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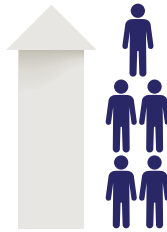


The **French Presence** in

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



Nearly
5%
OF THE POPULATION
(23,455 people)
can **SPEAK** both **ENGLISH**
AND FRENCH



That's
**5 TIMES
MORE**
than in 1950!

French is:

- the **MOTHER TONGUE** of **0.6% OF THE POPULATION**
- the **FIRST OFFICIAL LANGUAGE SPOKEN** of **0.4% OF THE POPULATION**



**9,118
STUDENTS**
are enrolled in
**FRENCH
IMMERSION**

*of eligible enrolment



**30,287
STUDENTS**
are enrolled in
**CORE
FRENCH**

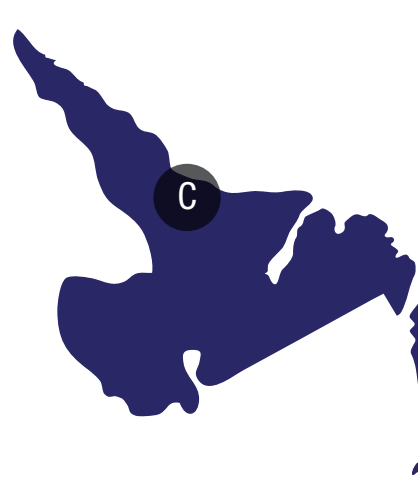


**There are about
350 STUDENTS**
enrolled in **5 FRENCH-LANGUAGE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS** in the province

WHERE DO FRANCOPHONES LIVE?

Francophones in Newfoundland and Labrador are concentrated in **three main regions**: the Port au Port Peninsula, the St. John's area and Labrador.

ECONOMIC REGIONS



A	Avalon Peninsula (St. John's)	45%
B	South Coast-Burin Peninsula	4%
C	West Coast-Northern Peninsula-Labrador (Port au Port Peninsula, Labrador)	42%
D	Notre Dame-Central Bonavista Bay	10%

WHERE WERE THEY BORN?

Elsewhere in Canada: **50%**



Abroad: **11%**

In Newfoundland and Labrador: **38%**

★ CELEBRATE!

March

THE JEUX D'HIVER FRANCO-LABRADORIENS are held annually in Labrador City.

May

PROVINCIAL FRANCOPHONIE DAY is held yearly on May 30.

August

THREE ANNUAL FOLK FESTIVALS are held on the Port au Port Peninsula: Une Longue Veillée in Cape St. George, Une Journée dans l'Passé in Mainland and Un plaisir du vieux temps in Black Duck Brook.

November

THE FESTIVAL DU VENT IN ST. JOHN'S celebrates Francophone culture and music.

HISTORY

The first French fishermen arrived on the coast of Newfoundland in 1504. In 1660, a French colony was established at Plaisance (now Placentia). From the 17th century to the beginning of the 20th century, French and Acadian fishermen settled mainly near the banks of St. George's Bay and on the southwest part of the island. The community spokesperson, the Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador, was formed in 1973. The first French-language school was established in Mainland in 1984. The Franco-Newfoundlander and Labradorian flag was adopted in 1986. In 2015, the provincial government adopted its first *French Language Services Policy*.

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