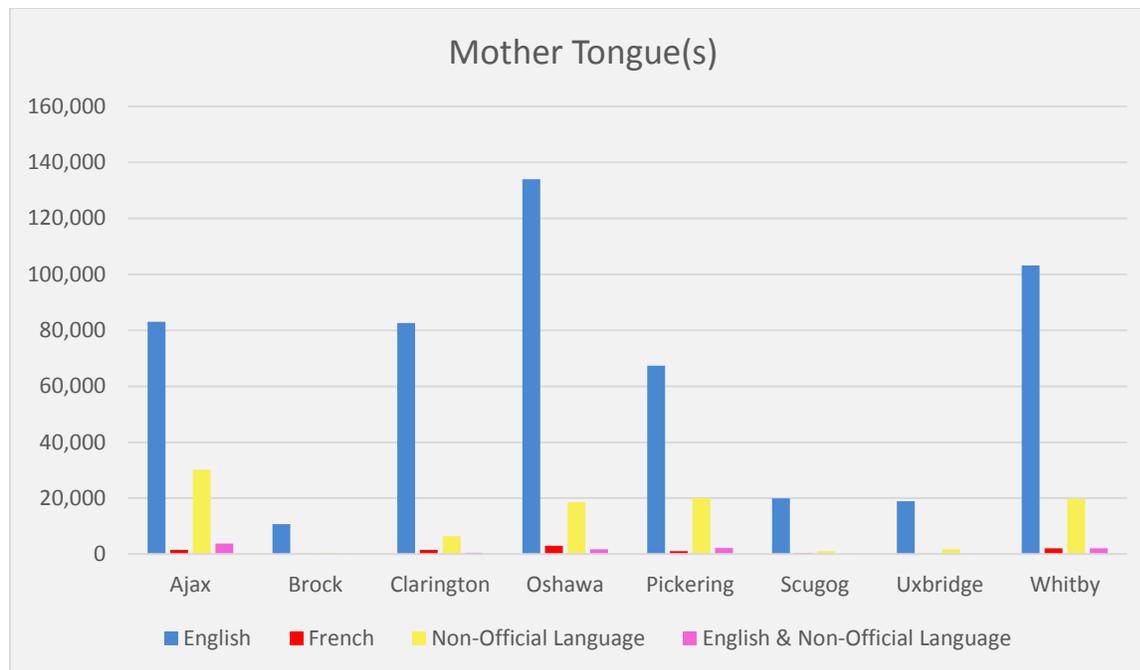


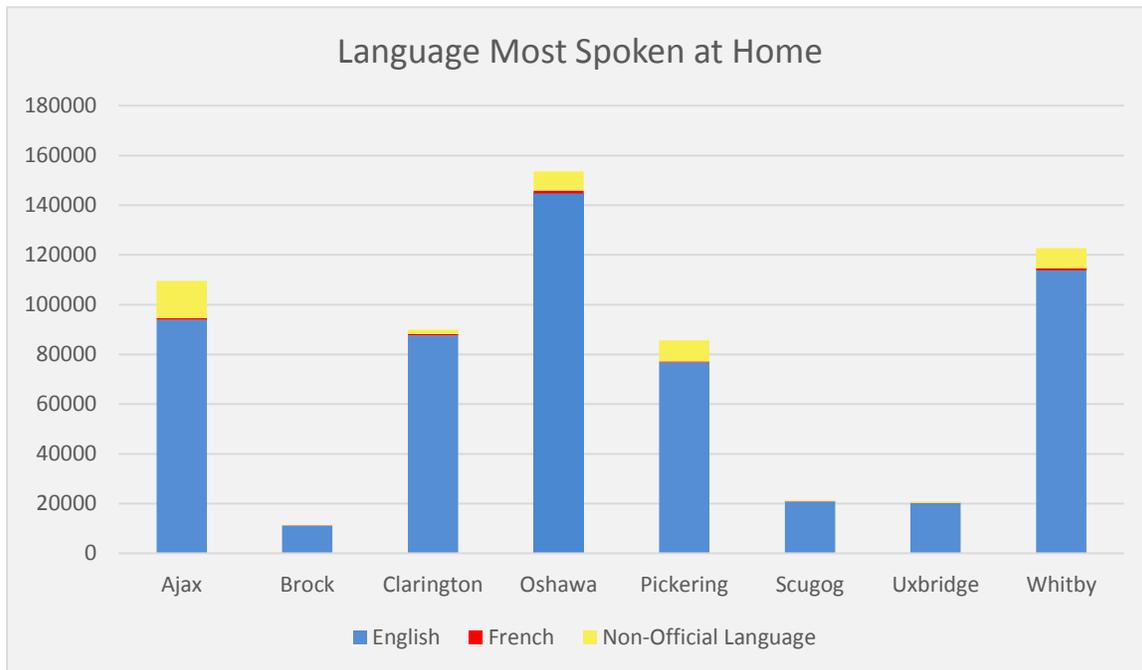
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First Language Learned at Home

Due to the release of the 2016 Census of Language from Statistics Canada, the Community Development Council Durham (CDCD) has been able to look at the diversity of languages spoken by residents in Durham Region. This data represents the first language(s) learned at home in children and still understood by the individual at the time of the Census. The Census data revealed that English is by far the most common mother tongue throughout Durham Region, followed by non-official languages (i.e., not English nor French). The Town of Ajax, which had a high population growth of 9.5% from 2011 to 2016 also had the most speakers of non-official languages, indicating a large immigrant population. A more comprehensive look at non-official languages spoken throughout Durham Region will be provided as the Census data becomes available.

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Language Spoken Most Often at Home

In addition to the diversity in mother tongues across Durham Region, the 2016 Census of Language from Statistics Canada demonstrated that English was the most common language spoken most often at home (94%). Oshawa had the highest amount of individuals who spoke English or French most often at home. The Township of Brock had the lowest number of individuals who spoke French at home, at 0.3%, followed by the Township of Uxbridge (1%). However, the highest concentration of those who spoke other languages most often at home were located in the Town of Ajax (36%), the City of Pickering (20%), and the Township of Uxbridge (19%). A more comprehensive look at non-official languages spoken most often at home throughout Durham Region will be provided as the Census data becomes available.