



BCRC

# Black in Quebec

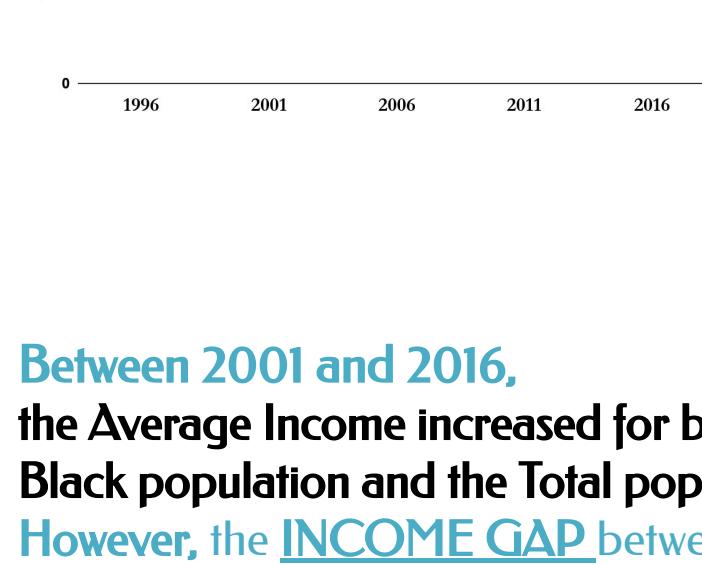
## Progress Report

by John Davids and Xiaoyan Fang, Black in Quebec team

May 2020

**The Black in Quebec** project seeks to further our understanding with respect to the vitality of the English-Speaking Black Community (ESBC) in Quebec. This **Progress Report** identifies differences between the Black community and other sub-populations in Quebec with respect to their well-being. Secondly, it identifies gaps in the collection of data pertaining to the social, economic, and psycho-social status of the ESBC.

### Black Population in Quebec, 1996 - 2016



Sources of graphs and data in this infographic:  
Mcintosh and Masella, 2019  
2001, 2016 Census data

In 2016, among the Black population in Quebec (319,230),

**57,781**

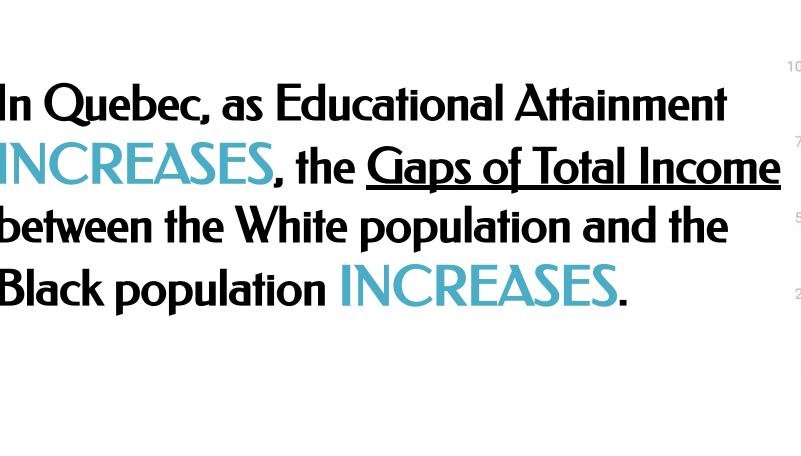
are within the English-speaking Black population.

Between 2001 and 2016, the Average Income increased for both the Black population and the Total population. However, the INCOME GAP between the Black population and the Total population has grown even BIGGER.

### Average Income of Black Communities and Total Population in Quebec, 2001 & 2016



### Unemployment Rate by Language Group and Visible Minority Group in Quebec, 2016

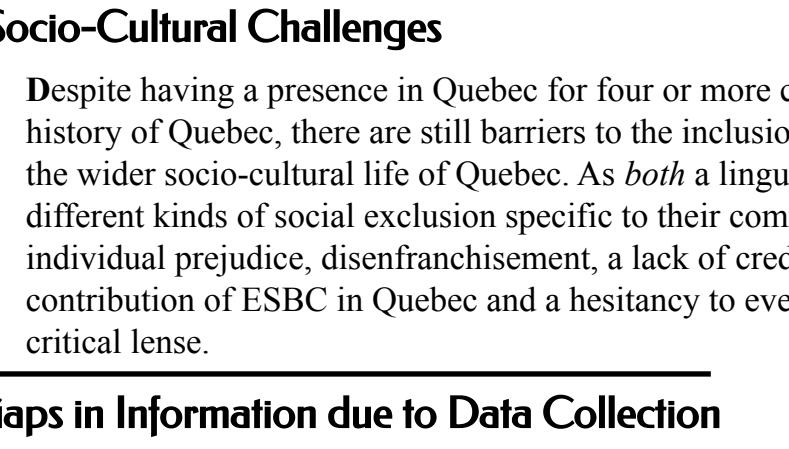


The UNEMPLOYMENT RATE is **TWICE** as much for the English-speaking and French-speaking Black populations compared with the English-speaking and French-speaking Non-Visible-Minority populations.

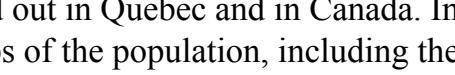
### In Quebec, Total Income (000's \$) by Educational Attainment, Gender and Race, Age 25-64, 2016



### University Degree at Bachelor's Level or Above by Language Group and Visible Minority Group in Quebec, 2016



1 out of 6 members of the English-Speaking Black Population in Quebec has a University Degree



### Socio-Cultural Challenges

Despite having a presence in Quebec for four or more centuries, and contributing greatly to the rich complex history of Quebec, there are still barriers to the inclusion of English-Speaking Black Community (ESBC) in the wider socio-cultural life of Quebec. As *both* a linguistic and racial minority, the ESBC faces many different kinds of social exclusion specific to their community. This is manifested through systemic racism, individual prejudice, disenfranchisement, a lack of credible representation and recognition of the contribution of ESBC in Quebec and a hesitancy to even study the subject of blackness in Quebec through a critical lense.

### Gaps in Information due to Data Collection

Race-based data has rarely been collected among surveys carried out in Quebec and in Canada. In Quebec, many organizations and individuals believe that specific subgroups of the population, including the English-speaking Black Community, have been disproportionately affected by this current COVID-19 crisis. However, the race-based data is not being collected, which exacerbates the obstacles in accessing accurate information about issues and challenges facing certain subgroups of the population. The collection of race-based data in regards to the COVID-19 crisis, has been undertaken by a number of countries (ie. USA, UK) and also province within Canada (ie. Ontario) with many initial observations suggesting that black populations within them have been affected disproportionately. Thus, the call for more data here, is ever more urgent and necessary if we are to design strategies which aim to alleviate the risks facing the ESBC.

This fact sheet portrays some of the many challenges facing the English-Speaking Black Community in Quebec. They pertain not only to situations facing the ESBC but also to the inadequacy of the information regarding the state of well being of the ESBC. This infographic is part of a project that aims to improve the collection of data pertaining to the ESBC and to present it in a critical and meaningful way to users.

To read the full Analysis of Gaps please join our community network.

Project Website:  
<https://bcrcmontreal.com/portfolio-item/black-in-quebec/>

For any questions or future interest, please contact:  
[researcher@bcrcmontreal.com](mailto:researcher@bcrcmontreal.com)  
[ra@bcrcmontreal.com](mailto:ra@bcrcmontreal.com)

Find us on Facebook:

Black in Quebec

