



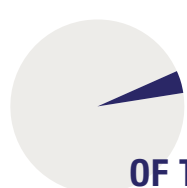
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The **French Presence** in

YUKON



FRENCH is the
**FIRST OFFICIAL
LANGUAGE** of

4.4%
OF THE POPULATION
(1,483 people)



13%
OF THE POPULATION
(4,415 people)
**CAN SPEAK BOTH
ENGLISH AND FRENCH**



In terms of population percentage, **YUKON IS THIRD** IN CANADA for being the most bilingual, after Quebec and New Brunswick.



**609
STUDENTS**
are enrolled in
**FRENCH
IMMERSION**

French immersion
enrolment has
increased by
50%
since 2004.



2004



2016



**1,599
STUDENTS**
are enrolled in
**CORE
FRENCH**

*of total student population



224 STUDENTS are registered
at **ÉCOLE ÉMILIE-TREMBLAY**
(Kindergarten to Grade 12), Yukon's
only French-language school.

WHERE DO FRANCOPHONES LIVE?

Most Franco-Yukonnais **live in the capital**,
Whitehorse, and the surrounding areas.



Whitehorse (Census Agglomeration) **82%**



WHERE WERE THEY BORN?

Nearly **3/4 OF FRANCOPHONES**
in Yukon moved to the territory
from elsewhere in Canada.



In Yukon: **11%**

Abroad: **14%**

Elsewhere in Canada: **74%**

★ **CELEBRATE!**

May 15

YUKON FRANCOPHONIE DAY

HISTORY

In 1840, Robert Campbell explored inland Yukon for the Hudson's Bay Company with the help of French-Canadian guides. In 1874, Francophone fur trader François-Xavier Mercier built the Fort Reliance trading post near the mouth of the Klondike River. During the Klondike Gold Rush in the late 1800s, Francophones were already well established in the area.

In the 1980s, the Franco-Yukonnais flag was adopted, and a French school and daycare centre opened. In 1982, the Association franco-yukonnaise was established. École Émilie-Tremblay, the only French-language school in the territory, opened in 1984 and is named in honour of the pioneering spirit and contributions to the community of one of the first Francophone women from Quebec to make the long journey to Dawson, Yukon.

In 1988, the Yukon *Languages Act* was passed, and the French Language Services Office was created. In 2007, the Yukon government proclaimed May 15 as Yukon Francophonie Day.

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