



The French Presence in NUNAVUT



French is:

- the **MOTHER TONGUE** of **1.7% OF THE POPULATION** (616 people)
- the **FIRST OFFICIAL LANGUAGE** of **1.8% OF THE POPULATION** (625 people)



147 STUDENTS
are enrolled in
CORE FRENCH
(2015–2016)

*of eligible enrolment



Nunavut is home to the world's
**NORTHERNMOST
FRENCH-LANGUAGE
SCHOOL:**
the École des Trois-Soleils
(Kindergarten to Grade 12).



THE NAME "TROIS-SOLEILS"
SYMBOLIZES THE HARMONY
between Francophones,
Inuit and Anglophones, the
three cultures present in
Nunavut's capital city
of Iqaluit.

WHERE DO FRANCOPHONES LIVE?

Most Francophones in Nunavut live
in the capital, Iqaluit.

ECONOMIC REGIONS

- A** Baffin (Iqaluit): 86%
- B** Keewatin: 10%
- C** Kitikmeot: 4%



WHERE WERE THEY BORN?



MEDIA



Le Nunavoix



CFRT FM 107.3 (Iqaluit)

CELEBRATE!

The Association des francophones du Nunavut hosts events throughout the year,
such as French-language film screenings, music concerts and book fairs.

Spring

The **RALLYE FAMILIAL DE MOTONEIGES**
(family snowmobile rally) is held during the spring festival
in Iqaluit and brings together Francophone families.

Fall

The **PARTIE D'HUÎTRES** (oyster supper) is a
traditional activity that has been held for the past 18 years
in Iqaluit's French-speaking community.

HISTORY

- The first Francophones to come to the area that would become Nunavut were members of whaling crews in the 1800s.
- In the 1970s, the federal government opened regional offices with bilingual staff in Frobisher Bay.
- In 1981, the organization that is now the Association des francophones du Nunavut was founded.
- The first French mother tongue education program started in 1993 (Grade 1 to 6).
- Nunavut was created in 1999.
- Nunavut's only French-language school was opened in 2001.
- The Commission scolaire francophone du Nunavut was created in 2004.

Sources:

- Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Population
- Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey
- Fédération des communautés francophones et acadiennes du Canada
- Profiles of the Francophone and Acadian Communities of Canada
- Canadian Parents for French
- L'Association des francophones du Nunavut (in French only)
- École des Trois-Soleils (in French only)