

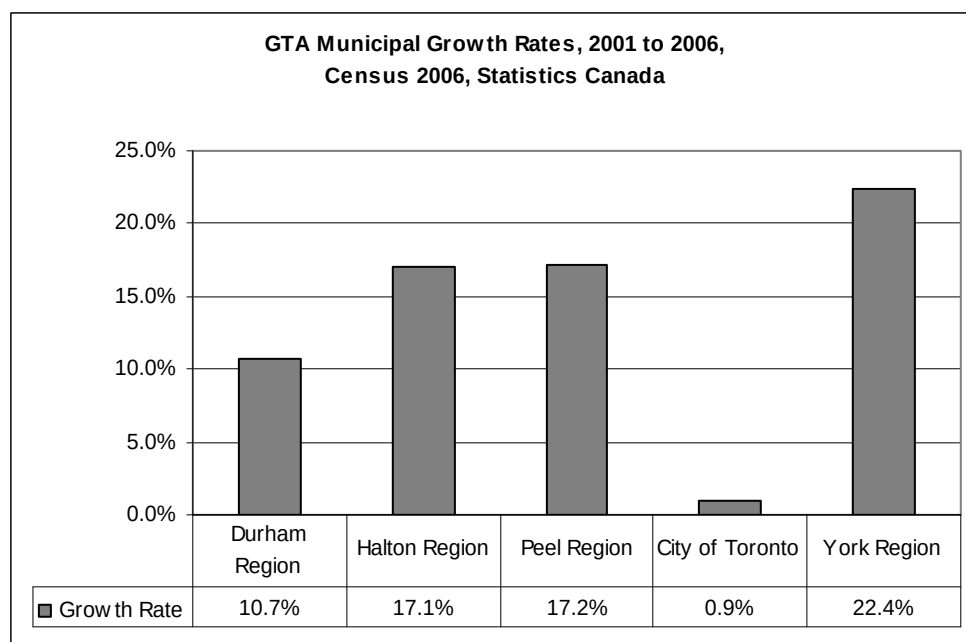
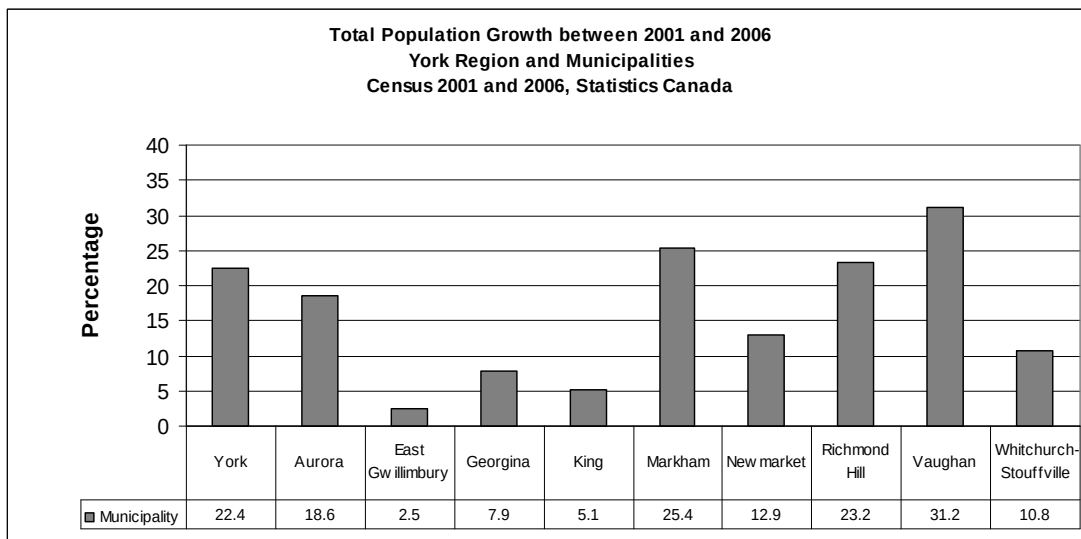
Examples of Diversification Among the Nine Local Municipalities in York Region

Below are some examples of how York Region and the nine local municipalities compare with the Census 2006 data that has been released to date.

Growth Rate

Findings and Highlights:

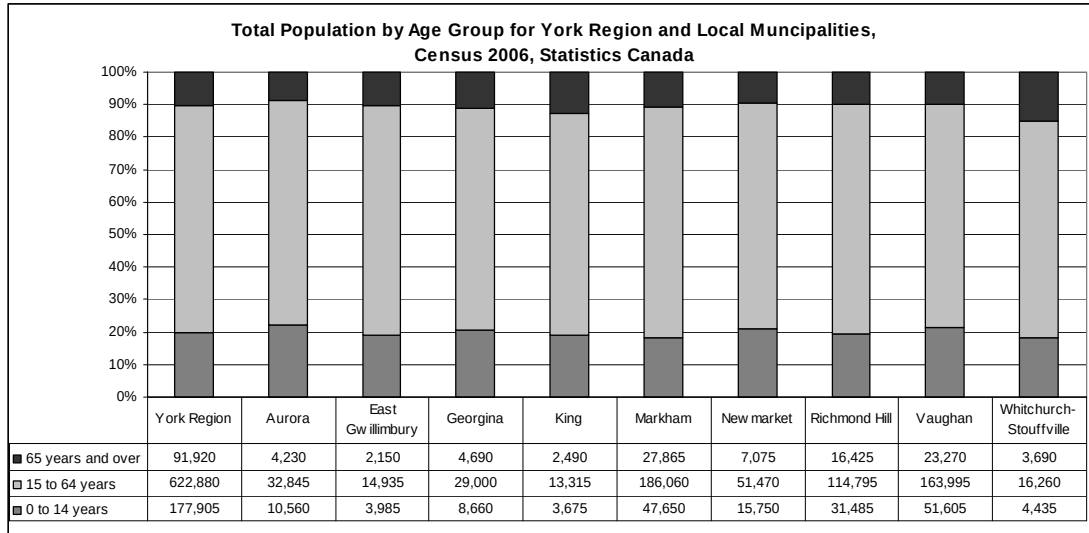
- York Region is the third fastest growing Census Division in Canada after Mirabel, Quebec and Division 16 in Alberta (a rural community). York Region grew 22.4% from 729,254 in 2001 to 892,712 in 2006.
- York Region had the highest growth rate in the GTA, followed by Peel Region at 17.2%, Halton Region at 17.1%, Durham Region at 10.7% and Toronto at less than 1%.
- Vaughan had the highest growth rate and grew by 56,844 (31.2%) between 2001 and 2006.



Age Groups

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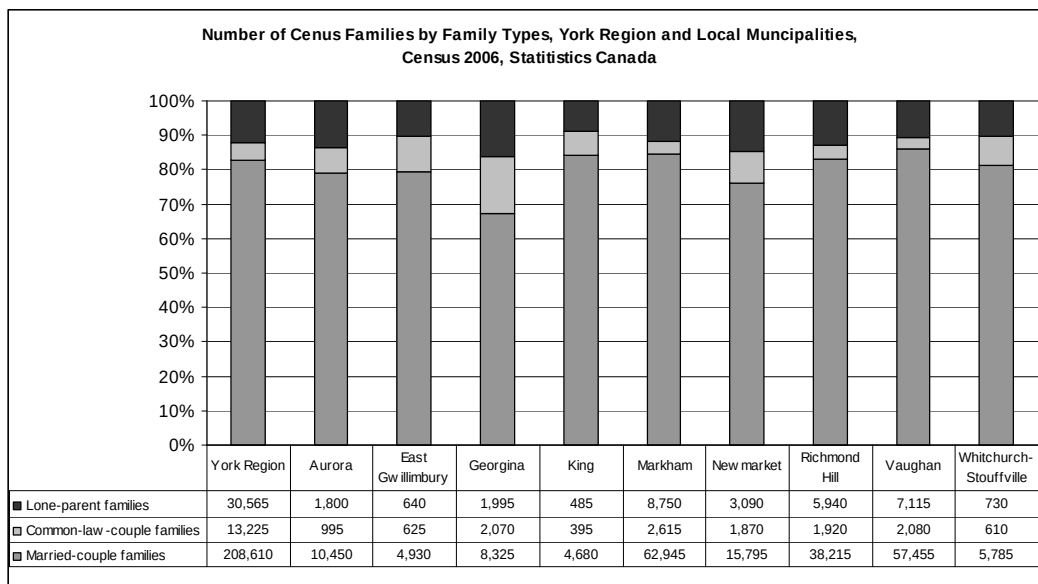
- 88.3% of children 0 – 14 years of age live in the five southern municipalities and almost one third live in Vaughan.
- Whitchurch-Stouffville had the highest median age at 42.2 years whereas Vaughan had the youngest median age at 35.9 years. 10.2% of York Region's population are seniors – people who are 65 years old and older.



Census Family Type

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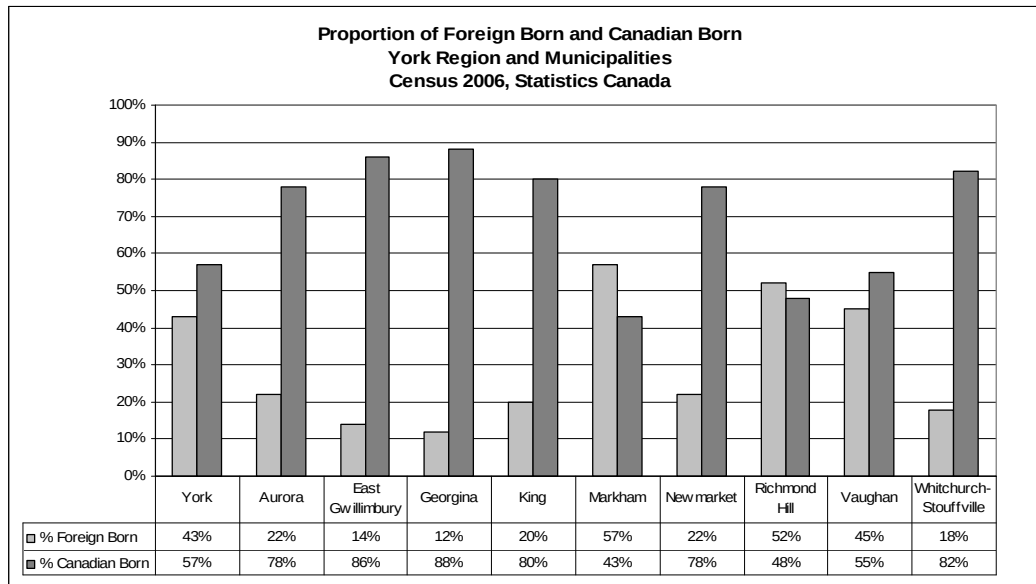
- The number of lone parent families grew by 37.2% from 22,275 in 2001 to 30,565 in 2006. Georgina has the highest proportion of lone parents at 16.1%.
- 67.2% of married couples in York Region have children – this is the largest proportion for Census Divisions in Canada. Vaughan (72.2%), Markham (69.0%) and Richmond Hill (68.6%) rank 2nd, 3rd and 4th in Canada for the highest proportion of married couples with children among Census Subdivisions. At 75.2%, only Stanley, Manitoba has a higher proportion. In comparison, 46.0% of all married couples in Canada have children.



Foreign Born

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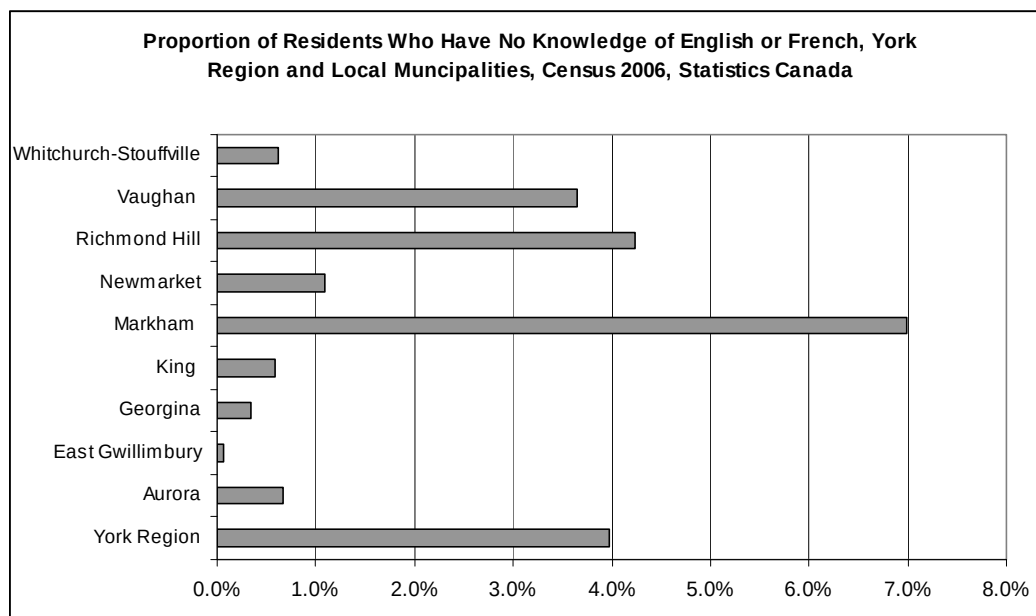
- 56.5% of Markham's residents are foreign born – the second highest proportion in Canada after Richmond B.C.
- Aurora had the greatest increase in total immigrants (46.3%) followed by Vaughan at 40.7%.
- King experienced a decrease i.e. - 1.0%



Knowledge of Official Language

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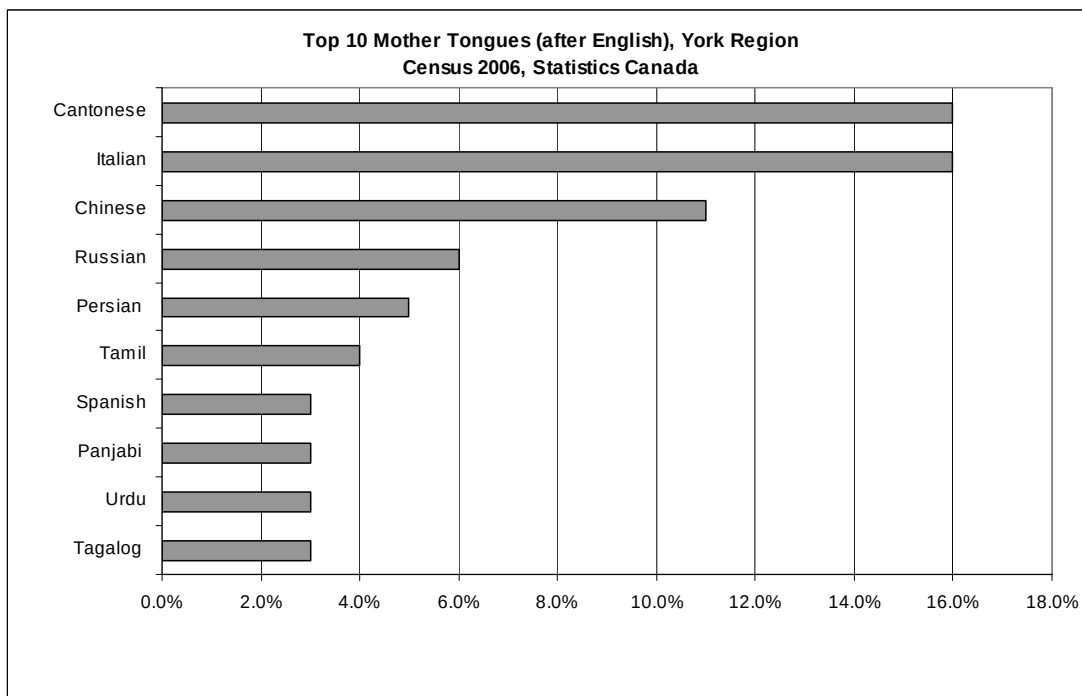
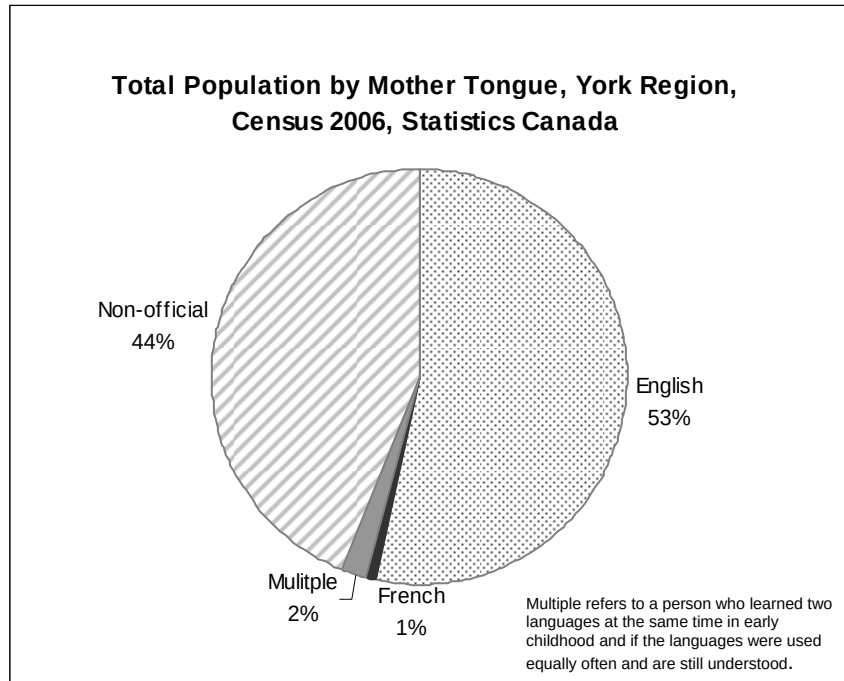
- There has been a 49.8% increase in the number of York Region residents who have no knowledge of English or French from 23,565 in 2001 to 35,310 in 2006.
- The greatest percentage of people that speak neither English nor French live in Markham (7.0%), followed by Richmond Hill (4.2%).



Mother Tongue

Findings and Highlights:

- 44% of York Region residents may speak English but have a non-official language as a mother tongue that is the language they first learned in childhood and still understand. Both Cantonese and Italian are tied for the highest proportion of people who have a mother tongue other than English.



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