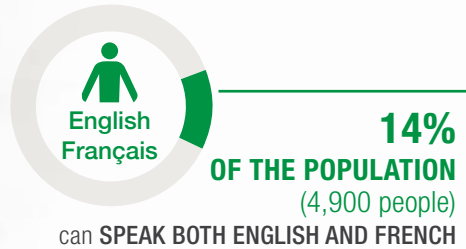




# The French Presence in YUKON



French is:

- the **MOTHER TONGUE** of **5% OF THE POPULATION** (1,693 people)
- the **FIRST OFFICIAL LANGUAGE** of **4.4% OF THE POPULATION** (1,575 people)



**297 STUDENTS** (Kindergarten to Grade 12)  
(2017–2018)

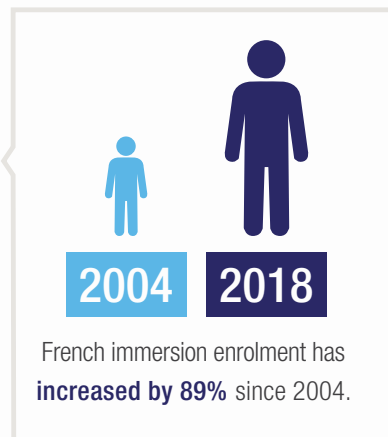
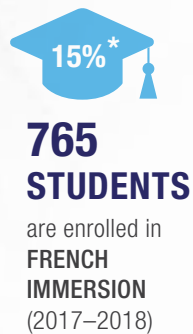
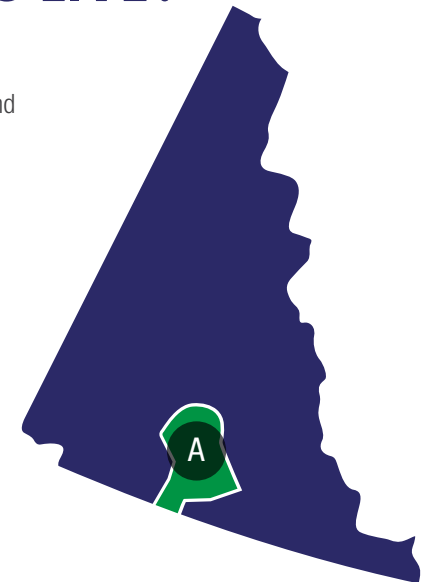


In terms of population percentage,  
**YUKON IS THIRD** IN CANADA  
for being the most bilingual, after Quebec  
and New Brunswick.

## WHERE DO FRANCOPHONES LIVE?

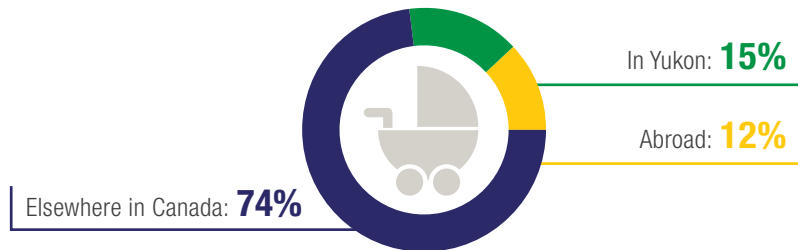
Most Franco-Yukonnais live in and around  
the capital, **Whitehorse**.

**A** Whitehorse (Census  
Agglomeration): **83%**



\*of eligible enrolment

## WHERE WERE THEY BORN?



## MEDIA



*L'Aurore boréale*



CBC North and Radio-Canada ICI Première and ICI Musique



ICI Radio-Canada Télé and Unis TV

## CELEBRATE!

May 15

**YUKON FRANCOPHONIE DAY** offers Yukoners an opportunity to learn more about the vibrant French language and culture in the territory and to appreciate and celebrate them.

## HISTORY

In 1840, Robert Campbell explored inland Yukon for the Hudson's Bay Company with the help of French-Canadian guides.

In 1874, Francophone fur trader François-Xavier Mercier built the Fort Reliance trading post near the mouth of the Klondike River.

During the Klondike Gold Rush in the late 1800s, Francophones were already well established in the area.

In the 1980s, the Franco-Yukonnais flag was adopted, and a French school and daycare centre opened.

In 1982, the Association franco-yukonnaise was established.

École Émilie-Tremblay, the first French-language school in the territory, opened in 1984. It is named in honour of one of the first Francophone women from Quebec to have made the long journey to Dawson, Yukon.

The Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon n° 23 is the only school board in Yukon. It officially opened on July 1, 1996, and is responsible for French-language education throughout the territory.

In 1988, Yukon's *Languages Act* was passed, and the French Language Services Office was created.

In 2007, the Yukon government proclaimed May 15 as Yukon Francophonie Day.

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