

Linear Languages Ontario s Mother Tongues

Fathom workshop activity

Think of the 49 different counties, districts, and regional municipalities in Ontario. Each of these has a certain number of native English speakers, native French speakers, and people whose native language is something else. Which of the following statements do you think are true? Discuss in your group.

- The more people an area has the more English speakers it has.
- The more English speakers an area has the fewer French speakers it has.
- The proportion of English speakers is about the same in all areas.
- The higher the proportion of French speakers, the lower the proportion of those whose mother tongue is neither English nor French.

Come up with at least two more conjectures.

The Data—From E-STAT and the 1996 Census

Your instructor will tell you where the Fathom document is located.

Open the document Ontario Languages.ftm.

You should see something similar to the document shown at right.

Explore this collection of data, looking for things about the data that are interesting to you.

Decide which of the above conjectures are true or false.

In your copy of the document, make displays that illustrate points of interest. Next to each write a text explanation of what is going on.

	AreaName	Total	English	French	Other
1	Algoma Di...	122800	113860	4935	4005
2	Brant Coun...	111540	106790	240	4510
3	Bruce Cou...	64665	63715	125	825
4	Cochrane ...	89345	52905	34510	1930
5	Dufferin C...	45005	44190	125	690
6	Durham Re...	450410	429680	2935	17795