

au-delà de la langue officielle

seen on storefronts and heard throughout the metro, french has its place as the official language of montréal and the province of québec as a result of la charte de la langue française, otherwise known as bill 101, which aims “to make french the language of government and the law, as well as the normal and everyday language of work, instruction, communication, commerce, and business.” the office québécois de la langue française is charged with enforcing this policy, though this enforcement stops at the doorsteps of many montréal residents where languages beyond the official one are spoken.

mapped are the ten largest language families in the census metropolitan region of montréal spoken at home (excluding english).

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