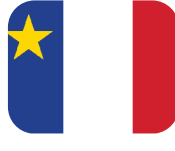


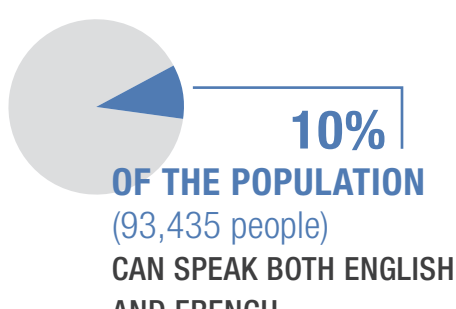
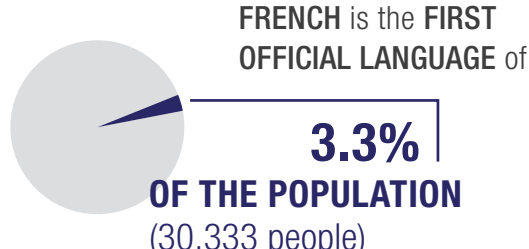


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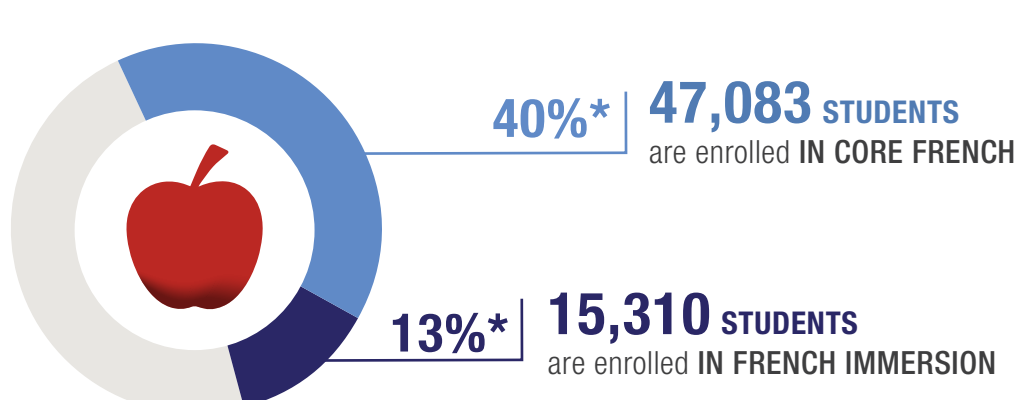


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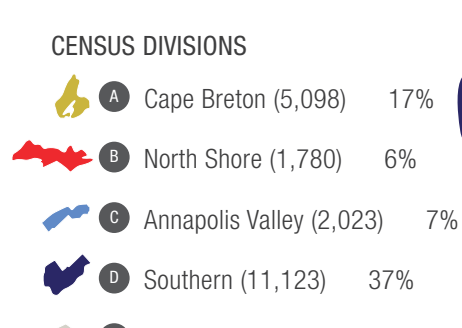
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WHERE DO FRANCOPHONES LIVE?

Most Acadians in Nova Scotia live near the southern coast of the province, in Halifax and in Cape Breton.

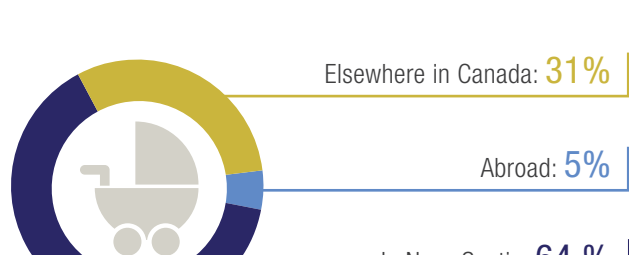
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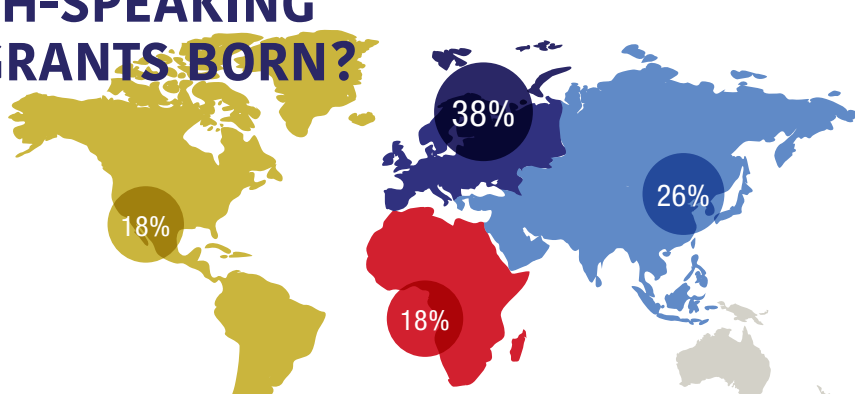
There are **FOUR EMERGING FRANCOPHONE COMMUNITIES** in Nova Scotia: Chezzetcook, Truro, Annapolis Valley and Rive-Sud. These communities have Francophone schools and other French-language organizations.

WHERE WERE THEY BORN?

Nearly two thirds of Francophones living in Nova Scotia were born in the province.



WHERE WERE FRENCH-SPEAKING IMMIGRANTS BORN?



* CELEBRATE!



- February/March** **THE MID-LENT** has French origins dating back to the Middle Ages and is celebrated in the Chéticamp and St. Joseph du Moine regions.
- August** The world's oldest **ACADIAN FESTIVAL** is held each year in Clare, in the Baie Sainte-Marie region.
- Fall** **THE FESTIVAL DES CULTURES FRANCOPHONES** is the largest annual Francophone event held in Halifax.

HISTORY

In 1604, the first French colonists settled in the area of Port Royal. From 1755 to 1763, the Acadians living in the Nova Scotian peninsula were deported. Starting in 1764, Acadians were given permission to return and settled along the coast, especially in the regions of Chéticamp, Isle Madame, Baie Sainte-Marie and Par-en-Bas.

The Acadian community spokesperson in Nova Scotia, the *Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse*, was founded in 1968. The Acadian community has made significant progress, especially in education. The *French-language Services Act* was adopted in 2004 and the *Regulations* followed in 2006.

Sources: Statistics Canada, 2011 Census of Population
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