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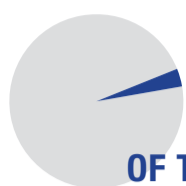
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The **French Presence** in

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

FRENCH is the
FIRST OFFICIAL
LANGUAGE



3.5%
OF THE POPULATION
(4,813 people)



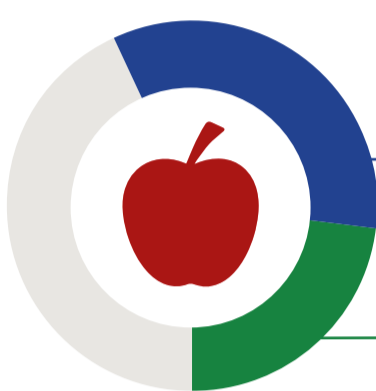
12%
OF THE POPULATION
(17,005 people)
CAN SPEAK BOTH ENGLISH
AND FRENCH

In 2015-2016,

853
STUDENTS



were enrolled in **6 PUBLIC FRENCH-LANGUAGE SCHOOLS**



34%*

6,627 STUDENTS
are enrolled in
CORE FRENCH

23%*

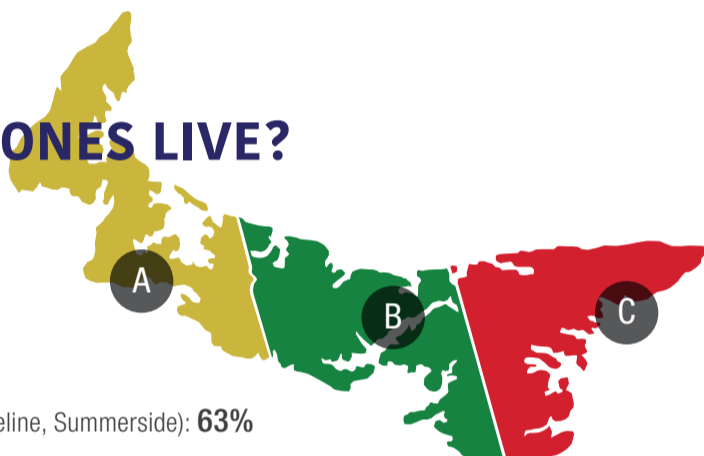
4,391 STUDENTS
are enrolled in
FRENCH IMMERSION

*of eligible enrollment

THE COLLÈGE DE L'ÎLE

offers college programs in French at its Wellington and Charlottetown campuses, and a training centre in DeBlois.

WHERE DO FRANCOPHONES LIVE?



CENSUS DIVISIONS

- A** Prince County (Evangeline, Summerside): **63%**
- B** Queens County (Charlottetown): **33%**
- C** Kings County (Souris): **4%**

WHERE WERE THEY BORN?

Nearly two thirds of Francophones living in PEI were born on the island.



Elsewhere in Canada: **35%**

Abroad: **2%**

In Prince Edward Island: **63%**

★ CELEBRATE!



March

LES RENDEZ-VOUS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE is a celebration of the French language and of Francophone culture in PEI.

September

THE EVANGELINE AREA AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION AND ACADIAN FESTIVAL celebrates the area's Acadian culture and agricultural roots.

December

A ceremony to commemorate the deportation of the Prince Edward Island Acadians is held each year on December 13, **ACADIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY.**

HISTORY

The French presence in PEI dates back to 1720, when a French colony settled on the island known as Île Saint-Jean. Nearly all of the Acadians were deported from the island in 1758. In 1884, Maritime Acadians adopted their national symbols, including the flag, at the Acadian National Convention in Miscouche.

In 1990, the PEI government created the French-language school board, which is responsible for administering and promoting French education in the province. In 2013, the new *French Language Services Act* was passed.

Sources: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census of Population
 Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey
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 Canadian Parents for French
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 La Société Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin (in French only)
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