

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

81%



First Nations
(1,262)

25%



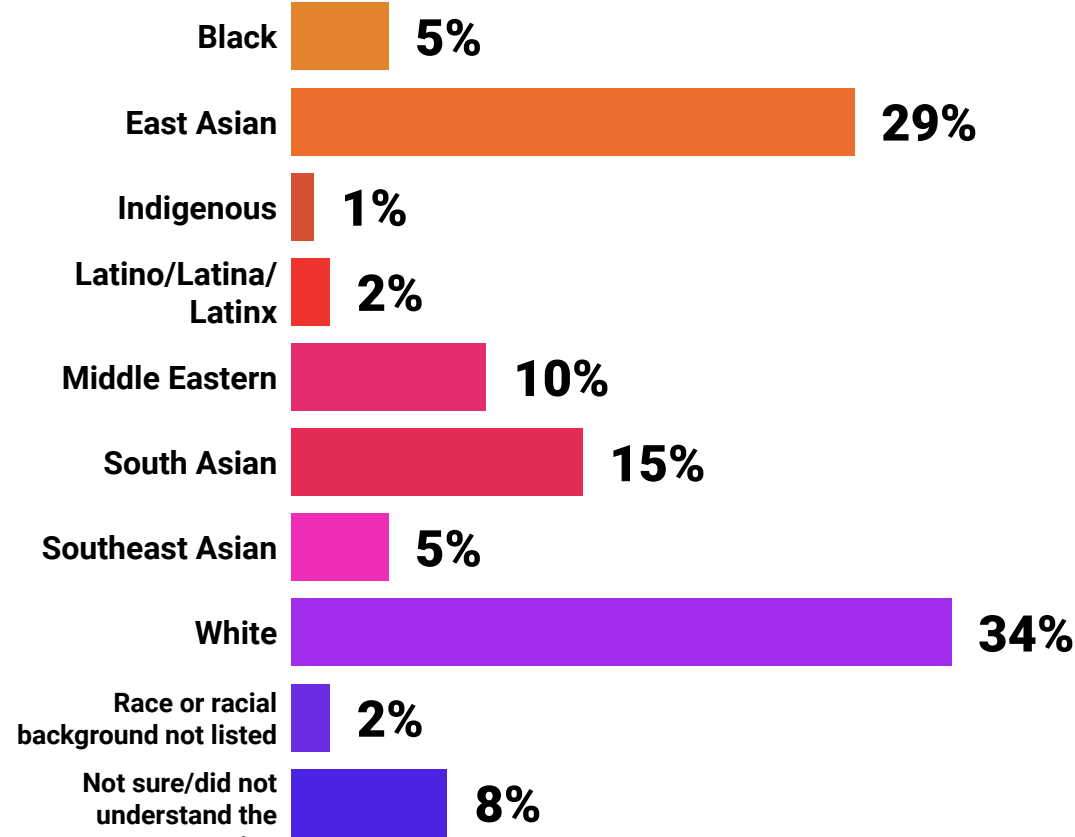
Métis
(393)

18%



Inuit
(280)

(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

0.6%

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

Agnostic

5%

Atheist

11%

Buddhist

5%

Catholic

10%

Christian (non-Catholic)

21%

Hindu

8%

Indigenous Spirituality

0.2%

Jewish

8%

Muslim

11%

Sikh

1%

Spiritual but not religious

3%

No religious or spiritual affiliation

15%

Religion/spiritual affiliation not listed

1%

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

Languages spoken most often at home

Number of respondents: 52,132

11%

Cantonese

77%

English

3%

French

2%

Hebrew

2%

Italian

2%

Korean

13%

Mandarin

5%

Persian

2%

Punjabi

5%

Russian

5%

Tamil

4%

Urdu

6%

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

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