workers in New Brunswick who reported using English in the workplace rose from 88.1% in 2006 to 89.0% in 2016 (or from 366,255 to 368,325). Conversely, the use of French in the workplace fell from 37.5% in 2006 to 36.7% in 2016 (or from 156,030 to 151,915). Less than 1% of workers in New Brunswick reported using a language other than English or French in the workplace in 2016.
- In Canada, the proportion of workers who reported using English rose from 85.0% in 2006 to 85.8% in 2016, while the use of French edged down from 25.7% in 2006 to 25.0% in 2016. Fewer than 5% of Canadian workers reported using a non-official language in the workplace in 2016, either as the language they used most often at work (2.3%), or as a secondary language used on a regular basis (2.6%).

Use of English, French and other languages at work, Canada and N.B., 2006 and 2016						
	English		French		Other languages	
	2006	2016	2006	2016	2006	2016
percentage						
Canada						
Total	85.0	85.8	25.7	25.0	4.6	4.9
Only ¹	70.2	70.7	14.1	13.3	0.8	0.8
Mainly ²	6.2	5.8	6.2	5.9	0.6	0.6
Equally with another language ³	1.9	2.9	1.5	2.2	0.6	0.9
On a regular basis (in addition to the main language) ⁴	6.7	6.4	4.0	3.6	2.7	2.6
No mention	15.0	14.2	74.3	75.0	95.4	95.1
New Brunswick						
Total	88.1	89.0	37.5	36.7	0.8	0.9
Only ¹	61.8	62.4	11.8	10.8	0.1	0.1
Mainly ²	11.0	11.2	12.0	10.8	0.1	0.1
Equally with another language ³	3.1	4.5	3.1	4.4	0.1	0.1
On a regular basis (in addition to the main language) ⁴	12.1	10.9	10.7	10.8	0.4	0.5
No mention	11.9	11.0	62.5	63.3	99.2	99.1
¹ Includes all respondents who reported using only that language most often at work. ² Includes all respondents who reported using that language most often at work and at least one other language on a regular basis. ³ Includes all respondents who reported using that language most often at work and at least one other language equally. ⁴ Includes all respondents who reported using that language regularly, but not most often at work (one or more languages reported).						
Source: Statistics Canada, Censuses of population, 2006 and 2016						