

KEY FACTS *about Saskatchewan's Francophone Community*

The Francophonie in Canada

Proportion of the population reporting French as the first official language spoken, French as mother tongue and a knowledge of French, Canada, 2016

	POPULATION			
	Knowledge of French*	Mother tongue is French*	First official language spoken was French*	
Canada	35,151,728	29.8%	21.4%	23.4%
Quebec	8,164,361	94.5%	79.1%	87.2%
Canada outside Quebec	26,987,367	10.2%	4.0%	4.1%

*The data include multiple responses.
Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2016

The French Presence in Saskatchewan

Proportion of the population reporting French as the first official language spoken, French as mother tongue and a knowledge of French, Saskatchewan, 2016

POPULATION	Number	Proportion*
Knowledge of French	51,895	4.7%
Mother tongue is French	17,740	1.6%
First official language spoken was French	15,325	1.4%

*The data include multiple responses.
Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2016

Evolution of the population whose mother tongue is French as a percentage of the total population, Saskatchewan, 1961-2016

Years	Saskatchewan Population	Francophone* Population	Proportion
1961	925,181	36,135	3.9%
1971	926,242	31,795	3.4%
1981	968,313	25,090	2.6%
1991	988,928	21,795	2.2%
1996	990,237	19,900	2.0%
2001	978,933	18,635	1.9%
2006	968,157	16,790	1.8%
2011	1,033,381	17,608	1.7%
2016	1,098,352	17,740	1.6%

*Except for the 1971 census, multiple responses were equally redistributed among the main linguistic groups. For the 2016 census, the proportion includes multiple responses.
Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 1961-2016

Student Enrolment in the Francophone School Board

Since its creation in 1995, the Francophone School Board has seen a steady growth in student enrolment. For instance, from 2007-2008 to 2018-2019, the Francophone School Board has grown its student population by more than 60%. In 2007-2008, 1,276 students were enrolled in one of the Francophone schools in Saskatchewan. For the current school year, the student enrolment is more than 2,000 students.

Pre-K to 12 Student Enrolment in the Francophone School Board in Saskatchewan (Sept. 30, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2019)

School Years	Number of Students
2019-2020	1996
2018-2019	2007
2017-2018	1944
2016-2017	1849
2015-2016	1794

Source: Conseil des écoles francophones

Student Enrolment in French Immersion programs in Saskatchewan

In 2020, Saskatchewan is celebrating 50 years of French Immersion in the province. A growing number of Saskatchewan families are recognizing the value of French-language education in our schools. Over the last 10 years, enrolment in French Immersion programming has risen by 30 percent. Today, there are more than 16,500 students enrolled in French Immersion programs in the province. This represents 8.5% of total student enrolment.

Pre-K to 12 Student Enrolment in French Immersion programs in Saskatchewan (Sept. 30, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2019)

School Years	Number of Students	French Immersion as a % of Total Student Enrolment
2019-2020	16,500	8.5%
2018-2019	16,013	8.7%
2017-2018	15,251	8.4%
2016-2017	14,487	8.1%
2015-2016	13,788	7.8%

Source: Saskatchewan's Ministry of Education

Where do people with French as the first official language spoken live in the province?

Saskatoon area	28.8%*
Regina area	20.5%
Prince Albert area	7.3%
Moose Jaw area	4.0%
North Battleford area	2.0%
Other communities	37.4%

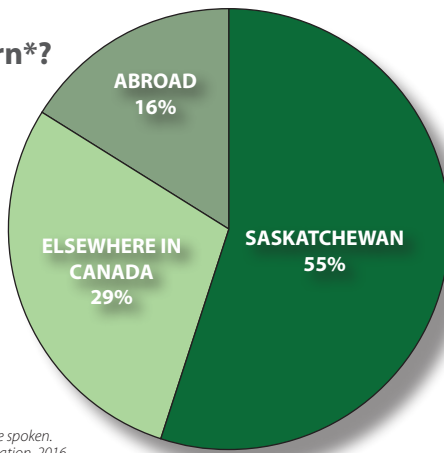
• Bellegarde • Bellevue-Domremy-St Louis • Debden • Estevan • Gravelbourg • Lloydminster • Ponteix • Prud'Homme-St Denis-Vonda • Swift Current • Zenon Park • Yorkton

*Please note that the proportions are determined according to the number of Francophones in Saskatchewan.
Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2016

Where were Francophones born*?

- Saskatchewan: 55%
- Elsewhere in Canada: 29%
- Abroad: 16%

In 2006, only about 6% of all Francophones were born outside Canada. The percentage of French-speaking immigrants is now 16% according to the 2016 Census.

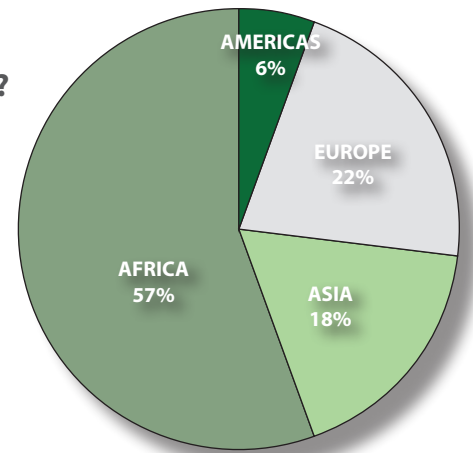


*The data refer to the first official language spoken.
Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2016

Where were French-speaking immigrants born?

- Americas: 6%
- Europe: 22%
- Asia: 18%
- Africa: 57%

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2016



The Fransaskois Network

PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS

Umbrella Organization

- Assemblée communautaire fransaskoise

Culture

- Association jeunesse fransaskoise
- Youth association
- Conseil culturel fransaskois
- Arts and cultural sector
- Les Éditions de la nouvelle plume
- Publishing house
- Société historique de la Saskatchewan
- Historical society
- Troupe du jour
- Professional theatre company

Justice

- Association des juristes d'expression française de la Saskatchewan
- French jurists

Economy and Immigration

- Communauté des Africains Francophones de la Saskatchewan
- Francophone Africans
- Conseil économique et coopératif de la Saskatchewan
- Economic and cooperative development
- Réseau en immigration francophone de la Saskatchewan
- Francophone immigration

Social

- Association des parents fransaskois
- Parents with children in Francophone daycare, preschool or school
- Vitalité 55+
- Seniors
- Fondation fransaskoise
- Registered charity whose aim is to provide student scholarships and financial assistance for community projects
- Fédération provinciale des fransaskoises Women

Health

- Réseau Santé en Français de la Saskatchewan (RSFS)
- French language health network

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Regional Francophone associations can be found in these communities:

- Battleford
- Bellegarde
- Bellevue-Domremy-St Louis
- Gravelbourg
- Moose Jaw
- Ponteix
- Prince Albert
- Prud'Homme-St Denis-Vonda
- Regina
- Saskatoon
- Zenon Park

FRANCOPHONE MEDIA

- CFRG
- Community radio in Gravelbourg
- L'Eau vive/Coopérative des publications fransaskoises
- The only French-language newspaper in the province
- Radio Canada Saskatchewan
- CBC in French

EDUCATION IN FRENCH

- Le Conseil des écoles fransaskoises
* 15 elementary and secondary schools
- Le Collège Mathieu
- Technical college based in Gravelbourg
- La Cité universitaire francophone
- The University of Regina's Francophone academic unit
- 77 schools offering French Immersion programming