

Socio-economic profile

Saint-Laurent borough

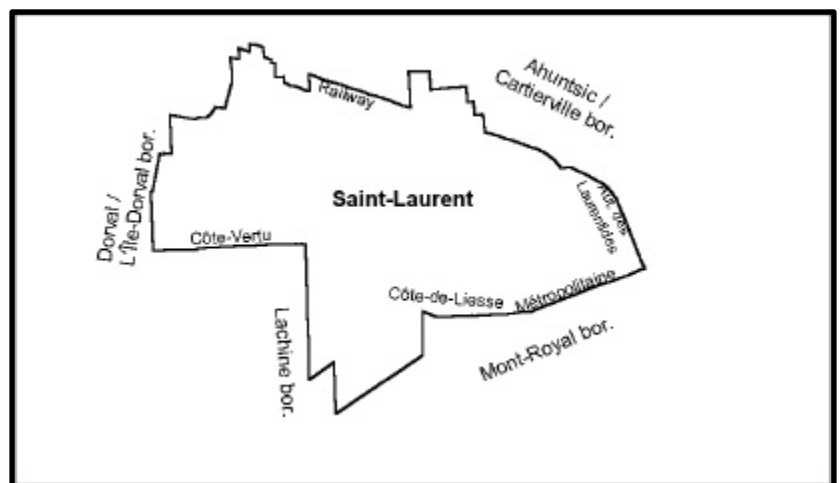
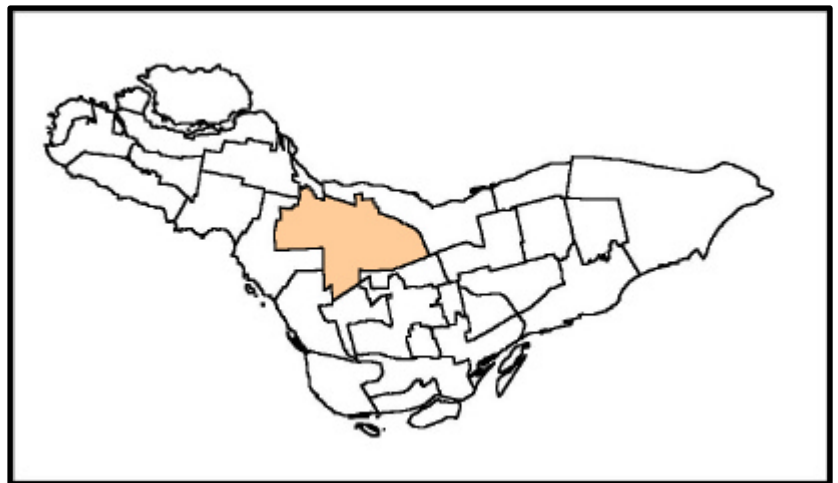
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HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ In 1996, the Saint-Laurent borough had a population of 74,240.
- ◆ Between 1991 and 1996, the population of the borough increased by 2.5%.
- ◆ One-person households represent 30% of all households in the borough.
- ◆ 46% of residents are immigrants, of whom 28% immigrated between 1991 and 1996.
- ◆ 39% of residents in the Saint-Laurent borough are homeowners.
- ◆ French is the language spoken at home by most people, i.e. 39% of borough residents, while English is used in 28% of cases.
- ◆ 22% of those in the labour force work in manufacturing, 14% in the retail trade and 10% in business services.
- ◆ Average household income was \$42,510 in 1995.

LOCATION



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POPULATION

- In 1996, the Saint-Laurent borough had a population of 74,240, or 4.2% of the population of the city of Montréal.
- The population comprises 35,115 men and 39,115 women.
- 52.7% of borough residents are women.
- Between 1991 and 1996, the borough population increased by 2.5%, whereas the population of the city of Montréal as a whole grew by 0.01%.
- Population density in the borough is 1,599 inhabitants per square kilometre, over an area of 46.43 square kilometres.
- In comparison, population density of the city of Montréal is 3,678 inhabitants per square kilometre.

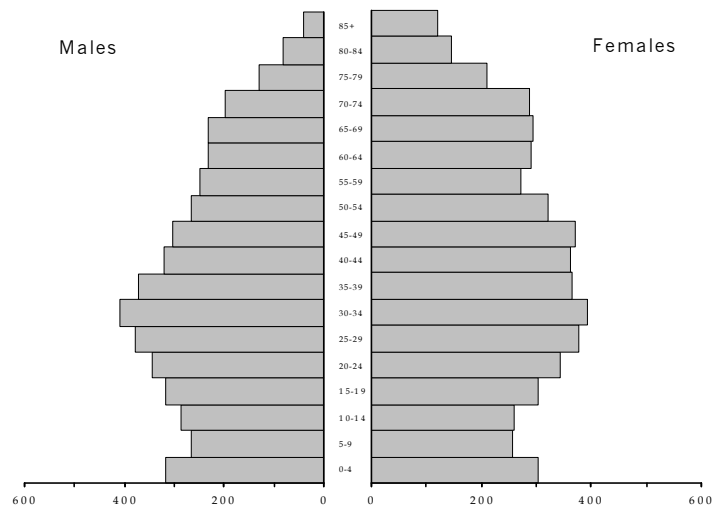
Borough population

	1996	1991	%
Saint-Laurent	74,240	72,402	2.5

Population by sex

	1996	1991
Males	35,115	34,100
Females	39,115	38,315

Population by age and sex in 1996



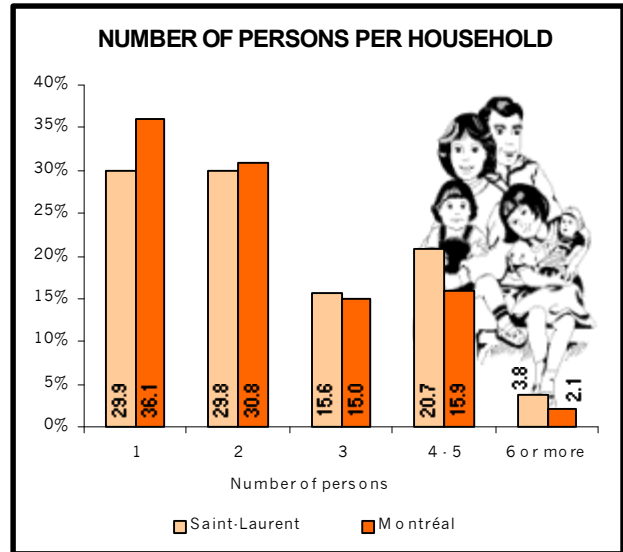
Based on a population of 10,000

AGE

- Children from 0 to 4 account for 6% of the borough population.
- The 5 to 19 age group represents 17% of the population, as compared with 16% in the city of Montréal as a whole.
- 16% of the population are in the 25 to 34 age group.
- Individuals 65 and older are more represented in the borough than in Montréal, i.e. 17% as compared with 15%.

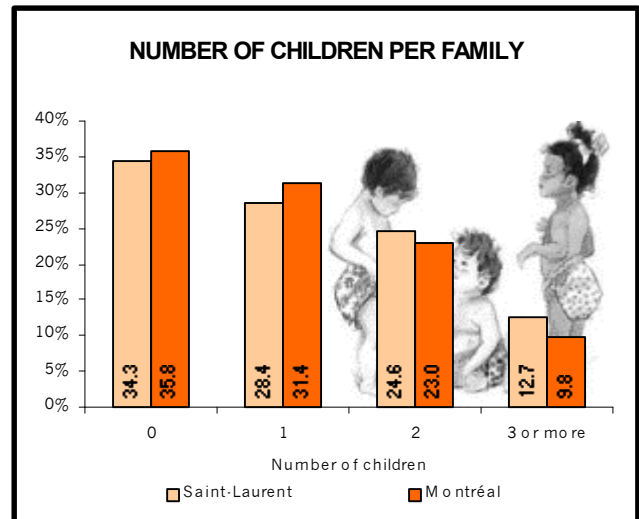
HOUSEHOLDS

- In 1996, there were 29,220 households in the borough.
- One-person households represent 30% of all households, while two-person households account for 30% of the total.
- 30% of individuals 65 and over live alone in Saint-Laurent.
- The average number of individuals per household is 2.5 in the borough, as compared with 2.2 in Montréal.
- There are 10,060, non-family households, accounting for 34% of all households.



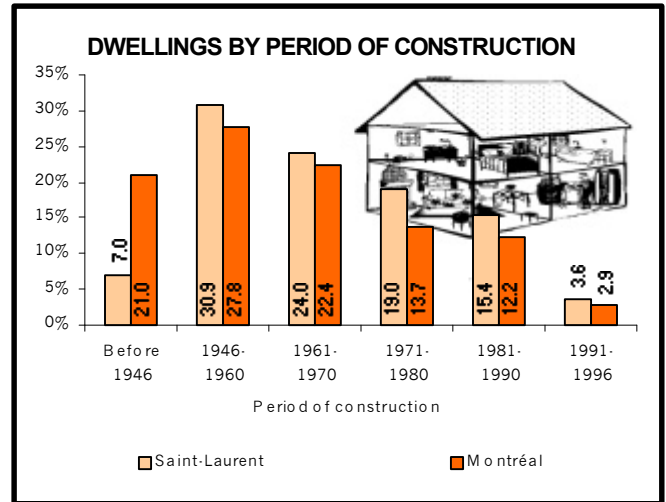
FAMILIES

- There are 19,730 families in the borough.
- 34% of families have no children, as compared with 36% in Montréal.
- Among families with children, 43% have only one child.
- The average number of children per family is 1.2 in the borough, a little more than the 1.1 observed in the city of Montréal.
- The average number of people per family is 3.
- Lone-parent families constitute 27% of families with children and 37% of families with a single child.
- 86% of these families are headed by women.



HOUSING

- 39% of residents in the Saint-Laurent borough are homeowners, as compared with 34% in Montréal.
- The most significant construction phase in the borough was between 1946 and 1960; almost 31% of dwellings were built during that period.
- Nearly 7% of dwellings date from before 1946, as compared with 21% in the city of Montréal.
- Barely 4% of dwellings in the borough were built after 1991.
- There are 5.1 rooms per dwelling, on average, including 2.2 bedrooms.
- Dwellings require major repairs in 7% of cases, in their occupants' opinion.
- 12% of dwellings are single-detached house, the same rate as in Montréal as a whole.
- Accommodation-related expenses represent \$765 on average for owners and \$614 for tenants.
- For 46% of tenants, gross rent represents more than 30% of their income, whereas the percentage is 20% for homeowners.



LANGUAGE

- Of those residents who reported only one mother tongue, 36% state that French is their mother tongue and 19% English.
- These proportions are 54% and 19% in the city of Montréal.
- 45% of the borough population state that their mother tongue is other than French or English, as compared with 28% in Montréal.
- Saint-Laurent has the most significant volume of population with Arabic and Chinese as mother tongue of all Montréal's boroughs.
- The non-official language spoken most widely in Saint-Laurent is arabic, the mother tongue of 12% of residents.
- French is the language spoken at home by most people, i.e. 39% of borough residents, while English is used in 28% of cases.
- 58% of residents have a knowledge of both official languages, while 18% speak only English and 19% only French.
- Barely, 6% speak neither French nor English.

Population by mother tongue

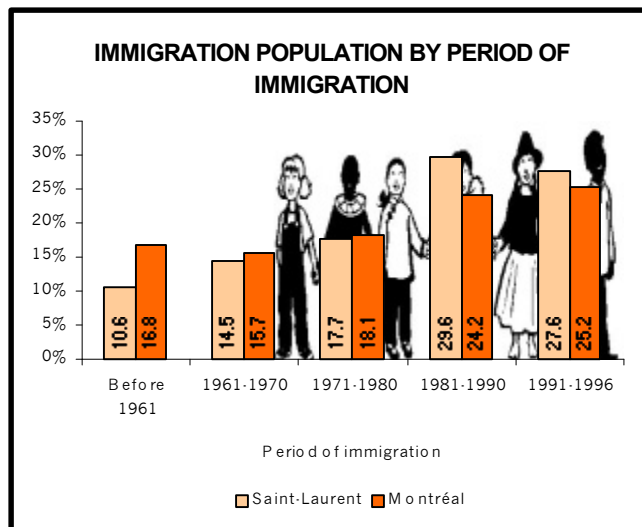
	Borough	%	Montréal	%
Single responses	69,940	100	1,696,585	100
French	24,955	36	914,130	54
English	13,180	19	314,340	19
Non-official languages	31,785	45	467,740	28
Italian	1,400	2	106,850	6
Spanish	1,165	2	49,375	3
Greek	3,315	5	26,090	2
Arabic	8,325	12	43,325	3
Chinese	4,185	6	29,510	2
Portuguese	215	0	19,965	1
Vietnamese	1,300	2	16,675	1
German	510	1	8,545	1
Other	11,370	16	167,405	10

ETHNIC ORIGIN

- Of the people who state a single ethnic origin, 14% say they are French, 13% Canadian and 11% Lebanese.
- Nearly 62% of borough residents have other ethnic origins: Jewish, Chinese and Greek, in that order, are the most frequent.
- Visible minorities represent 36% of the borough population, the highest rate in Montréal.
- The largest group is Arabic-West Asian. Saint-Laurent also has the most important concentration of Chinese and Arabic-West Asian visible minorities.

Population by ethnic origin

	Borough	%	Montréal	%
Total population - Single responses	60,970	100	1,381,045	100
Canadian	7,625	13	357,195	26
French	8,380	14	329,630	24
English	945	2	32,530	2
Québécois	85	0	12,460	1
Aboriginal	25	0	2,525	0
Total - Other single origins	43,910	72	646,705	47
Italian	1,815	3	128,540	9
Jewish	5,635	9	55,295	4
Haitian	1,110	2	50,200	4
Chinese	4,535	7	32,810	2
Greek	3,535	6	28,175	2
Lebanese	6,650	11	25,900	2
Portuguese	235	0	21,675	2
East Indian	1,500	2	18,715	1
Vietnamese	1,410	2	18,620	1
Polish	825	1	14,350	1
Spanish	400	1	13,095	1
Filipino	365	1	11,315	1
Romanian	385	1	7,365	1
Other single origins	15,510	25	220,650	16



CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

- There are 34,235 immigrants in the borough, or 46% of residents.
- There are also 1,045 non-permanent residents, either those holding a student authorization, employment authorization or ministerial permit, or refugee claimants.
- Immigrants' main countries of origin are Lebanon, Egypt and Morocco.
- 13% of residents are of other than Canadian nationality.
- Close to 28% of residents immigrated between 1991 and 1996, while 30% immigrated between 1981 and 1990.
- 66% of immigrants were older than 20 when they arrived.
- For those immigrants who came to Canada since 1991, the main countries of birth are Lebanon, Egypt and Hong Kong.

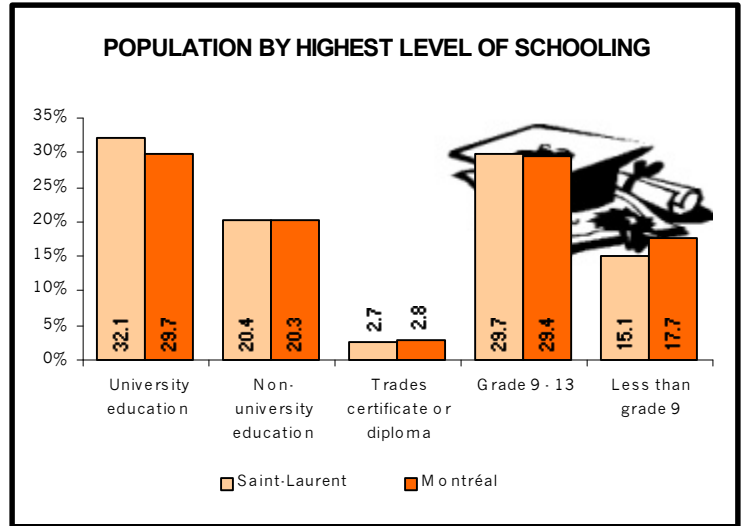
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	Borough				Montréal (new city)			
	1991	1996	Change	Part	1991	1996	Change	Part
Age								
0-4 years	3,890	4,595	18.1%	6.2%	100,850	106,895	6.0%	6.0%
5-9 years	3,775	3,890	3.0%	5.2%	89,175	94,830	6.3%	5.3%
10-14 years	4,135	4,040	-2.3%	5.4%	92,520	89,720	-3.0%	5.1%
15-19 years	4,445	4,600	3.5%	6.2%	99,300	100,715	1.4%	5.7%
20-24 years	5,490	5,105	-7.0%	6.9%	141,710	127,455	-10.1%	7.2%
25-34 years	12,015	11,570	-3.7%	15.6%	336,010	304,155	-9.5%	17.1%
35-44 years	10,190	10,535	3.4%	14.2%	271,340	287,230	5.9%	16.2%
45-54 years	8,465	9,360	10.6%	12.6%	205,085	227,945	11.1%	12.8%
55-64 years	8,275	7,725	-6.6%	10.4%	187,765	172,835	-8.0%	9.7%
65-74 years	7,090	7,500	5.8%	10.1%	148,605	152,320	2.5%	8.6%
75 years and over	4,545	5,395	18.7%	7.3%	103,500	111,855	8.1%	6.3%
Total	72,402	74,240	2.5%	100.0%	1,775,691	1,775,788	0.0%	100.0%
Number of persons in households								
1 person	8,345	8,745	4.8%	29.9%	255,485	279,375	9.4%	36.1%
2 persons	9,115	8,720	-4.3%	29.8%	243,320	238,075	-2.2%	30.8%
3 persons	4,390	4,555	3.8%	15.6%	118,445	115,850	-2.2%	15.0%
4-5 persons	5,770	6,055	4.9%	20.7%	124,565	123,145	-1.1%	15.9%
6 or more persons	1,030	1,105	7.3%	3.8%	15,710	15,940	1.5%	2.1%
Total	28,660	29,220	2.0%	100.0%	757,525	773,205	2.1%	100.0%
Families by type and number of children								
Husband-wife family	16,085	16,270	1.2%	82.5%	372,740	357,860	-4.0%	79.7%
without child	7,130	6,750	-5.3%	34.2%	171,670	160,045	-6.8%	35.6%
1 child	3,355	3,550	5.8%	18.0%	86,095	82,435	-4.3%	18.3%
2 children	3,555	3,825	7.6%	19.4%	80,315	78,400	-2.4%	17.5%
3 children or more	2,110	2,125	0.7%	10.8%	34,660	35,555	2.6%	7.9%
Lone-parent families	3,100	3,460	11.6%	17.5%	83,860	91,405	9.0%	20.3%
1 child	1,945	2,045	5.1%	10.4%	53,950	58,205	7.9%	13.0%
2 children	815	1,015	24.5%	5.1%	22,390	24,425	9.1%	5.4%
3 children or more	355	365	2.8%	1.8%	8,505	8,375	-1.5%	1.9%
Total	19,185	19,730	2.8%	100.0%	456,600	449,265	-1.6%	100.0%
Dwellings by tenure								
Owned	10,705	11,330	5.8%	38.8%	253,560	264,770	4.4%	34.2%
Rented	17,970	17,880	-0.5%	61.2%	503,965	508,215	0.8%	65.7%
Total	28,665	29,220	1.9%	100.0%	757,525	773,285	2.1%	100.0%
Mobility status 5 years ago								
Non-movers	34,490	36,250	5.1%	52.4%	823,935	854,185	3.7%	52.0%
Movers	33,340	32,875	-1.4%	47.5%	811,825	788,030	-2.9%	48.0%
Migrants	19,545	15,975	-18.3%	23.1%	346,145	309,265	-10.7%	18.8%
Internal Migrants	9,805	9,180	-6.4%	13.3%	240,350	206,290	-14.2%	12.6%
Intraprovincial Migrants	8,560	8,320	-2.8%	12.0%	211,585	183,300	-13.4%	11.2%
Interprovincial Migrants	1,230	850	-30.9%	1.2%	28,760	22,755	-20.9%	1.4%
External Migrants	9,720	6,780	-30.2%	9.8%	105,795	102,800	-2.8%	6.3%
Non-migrants	13,830	16,900	22.2%	24.4%	465,680	478,475	2.7%	29.1%
Total	67,830	69,150	1.9%	100.0%	1,635,760	1,642,215	0.4%	100.0%
Dwellings by period of construction								
Before 1946	2,350	2,055	-12.6%	7.0%	172,845	162,175	-6.2%	21.0%
1946-1960	8,575	9,000	5.0%	30.9%	204,525	214,590	4.9%	27.8%
1961-1970	7,340	7,010	-4.5%	24.0%	179,120	172,955	-3.4%	22.4%
1971-1980	5,780	5,550	-4.0%	19.0%	102,350	105,955	3.5%	13.7%
1981-1990	1,580	4,490	184.2%	15.4%	98,675	94,110	-4.6%	12.2%
1991-1996	n.a.p.	1,060	-	3.6%	n.a.p.	22,240	-	2.9%
Total	25,625	29,165	13.8%	100.0%	757,515	772,025	1.9%	100.0%

	Borough				Montréal (new city)			
	1991	1996	Change	Part	1991	1996	Change	Part
Population by home language								
Single responses	66,755	67,670	1.4%	91.7%	1,676,085	1,661,960	-0.8%	95.0%
French	27,105	26,250	-3.2%	35.6%	979,960	941,825	-3.9%	53.8%
English	20,875	18,950	-9.2%	25.7%	430,140	421,125	-2.1%	24.1%
Non-official languages	18,755	22,470	19.8%	30.5%	265,985	298,570	12.3%	17.1%
Italian	540	470	-13.0%	0.6%	63,655	56,070	-11.9%	3.2%
Spanish	955	855	-10.5%	1.2%	29,815	36,750	23.3%	2.1%
Greek	2,995	2,265	-24.4%	3.1%	22,970	17,725	-22.8%	1.0%
Portuguese	120	170	41.7%	0.2%	15,110	12,365	-18.2%	0.7%
Chinese	3,010	3,620	20.3%	4.9%	19,100	24,500	28.3%	1.4%
Arabic	3,955	5,975	51.1%	8.1%	21,315	27,395	28.5%	1.6%
Vietnamese	820	1,185	-	-	13,480	16,035	19.0%	0.9%
Creoles	340	435	-	0.6%	11,235	13,330	18.6%	0.8%
Other languages	6,020	7,495	24.5%	10.2%	69,305	94,400	36.2%	5.4%
Multiple responses	5,125	6,090	6.9%	8.2%	73,245	87,055	18.9%	5.0%
Visible minority population								
Black	n.d.	3,355	-	12.6%	n.d.	99,285	-	30.6%
South Asian	n.d.	3,175	-	11.9%	n.d.	40,260	-	12.4%
Chinese	n.d.	4,520	-	16.9%	n.d.	34,225	-	10.5%
Korean	n.d.	80	-	0.3%	n.d.	2,835	-	0.9%
Japanese	n.d.	170	-	0.6%	n.d.	1,855	-	0.6%
Southeast Asian	n.d.	3,215	-	12.0%	n.d.	29,170	-	9.0%
Filipino	n.d.	465	-	1.7%	n.d.	12,875	-	4.0%
Arabic-West Asian	n.d.	10,220	-	38.3%	n.d.	58,405	-	18.0%
Latin-american	n.d.	915	-	3.4%	n.d.	39,470	-	12.2%
Visible minority, n.i.e.	n.d.	190	-	0.7%	n.d.	2,525	-	0.8%
Multiple visible minority	n.d.	320	-	1.2%	n.d.	3,855	-	1.2%
Total	n.d.	26,705	-	100.0%	n.d.	324,760	-	100.0%
Knowledge of official languages								
French only	13,175	13,825	4.9%	18.7%	572,050	541,575	-5.3%	31.0%
English only	14,285	13,320	-6.8%	18.1%	235,675	223,465	-5.2%	12.8%
French and English	41,180	42,425	3.0%	57.5%	894,760	929,990	3.9%	53.2%
Neither English nor French	3,230	4,160	28.8%	5.6%	46,845	53,500	14.2%	3.1%
Total	71,870	73,755	2.6%	100.0%	1,749,330	1,748,530	0.0%	100.0%
Occupations								
Management occupations	n.d.	3,740	-	11.5%	n.d.	79,365	-	9.6%
Business, finance and adminis. occupations	n.d.	7,470	-	23.0%	n.d.	182,205	-	21.9%
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	n.d.	2,375	-	7.3%	n.d.	52,900	-	6.4%
Health occupations	n.d.	1,540	-	4.7%	n.d.	46,850	-	5.6%
Occupations in social science, education, government service and religion	n.d.	2,055	-	6.3%	n.d.	66,025	-	8.0%
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	n.d.	980	-	3.0%	n.d.	40,390	-	4.9%
Sales and service occupations	n.d.	8,320	-	25.6%	n.d.	208,370	-	25.1%
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	n.d.	2,390	-	7.4%	n.d.	76,050	-	9.2%
Occupations unique to primary industry	n.d.	135	-	0.4%	n.d.	3,775	-	0.5%
Occupations unique to processing manufacturing and utilities	n.d.	3,425	-	10.5%	n.d.	74,510	-	9.0%
Total	n.d.	32,465	-	100.0%	n.d.	830,440	-	100.0%
Labour force activity								
Population 15 years and over	60,150	61,205	1.8%	100.0%	1,467,220	1,474,625	0.5%	100.0%
Labour force	37,770	34,945	-7.5%	57.1%	936,990	886,585	-5.4%	60.1%
Employed	32,385	30,115	-7.0%	49.2%	813,560	769,815	-5.4%	52.2%
Unemployed	5,385	4,840	-10.1%	7.9%	123,435	116,680	-5.5%	7.9%
Not in the labour force	22,395	26,255	17.2%	42.9%	530,225	587,955	10.9%	39.9%
Unemployment rate (%)	14.3	13.9	-	-	13.2	13.2	-	-
Participation rate (%)	62.8	57.1	-	-	63.9	60.1	-	-

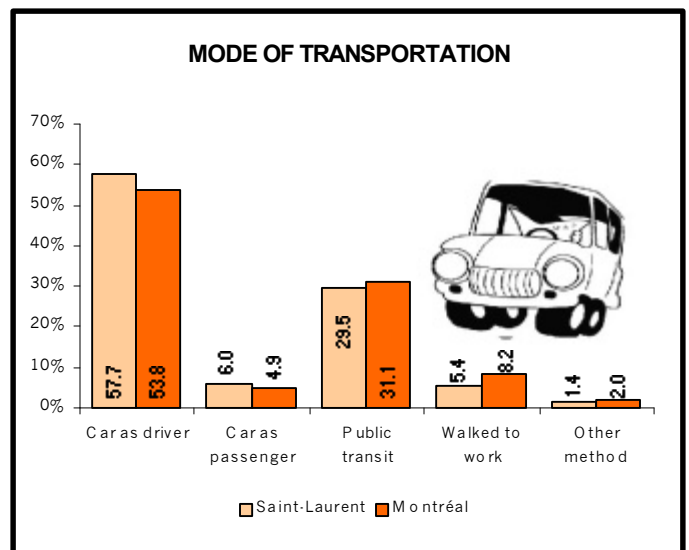
EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 32% of borough residents have pursued some university studies, whereas 15% did not reach grade 9.
- Nearly 20% of residents have non-university training.
- 22% of young people aged 15 to 24 in the borough do not attend school, as compared with 30% for the city of Montréal.
- Those with degrees mainly have them in commerce, management and administration, as well as in engineering/applied science technologies.



PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT AND MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

- Nearly 89% of those employed report to a usual workplace, and 6% work at home.
- 58% of workers in the borough drive to work, while 6% are passengers.
- 30% of workers use public transit to get to work.



MOBILITY

- Over the past five years, 48% of borough residents have moved.
- 49% of the people who moved were migrants, i.e. coming from other towns or cities.
- 1,320 external migrants living in another country one year earlier now live in the city of Montréal.
- In the five years preceding the census, there were 6,780 migrants.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

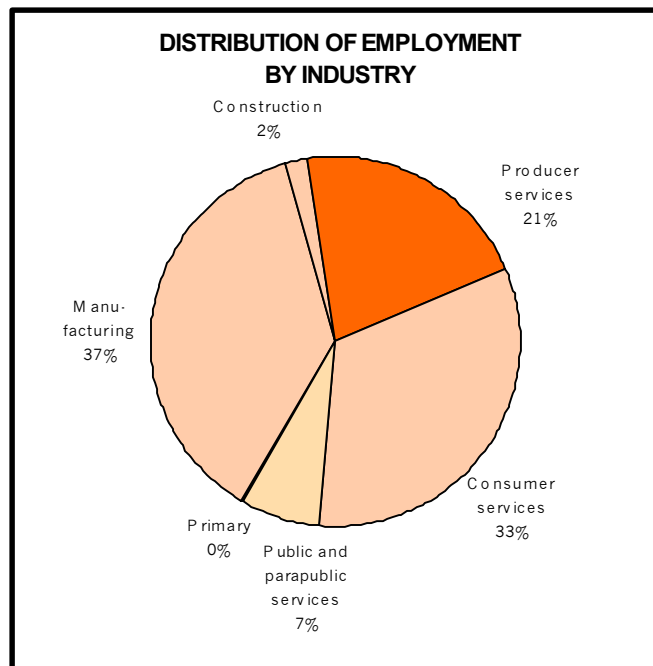
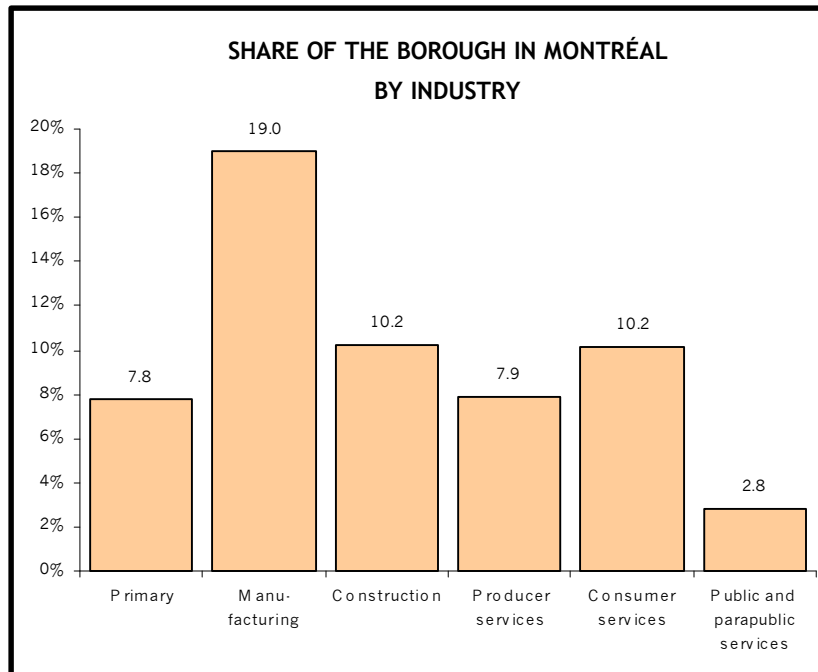
- 34,945 people in the borough are in the labour force, for a participation rate of 57.1%, as compared with 60.1% in the city of Montréal.
- 65.7% of men are in the labour force, as compared with 49.5% of women.
- 22% of those in the labour force work in manufacturing, 14% in the retail trade and 10% in business service.
- 13% of workers in the borough are self-employed, and 42% of them have incorporated businesses.

INCOME

- The average income of borough residents is \$22,400, as compared with \$21 762 in the city of Montréal.
- The average income for men is \$26,669, and \$18 417 for women, or 69% of men’s average wages.
- 35% of households in the borough are below the low income cutoff, the same rate as in the city of Montréal.
- Average family income in Saint-Laurent is \$48,021.
- Average household income is \$42,510.

Income

	Borough	Montréal
Population of 15 years and more -		
Average Income	\$22,400	\$21,762
Males with income	\$26,669	\$26,725
Females with income	\$18,417	\$17,311
Employment income - both sexes	\$24,610	\$26,299
Males	\$28,329	\$30,794
Females	\$20,367	\$21,319
Worked full time	\$35,124	\$36,722
Worked part time	\$14,425	\$16,321
Average family income	\$48,021	\$50,818
Average household income	\$42,510	\$40,848



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EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT- BOROUGH				EMPLOYMENT - CITY OF MONTRÉAL				SHARE OF BOROUGH IN 1996 (%)
	1991	1996	Change		1991	1996	Change		
			(nb)	(%)			(nb)	(%)	
Primary	285	190	-95	-33.3	3,955	2,450	-1,505	-38.1	7.8
Manufacturing	32,610	35,530	2,920	9.0	203,990	187,080	-16,910	-8.3	19.0
Food, beverages and tobacco	2,630	1,975	-655	-24.9	25,180	20,755	-4,425	-17.6	9.5
Textile and clothing	3,530	3,815	285	8.1	47,450	43,760	-3,690	-7.8	8.7
Printing and publishing	2,535	1,975	-560	-22.1	20,700	19,350	-1,350	-6.5	10.2
Other manufacturing	23,915	27,765	3,850	16.1	110,660	103,215	-7,445	-6.7	26.9
Construction	3,755	1,930	-1,825	-48.6	40,470	18,935	-21,535	-53.2	10.2
Producer services	18,705	20,525	1,820	9.7	279,225	259,650	-19,575	-7.0	7.9
Transportation and warehousing	4,550	6,210	1,660	36.5	56,815	44,790	-12,025	-21.2	13.9
Communication and utilities	5,605	4,810	-795	-14.2	51,445	46,935	-4,510	-8.8	10.2
Finance, insurance and real estate	2,925	2,275	-650	-22.2	83,045	73,305	-9,740	-11.7	3.1
Business services	5,625	7,230	1,605	28.5	87,920	94,620	6,700	7.6	7.6
Consumer services	29,615	31,405	1,790	6.0	311,920	308,980	-2,940	-0.9	10.2
Wholesale trade	12,025	15,705	3,680	30.6	60,805	67,470	6,665	11.0	23.3
Retail sale	10,595	9,350	-1,245	-11.8	119,635	109,175	-10,460	-8.7	8.6
Accommodation and food services	2,570	1,990	-580	-22.6	55,185	54,360	-825	-1.5	3.7
Other service industries	4,425	4,360	-65	-1.5	76,295	77,975	1,680	2.2	5.6
Public and parapublic services	7,365	6,720	-645	-8.8	248,570	239,905	-8,665	-3.5	2.8
Public administration	2,035	1,330	-705	-34.6	64,230	52,090	-12,140	-18.9	2.6
Education	2,955	3,005	50	1.7	68,515	71,235	2,720	4.0	4.2
Health care and social services	2,375	2,385	10	0.4	115,825	116,580	755	0.7	2.0
TOTAL	92,340	96,315	3,975	4.3	1,088,135	1,017,000	-71,135	-6.5	9.5

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada.

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1996 Statistics Canada Census - EMPLOYMENT

- Employment in the borough represents 9.5% of total employment in the city of Montréal.
- Manufacturing industry accounts for 37% of the employment in the borough.
- 19% of Montréal's manufacturing employment are located in Saint-Laurent.
- Consumer services represent 33% of jobs in the borough. Saint-Laurent accounts for 23% of Montréal's jobs in the wholesale trade sector.
- Between 1991 and 1996, the number of jobs increased by an estimated 4.3% in the borough, whereas over the same period it declined by 6.5% for the city of Montréal as a whole.

Some Statistics Canada definitions:

Household: a person or group of persons (other than foreign residents) who occupy the same dwelling and do not have a usual place of residence elsewhere in Canada.

Family: Group of two or more persons living in the same dwelling and who are related by blood or adoption or are married or a common-law couple.

Mother tongue: First language the census respondent learned at home in childhood and still understands at the time of the census.

Language spoken at home: Language that the census respondent speaks most often at home at the time of the census.

Ethnic origin: Ethnic or cultural group(s) to which the census respondent's ancestors belonged.

Visible minority: Persons (other than Aboriginal persons) who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour.

Labour force: Persons 15 years and over who, during the week prior to census day, were either employed or unemployed.

Participation rate: Total labour force expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over.

Most of the information in this profile relates to 1996, and is based on data from the 1996 Census of Canada conducted by Statistics Canada. For a definition of concepts, please refer to the Statistics Canada census dictionary.

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Some of the questions asked in the 1996 census questionnaire, in particular the question on ethnic origin, had been changed since the previous census. Readers should use caution in making comparisons with data from previous censuses.

This profile is one of a series of 99 describing the city of Montréal, its 71 electoral districts in 2001 and the 27 boroughs of the city of Montréal.

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