# OFFICIAL LANGUAGES IN CANADA

#### FRENCH AND ENGLISH ARE THE LANGUAGES OF INCLUSION

**Population by Mother** Population by First Official Tongue, Canada Language Spoken, Canada - 1.8% Neither 21.0% 22.0% English nor French 22.8% French 75.4% English English \*OVER 215 OTHER LANGUAGES: The most important, Mandarin, was

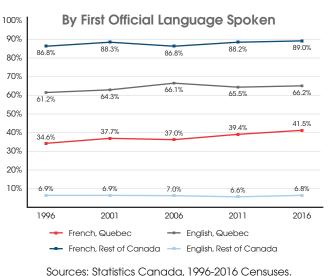
spoken by 610,835 people (1.8%)

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census.

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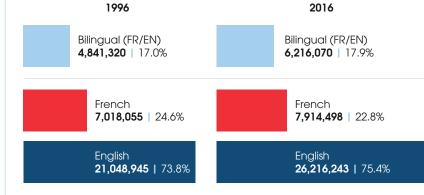
SPOKEN BY 98.2% OF CANADIANS

# **BILINGUALISM VARIES CONSIDERABLY BY GROUP**



## OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AND BILINGUALISM ARE AT THE HEART OF CANADIAN IDENTITY

Population by First Official Language Spoken and Bilingualism, Canada



Sources: Statistics Canada, 1996 and 2016 Censuses.

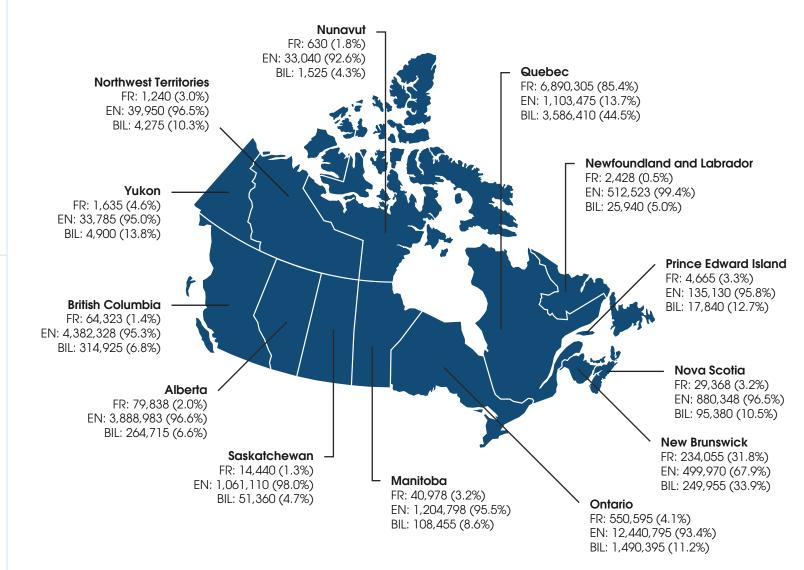
## MORE AND MORE YOUNG PEOPLE STUDY THEIR SECOND LANGUAGE 450,000 425,000 Young Canadians study French or 400,000 English as a second language 375,000 428,619 350,000 of them are in French immersion programs outside Quebec 325.000 300,000 275,000

Sources: Statistics Canada, 2003-2016.

French immersion enrolment increased 52% since 2003-2004

#### THE DEMOGRAPHIC PICTURE VARIES BY PROVINCE OR TERRITORY

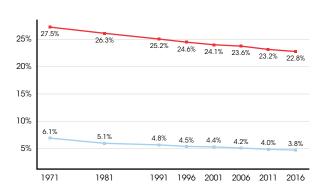
Population by First Official Language Spoken and Bilingualism, Provinces and Territories



Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census.

#### THE DEMOGRAPHIC WEIGHT OF FRANCOPHONES IS DECLINING

**Evolution of the Demographic Weight of Francophones** by First Official Language Spoken, Canada and Canada outside Quebec - Canada Canada outside Quebea



Sources: Statistics Canada, 1971-2016 Censuses

## SUPPORTING MINORITY COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS ENHANCES THEIR VITALITY





120 Radio stations and newspapers



Sources: Statistics Canada, 2015-2016. CRTC, 2018. PCH, 2016-2017.

#### THE MAJORITY OF CANADIANS PERCEIVE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES POSITIVELY



of Francophones feel that having two official languages is an important part of what it means to be Canadian (vs. 65% of English-speakers)



of Francophones think that learning both official languages contributes to a better understanding among Canadians (vs. 79% of English-speakers)



of English-speakers think that the Government of Canada is effective in protecting both official languages (vs. 60% of Francophones)

Source: Ad hoc Research for PCH, 2016.

