

# every STUDENT COUNTS SURVEY

## Student Demographics

As part of York Region District School Board's (YRDSB) commitment to equity, the YRDSB conducted its first student census between November 12 and December 17, 2018. **90% (52,690)** of students in **Grades 7 to 12** completed the survey\*.

The purpose of the census is to better understand our students' identities as well as:

**1** Identify and eliminate systemic barriers to student success

**2** Create more equitable and inclusive school environments

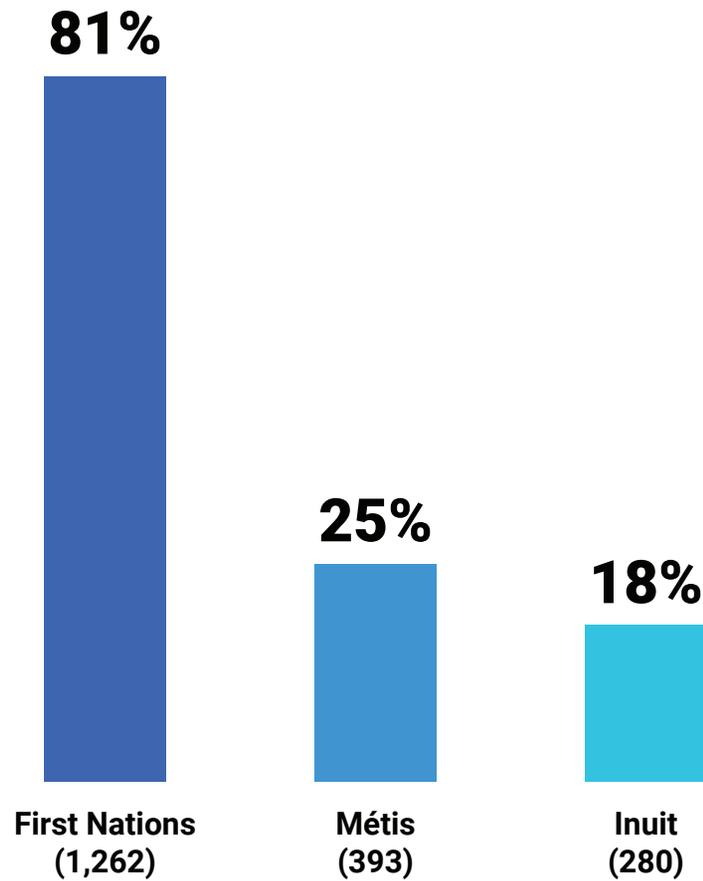
**3** Improve student achievement and well-being

\*Kindergarten to Grade 6 results are excluded from this infographic due to the low response rate (30%; 20,284)

Ontario school boards are required to collect identity-based data through standardized questions. YRDSB recognizes that students use a variety of words to describe their identities and we strive to use language that is inclusive, relevant and representative.

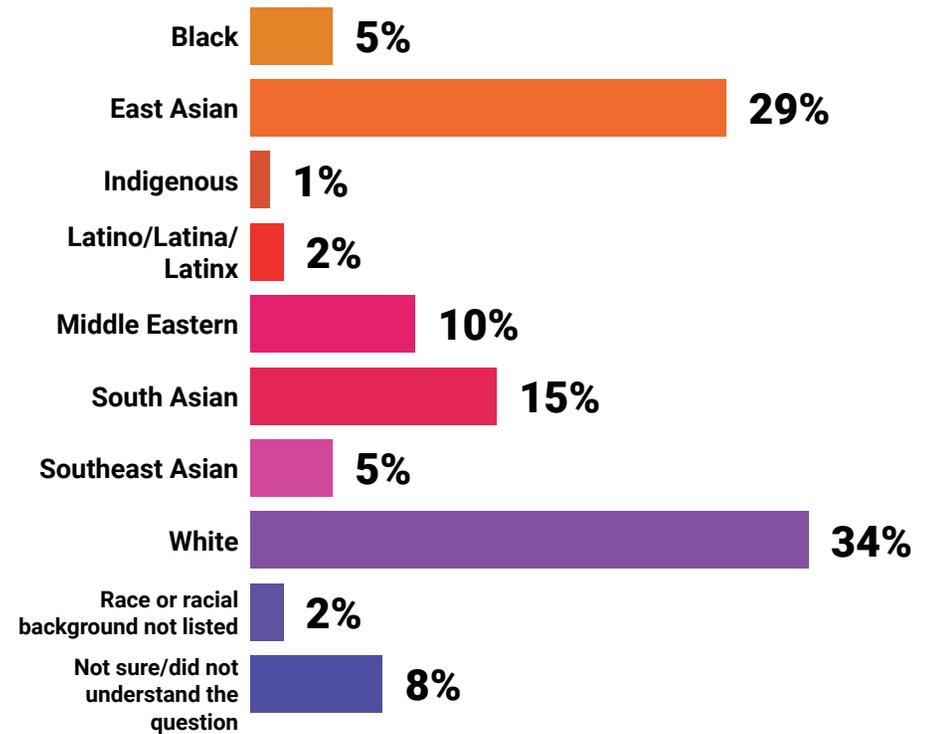
## Indigenous Identity

Number of students identified as First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit: 1,550



## Race

Number of respondents: 51,533



(Percentages may not sum to 100% as respondents could choose more than one category)

# Gender Identity

Number of respondents: 51,876

**0.3%**

## Gender Fluid

*Of, relating to, or being a person whose gender identity or expression changes or shifts along the gender spectrum.*

**0.1%**

## Gender Nonconforming

*Not being in line with the cultural associations made in a given society about a person's sex assigned at birth.*

**49%**

## Man/boy

**0.2%**

## Non-Binary

*Refers to a person whose gender identity does not align with the binary concept of gender such as man or woman.*

**0.3%**

## Questioning

*Refers to a person who is unsure about their own gender identity.*

**0.2%**

## Transgender

*Refers to a person whose gender identity differs from the one associated with their birth-assigned sex.*

**0.2%**

## Two-Spirit

*An Indigenous person whose gender identity, spiritual identity or sexual orientation includes masculine, feminine or non-binary spirits.*

**48%**

## Woman/girl

**0.2%**

## Gender identification not listed above.

**1.5%**

*Not sure, I do not understand this question, or I prefer not to answer.*

## Sexual Orientation

Number of respondents: 50,951

### Asexual

A person who does not experience sexual attraction.

3.8%

### Bisexual

A person who experiences attraction to both male-identified and female-identified people.

3.6%

### Gay

A person who experiences attraction to people of the same sex and/or gender. Gay can include both male-identified individuals and female-identified individuals, or refer to male-identified individuals only.

0.5%

### Lesbian

A female-identified person who is emotionally and sexually attracted to female-identified people.

0.5%

### Pansexual

A person who experiences attraction to people of diverse sexes and/or genders. The term pansexual reflects a desire to recognize the potential for attraction to sexes and/or genders that exist across a spectrum and to challenge the sex/gender binary.

0.8%

### Queer

A term used by some in LGBTQ communities, particularly youth, as a symbol of pride and affirmation of diversity. This term makes space for the expression of a variety of identities outside of rigid categories associated with sex, gender or attraction. It can be used by a community to encompass a broad spectrum of identities related to sex, gender or attraction, or by an individual to reflect the interrelatedness of these aspects of their identity.

0.2%

### Questioning

Refers to a person who is unsure about their own sexual orientation.

1.0%

### Straight/Heterosexual

A person who is attracted to someone of the opposite sex.

74.1%

### Two-Spirit

An Indigenous person whose gender identity, spiritual identity or sexual orientation includes masculine, feminine or non-binary spirits.

0.2%

### A sexual orientation not listed above

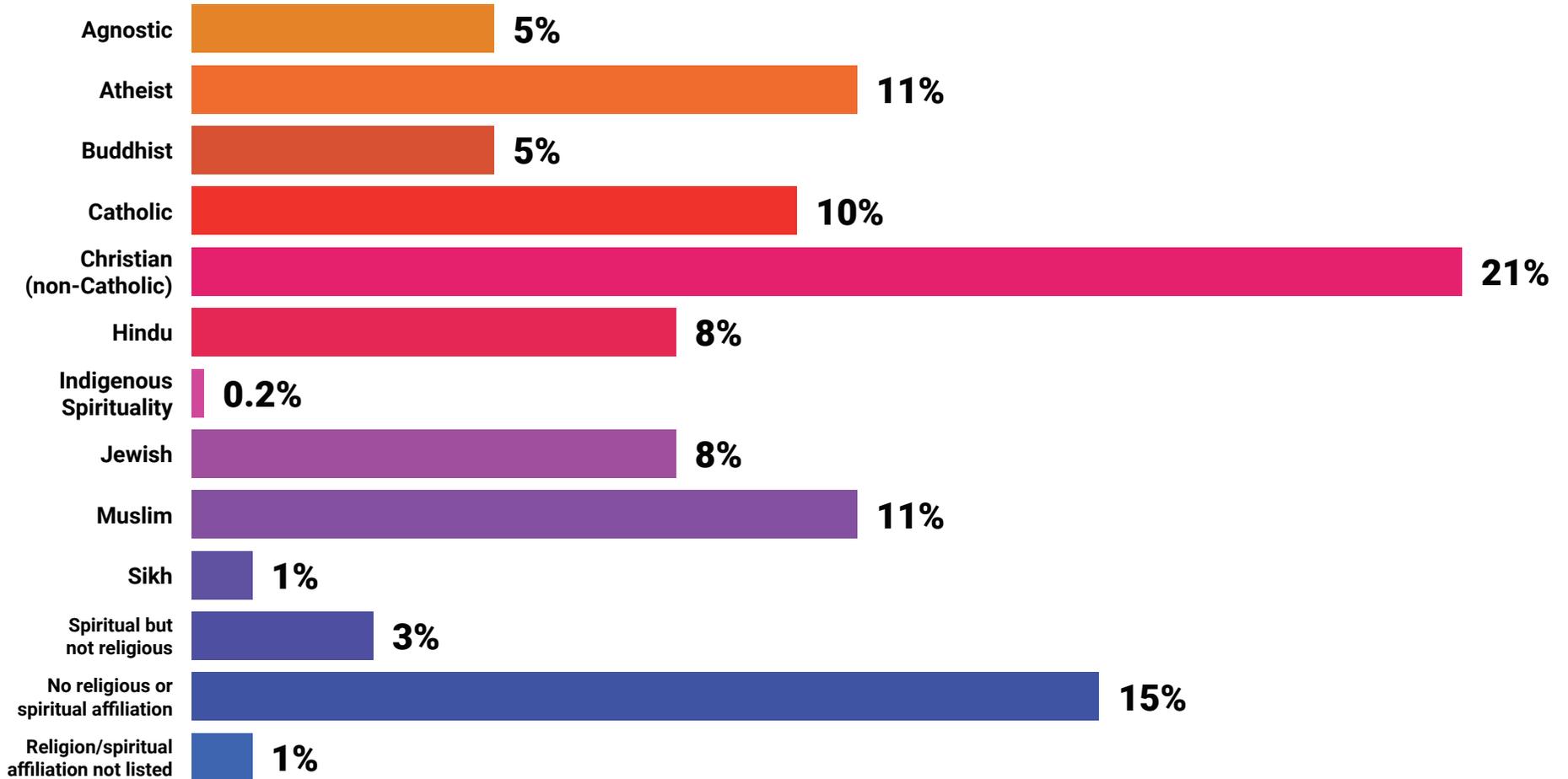
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### Not sure, I do not understand this question, or I prefer not to answer

14.7%

# Religion and/or Spiritual Affiliation

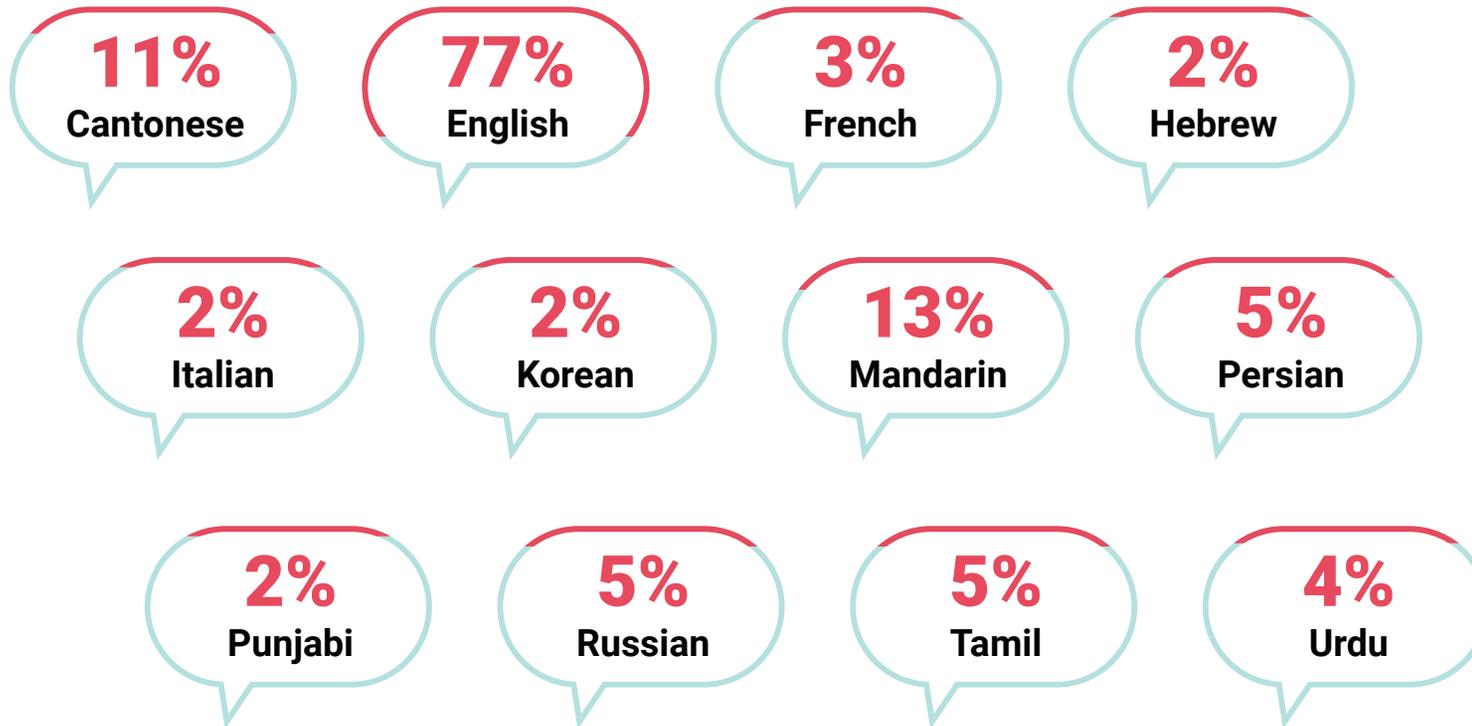
Number of respondents: 51,227



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# Languages spoken most often at home

Number of respondents: 52,132



**6%**

*indicated another language including: Indigenous languages, Arabic, Greek, Gujarati, Hindi, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.*

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