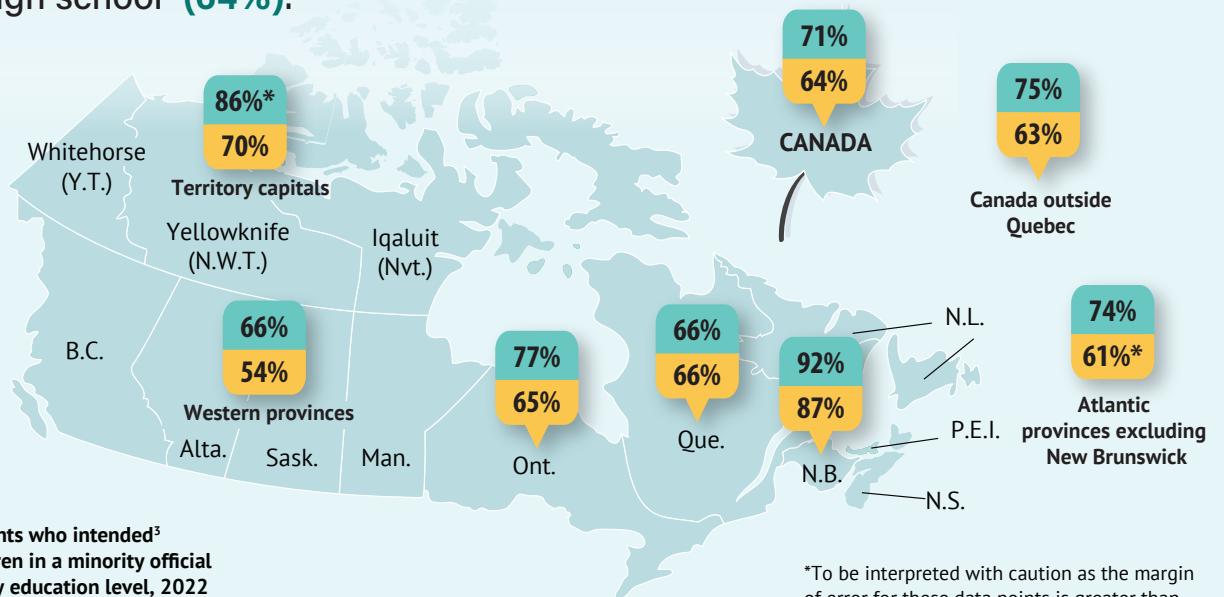




Instruction in the minority official language: Parents' intentions for their children

In 2022, two-thirds (66%) of parents in the official language minority population intended to enrol their children in a minority official language elementary school¹ (71%) or high school² (64%).



Percentage of parents who intended³ to enrol their children in a minority official language school, by education level, 2022

■ Elementary school ■ High school

*To be interpreted with caution as the margin of error for these data points is greater than ±7 percentage points.

In Quebec, 80% of teenagers⁴ in a minority situation who were considering doing postsecondary studies intended to enrol in a program offered in the minority language or a bilingual program, versus 27% of teenagers in Canada outside Quebec.

Main reasons why parents intended to enrol their children in a minority or majority official language elementary school or high school

Minority official language school

Quebec

- 64% Their child is entitled to attend an English school
- 50% They want their child to become bilingual
- 46% It is important that the child study in English

Canada outside Quebec

- 66% They want their child to become bilingual
- 64% It is important that the child study in French
- 62% Their child is entitled to attend French school



Majority official language school

Quebec

- 48% They want their child to become bilingual
- 42% It is important that the child study in French
- 37% They want their child to maintain their French skills

Canada outside Quebec

- 38% The child is more comfortable in English
- 31% The child does not know French well enough
- 23% It is important that the child study in English



1. Children under 5 years who did not attend elementary school yet.
 2. Children who were in elementary or middle school, but not yet in high school.
 3. Percentage of parents who said it was "very likely" or "likely" that they will enrol their child in a minority language school.
 4. Teenagers aged 14 to 17 years.

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