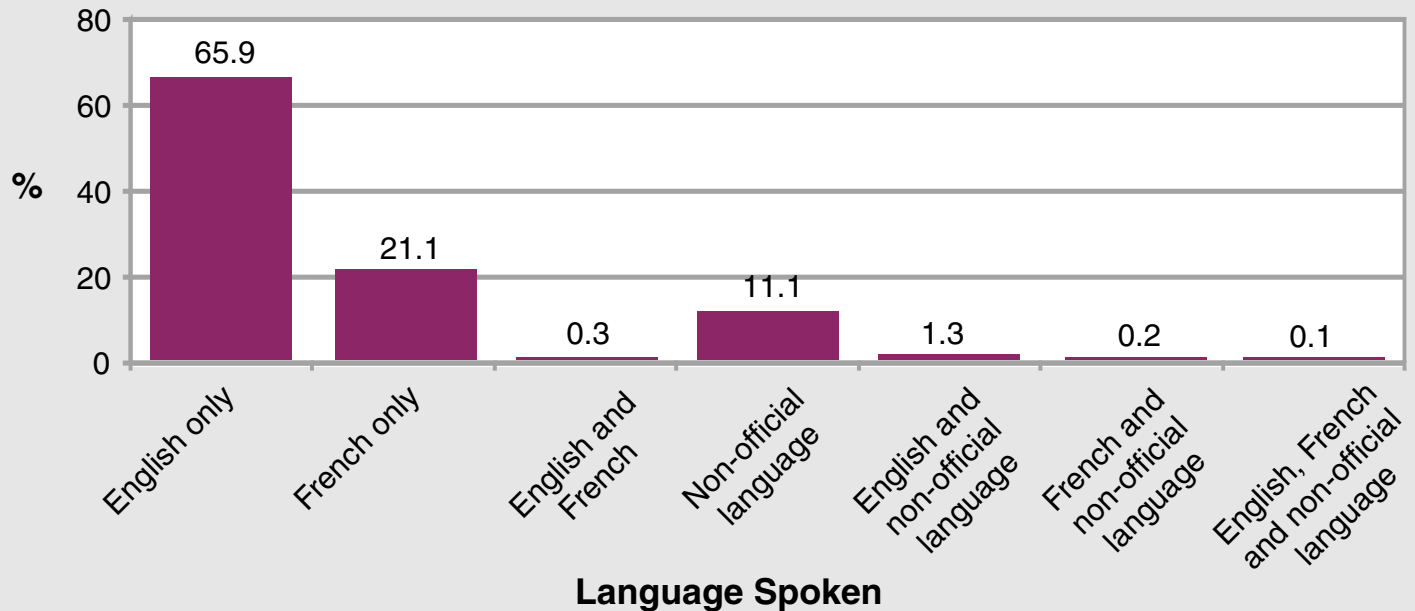




## 1.4.16 Language

**Fig. 1.4.16 Proportion of the Canadian population (all ages), by language spoken most often at home, 2006**



Adapted from Statistics Canada, at <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2006/dp-pd/hlt/97-555/T402-eng.cfm?Lang=E&T=402&GH=4&SC=1&S=99&O=A>, accessed on November 28, 2011

Canada has two official languages: English and French. The 2006 Census found that approximately 89% of Canadians spoke at least one official language in the home. The majority — 20,584,770 people or 66% of the overall population — were exclusively English-speaking, while 6,608,125 (21%) were exclusively French-speaking. Less than 2% of the population were bi- or multilingual in the home. Of the population — 11% or 3,472,130 people — spoke only a non-official language at home.

### Implications

Canada is truly a multilingual country. With 11% of the population speaking neither English nor French at home, there is a great need for resources and services to be provided in a linguistically appropriate fashion.

