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### Kanien'kéha Language Survey results

**(Kahnawake – 1, Onerahtókha/April 2014)** The MCK Language & Culture Training Center, along with the Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitíohkwa Language and Cultural Center, would like to announce the results of a brief three-question survey that was conducted this past December and January on the status of the Kanien'kéha language in our community.

The main question asked was, "What category do you consider your Kanien'kéha language speaking ability?" Out of the 376 random people surveyed, 27% considered themselves to be non-speakers, while 44% considered themselves to be beginners, 16% considered themselves intermediate, and 12% considered themselves advanced speakers.

The age ranges of those surveyed were:

- Under 18: 4%
- 18-30: 15%
- 31-49: 30%
- 50-69: 36%
- 70 and over: 15%

The survey results will be used to develop a Language Awareness Campaign for future Kanien'kéha initiatives to increase fluency in Kahnawà:ke. The two groups would like to take this time to thank Kahnawà:kehró:non who participated in the survey to capture a snapshot of the state of the Kanien'kéha language in Kahnawà:ke.

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