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ENGLISH-SPEAKING QUEBEC: A GUIDE TO INFORMATION RESOURCES

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This brief highlights important resources for researching English-speaking Quebec.

Starting Point

A good place to start is the Bibliography on English-Speaking Quebec. It lists scholarly studies, books, journal articles, i lms, government reports, and other materials. Compiled by historian Brendan O'Donnell and maintained by QUESCREN, this searchable tool is regularly updated. Note that many of the resources it lists are not available in digital format. These are available at libraries, including through their inter-library loan services if the resource is not available locally.

Resources by Theme (in Alphabetical Order)

Black Community Vitality

Black Community Resource Centre (BCRC) Documents The BCRC publishes material on the Black English-speaking community in Quebec, including an infographic and survey results on community vitality.

Community Group Ecosystem	
Community Knowledge Open Library (CKOL)	This online library, created by QUESCREN, stores documents from English-speaking community groups in Quebec. Explore annual reports, research reports, briefs, press releases, PowerPoints, newsletters, infographics, and pamphlets through its full-text search engine. The partners page offers a list of many English-language community organizations.
The Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) & Regional Development Network (RDN)	These umbrella organizations advocate for the interests of Quebec English speakers. Many community groups are listed on the QCGN member page and the RDN founding members list.

Economic Development	
CEDEC Documents	CEDEC produces guides aimed at English-speaking communities for business and tourism initiative development.

Education	
Statistics on School Attendance in Quebec	The provincial government provides statistics on school attendance (French only).
Access to English-Language Schools	This article from legal literacy non-profit Éducaloi explains how English-language education is regulated in Quebec, including how to obtain a certificate of eligibility.
ILET Hub	This research hub pools information on Quebec's English-language education ecosystem through blog articles, podcasts, and videos. The project is an initiative of QUESCREN's Inter-level Educational Table (ILET).
Leading English Education and Resource Network (LEARN)	LEARN offers resources, tutoring, and professional support for students, educators, and others.

Employment	
Provincial Employment Roundtable (PERT)	PERT produces employment profiles, assessment reports on French second-language training and other knowledge products to enhance the community's understanding of its employment needs.

Health and Social Services	
Access to Health and Social Services in English	Éducaloi's article provides an overview of access to health and social services in Quebec.
Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN)	This network groups more than 70 community organizations to improve access to health and social services for English-speaking Quebecers through its Networking and Partnership Initiative (NPI). The NPI map offers a snapshot of major regional organizations. CHSSN funnels funding and resources to carry out projects that promote health and well-being, and also produces research.

History and Culture	
English-Speaking Quebecers	For a historical overview, consult this article in the Canadian Encyclopedia by QUESCREN Research Associate and Advisor Patrick Donovan.
Dictionary of Canadian Biography	With nearly 9,000 biographies, its Advanced Search allows sorting by region of birth and region of activities (North America-Canada-Quebec).
Building Bridges: Perceptions and realities about the English- speaking communities of Quebec and their relationship with French in Quebec and bilingualism in Canada	This 2024 study by the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages compares the cultures of the two official language communities in Quebec and provides insightful data on cultural comparisons between the province's two official language communities.
Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN)	This non-profit stores material related to the history of English speakers in Quebec. It also publishes <i>Quebec Heritage News</i> .
Eastern Townships Resource Centre (ETRC)	This website includes full texts of its <i>Journal of Eastern Townships Studies (JETS) / Revue d'études des Cantons-de-l'Est (RECE)</i> and the Eastern Townships Archives Portal which gives access to archival fonds and collections of 10 anglophone heritage organizations in the Townships.
English-language Arts Network (ELAN)	ELAN connects, supports and creates opportunities for English- speaking artists and cultural workers in Quebec.

Socio-demographic and Demolinguistic Resources	
Language Use and Anglophone- Francophone Relations	An infographic by the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages (OCOL) provides a snapshot of English-speaking Quebecers' language use and their relations with Francophones. OCOL provides many other useful infographics on the official languages as well.
Socio-Demographic Profiles and Baseline Data Reports	These reports by sociologist Dr. Joanne Pocock, in partnership with the Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN), offer sociodemographic portraits of communities based on the latest census data.
Population Map	A regional map offers an overview of the population distribution of English-speaking Quebec, as well as the location of CHSSN's "Networking and Partnership Initiative" project network.
Official-Language Minority Communities Dashboard	Developed by Canadian Heritage, this tool presents indicators based on census data.
Data Portal on English- Speaking Quebec (DESQ)	Created by QUESCREN, DESQ stores custom datasets related to English-speaking Quebec, mainly from Canadian census data. Partners supply the datasets for this resource.
Statistics Canada Data and Publications	For more demo-linguistic data, visit Statistics Canada's languages page. Key publications include:
	 Situation of English-speaking populations in Quebec and French-speaking populations in Canada outside Quebec: Results of the 2022 Survey on the Official Language Minority Population (2024) Key facts on the English language in Quebec in 2021 (2023) English-French bilingualism among Canadian children and youth (2019) Earnings of immigrants and children of immigrants in official language minority populations (2019) Language Projections for Canada, 2011 to 2036 (2017) Health care professionals and official-language minorities in Canada, 2001 and 2011 (2017)

Visit QUESCREN's website for new and updated tools and resources.



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