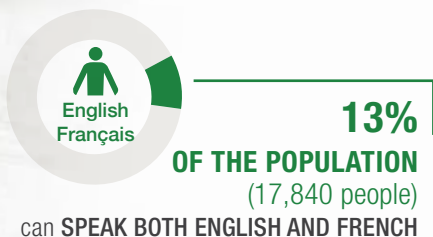


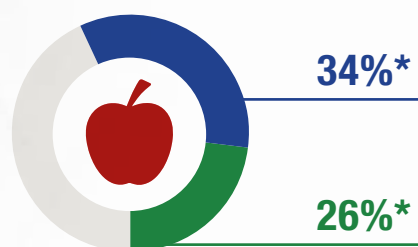


The French Presence in PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND



French is:

- the **MOTHER TONGUE** of **3.6% OF THE POPULATION** (5,129 people)
- the **FIRST OFFICIAL LANGUAGE** of **3.3% OF THE POPULATION** (4,668 people)



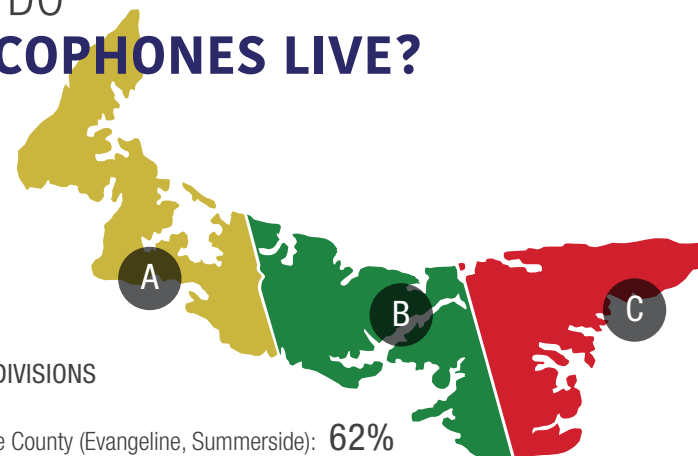
*of eligible enrolment

6,414 STUDENTS
are enrolled in
CORE FRENCH
(2015–2016)

4,806 STUDENTS
are enrolled in
FRENCH IMMERSION
(2015–2016)

The **COLLÈGE DE L'ÎLE**
offers post-secondary education in French.

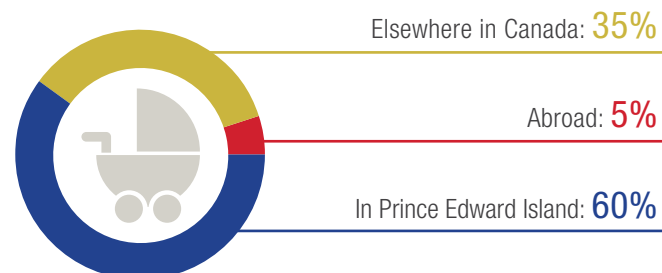
WHERE DO FRANCOPHONES LIVE?



CENSUS DIVISIONS

- A** Prince County (Evangeline, Summerside): **62%**
- B** Queens County (Charlottetown): **34%**
- C** Kings County (Souris): **4%**

WHERE WERE THEY BORN?



MEDIA



La Voix acadienne



Radio-Canada ICI Première and ICI Musique



ICI Radio-Canada Télé and Unis TV

CELEBRATE!

March

The **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** celebrate 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.
- The Société Saint-Thomas d'Aquin was created in 1919. The organization represents PEI's Acadian and Francophone community.
- In 1990, the PEI government created the French-language school board, which is responsible for administering and promoting French education in the province.
- In 1999, PEI passed its first *French Language Services Act*; however, most of its sections were never enacted.
- The *French Language Services Act* was revised in 2013 and provides for the designation of bilingual services, the creation of the Acadian and Francophone Community Advisory Committee and the establishment of a complaint mechanism.

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