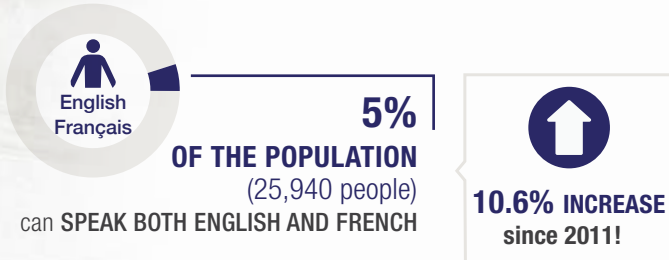


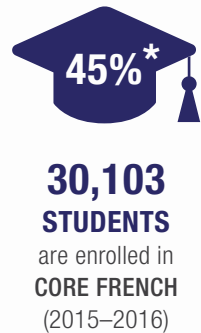
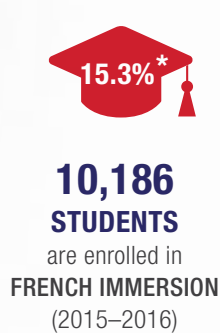


# The French Presence in NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



French is:

- the **MOTHER TONGUE** of **0.5% OF THE POPULATION** (2,681 people)
- the **FIRST OFFICIAL LANGUAGE SPOKEN** of **0.5% OF THE POPULATION** (2,430 people)



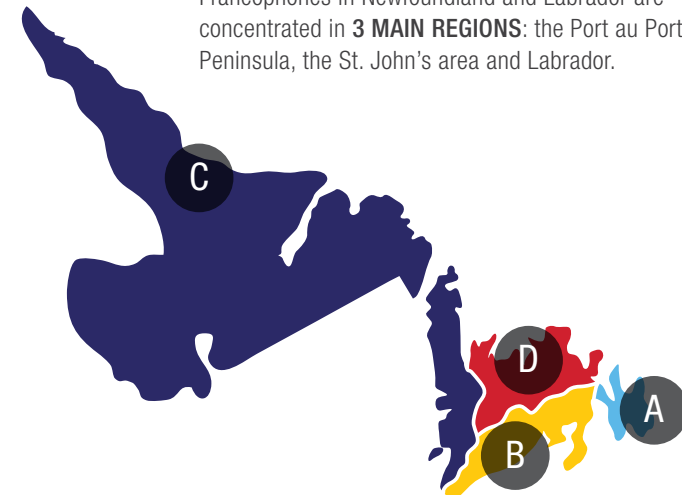
\*of eligible enrolment



There are about  
**360 STUDENTS**  
enrolled in **6 FRENCH-LANGUAGE**  
public schools in the province.

## WHERE DO FRANCOPHONES LIVE?

Francophones in Newfoundland and Labrador are concentrated in **3 MAIN REGIONS**: the Port au Port Peninsula, the St. John's area and Labrador.



### ECONOMIC REGIONS

- A** Avalon Peninsula (St. John's): **50%**
- B** South Coast–Burin Peninsula: **3%**
- C** West Coast–Northern Peninsula–Labrador (Port au Port Peninsula, Labrador): **39%**
- D** Notre Dame–Central Bonavista Bay: **9%**

## WHERE WERE THEY BORN?



## MEDIA



*Le Gaboteur*



CJRM Rafale FM 97.3 (Labrador City),  
Radio-Canada ICI Première and ICI Musique



ICI Radio-Canada Télé and Unis TV

## CELEBRATE!

March

The **JEUX D'HIVER FRANCO-LABRADORIENS** are held annually in Labrador City.

May

**PROVINCIAL FRANCOPHONIE DAY** is held yearly on May 30.

August

**THREE ANNUAL FOLK FESTIVALS** are held on the Port au Port Peninsula: Une Longue Veillée in Cape St. George, Une Journée dans l'Passé in Mainland and Un plaisir du vieux temps in Black Duck Brook.

November

The **FESTIVAL DU VENT** in St. John's celebrates Francophone culture and music.

## HISTORY

The first French fishermen arrived on the coast of Newfoundland in 1504.

In 1660, a French colony was established at Plaisance (now Placentia).

From the 17th century to the beginning of the 20th century, French and Acadian fishermen settled mainly near the banks of St. George's Bay and on the southwest part of the island.

The community spokesgroup, the Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador, was formed in 1973.

The first French-language school was established in Mainland in 1984.

The Franco-Newfoundlander and Labradorian flag was adopted in 1986 and was raised for the first time in front of the House of Assembly on **May 30, 1992**.

In 1997, the Conseil scolaire francophone provincial de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador was created.

In 1999, the provincial government declared **May 30** to be the Journée de la francophonie terre-neuvienne et labradorienne.

In 2015, Newfoundland adopted its first *French Language Services Policy*.

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