

Population Profile

Le Havre de Montréal

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Characteristics of the population in 2001

Highlights

There are 24,749 people living in the Montréal harbourfront district. The western part is by far the more populous, with 17,205 residents, or 69.5% of the harbourfront population. The population density is lower in the section east of the Bonaventure Expressway than west of it.

Households in the harbourfront district generally have 1.9 members and are smaller than the average elsewhere in the city.

One-person households are strongly concentrated in the eastern section of the harbourfront district.

There are many more single people in the harbourfront district than on average in Montréal, and particularly to the east of the Bonaventure Expressway, where there are very few young people age 19 or under, but a large proportion of people between the ages of 20 and 39.

There are very few immigrants in the harbourfront district—barely 17% of the total population. In Montréal as a whole, by contrast, immigrants account for 28% of the population.

	West of Bonaventure	Share %	East of Bonaventure	Share %	Havre de Montréal	Share %	Montréal	Share %
Population								
Total population	17 205	100	7 544	100	24 749	100	1 812 683	100
Male	8 620	50	4 490	60	13 110	53	867 435	48
Female	8 575	50	3 040	40	11 615	47	945 240	52
Population density in km²	3 315,0	--	1 990,5	--	2 756,0	--	3 625,1	--
Households								
1 person	3 505	43	2 280	54	5 785	47	303 275	38
Average number of persons in households	2,1	--	1,6	--	1,9	--	2,2	--
Families								
Husband-wife families	2 805	68	1 245	88	4 050	73	369 315	79
Lone-parent families	1 315	32	180	13	1 495	27	97 285	21
Legal marital status								
Never legally married	7 245	52	4 580	64	11 825	56	636 900	43
Legally married (and not separated)	3 680	26	1 270	18	4 950	23	569 480	38
Common law status								
Not in a common-law relationship	12 030	86	5 890	82	17 920	84	1 308 975	88
In a common-law relationship	2 010	14	1 310	18	3 320	16	182 935	12
Total number of children at home								
Average number of children at home	1,2	--	0,4	--	1,0	--	1,1	--
Age								
0 - 19 years	4 080	24	515	7	4 595	19	389 150	21
20 - 39 years	5 555	32	3 230	43	8 785	35	568 820	31
40 - 64 years	5 650	33	2 935	39	8 585	35	578 215	32
65 years and more	1 905	11	880	12	2 785	11	276 515	15
Religion								
Roman Catholic	10 785	64	4 815	67	15 600	65	1 134 555	64
No religion	1 975	12	1 420	20	3 395	14	171 595	10
Muslim	770	5	185	3	855	4	85 485	5
Protestant	645	4	110	2	655	3	35 350	2
Anglican	510	3	70	1	530	2	31 045	2
Buddhist	315	2	45	1	500	2	29 840	2
Other religions	1 855	11	510	7	2 475	10	294 960	17
Immigration								
Immigrant status								
Immigrant population	3 120	19	1 010	14	4 130	17	490 965	28
Non-immigrant population	13 465	80	5 930	83	19 395	81	1 258 895	71
Non-permanent residents	275	2	225	3	500	2	31 655	2
Immigrant population								
Period of immigration 1996-2001	780	25	205	20	985	24	101 035	21
Period of immigration 1991-1995	690	22	225	22	915	22	83 305	17

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France is the country of origin for 9% of immigrants in the harbourfront district. The latest wave of immigration has seen mostly newcomers from Bangladesh and Congo, mainly in the western part of the harbourfront district.

In comparison with the population of Montréal as a whole, residents of the harbourfront district are more likely to report their ethnic origin as Canadian or French.

Visible minorities, not very numerous in the eastern part of the harbourfront district, are more concentrated in the west. There it is blacks who are the most heavily represented; they account for 38% of the visible minority population in the part west of the Bonaventure Expressway.

For 69% of people in the harbourfront district, French is the language spoken in the home. In the eastern part, over 83% of residents say they speak French in their daily lives.

The most common mother tongue, reported by 63% of respondents, is French, followed by English, at 22%.

Over 61% of neighbourhood residents have a knowledge of both French and English. This percentage is 57% in Montréal as a whole.

15% of neighbourhood residents age 20 and over have less than nine years' schooling. However, 32% have a university education.

All in all, 42% of residents between the ages of 15 and 24 do not attend school—a much higher rate than in Montréal as a whole, where it is 32%. The concentration is highest in the eastern part, where it applies to one out of every two young people.

	West of Bonaventure	Share %	East of Bonaventure	Share %	Havre de Montréal	Share %	Montréal	Share %
Immigration								
Immigrants by place of birth	3 120	100	1 010	100	4 130	100	1 782 835	100
France	175	6	215	21	390	9	23 745	1
Bangladesh	250	8	0	0	250	6	4 925	0
Viet Nam	215	7	20	2	235	6	18 440	1
China, People's republic of	130	4	45	4	175	4	17 175	1
United Kingdom	110	4	45	4	155	4	10 430	1
Recent immigrants by place of birth (1996-2001)	780	100	200	100	980	100	100 500	100
Bangladesh	145	19	0	0	145	15	2 230	2
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	110	14	10	5	120	12	2 315	2
Morocco	80	10	10	5	90	9	5 075	5
France	20	3	50	25	70	7	6 660	7
China, People's republic of	50	6	10	5	60	6	7 845	8
Ethnic origin (single responses)	11 355	100	4 855	100	16 210	100	1 305 085	100
Canadian	4 950	44	1 760	36	6 710	41	452 640	35
French	1 160	10	1 520	31	2 680	17	138 380	11
English	430	4	120	2	550	3	19 930	2
Irish	255	2	130	3	385	2	14 445	1
Chinese	310	3	70	1	380	2	36 270	3
Québécois	150	1	205	4	355	2	16 130	1
Vietnamese	260	2	40	1	300	2	18 325	1
Other single responses	3 840	34	1 010	21	4 850	30	608 965	47
Population by visible minority groups	3 635	100	7 160	100	4 305	100	1 776 630	100
Black	1 380	38	115	2	1 495	35	113 395	6
Latin American	585	16	100	1	685	16	44 415	2
Arab	310	9	150	2	460	11	64 095	4
Chinese	375	10	75	1	450	10	39 345	2
Population by citizenship	16 860	100	7 170	100	24 030	100	1 782 830	100
Canadian citizenship	15 635	93	6 695	93	22 330	93	1 627 835	91
Citizenship other than Canadian	1 220	7	465	6	1 685	7	155 000	9
Language								
Home language (single responses)	16 850	100	5 870	100	18 455	100	1 298 540	100
French	7 825	46	4 885	83	12 710	69	827 400	64
English	3 855	23	795	14	4 650	25	292 490	23
Spanish	250	1	35	1	285	2	15 780	1
Vietnamese	160	1	0	0	160	1	10 665	1
Bengali	130	1	0	0	130	1	3 665	0
Chinese	120	1	0	0	120	1	15 015	1
Other single responses	4 510	27	155	3	400	2	133 525	10
Multiple responses	4 280	--	1 295	--	5 575	--	480 080	--
Mother tongue (single responses)	16 455	100	7 045	100	23 500	100	1 780 035	100
French	9 215	56	5 474	78	14 690	63	928 905	52
English	4 335	26	870	12	5 205	22	300 580	17
Spanish	640	4	110	2	750	3	51 815	3
Arabic	235	1	110	2	345	1	56 100	3
Chinese	290	2	15	0	305	1	26 115	1
Bengali	295	2	0	0	295	1	6 440	0
Other single responses	1 445	9	466	7	1 910	8	410 080	23
Multiple responses	410	--	115	--	525	--	51 210	--
Knowledge of official languages	16 845	100	7 170	100	24 015	100	1 782 830	100
French only	4 525	27	1 715	24	6 240	26	517 445	29
English only	2 610	15	320	4	2 930	12	206 405	12
French and English	9 535	57	5 105	71	14 640	61	1 016 845	57
Neither French nor English	200	1	10	0	210	1	42 135	2
Schooling								
Schooling 20 years and over	12 770	100	6 700	100	19 470	100	1 393 955	100
Less than grade 9	2 370	19	510	8	2 880	15	205 590	15
University education	3 290	26	2 950	44	6 240	32	422 910	30
Population 15 to 24 years by school at	2 145	100	1 010	100	3 155	100	237 615	100
Not attending school	805	38	505	50	1 310	42	75 130	32
Attending school full time	1 210	56	410	41	1 620	51	144 000	61
Attending school part time	140	7	100	10	240	8	18 480	8

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In the harbourfront district, 29% of residents own their own homes, as compared with 36% in Montréal as a whole.

The concentration of tenants is particularly high in the western part of the harbourfront district.

The percentage of tenants who spend 30% or more of their income on shelter is equivalent to that in the city as a whole, i.e. 37%.

Dwellings in the harbourfront district have fewer rooms than on average for Montréal.

In the western part of the harbourfront district, one dwelling in ten needs major repairs. To the east, barely 6% of dwellings require repairs.

More than 72% of dwellings in the harbourfront district are in buildings with fewer than five storeys.

Nearly 60% of residents have moved in the past five years, and of this group, 9% came from another country.

The average total personal income of people 15 or older is \$30,735. There is a large discrepancy between the eastern and western parts of the harbourfront district. Households in the western part have an average total income of \$37,658, as compared with almost twice as much in the western part, i.e. \$68,265.

Over 40% of residents in households are living beneath the low-income cut-off line, whereas fewer than one in three Montrealers is in this situation.

Among residents of working age, the participation rate is 64.3%, and the unemployment rate is 11.9%.

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Dwellings								
Dwellings	8 095	100	4 240	100	12 345	100	805 820	100
Owned	2 270	28	1 325	31	3 595	29	288 280	36
Owner-occupied households spending 30% or more of household income on shelter costs	555	24	235	18	790	22	56 930	20
Average owner major payments \$	859	--	1 132	--	959	--	906	--
Average value of dwelling \$	123 669	--	220 804	--	159 335	--	176 344	--
Rented	5 825	72	2 925	69	8 750	71	517 540	64
Tenant-occupied households spending 30% or more of household income on shelter costs	2 140	37	1 100	38	3 240	37	192 430	37
Average gross rent \$	455	--	662	--	524	--	570	--
Total number of occupied private dwellings	8 095	100	4 240	100	12 345	100	805 820	100
Average number of rooms per dwelling	4,9	--	4,2	--	4,6	--	5,2	--
Need major repairs	815	10	265	6	1 080	9	68 520	9
Occupied private dwellings by structural type of dwelling	8 105	100	4 250	100	12 355	100	805 820	100
Apartment, building that has fewer than five storeys	6 180	76	2 720	64	8 900	72	508 155	63
Total population 5 years and over by mobility status 5 years ago	15 755	100	7 055	100	22 810	100	1 686 485	100
Non-movers	6 980	44	2 305	33	9 285	41	883 180	52
Movers	8 760	56	4 760	67	13 520	59	803 310	48
External migrants ¹	720	8	430	9	1 150	9	101 900	13
Economic data								
Income in 2000								
Average personal income	\$23 749	--	\$44 081	--	\$30 735	--	\$28 205	--
Males	\$28 006	--	\$50 231	--	\$36 674	--	\$33 920	--
Females	\$19 386	--	\$33 829	--	\$23 522	--	\$23 045	--
Average household income	\$37 658	--	\$68 265	--	\$48 166	--	\$49 429	--
Total population in households	16 795		6 880		23 675		1 773 455	
Incidence of low income	7 750	46	2 140	31	9 890	42	514 925	29
Total population 15 years and over by labour force activity	13 695		6 835		20 530		1 491 910	
Participation rate (%)	59,4	--	74,3	--	64,3	--	62,8	--
Population 15-24 years (%)	49,2	--	79,1	--	58,7	--	61,4	--
Males 15 years and over (%)	67,5	--	77,0	--	71,1	--	69,7	--
Females 15 years and over (%)	51,2	--	69,8	--	56,3	--	56,6	--
Unemployment rate (%)	13,6	--	9,2	--	11,9	--	9,2	--
Population 15-24 years (%)	19,8	--	13,2	--	17,0	--	13,2	--
Males 15 years and over (%)	15,2	--	10,1	--	13,1	--	9,8	--
Females 15 years and over (%)	11,5	--	7,9	--	10,3	--	8,6	--
Total labour force 15 years and over b	7 600	100	5 065	100	12 530	100	904 105	100
Professional, scientific and technical services	895	12	840	17	1 735	14	84 205	9
Manufacturing	1 160	15	395	8	1 555	12	154 160	17
Accommodation and food services	590	8	460	9	1 050	8	55 465	6

¹ Living outside Canada 5 years earlier from census.

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