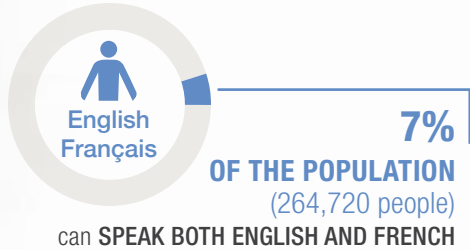




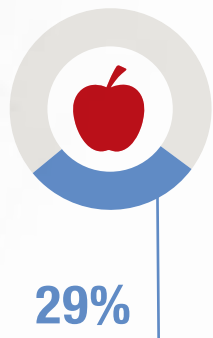
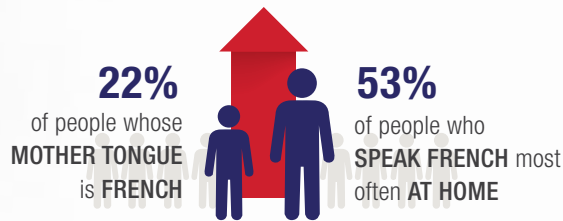
The French Presence in ALBERTA



French is:

- the **MOTHER TONGUE** of **2% OF THE POPULATION** (79,154 people)
- the **FIRST OFFICIAL LANGUAGE** of **2% OF THE POPULATION** (79,838 people)

FROM 2011 TO 2016, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF:



183,966
STUDENTS

from kindergarten to
Grade 12 are enrolled
in French-language,
French immersion
or French second
language programs
(2015–2016)

* of eligible enrolment

141,528
STUDENTS | **23%***
are enrolled in
CORE FRENCH

42,438
STUDENTS | **7%***
are enrolled
in **FRENCH**
IMMERSION
programs

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FRANCOPHONE
SCHOOL BOARDS

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FRENCH-LANGUAGE
SCHOOLS



7 814 STUDENTS (2017–2018)

842 STUDENTS

are registered at Campus Saint-Jean, the University of Alberta's
Francophone campus. The faculty offers **9 UNDERGRADUATE**
PROGRAMS AND 2 MASTER'S PROGRAMS IN FRENCH (2017–2018)

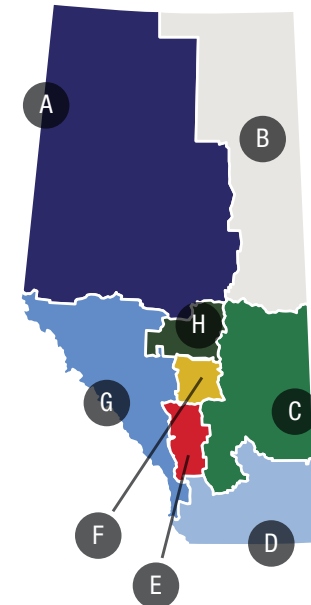
WHERE DO FRANCOPHONES LIVE?

More than half of Franco-Albertans live
in and around Calgary and Edmonton.

ECONOMIC REGIONS

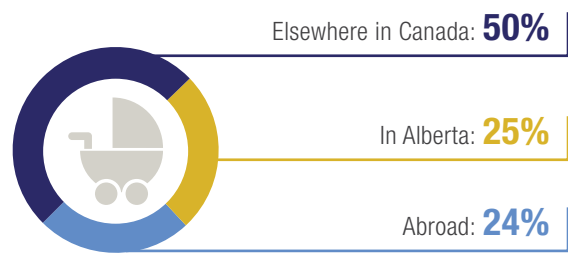
(percentage of the population whose first official
language is French)

- A** Athabasca–Grande Prairie–Peace River: **8%**
- B** Wood Buffalo–Cold Lake: **7%**
- C** Camrose–Drumheller: **3%**
- D** Lethbridge–Medicine Hat: **3%**
- E** Calgary: **33%**
- F** Red Deer: **3%**
- G** Banff–Jasper–Rocky Mountain House: **3%**
- H** Edmonton: **39%**

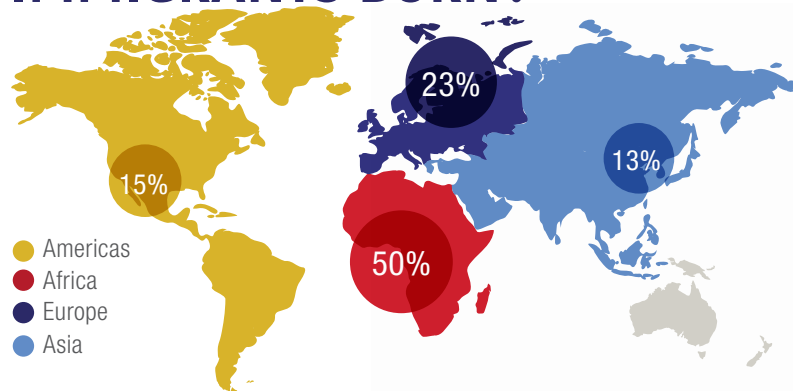


Alberta has **31 FRANCOPHONE COMMUNITIES** and **4 MUNICIPALITIES**
that are officially bilingual: Beaumont, Legal, Falher and Plamondon.

WHERE WERE THEY BORN?



WHERE WERE FRENCH-SPEAKING IMMIGRANTS BORN?



MEDIA



Le Franco



CHPL FM 92.1 (Plamondon / Lac La Biche), and Radio-Canada ICI Première and ICI Musique



ICI Radio-Canada Télé, ALTA TV and Unis TV

Sources:

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- Canadian Parents for French
- Government of Alberta, Francophone Secretariat: Statistics and History
- Fédération des conseils scolaires francophones de l'Alberta
- Government of Alberta: Alberta Education

CELEBRATE!



February

The **FLYING CANOË VOLANT** festival showcases the culture and traditions of the First Nations, French Canadian and Métis peoples and celebrates the beauty of the Mill Creek ravine and Edmonton's French quarter.

The **CARNAVAL DE ST-ISIDORE** celebrates French culture and traditions in Alberta.

March

The **RENDEZ-VOUS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE** are celebrated every year across Alberta and include Franco-Albertan flag-raising ceremonies, community gatherings, multicultural meetings, concerts, performances, educational opportunities and more.

July

The **FÊTE FRANCO-ALBERTAINE** is a family festival that brings together Francophones of all ages from across the province.

HISTORY

- Brought by the first fur traders, French was the first European language spoken in Alberta.
- In the 1890s, an influx of settlers arrived in Alberta in search of prosperity, and the proportion of Francophones decreased.
- In 1892, the Legislative Assembly made English the only language of debate and instruction.
- The Association canadienne-française de l'Alberta was created in 1926.
- In 1964, the *School Act* was amended to allow for one hour of French instruction per day.
- In the 1990s, Franco Albertans gained control over their schools, and the government of Alberta established a Francophone affairs secretariat.
- In 2017, the Government of Alberta introduced its first *French Policy* and recognized the Franco-Albertan flag as a symbol of distinction under the *Emblems of Alberta Act*.

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