

Attachment 1

Language Translations: Community Profile

Burnaby is linguistically diverse, with over 120 languages spoken at home. English is spoken by 57.2% of the population, followed by Mandarin (10.4%) and Cantonese (7.7%). While 89% of Burnaby's population has knowledge of English, 11% (approximately 28,000 people) do not speak English, highlighting the need for effective translation services.

Note: Statistics Canada's data on languages spoken at home is only an indicator. People may speak their home language at home but not necessarily read or write it. Additionally, people may speak their home language at home, and are also able to speak, read and write English fluently.

Top 10 languages spoken at home*

	POPULATION	% OF POPULATION
English	141,300	57.2%
Mandarin	25,565	10.4%
Yue (Cantonese)	19,090	7.7%
Korean	5,975	2.4%
Tagalog (Filipino)	3,895	1.6%
Spanish	3,045	1.2%
Punjabi	2,890	1.2%
Iranian Persian	2,645	1.1%
Russian	1,895	0.8%
Serbo Croatian	1,870	0.8%

**Based on 2021 Census population of 246,940*

Burnaby is exceptionally diverse and unique. Seventy-five percent of the population speaks English (57%), Mandarin (10%) or Cantonese (8%) at home. Additionally, there is a significant number of smaller language groups with 25% of the population speaking one of the 120 different languages at home. On average, about 500 people in Burnaby speak a language other than English and Chinese. However, the distribution is uneven, with the top 18 languages being spoken by more than 500 individuals each. This means that there are approximately one hundred languages spoken by fewer than 500 people each.