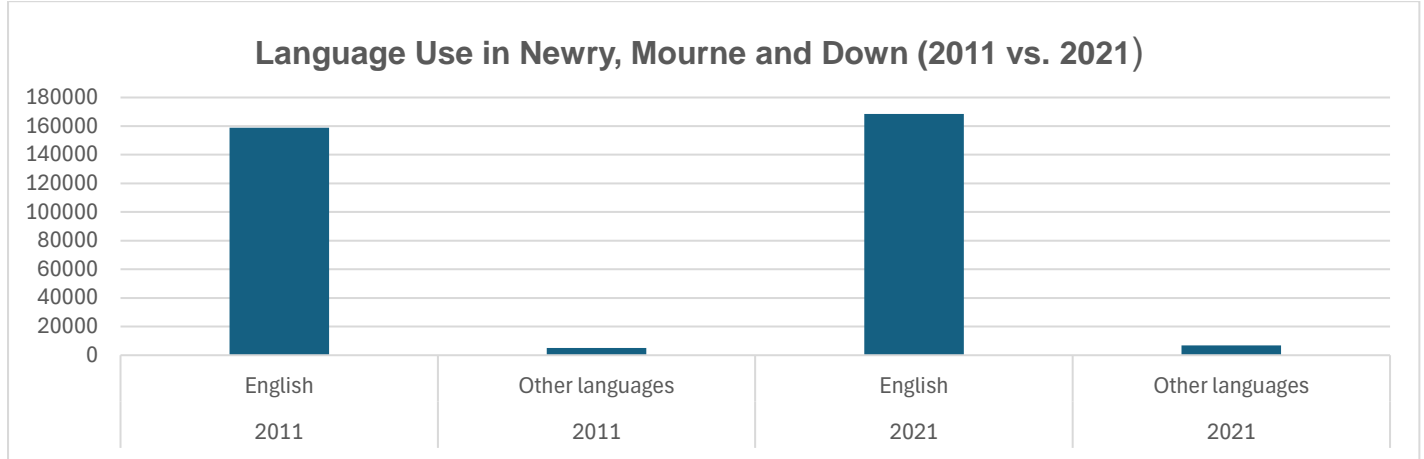


LANGUAGE

LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY

The census data from 2011 and 2021 highlights significant changes in language use within Newry, Mourne and Down. For the English Speakers The number increased from 158,949 in 2011 to 168,408 in 2021, indicating a growth in the primary language spoken in the area.

For the Other Languages, those speaking other languages rose from 4,968 to 6,834, reflecting a growing linguistic diversity in the community.



According to the Census 2021 the linguistic diversity within Newry, Mourne, and Down District (NMD) shows a significant population with Polish (2,143 speakers), Lithuanian (1,149), and Bulgarian (677) as the primary languages after English. This diversity indicates the need for multilingual support, especially in health, education, and community services. Additionally, notable groups speak Irish (553), Romanian (347), Arabic (170), and Latvian (279), suggesting a demand for resources in these languages to enhance service accessibility.

