Over 60,000 persons speak a language other than English at home, representing 13% of Hamilton’s population. In three neighbourhoods, over one third of residents speak a language other than English at home (Riverdale West - 42%, Riverdale East - 41%, and Beasly - 36%). The last census in 2006 counted 60 different languages spoken by Hamiltonians at home. This poster has been produced by the Social Planning and Research Council to give a snapshot of Hamilton’s linguistic diversity. This information can be used by community groups, social service agencies and businesses to better serve their members and clients.

**Linguistic Diversity**

City of Hamilton by Planning Units (Neighbourhoods)

- **% of residents who speak a language other than English at home**
  - 0% - 7%
  - 8% - 13%
  - 14% - 19%
  - 20% - 29%
  - 30% - 43%
  - No data
  - Escarpment
  - Communities within the City of Hamilton

- **Dominant Non-English Languages**
  - City of Hamilton by Planning Units (Neighbourhoods)
  - Arabic
  - Korean
  - Serbian
  - No data
  - Bosnian
  - Panjabi
  - Spanish
  - Chinese
  - Persian
  - Polish
  - Tagalog
  - Croatian
  - Polish
  - Turkish
  - Hungarian
  - Portuguese
  - Ukrainian
  - Italian
  - Russian
  - Vietnamese

**Languages other than English spoken at home by at least 1,000 residents (single responses only)**

- City of Hamilton, 1996 and 2006

**Top Non-English Home Languages**

- Italian
  - Villeh (13%)
  - Plover (11%)
  - Eastdale (7%)
- Chinese
  - Anleaf Wood North (12%)
  - Central (10%)
  - Anleaf Wood (9%)
- Polish
  - Mohawk (15%)
  - Trum (7%)
  - Riverdale East (5%)
- Portuguese
  - North End East (15%)
  - North End West (9%)
  - East Mountain Area 500 (8%)
- Arabic
  - Brighlow West (8%)
  - Timeke (7%)
  - Westmount (6%)
- Serbian
  - St Clair Bay (13%)
  - Connaught (9%)
  - Stoney Creek 5105 (9%)
- Punjabi
  - South Meadow (11%)
  - Connaught (10%)
  - Industrial 5110 (10%)

Data Source: 2006 Census of Canada, Statistics Canada

Notes:
1) All data is based on persons who speak a single language at home. About 2% of Hamiltonians speak multiple languages at home.
2) Data for “Chinese” includes Cantonese and Mandarin dialects as well as persons who do not specify a dialect.

The Social Planning and Research Council’s Community Mapping Service aims to help Hamilton’s voluntary sector agencies by creating maps to better visualize and understand the city's assets, strengths, challenges and needs. Maps can also help with service planning and delivery. The SPRC’s Community Mapping Service is also available on a fee for service basis to help organizations with their own mapping needs, either to visualize their own data or to gather external data to better inform decision-making and service planning. The SPRC gratefully acknowledges the Ontario Trillium Foundation for startup funding for this initiative.

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