

Research on Quebec's  
English-speaking  
communities and  
immigration: update and  
analysis

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# Introduction

## What is QUESCREN?

- Quebec English-Speaking Communities Research Network (est. 2009)
- QUESCREN develops research capacity on the English-speaking official language minority community in order to foster community vitality

# Introduction

## Context: ESCQ and immigration: some statistics (from 2006 and 2011)

- Total population of Quebec, 2011: 7.7M (note 1)
- Quebec's ESCQ, 2011: 1M (notes 2,3)
  
- Immigrants in Quebec, 2011: 974,895 (note 4)
  - Recent Quebec immigrants (arrived 2006-11): 223,400 (note 5)
  - Immigrants in ESCQ, 2006: 323,272 (note 6)
  
- **Proportion of immigrant population within ESCQ, 2006: 32.5%** (note 7)
  - Within Quebec's FOLS-Francophone population, 2006: **7.6%** (note 8)
  - Within overall population in Canada, 2011: **20.6%** (note 9)
  - Within French-speaking population outside Qc, 2006: **10%** (note 10)

## 2) Publications on immigration listed in QUESCREN's online bibliography

### **QUESCREN's online bibliography**

- Title: *Sources for the Study of English-Speaking Quebec*
- © Brendan O'Donnell
- Annotated
- 10K+ items listed: all publications related Quebec's English-speaking communities including its ethnocultural sub-groups
- <http://www.quescren.ca/biblio-en/>

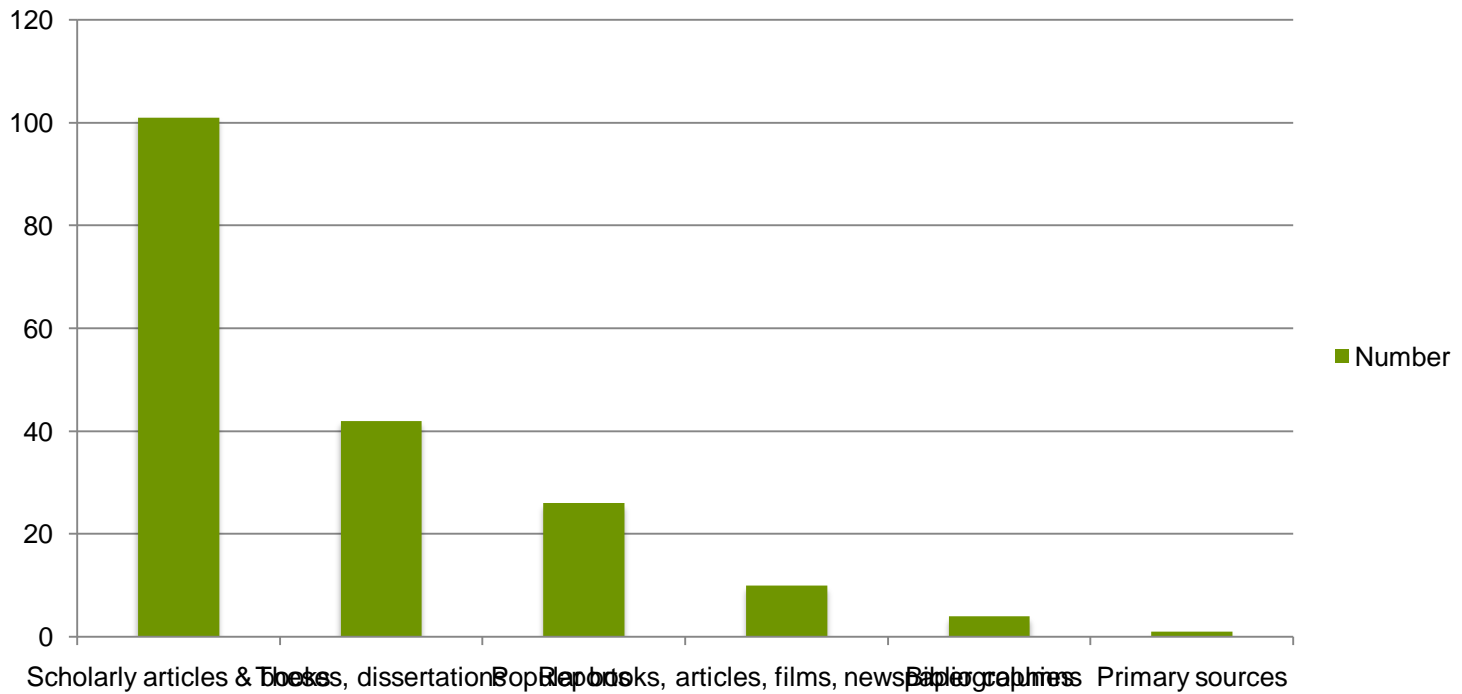
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### Publications on immigration listed in the bibliography

- Have “immigration” in subject heading or title
- N = 184 publications
  - omitted: duplicates, publications in which immigration is background to another topic such as a person's biography
- Note: there are 1000+ additional studies with “immigrant” in subject heading/title not considered here!

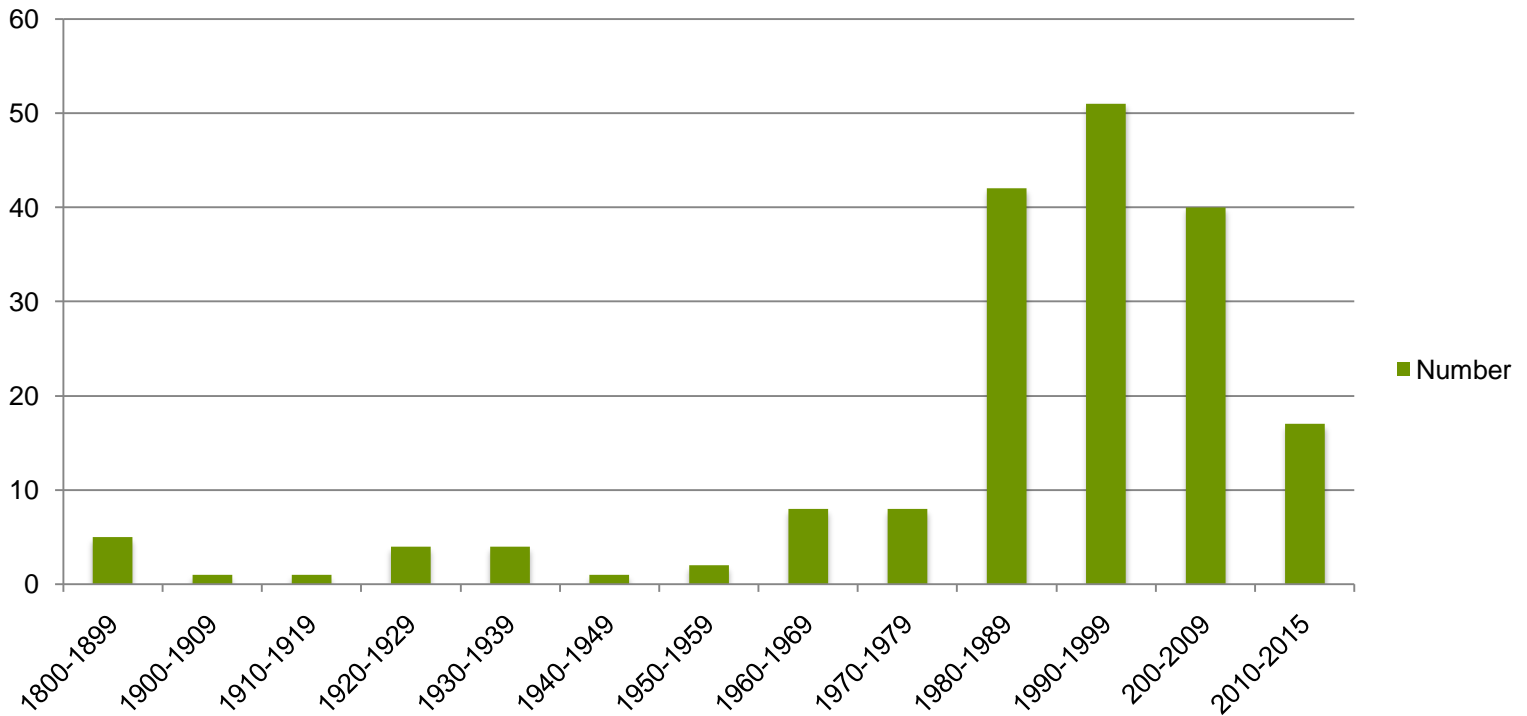
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### Types of publications



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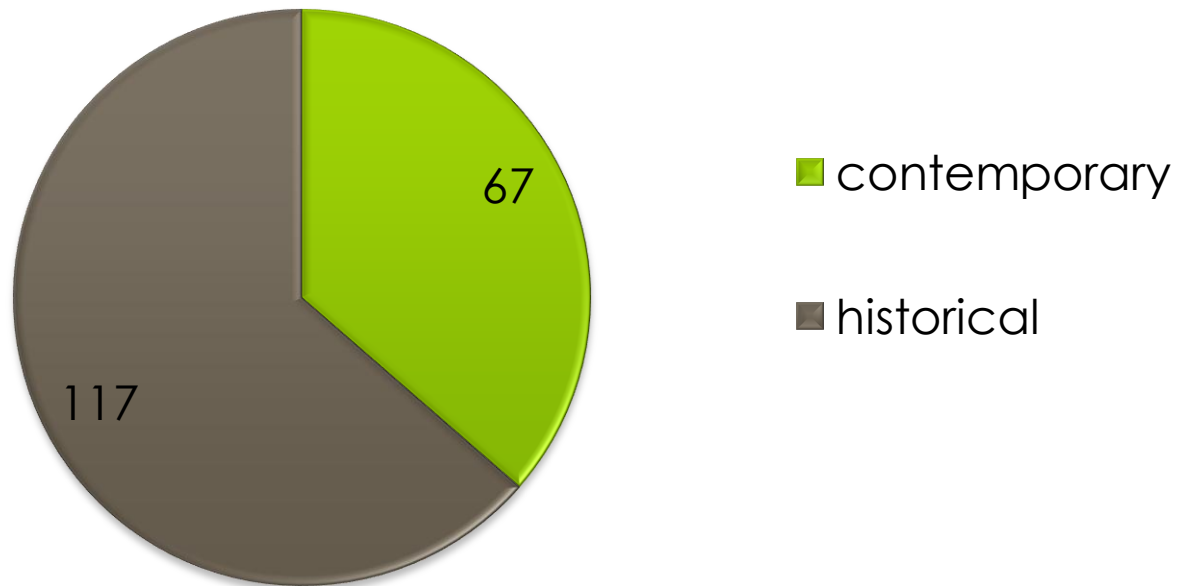
### Date of publications





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### Subject of the publications



## 2) Publications on immigration listed in QUESCREN's online bibliography

Subject of the publications (cont'd)

### ● **Theme 1: Migration**

- Migration patterns
- Process of immigration, ship lists
- Settlement history of groups/communities, rural & urban

## 2) Publications on immigration listed in QUESCREN's online bibliography

Subject of the publications (cont'd)

- **Theme 2: Host society activities/attitudes re: immigration**
  - Attitudes towards/representations/ideologies of immigration
  - Immigrant "welcome", aid, social services, charities
  - Integration of immigrants
  - Policy and legislation
    - Land settlement policies and admin
    - Language policy
  - Nationalism
  - Settlement as colonization/imperial expansion

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Subject of the publications (cont'd)

- **Theme 3: Immigrant experiences/realities in the host society**

- Culture, art, literature
- Demography
- Education
- Gender, family, kinship
- Identity
- Integration into host society
- Labour, economic development
- **Language use**
- Memory
- Mental health, self-esteem
- OLMCs
- Religion
- Social adjustment (aspect of integration)
- Social structure of immigrant communities

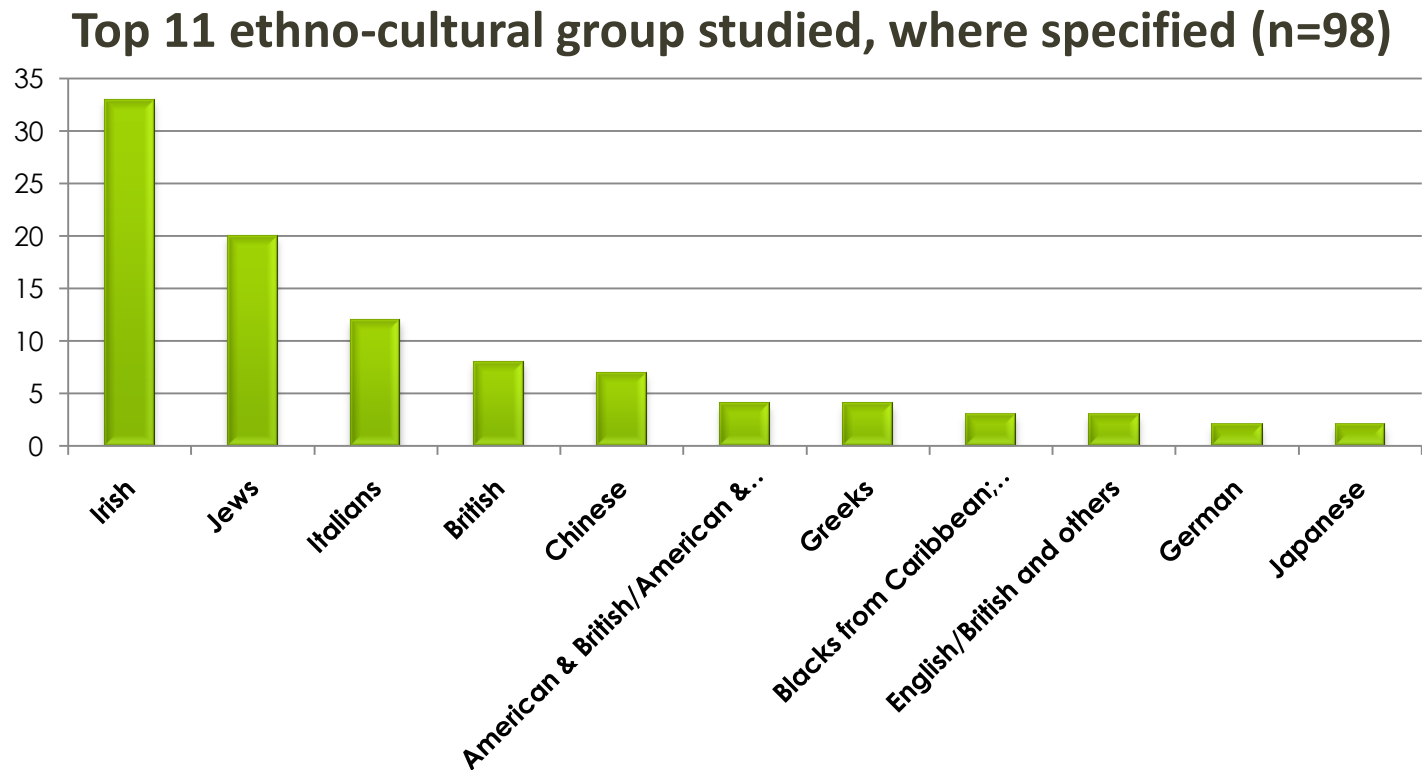
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Subject of the publications (cont'd)

- **Theme 4: Immigrant-host society interactions**
  - Ethnic relations, intercultural communications
  - Impact of immigration on territories

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Subject of the publications (cont'd)



## 2) Publications on immigration listed in QUESCREN's online bibliography

### Remarks

- Aspects of production
  - Many publications produced within different sectors
  - Many = theses, dissertations & scholarly books/articles
  - Significant production in 1980s, 1990s, 2000s
  - = interest to many researchers from a variety of backgrounds, including many students
  - = reflection of high proportion of immigrants in the ESC?

## 2) Publications on immigration listed in QUESCREN's online bibliography

Remarks (cont'd)

### ○Subjects

- More historical than contemporary studies
- Many disciplines and approaches (esp. qualitative) featured; Language policies/language use ≠ main focus
- Much of the research is specific to one or more ethno-cultural sub-groups within the ESC



### 3) Presentations from CIC workshop

#### **CIC workshop**

- November 13, 2015 in Gatineau
- = Government, community & research sectors  
incl. P2P

# 3) Presentations from CIC workshop

## Presentations made by theme

### ● Theme 1: Socio-Economic Profile of English-Speaking Immigrants

- J.P. Corbeil/Statistics Canada; W. Floch/Canadian Heritage
- **Corbeil**: stats on employment rates, education levels, over-qualification of immigrants
- **Floch**: stats on immigrant retention: immigrants as “outwardly” not “upwardly” mobile

### ● Theme 2: Outcomes of English-Speaking Immigrants in Quebec

- V. Esses & Z. Ravanera/Western University
- Recent immigrants: higher stress, lower sense of belonging – challenge of social integration
- Information on data sets available and possibilities of linking them

# 3) Presentations from CIC workshop

Presentations made by theme (cont'd)

## ● Theme 3: Migration and Retention of English-Speaking Immigrants in Quebec

- M. Haan/Western University
- Used longitudinal immigrant database
- Discussion: how to pinpoint Quebec's OLMC for research?

# 3) Presentations from CIC workshop

## Presentations made by theme (cont'd)

### ● **Theme 4: Settlement and Integration Strategies and Best Practices**

- M. Vatz Laaroussi/Univ. de Sherbrooke;, Brigitte Wellens/Voice of English-speaking Quebec (VEQ); S. Viqar, South Asian Women's Centre (SAWC)
  - Vatz Laaroussi: **best practices** in Quebec City & Sherbrooke: networking, partnerships, gatherings, etc.
  - Wellens: **case study** of VEQ Newcomer's Program: importance of support by the municipal government and other partners
  - Viqar:
    - **survey** of Table de concertation des organismes au service des personnes réfugiées et immigrantes (TCRI) member groups re. language of service delivery reveal many groups offer English-language services as well as French;
    - **interviews** of female immigrants speaking English and not French re. integration in Quebec society/economy reveal "over-qualification", social integration issues

# 3) Presentations from CIC workshop

## Remarks

- Research approaches
  - Quantitative: large data sets
  - Qualitative: social science approaches incl. case studies, interviews, survey
- Challenges related to the research
  - Linking statistical and qualitative research
  - Reflecting community priorities in research projects
  - Mobilizing the knowledge

# Conclusion

## Bringing the research together: challenges

- **Mobilizing the knowledge**
  - Including earlier publications and those with subjects/approaches different from those prioritized by CIC/P2P
  - How to bring earlier knowledge to bear on current research and immigrant situations
- **Creating a community of practice**
  - Researchers from range of disciplines/backgrounds, community and government