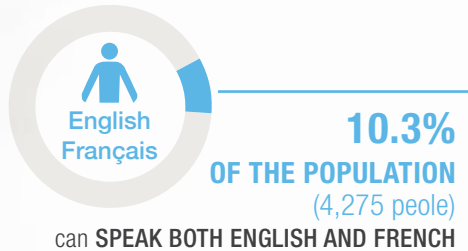
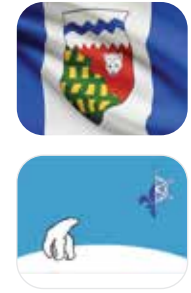


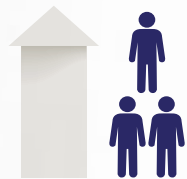


The French Presence in the NORTHWEST TERRITORIES



French is:

- the **MOTHER TONGUE** of **3.1% OF THE POPULATION** (1,267 people)
- the **FIRST OFFICIAL LANGUAGE** of **3% OF THE POPULATION** (1,240 people)



The number of people who
CAN SPEAK FRENCH has

MORE THAN TRIPLED
since the 1950s!



889 STUDENTS
are enrolled in
FRENCH IMMERSION
(2016–2017)



1,691 STUDENTS
are enrolled in
CORE FRENCH
(2016–2017)

*of eligible enrolment

2 FRENCH-LANGUAGE SCHOOLS
(Pre-school to Grade 12)

Nearly
200 STUDENTS
(2017–2018)



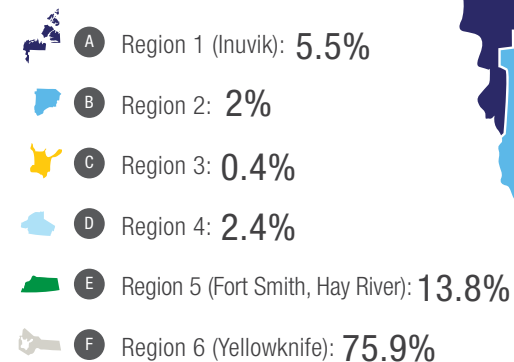
There are **11 OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**
in the **Northwest Territories!**

WHERE DO FRANCOPHONES LIVE?

Most Franco-Ténois **live in the Yellowknife area**.
Others have settled in Fort Smith, Inuvik and Hay River.

ECONOMIC REGIONS

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



WHERE WERE THEY BORN?



In the Northwest Territories: **13%**

Abroad: **12%**

Elsewhere in Canada: **76%**

MEDIA



L'Aquilon



CIVR Radio Taïga FM 103.5 (Yellowknife)



Unis TV, Radio-Canada video journalist

CELEBRATE!

March

The **RENDEZ-VOUS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE** is celebrated each year throughout the Northwest Territories with shows, flag-raising ceremonies and celebrations of French language and culture.

June

The **FÊTE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE NORDIQUE** showcases the diversity of the French-speaking people of the Northwest Territories.

Throughout the year, the Association franco-culturelle de Yellowknife and the Association franco-culturelle de Hay River organize many French-language activities and festivals.

HISTORY

French explorers began exploring the land in what is now the Northwest Territories starting in the **1600s** and continued to be active in charting the territory and creating fur trade routes into the **18th** and **19th** centuries.

English became the sole official language by law in **1892**, and French was not re-established as one of the Northwest Territories' official languages until **1984**. Today, there are 11 official languages in the territory.

Community groups play a leading role in Franco-Ténois vitality. The Association culturelle franco-ténoise, which became the Fédération franco-ténoise, was founded in **1978**.

In **1997**, the Conseil scolaire francophone was created under Yellowknife Education District No. 1. In **2000**, the Conseil became the Commission scolaire francophone, which manages its schools as a completely independent entity.

In **1999**, the largest part of the Northwest Territories separated to become the new territory of Nunavut. Because the vast majority of the population of Nunavut speak Inuktitut and English, the proportion of French speakers increased in the Northwest Territories following the creation of the new territory.

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- L'Association franco-culturelle de Yellowknife