# Insights on the Hispanic/Spanish speaking or Descent Population in Canada – based on 2021 Census

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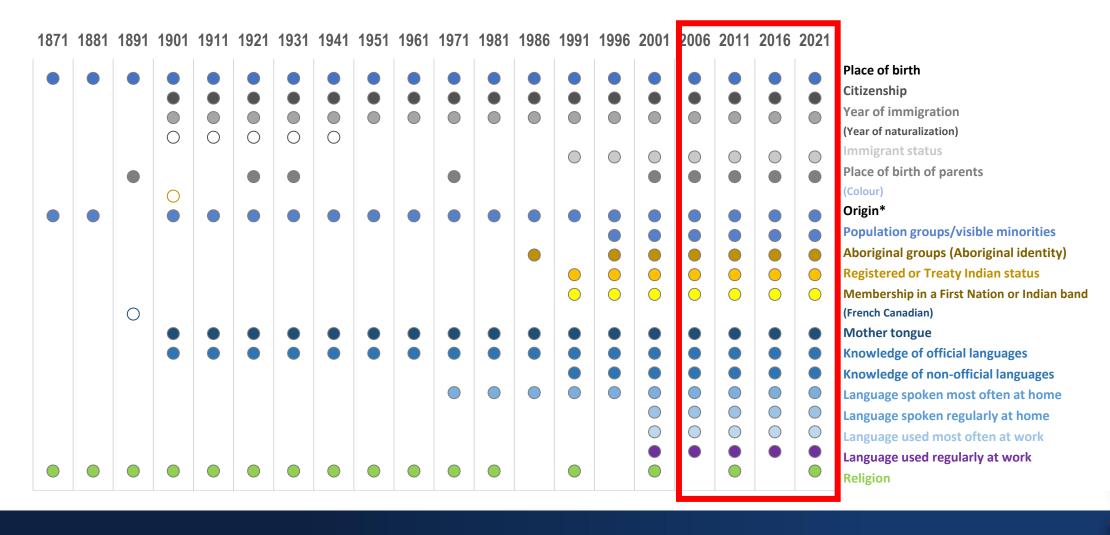


#### Presentation outline

- Overview of the richness and diversity of ethnocultural concepts available in the Canadian census
- Contextual information Immigration in Canada with "Hispanic/Latin- American or Spanish-speaking" population.
- Definition and measurement of the Hispanic/Spanish speaking or descent population ('Hispanic" population)
- Proposed definition (and derivation method) of the "Hispanic" population by the Canadian Hispanic Congress
- Selected characteristics of the "Hispanic" population
  - Demographic
  - Diversity
  - Socio-economic outcomes



## **Evolution of the richness and diversity of ethnocultural questions in the Canadian census**



## Measuring the Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent population in the 2021 Census

Mother tongue\*

536,460 (single responses) had Spanish as their first language learned at home in childhood and still understood at the time of the Census

See census detailed data table

Language spoken at home\*

654,355 spoke Spanish (most often or on a regular basis) at home

See census detailed data table Knowledge of non-official language\*

1,171,455 could conduct a conversation in Spanish

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Place of birth

1,107,455 were born in the Caribbean, Bermuda, Central and South America

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1,675,005 were born in Canada, with at least one parent born in the Caribbean, Bermuda, Central and South America

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Ethnic origin\*

900,495 reported Latin, Central and South American origins, either alone or in combination (including 42,405 Hispanic responses)

342,040 reported a Spanish origin, either alone or in combination

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Population group\*

104,765 reported being Latin American and White

580,235 reported being Latin American only – and identified as a visible minority

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Citizenship\*

At least ...

118,460 had a Mexican citizenship

> 99,300 had a Colombian citizenship

38,025 had a Salvadoran citizenship

31,310 had a Venezuelan citizenship

And more...

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\*Including single and multiple responses.

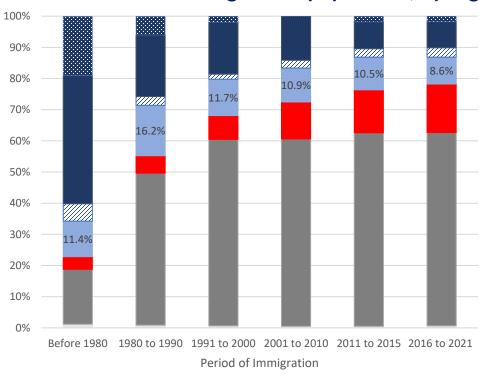
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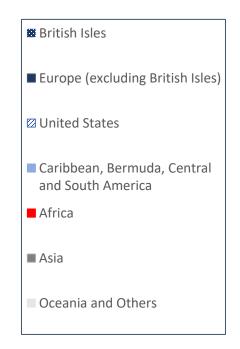


#### **Immigration in Canada**

 Immigration from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Central and South America have been relatively stable over time

#### Distribution of foreign-born population, by region of birth, Canada, 2021





#### **Recent immigrants**

The proportion of recent immigrants born in the Caribbean, Bermuda, Central and South America was 8.6% in 2021, compared to 16.2% in 1991.

Majority of recent immigrants were born in Asia and it increased from 48.7% in 1990 to 62% in 2021.



India was the leading country of birth among recent immigrants in 2021.

**Sources:** Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2021

### Mother Tongue Language Other Than English Or French

 In Canada, Spanish is the fourth most common mother tongue language other than English or French

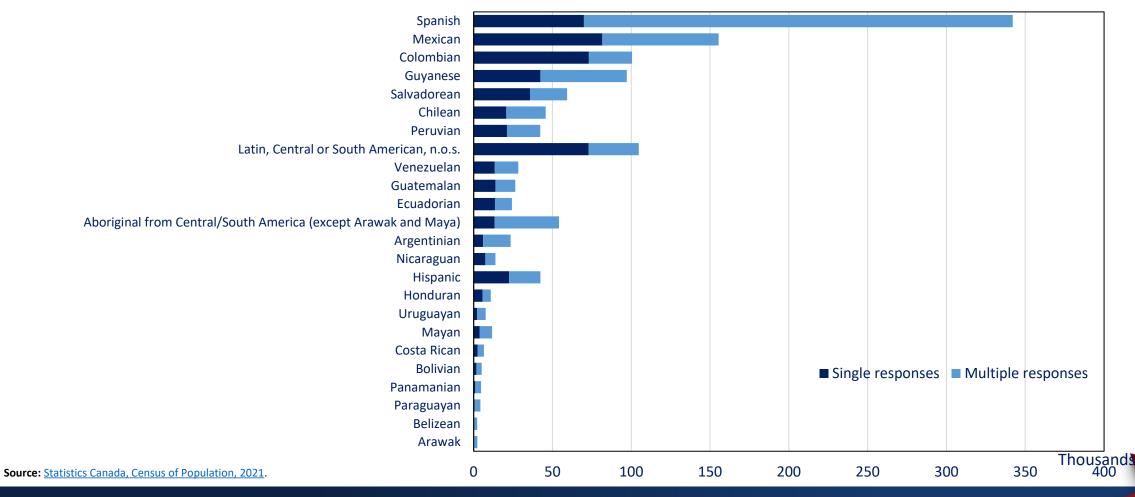
	Single responses of	Percentage of all
Language	language spoken at home	single mother tongue languages
Mandarin	322,295	0.13
Punjabi (Panjabi)	288,670	0.12
Yue (Cantonese)	231,825	0.10
Spanish	179,850	0.07
Arabic	133,810	0.06

**Source:** Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2021.

- In 2021, Spanish was reported as the 4<sup>th</sup> single mother tongue language in Canada, accounting for about 7% of all the single mother tongue languages.
- The most spoken single mother language was Mandarin which accounted for about 13% of all the single mother tongue languages.

#### **Ethnic Origins**

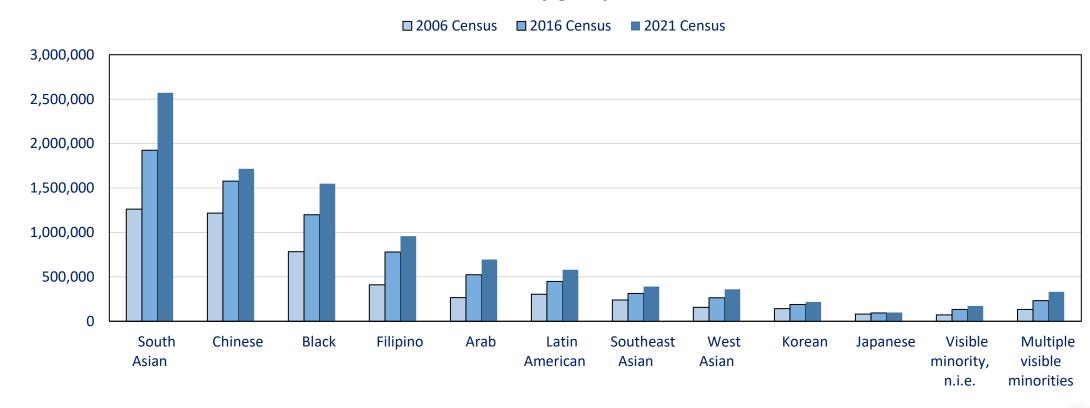
 More than 20 different ethnic origins (which were reported either alone or in combination with other origins) can be associated with the 'Hispanic' population.



#### **Visible Minority**

"Latin American" is the sixth largest visible minority group in Canada

#### Visible minority groups in Canada



Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2021.



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### 'Hispanic/Spanish-Speaking or Descent' Population

'Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent' population as defined by the Canadian Hispanic Congress (CHC)

CHC definition: "Any individual whose country of origin or that of his/her ancestors has SPANISH as one of its official or majority - languages".

**Mother tongue** Spanish

(person or parents) 23 selected Spanish speaking countries:

Place of birth

Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Reported at least one of Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain, Uruguay,

Venezuela.

**Ethnic origins** 

the 25 selected origins:

Arawak, Argentinian, Bolivian, Chilean, Colombian, Costa Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Ecuadorian, Guatemalan, Hispanic, Honduran, Maya, Mexican, Nicaraguan, Panamanian, Paraguayan, Peruvian, Puerto Rican, Salvadorian, Spanish, Uruguayan, Venezuelan, Other aboriginal from Central/South America, "Latin, Central and South American origins, not included elsewhere".

### 'Hispanic/Spanish-Speaking or Descent' Population

Total 'Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent' population as defined by the Canadian Hispanic Congress (CHC) in 2021

1,193,880

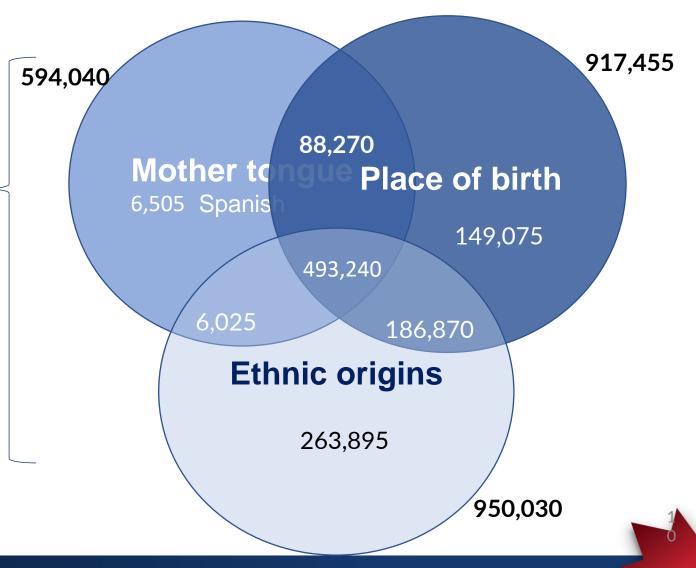
#### Main components

79.6% reported at least one of the selected ethnic/cultural origins

76.8% reported one of the selected places of birth for themselves or at least one of their parents.

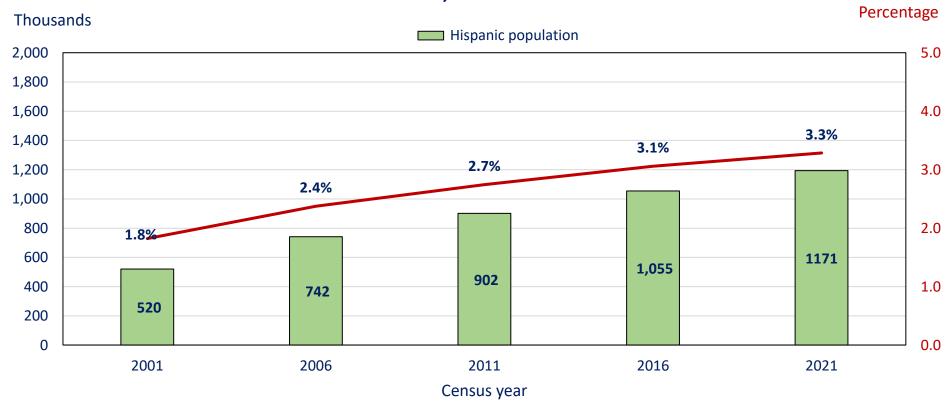
49.8% reported Spanish as their mother tongue

Source: Statistics Canada, Custom tables, Census of Population, 2021.



#### The "Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent" population

### Number and proportion of 'Hispanic' population (as defined by CHC) in Canada, 2001 to 2021



• The "Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent" population has been on the rise since 2001, representing over a million individuals and 3.3% of the Canadian population in 2021

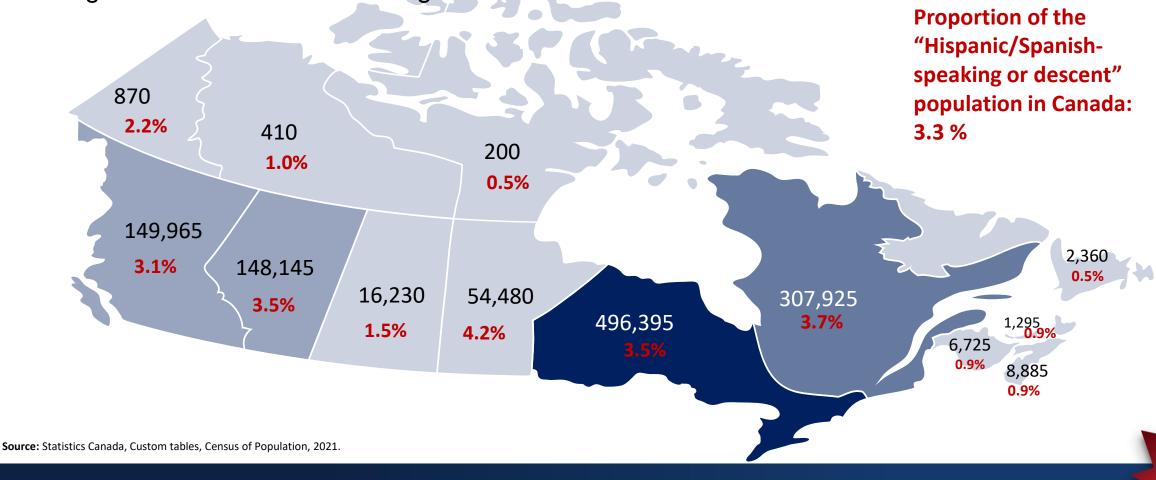
Sources: Statistics Canada, Custom tables, Census of Population, 2001 to 2006, 2016, 2021; National Household Survey, 2011.





#### **Hispanic Population In Canada**

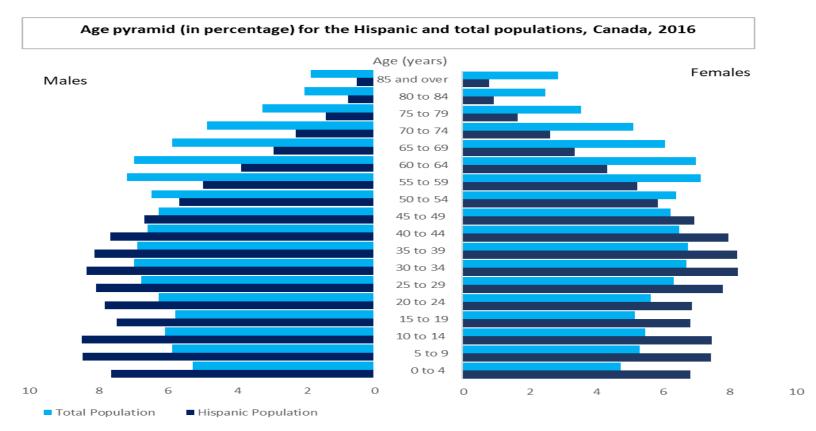
• The share of the 'Hispanic' population in Manitoba, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec is higher than the national average.



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#### Age Distribution of the Hispanic Population

The "Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent" population is young, with a median age of 31 years



Source: Statistics Canada, Custom tables, Census of Population, 2021.



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#### Household Characteristics of the Hispanic Population

• In 2021, almost half of the "Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent" population were living in a household with a couple and children.

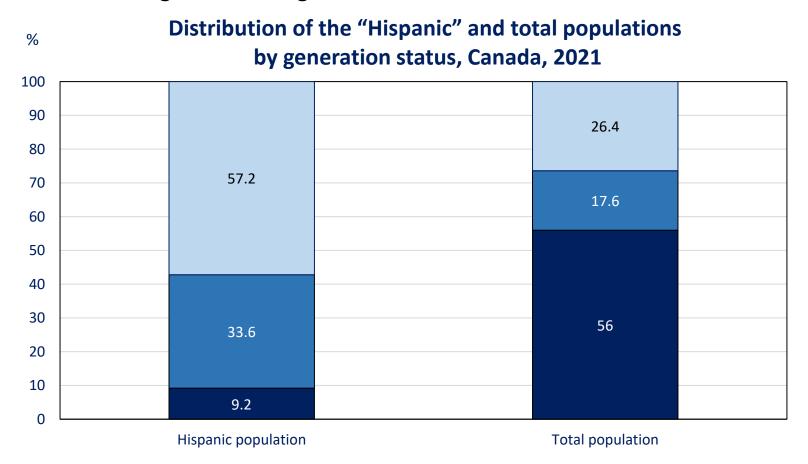
Living arrangements in the household	'Hispanic' population (%)	Total population (%)
In a couple without children	40.6	1.3
In a couple with children	29.1	1.0
In a lone-parent family	9.7	0.3
Persons in multigenerational households	5.1	0.2
Living with others (relatives or non-relatives)	7.3	0.2
Living alone	8.2	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, Custom tables, Census of Population, 2021.

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#### **Generation of Immigrants**

 Nine in ten people in the "Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent" population had an immigrant background



Generation status indicates for how many generations a person and their family have been in Canada

- First generation

  Persons who were

  born outside Canada
- Second generation Persons who were born in Canada and had at least one parent born outside Canada
- Third generation or more Persons who were born in Canada with both parents born in Canada

**Source:** Statistics Canada, Custom table, Census of Population, 2021.

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### Hispanic Immigrants and Period of Immigration

 About half of the "Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or decent" population is, or has ever been, a landed immigrant



## Period of immigration for 'Hispanic' immigrants population, Canada, 2021



Source: Statistics Canada, Custom tables, Census of Population, 2021.



#### "Hispanic" Immigrants and Place of Birth

 In 2021, 50 places of birth were reported by "Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent" immigrants

Top countries of birth for 'Hispanic' immigrants, Canada. 2021

Canada, 2021			
	number	percent	
Total	561,170	100.0	
Mexico	90,585	16.1	
Colombia	80,570	14.4	
El Salvador	49,445	8.8	
Philippines	41,575	7.4	
Peru	31,415	5.6	
United States	15,790	2.8	
Brazil	7,830	1.4	
France	7,665	1.4	
Other	206,175	36.7	

Main admission categories for 'Hispanic' immigrants who were admitted between 1980 and 2021

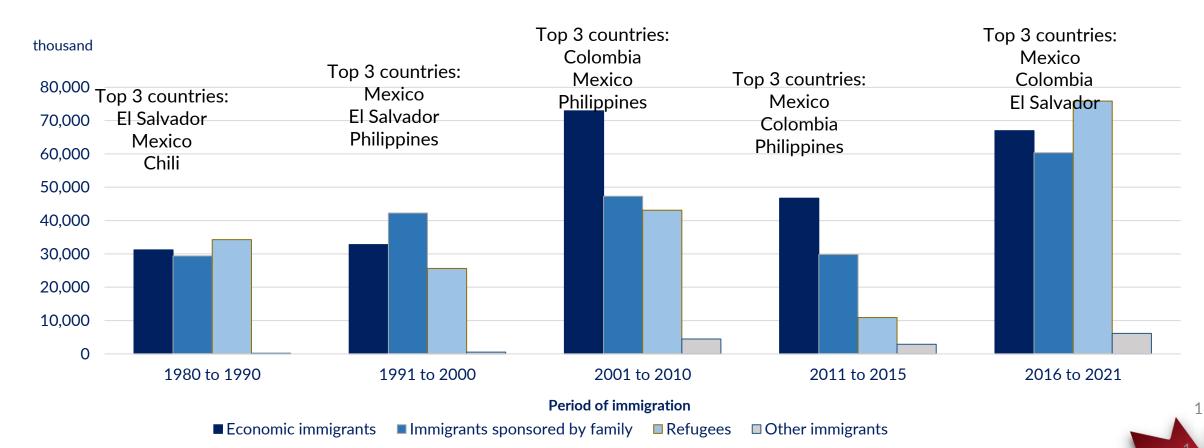
- Economic immigrants (39.3%)
- Immigrants sponsored by family (33.4%)
- Refugees (24.8%)
- Other immigrants (2.5%)

Source: Statistics Canada, Custom tables, Census of Population, 2021.

#### **Immigrant Admission Categories**

• The main immigrant admission categories and source countries have changed over time.

'Hispanic' immigrants by period of immigration and broad admission category, Canada, 2021

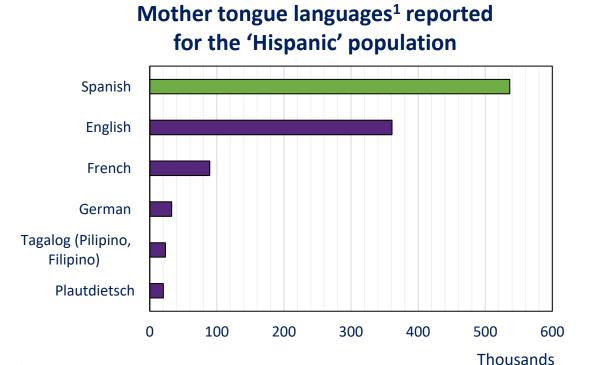


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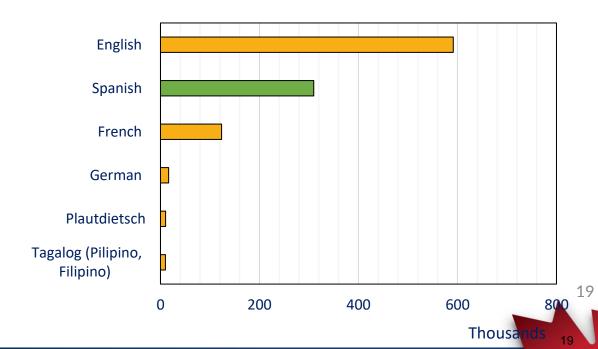


#### Mother Tongue and Language Spoken

 Although Spanish was the most common mother tongue among the "Hispanic/Spanish-speaking or descent" population in 2021, more people reported English as their language spoken most often at home



## Languages spoken most often at home<sup>1</sup> for the 'Hispanic' population



1. Single response

Source: Statistics Canada, Custom tables, Census of Population, 2021.

#### **Education**

• The 'Hispanic' population is more likely to hold a university certificate, diploma or degree, compared to the total population

Highest certificate, diploma or degree for the 'Hispanic' population and total populations aged 25 to 64 years, Canada, 2021

Hispanic population

#### Women

University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above

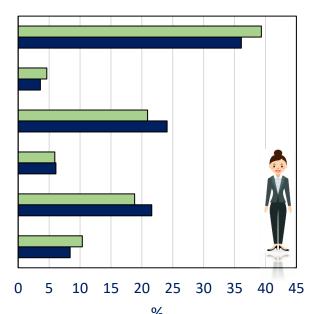
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level

College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma

Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma

Secondary (high) school diploma or equivalency certificate

No certificate, diploma or degree



University certificate, diploma or degree at bachelor level or above

Men

University certificate or diploma below bachelor level

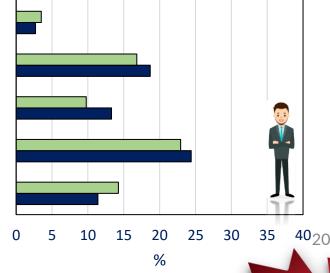
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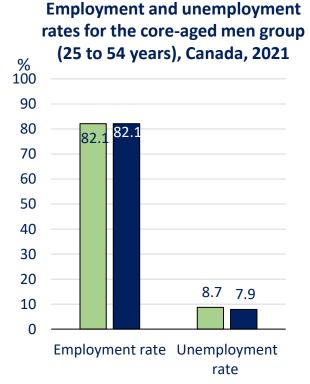
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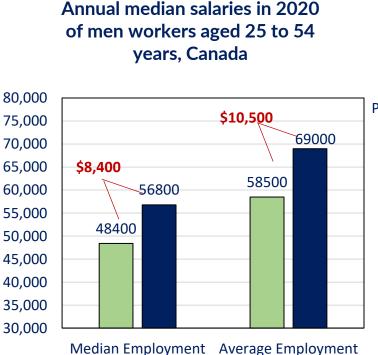


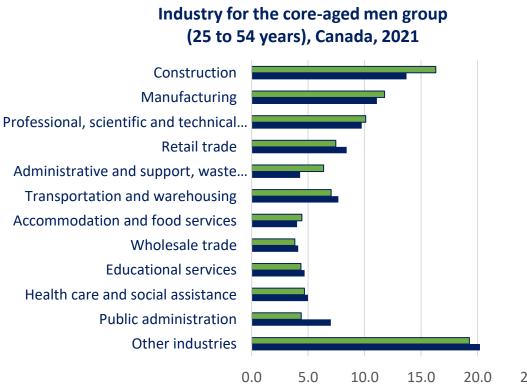
Source: Statistics Canada, Custom tables, 2021 Census of Population,

#### **Employment and Income**

The employment rate of the 'Hispanic' men is same as the non-Hispanic men.







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Income

Note: Not adjusted to isolate the influence of marital status, highest level of education, generation status, language most often spoken at home (English, French, Spanish, Other languages) and visible minority groups. Source: Statistics Canada, Custom tables, Census of Population, 2021.

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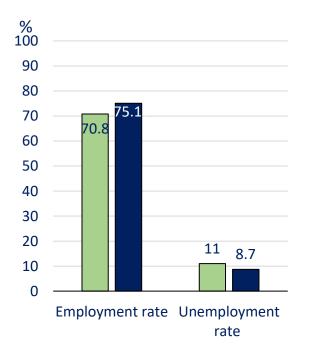




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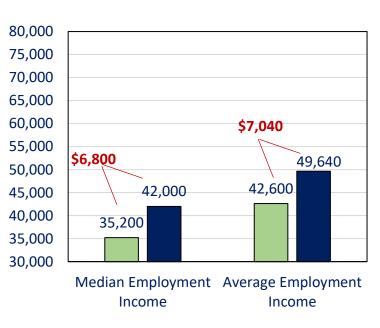
The employment rate of the 'Hispanic' women is smaller than the non-Hispanic men.

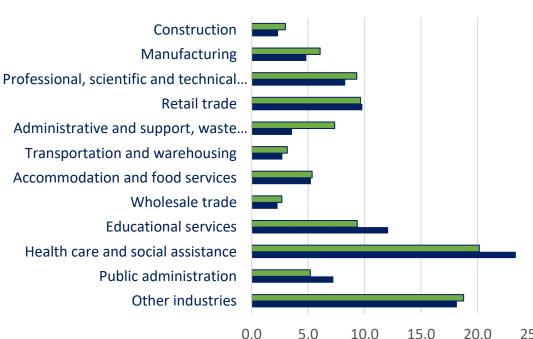
Employment and unemployment rates for the core-aged women group (25 to 54 years), Canada, 2021



Annual median salaries in 2020 of women workers aged 25 to 54 years, Canada







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