



A Needs Assessment Summary

of the English-speaking Communities in Montérégie-Centre



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Montréal



The Montréal region has a total of 1,517,003 people in 2024, which represents 16.8% of Québec's total population. ¹ There are 122,835 mother tongue English speakers, and there are 203, 700 first official language spoken (FOLS) in the Montréal region in 2021. ² This survey has a total of 73 responses, from varied English-speaking populations in the Montréal region. While this represents only a small portion of the English-speaking population in Montréal, it does highlight some of the active community members who are seeking support within the region's English-speaking communities.

62,247

English speakers (FOLS) in Montréal-Centre in 2021

15,354

Participants for ARC's service in 2024

278

ARC Members

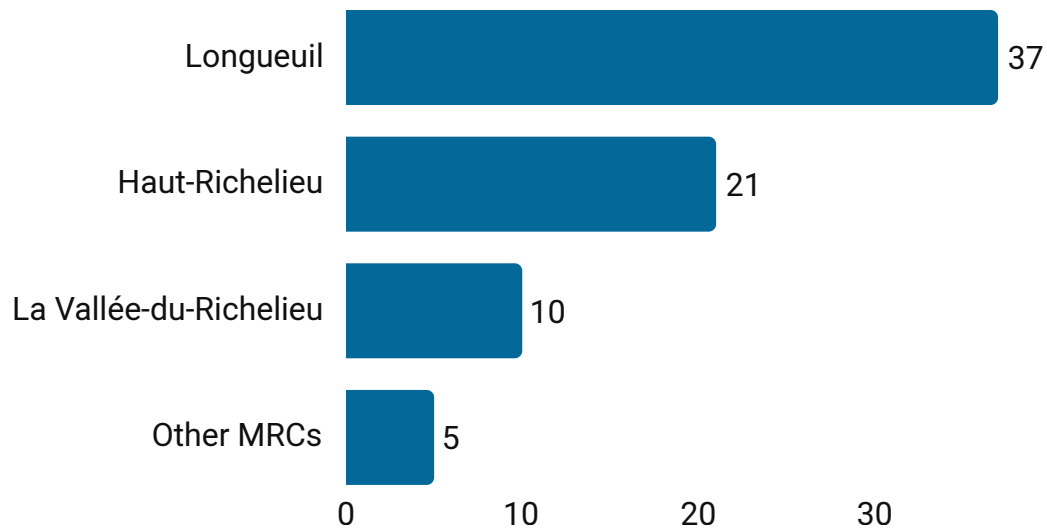
73

Filled out the survey

¹Portrait socioéconomique de la Montréal

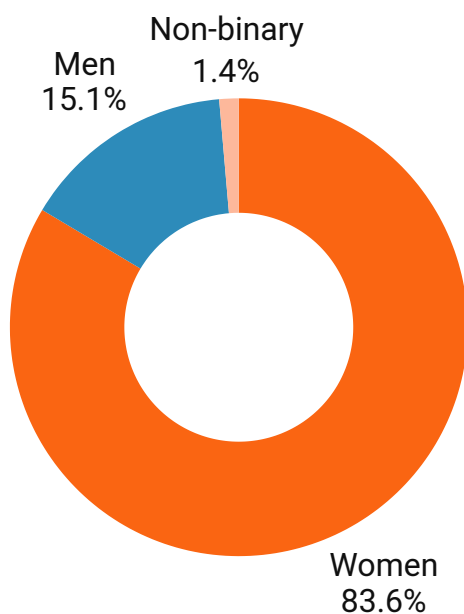
² [Statistics Canada](#)

English Speakers that Responded to the Survey



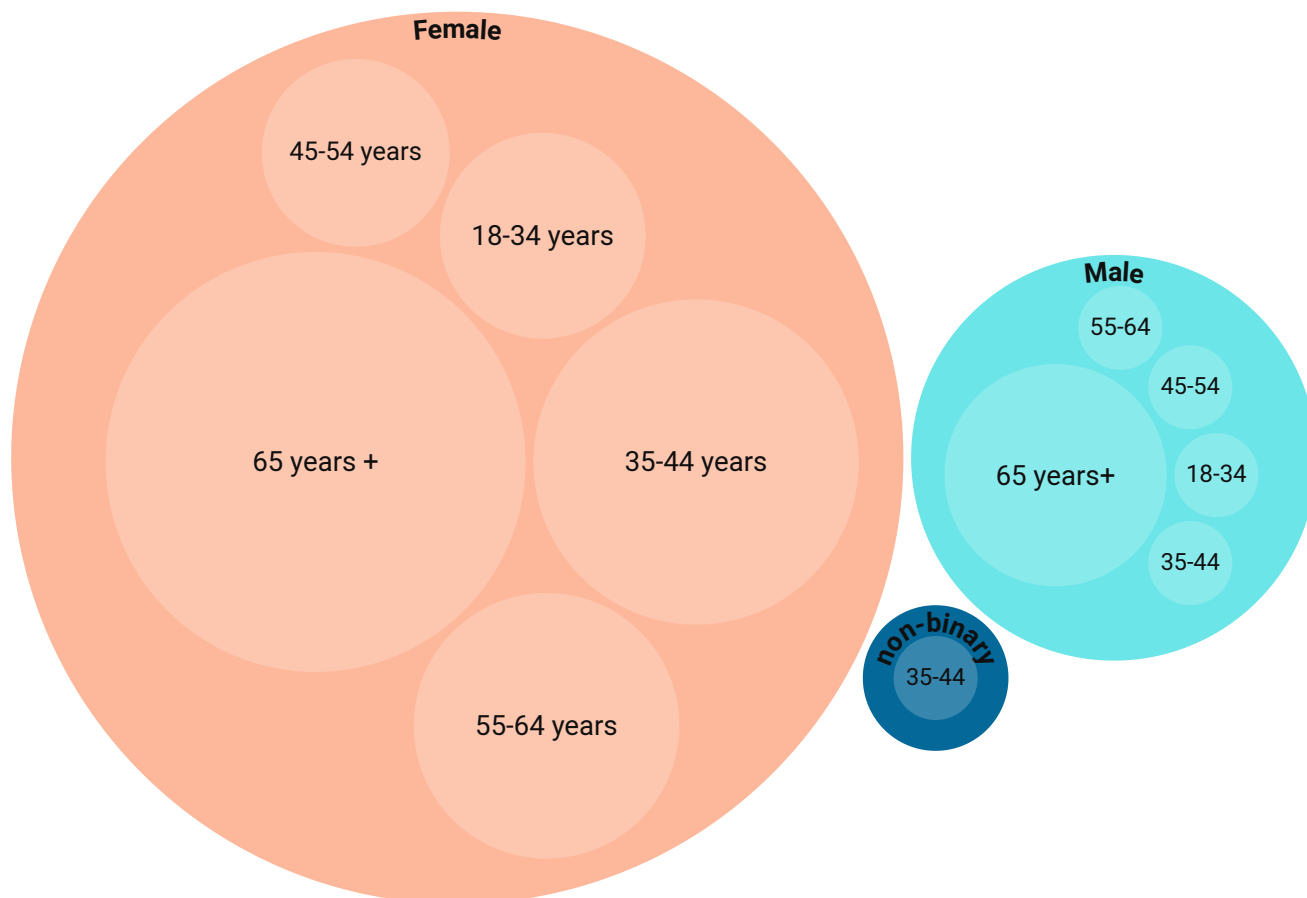
*Other MRCs include: Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Roussillon, Les Jardins-de-Napierville, Marguerite-d'Youville and Haut-St-Laurent.

Demographics



- 11 out of 73 are visible minorities
- 14 have a mother tongue other than English and French
- 11 men
- 61 women

Age breakdown



As seen in the image above, there is a higher proportion of 65 years and over that have filled out this survey.

Fifteen of the women that filled out the survey are between the ages of 35 and 44 years. Seven of the eleven male respondents are 65 years or older. There is one non-binary respondent between the ages of 35 and 44 years.

Longueuil

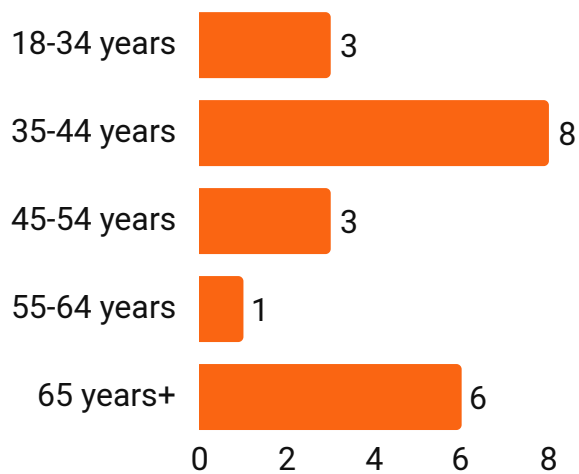
37 responses



- Out of these 37 responses, 35 English speakers also speak French.
- 27 out of these 35 respondents expressed difficulties in obtaining services in English, whether it be for medical care, government correspondence, phone services or mental health. More specifically for medical care, it was mentioned that nurses, administrative personnel and pharmacies are more likely to speak only French.

Haut Richelieu

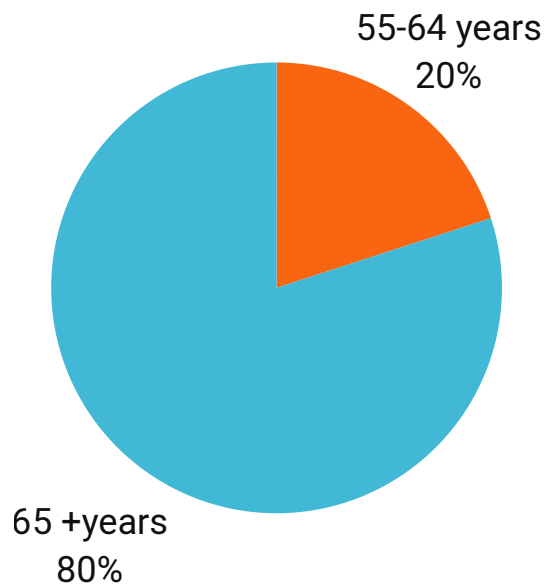
21 responses



- 19 women
- 2 men
- 4 visible minority (women)
- 14 mother tongue English speakers
- 4 have a mother tongue that is not English or French

Vallée-du-Richelieu

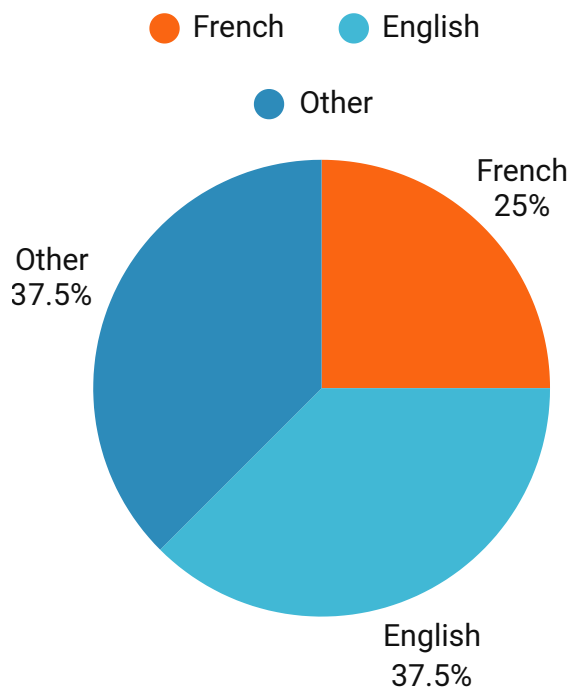
10 responses



- 9 women
- 1 man
- 1 visible minority (women)
- 8 mother tongue English speakers
- 2 have a mother tongue that is not English or French
- 1 person speaks enough French to not require translation services

Military Families

8 responses



- 6 women (two live in Longueuil and Brossard, and the rest in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu)
- 2 men (one in Brossard and one in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu)
- 2 visible minority (women)
- 1 person speaks enough French to not require translation services

Seven of the eight respondents would like to see more English language services in hospitals, medical practitioners such as massage therapists, chiropractors, dentists, legal documents, and with the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ).

Vulnerable Populations



Vulnerability in this document refers to individuals who are more at risk of having potential losses. Individuals who speak a minority language, that are elderly and living alone, who are single parents, and visible minorities would all be examples of vulnerable people.

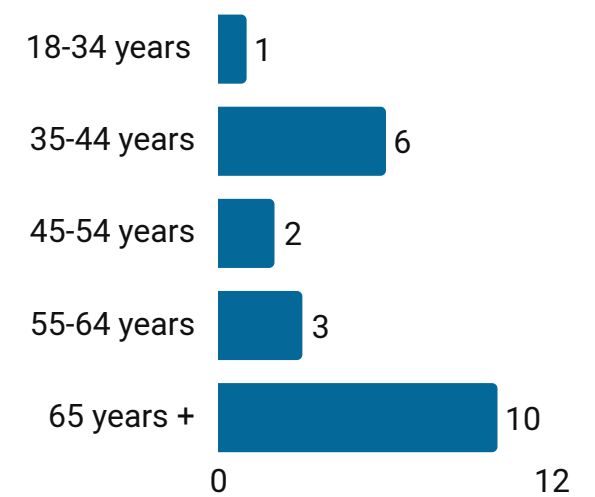
English and Foreign Language Speakers (Mother tongue)



- In this survey, 68 out of 73 people have a mother tongue that is not French.
- 62 of these 68 people have expressed a need in obtaining services in English.
- 32 out of 73 are 65+ years, and 6 in this age range are also women who are visible minorities
- 11 out of 73 are visible minorities

Multilingual English Speakers

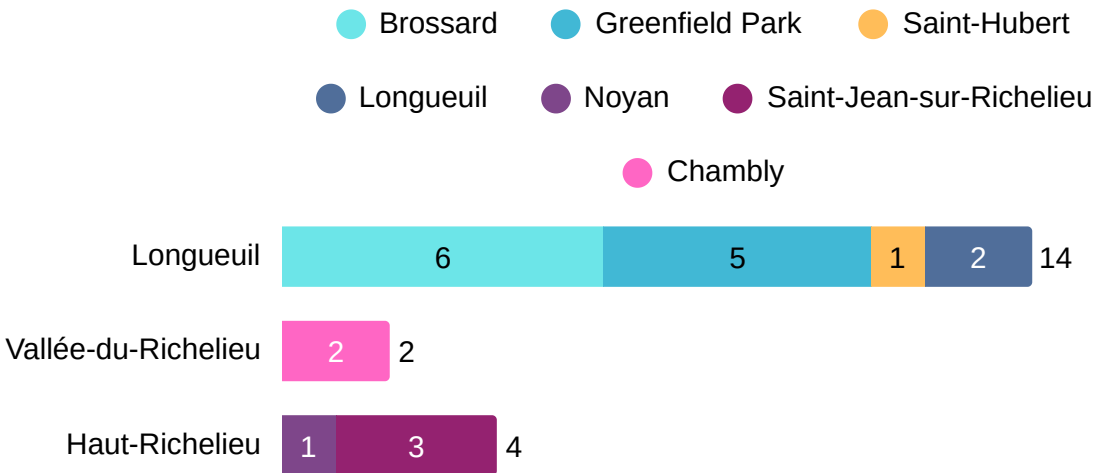
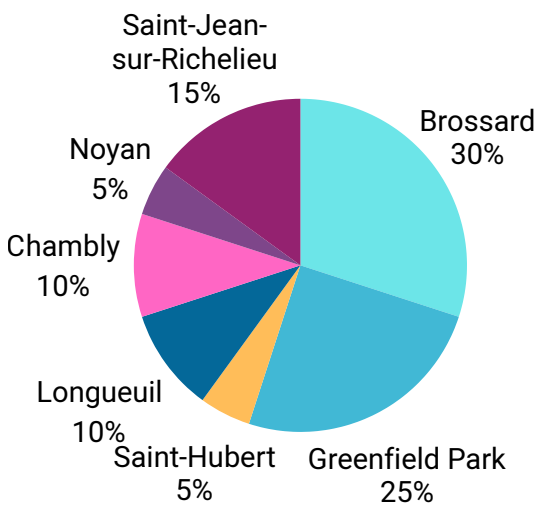
Age Breakdown of the 22 English Speakers that Speak a Third Language



Languages Spoken (15):

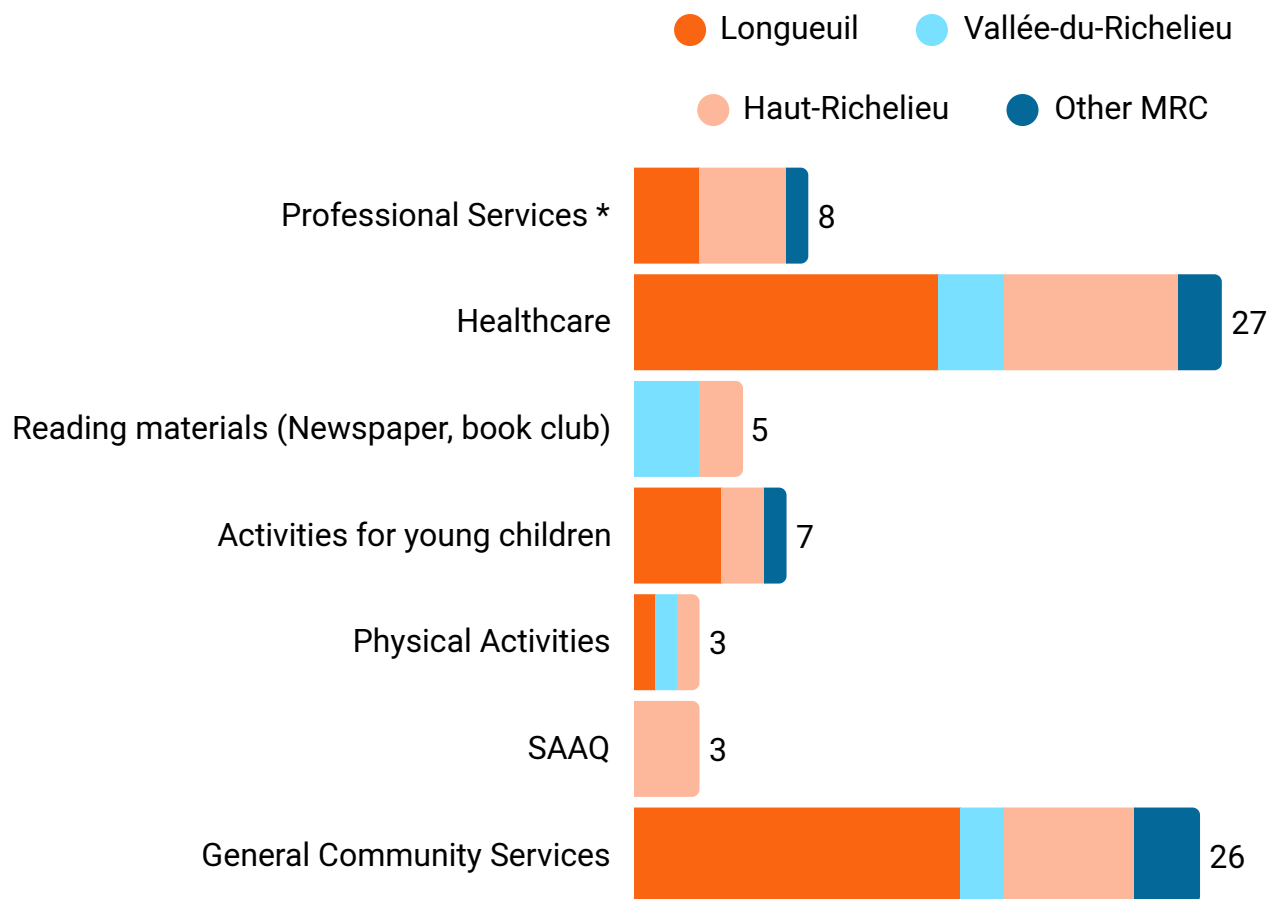
Hungarian, German, Russian, Tagalog, Italian, Swahili, Italian, Marathi, Bulgarian, Greek, Dutch, Hindi, Spanish, Punjabi, and Twi

Distribution by Municipality:



Community Needs

The survey responses indicated a need for English services in many areas from each location. The category 'general community services' include responses such as 'any services in English' and 'get togethers'.



*(Legal, financial, translation)

Summary

This survey is a small sample of the English-speaking community and is not representative of the entire English-speaking population in the Montérégie-Centre region. There are trends within the responses however, that are notable.

- Over nine out of ten respondents whose mother tongue is not French expressed a need for English services.
- Many who speak French still face difficulties obtaining services in English for medical care, mental health, and professional services (legal, financial and translation).
- Fifteen percent of the respondents are a visible minority.
- There are 15 different languages that are spoken among the respondents that are not English or French. Most of these English speakers reside in Brossard and Greenfield Park.