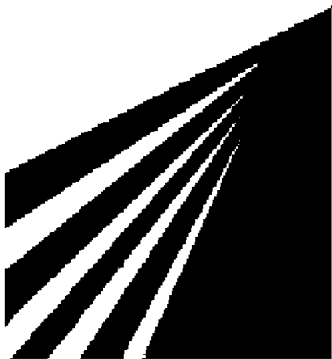


# **Immigration, Ethnicity, and Languages in Ottawa:**

## **Fast Facts from the 2001 Census**



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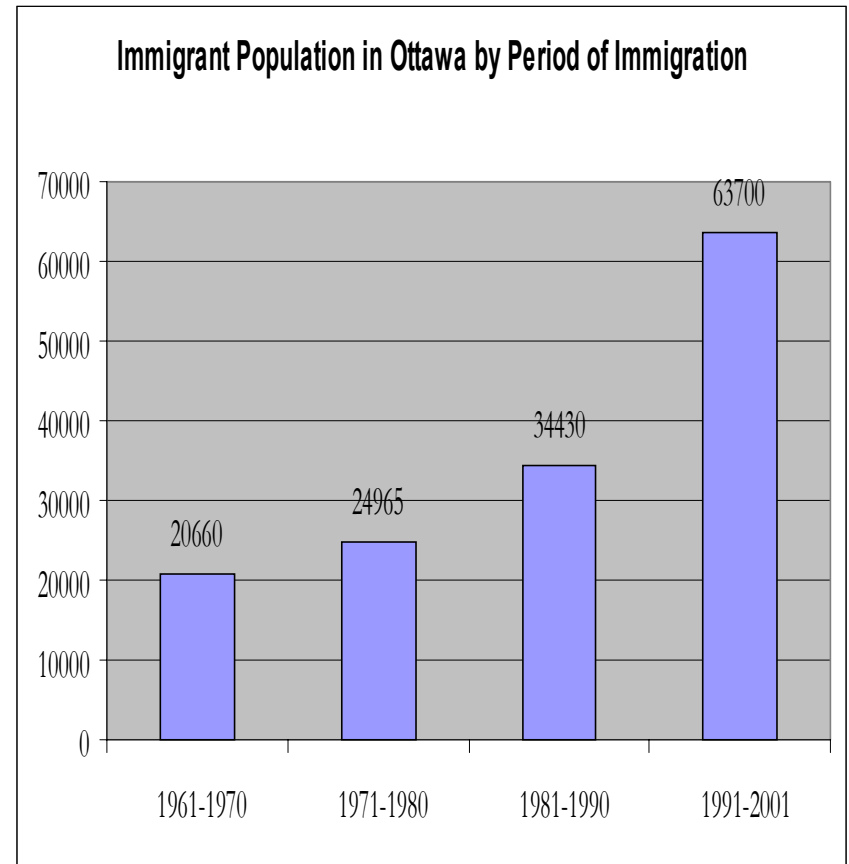
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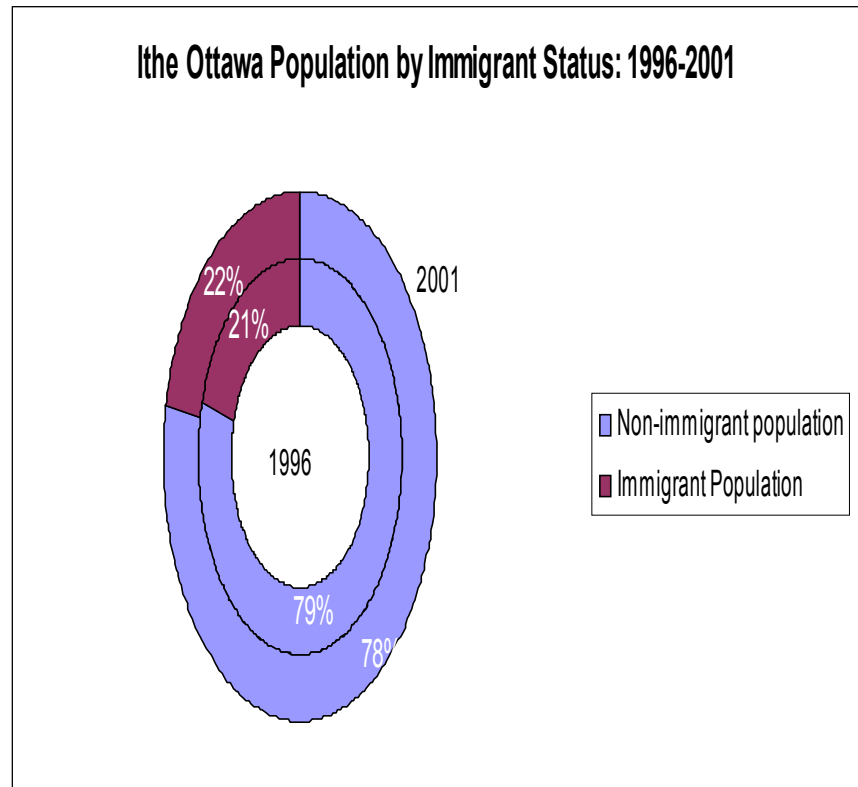
# Ottawa attracts more and more new immigrants

- Over the decades, more and more new immigrants choose to live in Ottawa.
- During the nineties, Ottawa attracted almost twice as many newcomers as it did in the previous decade.
- Ottawa immigrants of the 1990s represent 3.5 % of all immigrants who came to Canada between 1991-2001 - more than the City's current share of the total Canadian population (2.6%).



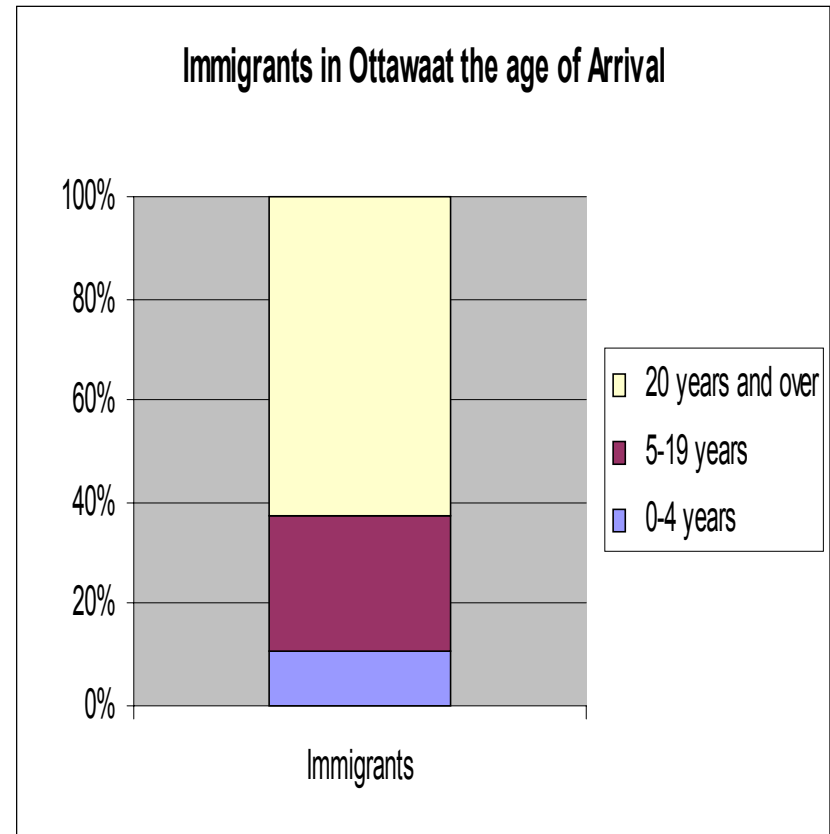
# The total immigrant population in Ottawa is increasing at twice the pace of the city's total population (14% vs. 7.3%).

- Over the 1996-2001 period, the size of immigrants (i.e. people who are, or have been, landed immigrants) living in Ottawa increased by 14% - almost twice as much as the growth rate of the total Ottawa population (7.3).
- Immigration accounted for 39% of the population growth in Ottawa since 1996.
- Immigrants represented 22% of the Ottawa population in 2001, compared to 21% in 1996.



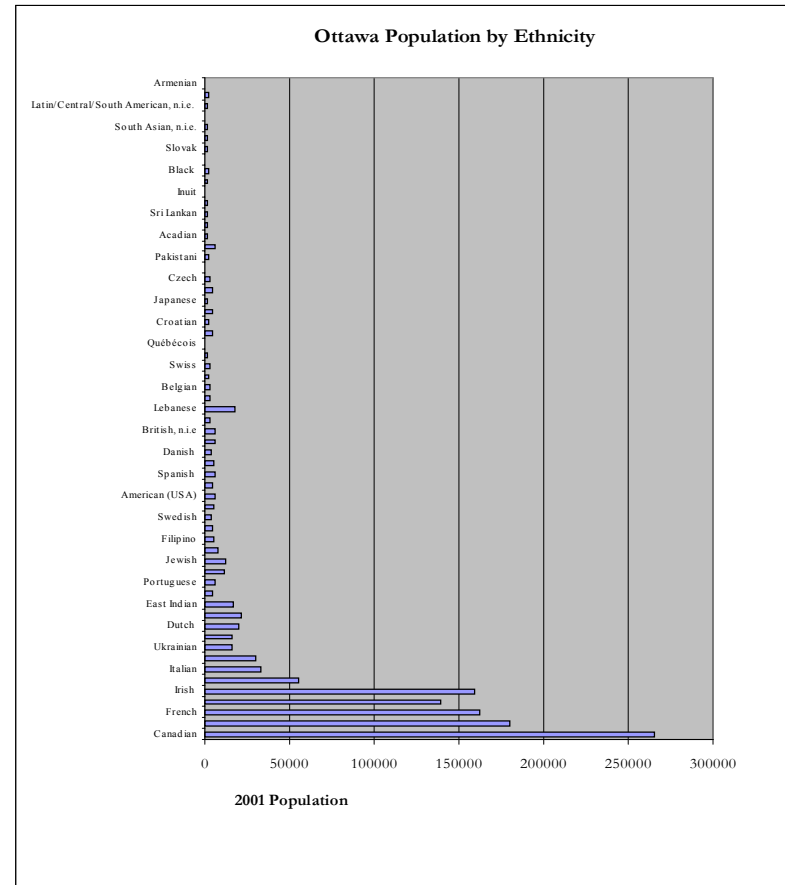
# Immigrants come to Canada at a very young age

- Almost 40 percent of immigrants living in Ottawa came to Canada at an age below 20 years.
- This suggests that a continued inflow of immigrants may counter the aging of the Ottawa population and labour force



# Diversity in Ottawa - The World within our City

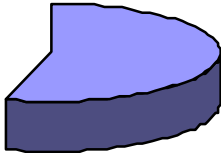
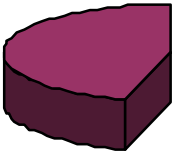
- People in Ottawa reported belonging to more than 61 different ethnicities and speak more than 70 languages.
- ‘*Canadian*’ was the most claimed ethnicity.



# Nearly half of the Ottawa population belong to more than one ethnicity

**The Ottawa Population by Single and Multiple Ethnicities**

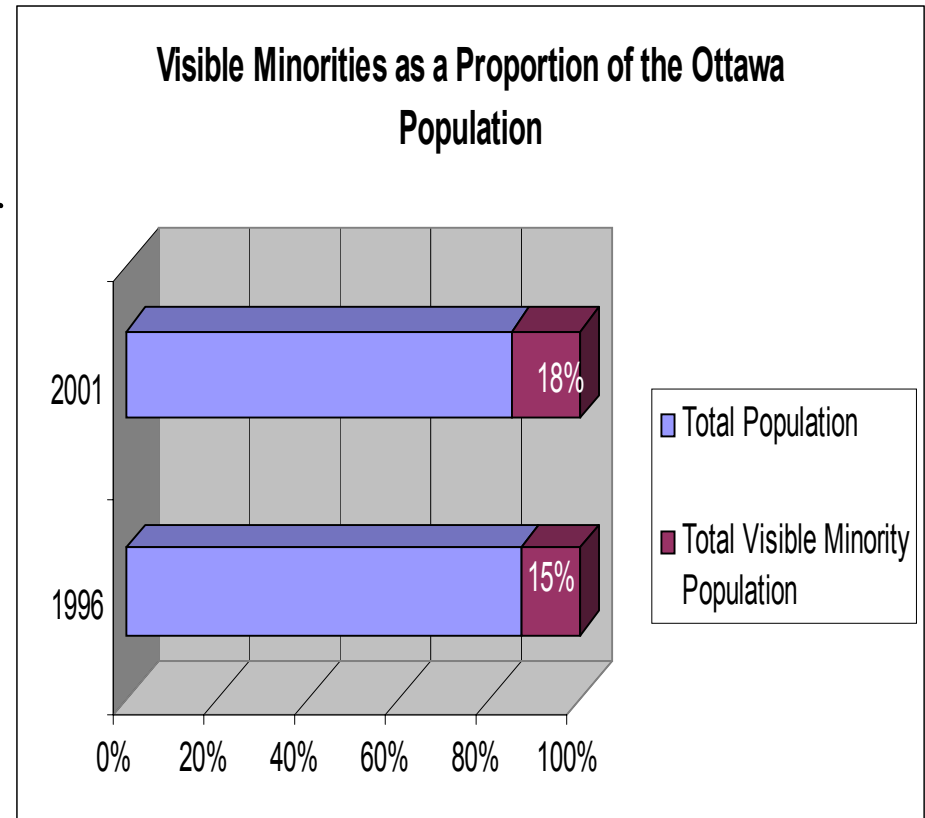
**46%**  
Proportion of Ottawa residents who indicated belonging to more than one ethnicity



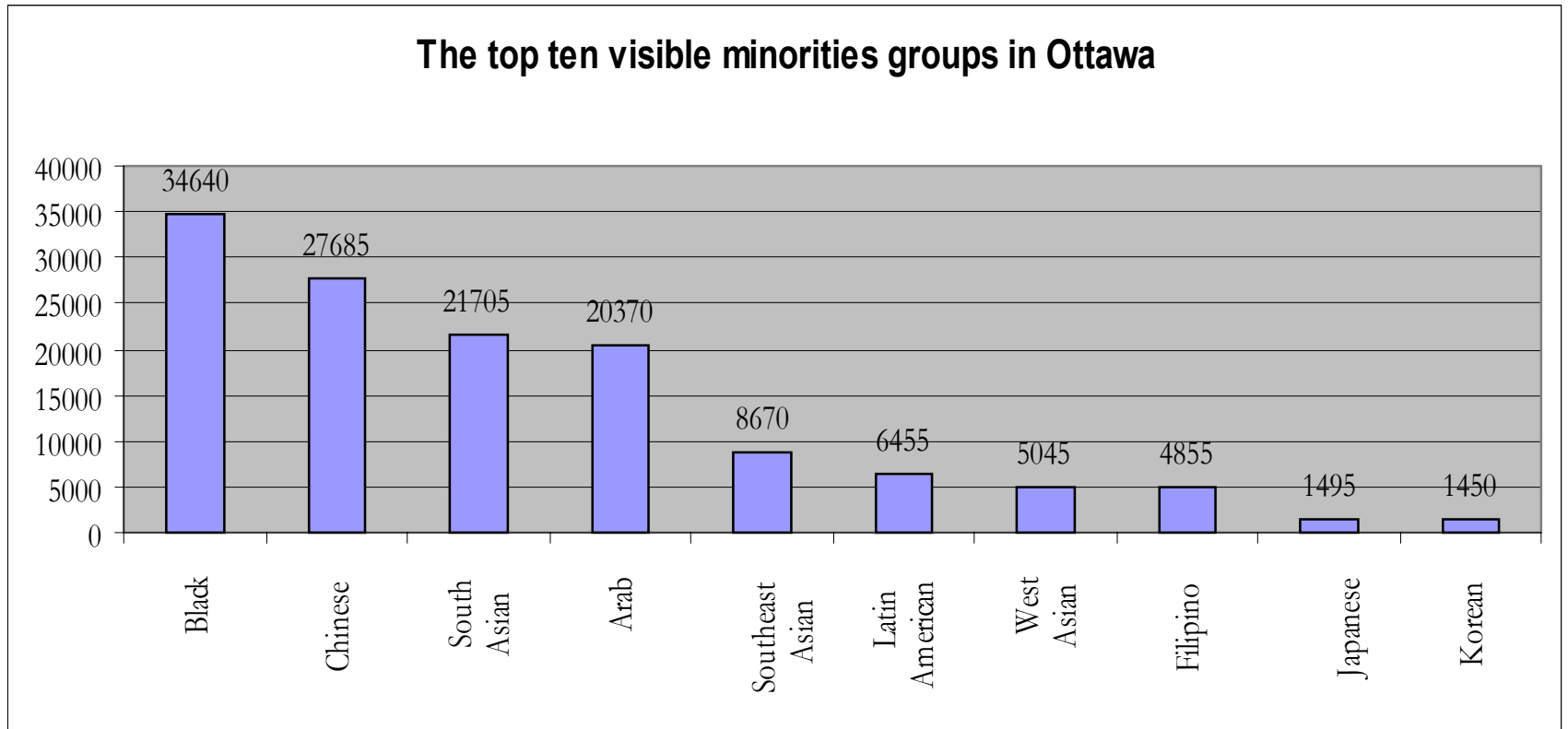
**54%**  
Proportion of Ottawa Residents who indicated that they belong to only one ethnicity

# The size of the visible minority population is growing at almost four times the pace of the Ottawa population

- There are 30,020 more members of the visible minority community in Ottawa than was reported in 1996, accounting for 57% of City's population growth since 1996
- The visible minority population in Ottawa increased by 27.9%. This compares to 7.3% increase in the total population.
- Visible minorities represent 18% of Ottawa's total population, up from 15% in 1996.



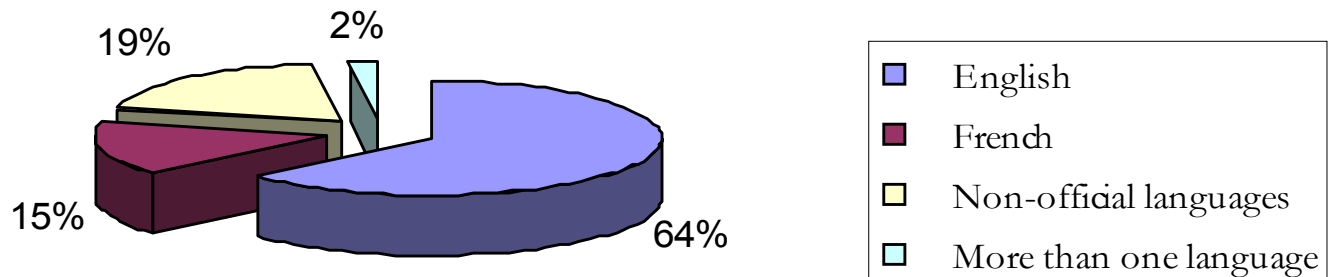
# Visible Minority Groups in Ottawa



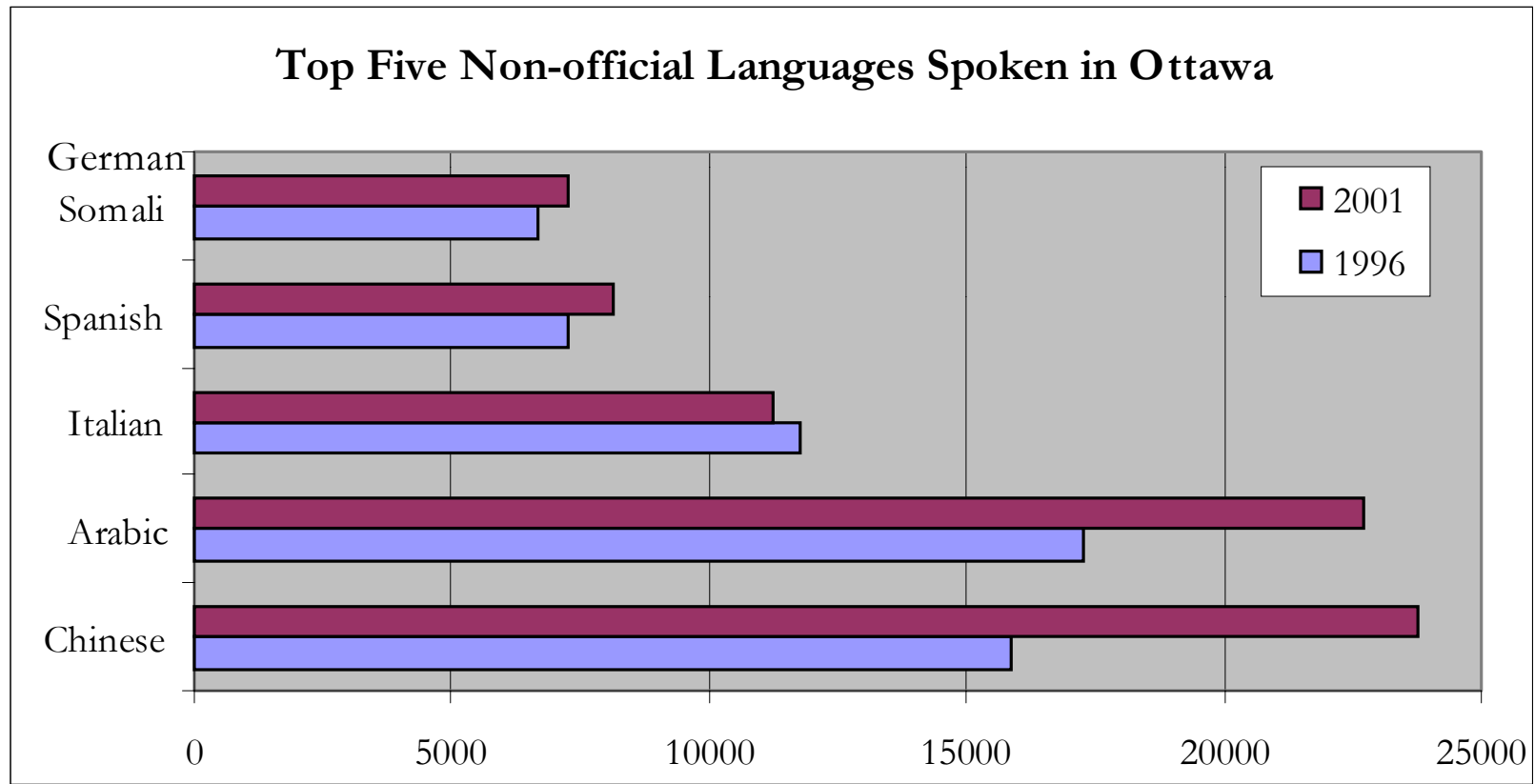
# Languages in Ottawa

Ottawa residents reported more than 70 mother tongues. About 2 percent reported having more than one mother tongues

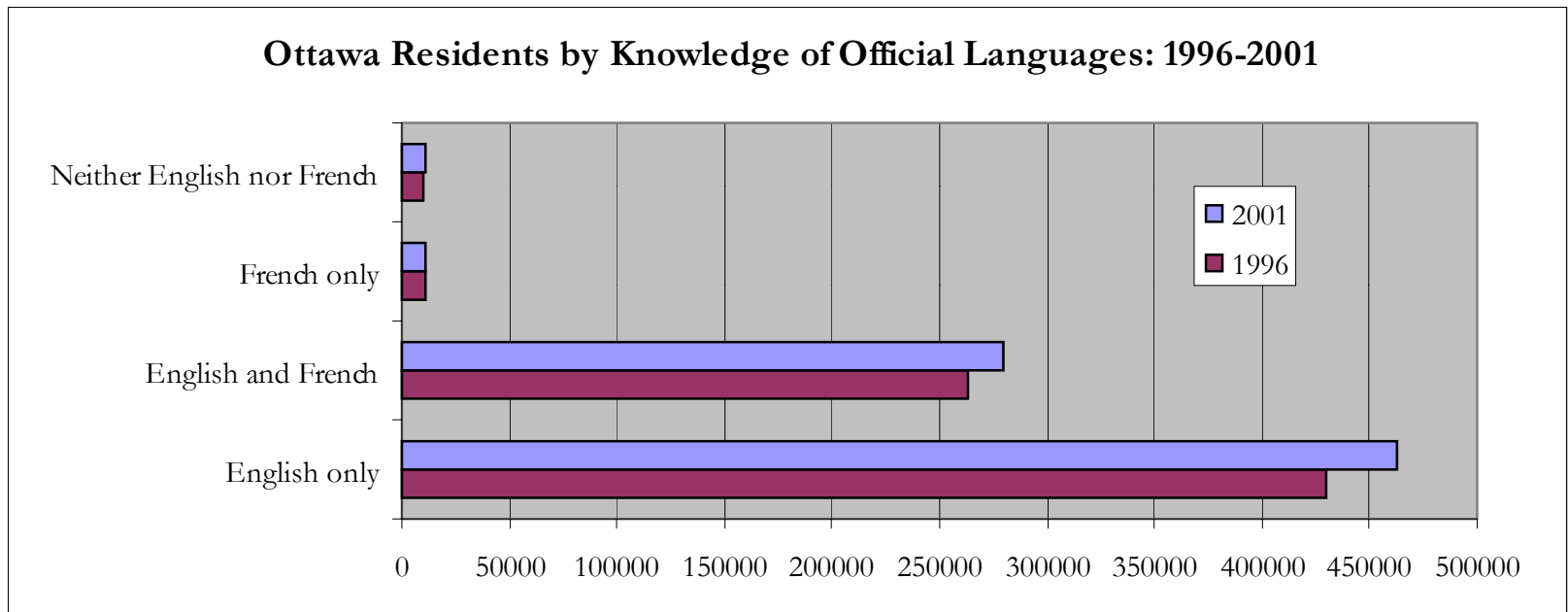
**Ottawa Residents by Mother Tongue**



**Chinese becomes the most spoken non-official language in Ottawa, followed by Arabic, Italian, and Spanish. The Somali Language loses its fifth non-official language position to the German Language**

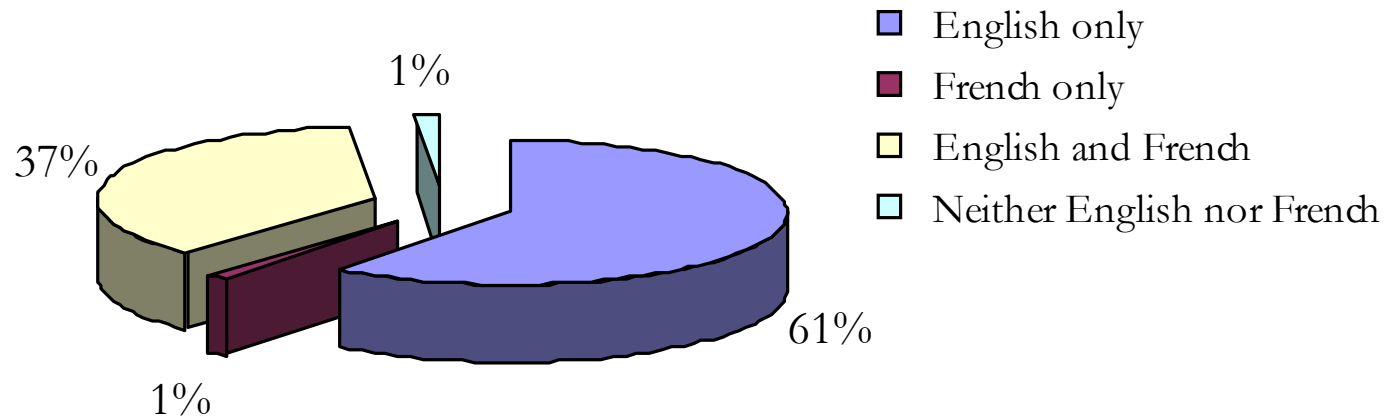


# Both Knowledge of Official languages and bilingualism are increasing among the Ottawa residents

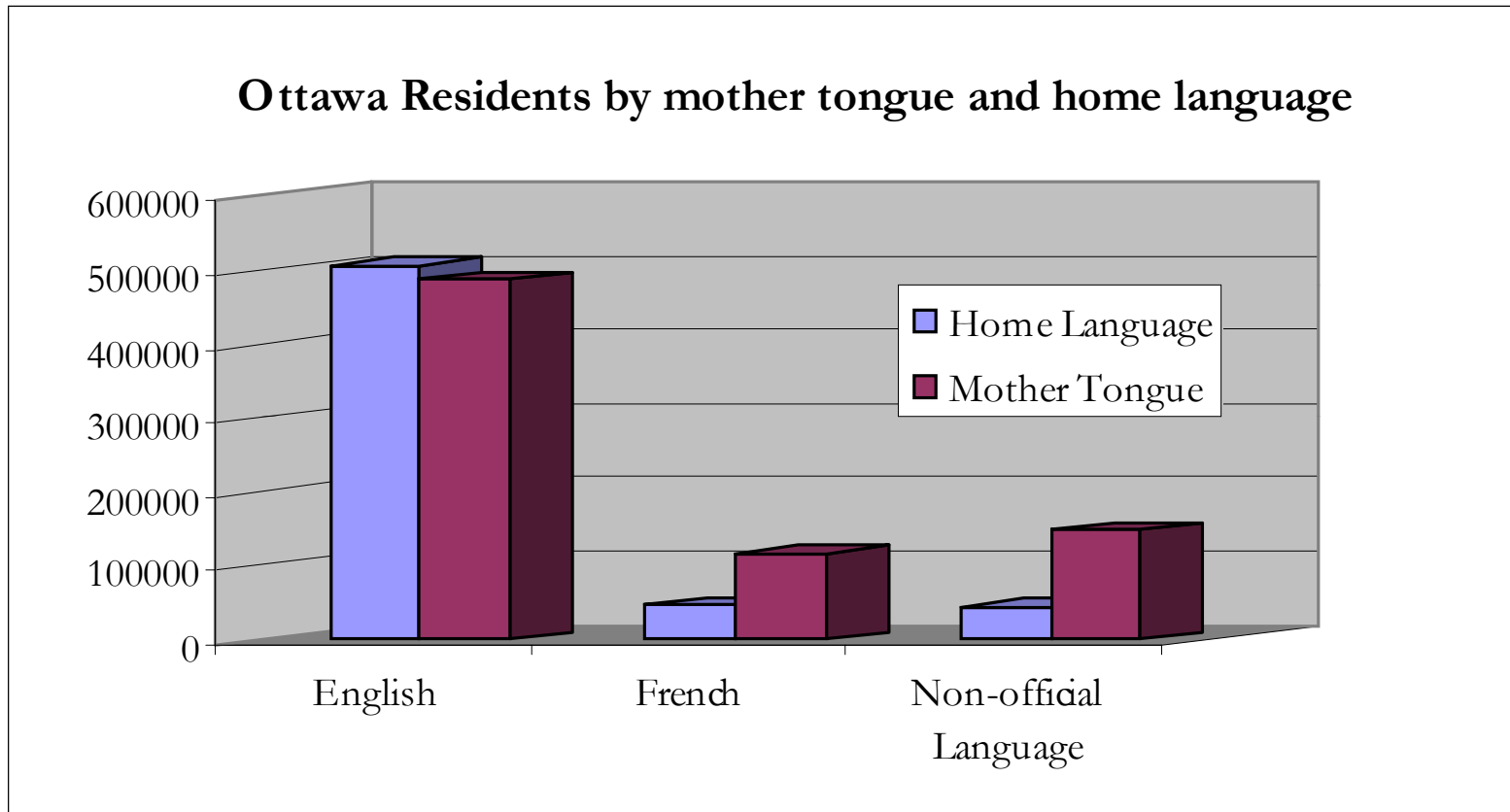


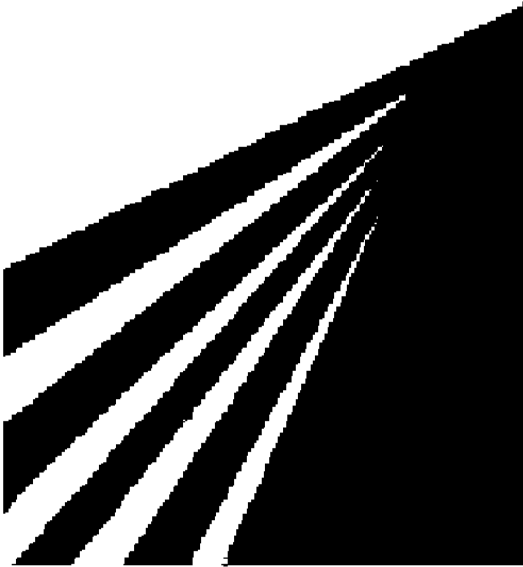
# ...Official Languages Continued

**Ottawa Residents by Reported Knowledge of Official Languages**



# What language do we speak at home? More People Speak English at home than have reported it as mother tongue





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