

Durham Language Assessment Services Report – January 16, 2014

TOTAL NUMBER OF ASSESSMENTS – APRIL 1 TO DECEMBER 31								
APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
123	96	61	75	91	204	138	85	61

The total number of assessments from April to December was 934. The numbers follow the predicated pattern of slower months in the summer and during December and busy months coinciding with start of classes in the fall.

ASSESSMENTS BY CLASS REFERRED TO/CLB – APRIL TO DECEMBER									
Lit. PB	Level 1 BM 1	Level 2 BM 1/2	Level 3 BM 2/3	Level 4 BM 3/4	Level 5 BM 5/6	Level 6 BM 5/6	Level 7 BM 6/7	Level 8 BM 7/8	Total
27	55	90	144	155	139	137	139	48	934
2.8%	6.4%	9.6%	15.4%	16.5%	14.8%	14.6%	14.8%	5.1%	100%

The majority of clients are assessed with benchmarks suited for a benchmark 4 class

Statistics for April 1 to December 31:

- 714 clients were eligible for both CIC and MCI funded classes (76%)
- 203 clients were eligible for MCI funded programs only (22%)
- 17 clients were eligible for CIC funded programs only (English is their first language)

- 32% of clients had been previously assessed
- 780 (84%) clients were referred to LINC or ESL Classes (or Waitlists) in Durham
- 32 (3.4%) were referred to ELT programs in Durham

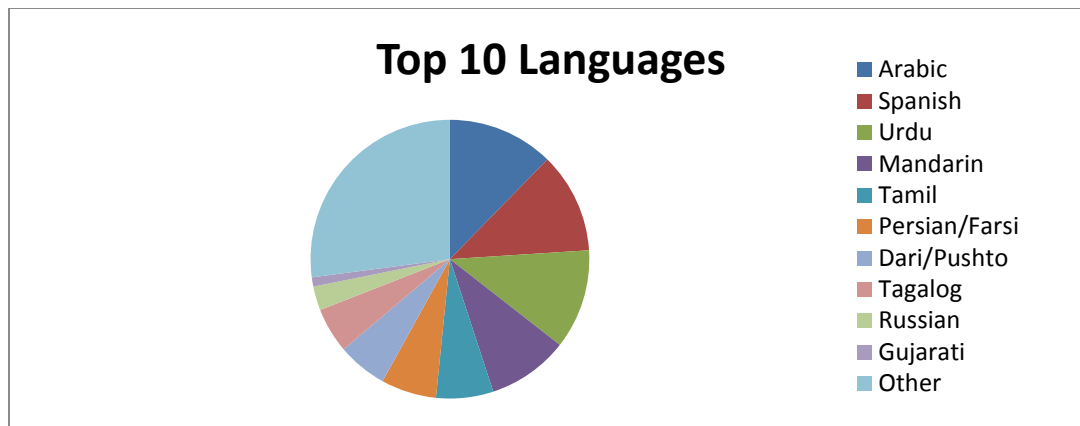
HARTs Waitlist by Category (as of January 10):

INITIAL PLACEMENT	RE-ADMISSION	TRANSFER	TOTAL
84	53	9	146

The waitlist has dropped from 338 in September (at the time of our last meeting).

Child minding: The waitlist for child minding includes 1 infant, 9 toddlers and 5 preschoolers.

Languages:



Wait Times for Assessment:

- Wait times are consistent across all four sites. The wait time is less than 2 weeks.
- Saturday appointments are available at Ajax Welcome Centre for all clients. Evening assessments are available one evening per week on a rotational basis at Ajax, Pickering and Oshawa.

Gaps and Trends:

- Clients are pleased to learn that ESL classes will provide a certificate that can be used for Citizenship application purposes.
- Higher level clients are able to access ELT and Bridging programs in Toronto in addition to the ELT program in Durham. Some would like more options closer to home.
- Higher level clients also seek more specific skill classes (writing for example).
- Almost half of the clients assessed (47%) fall in the age bracket 30-45

Staffing and Training:

- All assessors attended the Assessors' & Coordinators' Annual Meeting in November for professional development.
- Shannon and Patricia were trained in the Literacy Placement Tool (LPT).

Events:

- Patricia and Geraldine attended the Durham Immigration Portal meeting on Dec. 5th to learn about initiatives they are undertaking.