

# DEMOGRAPHIC PORTRAIT OF ALBERTA'S FRANCOPHONIE PROVINCIAL PROFILE

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## Acronyms and abbreviations

Classification of Instructional Programs	CIP
First official language spoken	FOLS
Low-income measure, after tax	LIM-AT
National Occupational Classification	NOC
Number	N
Population with both English and French as first official languages spoken	FOLS – EF
Population with English as first official language spoken	FOLS – E
Population with French as first official language spoken	FOLS – F

## Lexicon

Eligibility for instruction in the minority official language	This variable indicates whether a child is eligible for primary and secondary school instruction in English in Quebec or in French in Canada outside Quebec, as per the provisions of the <i>Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms</i> . In the 2021 Census, the child eligible for instruction in the minority official language is under the age of 18 on 31 December 2020.
Median age	The median age is age 'x', where half of the population is older than x and half is younger.
Knowledge of official languages	This variable refers to a person's ability to conduct a conversation in French only, English only, in both official languages, or in neither of these languages.
Potential demand for services in French	This variable is used to estimate the potential significant demand for the provision of federal communications and services in the minority official language. It is derived from the questions on mother tongue and languages spoken at home.
Census family	The census family includes married or common-law couples, with or without children, living in the same dwelling, as well as single parents living with at least one child.
Francophone	In this document, this term refers to a person whose first official language spoken is French or both French and English.
Indigenous identity	This variable refers to people who identify with the Indigenous peoples of Canada. There are three main groups of Indigenous peoples in Canada: First Nations, Métis and Inuit.
Immigrant	This refers to a person who is, or has ever been, a landed immigrant or permanent resident, regardless of their year of admission. Recent immigrants are those who were admitted between 2016 and 2021.
Labour force	The labour force is made up of employed people (those who have a job or run a business) and unemployed people (those who are ready to work and are actively looking for work).
First official language spoken	A person's first official language spoken may be 'French', 'English', 'French and English' or 'neither French nor English'. This is a variable derived from the questions on knowledge of official languages, the language spoken most often at home, and mother tongue.
Total income	Total income refers to revenue, before tax, from all sources, such as from employment or a business, government benefits, a pension, etc.
Median total income	The median total income is the total income level, 'x', where half of the population earns more than x and half less.
Low-income cut-off after tax	This threshold refers to the level of income below which individuals or families could experience difficulties in finding housing, food and clothing. Tax paid (federal and provincial) has been subtracted from the income calculation.

## Statistical portrait of my Francophone community

This statistical portrait is intended to support the work of stakeholders in Franco-Albertan communities, so that they can base their actions on detailed knowledge of the portrait of the Francophone populations they serve, at both the local and provincial levels. In total, 38 regional profiles of Francophone communities have been produced, in addition to a provincial profile<sup>1</sup>. The portrait provides a socio-demographic overview of Alberta's Francophone population.

This portrait was developed using data from the 2021 Census<sup>2</sup>, after submitting an order to Statistics Canada. We used the variable of first official language spoken (FOLS) to describe the Francophone population. We then cross-tabulated this variable with around 30 demographic, social and economic variables.

FOLS is a variable derived from questions on knowledge of official languages, the language spoken most often at home, and mother tongue. A person's FOLS may be "French", "English", "French and English" or "neither French nor English". In this document, the Francophone population includes the sum of people whose FOLS is "French" or "French and English".

Census data concern members of the population who have one of the following statuses: Canadian citizen, immigrant with permanent-resident status, refugee claimant, temporary worker, or foreign student.

To ensure data confidentiality, Statistics Canada randomly rounds values (up or down) to a multiple of five or 10. Thus, when data are totalled or grouped together, their total value may not correspond to the sum of the individual values, since totals and subtotals are rounded separately. This is why the tables presented below may show slight differences between the totals (in figures and proportions) and all of the individual values together. In addition, for some variables, where the population was too small, the values have been replaced by an "X".

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<sup>1</sup> This English version of *Demographic portrait of Alberta's Francophonie* includes only the provincial profile. The 38 regional profiles are available on [www.acfa.ab.ca](http://www.acfa.ab.ca) in French only.

<sup>2</sup> Statistics Canada counts the Canadian population using two main types of questionnaire: short-form and long-form. The long-form questionnaire is distributed to a sample (25%) of the population and includes all the questions from the short-form questionnaire as well as a set of additional questions designed to provide a complete picture of the population according to demographic, social and economic characteristics. The data from the long-form questionnaire are weighted in order to accurately represent the Canadian population. However, there may be slight differences in the totals between the data from the short-form questionnaire and those from the long-form questionnaire. For the sake of uniformity, and in order to present as complete a portrait as possible, all the data quoted in this document are taken from the long-form questionnaire.

## Provincial profile

### 1. Summary

**First official language spoken.** There are some 79 010 Francophones in Alberta, that is, 1.9% of the province's population.

**Potential demand for services in French.** In Alberta, 119 690 people, or 2.8% of the provincial population, are likely to request services in French, according to the federal government's new indicator.

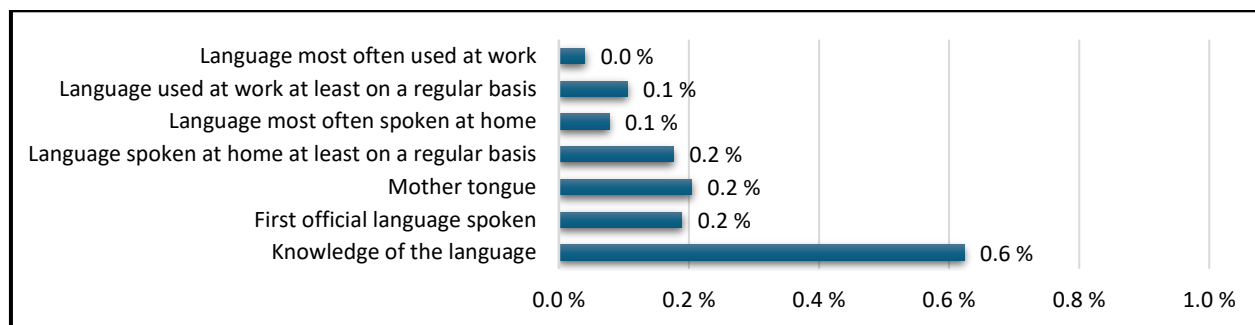
**Knowledge of official languages.** In Alberta, some 260 415 people are able to conduct a conversation in French, representing 6.2% of the province's total population. Between 2016 and 2021, the number of people who know French declined in Alberta for the first time since 1951. The rate of French-English bilingualism in the total population is 6.2%, while it is 4.5% in the population with English as the FOLS and 95.8% among Francophones.

**Knowledge of non-official languages.** The non-official languages used most by Francophones are Spanish (8%), Arabic (6%), Swahili (2%), Lingala (2%) and German (1%).

**Languages spoken at home.** More than half (54%) of Francophones speak French at least regularly at home, compared to 72% who speak English at least regularly.

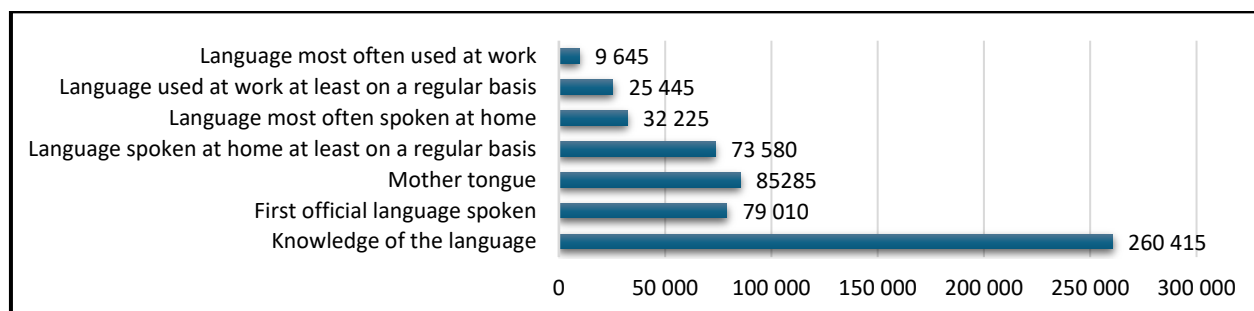
**Languages spoken at work.** Nearly a quarter (24%) of Francophones use French at least regularly at work, compared with 94% who use English at least regularly. French is most commonly used in education, law, and social, community and government services occupations, by 3.5% of people working in this sector.

**Figure 1 – Proportion of population reporting French by selected language characteristic or behaviour, Alberta, 2021**



Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

**Figure 2 – Number of people reporting French by selected language characteristic or behaviour, Alberta, 2021**



Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

**Gender.** Women are slightly less numerous than men in Alberta's Francophone population, representing 49% of the province's Francophones.

**Age groups.** The Francophone population is older than the population of the province as a whole, with a median age of 43 compared to 38 for the total population.

**Family and marital status.** Almost two-thirds (64%) of the Francophone population is married or living common-law, while 36% is single.

**Immigration.** The proportion of the Francophone population with an immigrant background (29%) is higher than that of the province's total population (23%). The main admission category of Francophone immigrants is economic immigrant (51%).

**Place of birth.** Three-quarters (76%) of Francophones residing in Alberta at the time of the 2021 Census were born outside of the province, compared to 48% of the total population. Africa is the birthplace of nearly two-thirds of the recent Francophone immigrant population (65%), while Asia is the main birthplace of the recent immigrant population as a whole (63%). Furthermore, just over one-third (35%) of non-immigrant Francophones were born in Alberta, while 69% of the total population was born in the province.

**Citizenship.** A large majority of the total population has Canadian citizenship (91%), a proportion comparable to that of the Francophone population (90%).

**Mobility.** Of the Francophones living in Alberta at the time of the 2021 Census, 9% lived in another province or territory five years earlier, and 6% lived outside the country.

**Indigenous identity.** Nearly 4% of the Francophone population, or 3 120 people, identify as Indigenous.

**Religion.** A majority of Francophones (62%) report a Christian religion, 47% of whom identify as Catholic.



***Ethnocultural diversity.*** Twenty-nine per cent (29%) of the Francophone population report belonging to a visible-minority group.

***Education.*** The Francophone population has higher educational attainment than the total population of Alberta, with 63% of Francophones having obtained a post-secondary certificate or diploma compared to 56% of the total population. Compared to the Alberta population as a whole, the proportion of Francophones who pursued post-secondary studies outside of Alberta is higher: 38% studied elsewhere in Canada and 25% abroad.

***Work.*** The five main employment sectors for the Francophone workforce are the same as for the Alberta population as a whole.

***Income.*** In Alberta, the median income for the total population aged 15 and over is \$44 800. Among Francophones, the median income in this age group is slightly higher, at \$47 200.

***Instruction in the minority official language.*** In Alberta, among those born between 2003 and the 2021 Census, 67 145 are eligible for instruction in French, that is, nearly 7% of the province's children. Of the school-age population eligible for French-language instruction in Alberta, only 49.6% received instruction in French, the lowest proportion in the country.

## 2. First official language spoken and potential demand for federal communications and services in the minority official language

Alberta has a population of 4 177 720. Of this number, 79 010 have French or both French and English as their first official language spoken, representing 1.9% of the provincial population.

Table 1 – Total population by first official language spoken, Alberta, 2021		
	N	%
English (FOLS – E)	4 035 685	96.6
French (FOLS – F)	63 825	1.5
French and English (FOLS – EF)	15 185	0.4
Neither French nor English	63 020	1.5
Francophones (FOLS – F and FOLS – EF)	79 010	1.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 177 720</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

Alberta has 119 690 people likely to request services in French according to the variable of potential demand for federal communications and services in the minority official language, which represents 2.6% of the total population.

Table 2 – Potential demand for federal communications and services in the minority official language, Alberta, 2021 <sup>3</sup>		
Census subdivision	N	%
Alberta	385	2.6

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

<sup>3</sup>The variable of potential demand for federal communications and services in the minority official language was not included in the order sent to Statistics Canada. The data on this variable were extracted from the publicly available 2021 Census products (table 98100215) and are taken from the short-form questionnaire, unlike the rest of the data presented in this document, which are taken from the long-form questionnaire.

### 3. Mother tongue

In Alberta, people whose mother tongue is English only make up 73.4% of the population, while those whose mother tongue is French only make up 1.5%. People whose only mother tongue is a non-official language make up 21.5% of the Alberta population.

Taking into account single and multiple responses, 85 290 people, or 2% of the Alberta population, have French as their mother tongue<sup>4</sup>.

	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>English</b>	3 064 915	73.4
<b>French</b>	62 820	1.5
<b>Non-official language(s)</b>	897 660	21.5
<b>French and English</b>	16 985	0.4
<b>English and non-official language(s)</b>	129 865	3.1
<b>French and non-official language(s)</b>	3 215	0.1
<b>French, English and non-official language(s)</b>	2 270	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 177 715</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

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<sup>4</sup> The discrepancy between FOLS and mother tongue data mainly concerns people who have both English and French as their mother tongues. The method for deriving FOLS provides that people who have knowledge of both official languages and who declare both English and French as their mother tongues, but who speak English most often at home, are classified as having English as their FOLS.

#### 4. Knowledge of official languages

In Alberta, some 260 415 people, or 6.2% of the total population, are able to conduct a conversation in French. The vast majority of these people can also conduct a conversation in English. Of all the people who know French, nearly 99% also know English.

The rate of French-English bilingualism in the total population is 6.2%, compared with 4.5% in the population with English as the FOLS and 95.8% among Francophones.

Among the Francophone population, only 3 310 people, that is 4% of the province's Francophones, know French but not English.

**Table 4 – Total population by knowledge of official languages and FOLS, Alberta, 2021**

	Total		FOLS - A		FOLS - F		FOLS - AF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>French only</b>	3 310	0.1	0	0.0	3 310	5.2	0	0.0	3 310	4.2
<b>English only</b>	3 852 615	92.2	3 852 615	95.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>French and English</b>	257 105	6.2	181 440	4.5	60 485	94.8	15 185	100.0	75 660	95.8
<b>Neither French nor English</b>	64 685	1.5	1 630	0.0	25	0.0	10	0.1	35	0.0
<b>Total</b>	4 177 720	100.0	4 035 685	100.0	63 825	100.0	15 185	100.0	79 010	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

If we cross-tabulate knowledge of the official languages and generation status, we find that the rate of French-English bilingualism is lowest among first-generation Canadians (4.6%). Among the second-generation population, i.e., people with one parent born outside the country, the rate is 6.2%. Finally, the highest proportion of people with knowledge of both official languages, at 6.8%, is among the third generation or more.

It should be noted that the highest proportion of people who are unable to conduct a conversation in either French or English is found among the first-generation population in Canada, accounting for almost 5% of this group. In addition, the first-generation population includes more than half (55%) of those who know only French as one of the two official languages, i.e., 1 825 people.

	First generation		Second generation		Third generation or more	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>English only</b>	970 565	90.4	717 740	92.3	2 164 310	93.0
<b>French only</b>	1 825	0.2	490	0.1	990	0.0
<b>French and English</b>	49 440	4.6	48 350	6.2	159 320	6.8
<b>Neither French nor English</b>	52 310	4.9	10 925	1.4	1 455	0.1
<b>Total</b>	1 074 140	100.0	777 500	100.0	2 326 075	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

By cross-tabulating knowledge of official languages variable and age group, we can see that the proportion of French-English bilingual people is highest in the 15-24 age group (8.6%) and lowest in the 65+ age group (4.5%).

	0 to 14 years		15 to 24 years old		25 to 44 years old		45 to 64 years old		65 and over	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>English only</b>	740 625	92.3	448 590	91.1	1 137 205	92.4	994 585	93.2	531 605	90.9
<b>French only</b>	1 095	0.1	175	0.0	875	0.1	715	0.1	455	0.1
<b>French and English</b>	46 935	5.8	42 190	8.6	85 170	6.9	56 455	5.3	26 360	4.5
<b>Neither French nor English</b>	13 925	1.7	1 200	0.2	7 310	0.6	15 850	1.5	26 400	4.5
<b>Total</b>	802 585	100.0	492 155	100.0	1 230 555	100.0	1 067 600	100.0	584 810	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

By cross-tabulating the variables of knowledge of official languages and total income, we can see that French-English bilingual people have the highest median income (\$49 200) and the highest average income (\$66 800) among Albertans.

For people who know only one of the official languages, those who speak only English have a higher median income (\$44 800) and average income (\$61 050) than people who know only French (median income of \$29 200 and average income of \$35 920).

Finally, people who know neither official language are those with the lowest incomes.

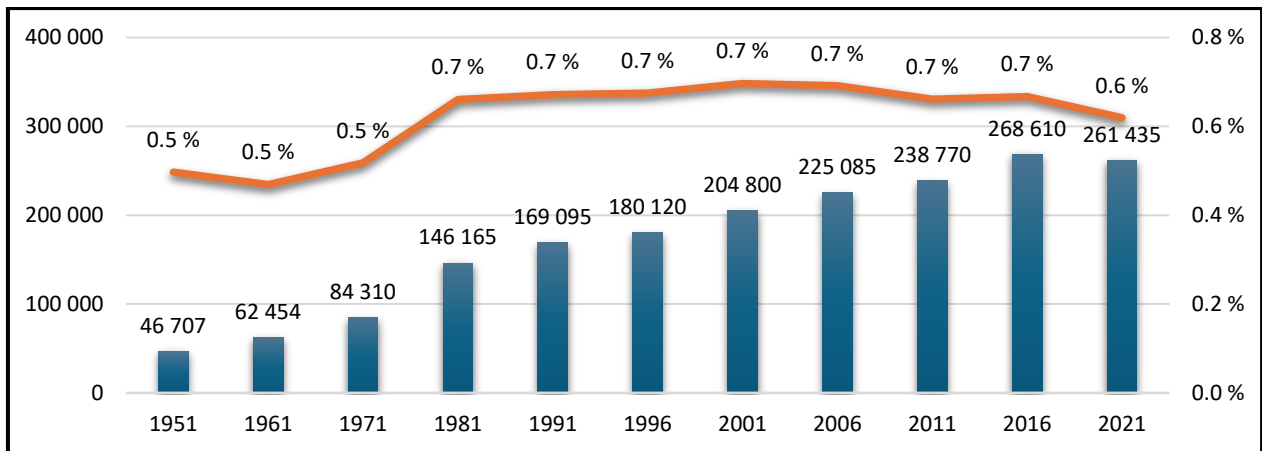
Table 7 – Total population by total income and knowledge of official languages, Alberta, 2021				
	English only	French only	French and English	Neither French nor English
<b>Median income</b>	44 800 \$	29 200 \$	49 200 \$	21 800 \$
<b>Average income</b>	61 050 \$	35 920 \$	66 800 \$	24 920 \$

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

From 1951 to 2016, the number of people in Alberta who knew French steadily rose in absolute terms, from approximately 46 705 to 268 610 over this period. The first decline in this number is observed between 2016 and 2021. At the time of the 2021 Census, there were approximately 7,000 fewer people who knew French in Alberta than five years earlier.

The proportion of the Alberta population that knows French has fluctuated over the past 70 years, from a low of 4.7% in 1961 to a high of 7% in 2001. Between the 2001 and 2021 censuses, the proportion of people in Alberta able to conduct a conversation in French fell from 7% to 6.2%.

**Figure 3 Total population by knowledge of French, Alberta, 1951 to 2021<sup>5</sup>**

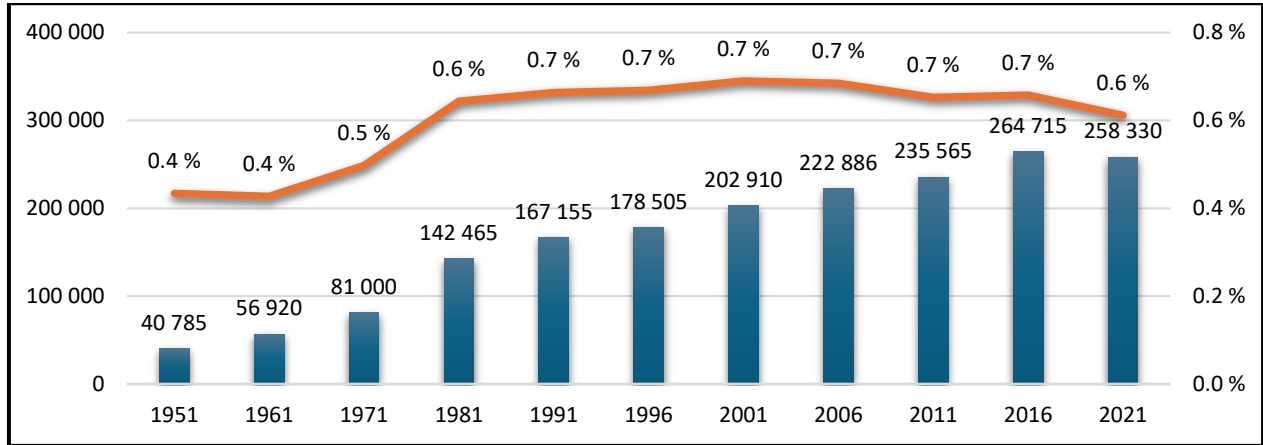


Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

The number of French-English bilingual individuals also rose steadily between 1951 and 2016, with the vast majority of people who know French being bilingual. The first decline in the number of French-English bilingual individuals is seen between 2016 and 2021, with the number falling by just over 6 000. Between 1951 and 2021, the rate of French-English bilingualism fluctuated, from a low of 4.3% in 1951 and 1961 to a high of 6.9% in 2001.

<sup>5</sup>The data presented in Figures 3 and 4 are taken from the short-form census questionnaire, which explains the slight discrepancy between them and the data presented in Table 4.

**Figure 4 Total population by knowledge of English and French, Alberta, 1951 to 2021**



Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

## 5. Knowledge of non-official languages

The most common non-official languages known by Francophones are Spanish (8%), Arabic (6%), Swahili (2%), Lingala (2%) and German (1%).

We can see that people who have both French and English as their FOLS are proportionately more likely to know a non-official language than people who have only French as their FOLS.

	FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Spanish	3 230	5.1	3 110	20.5	6 340	8.0
Arabic	2 145	3.4	2 630	17.3	4 780	6.0
Swahili	1 230	1.9	500	3.3	1 730	2.2
Lingala	1 185	1.9	170	1.1	1 355	1.7
German	600	0.9	490	3.2	1 090	1.4
Russian	155	0.2	780	5.1	940	1.2
Italian	535	0.8	365	2.4	895	1.1
Haitian Creole	515	0.8	310	2.0	825	1.0
Rundi (Kirundi)	555	0.9	265	1.7	820	1.0
Mandarin	190	0.3	595	3.9	795	1.0
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	390	0.6	300	2.0	690	0.9
Punjabi	70	0.1	605	4.0	675	0.9
Romanian	100	0.2	555	3.7	655	0.8
Portuguese	240	0.4	385	2.5	630	0.8
Hindi	130	0.2	485	3.2	620	0.8
Somali	280	0.4	285	1.9	565	0.7
Mauritian	240	0.4	260	1.7	500	0.6
Wolof	355	0.6	140	0.9	490	0.6
Urdu	50	0.1	335	2.2	385	0.5
Polish	80	0.1	240	1.6	325	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>63 825</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>15 190</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>79 010</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021



## 6. Languages spoken at home

In Alberta, just under 2% of the total population speak French at least regularly at home, compared to 93% who speak English at least regularly at home.

More than half (54%) of Francophones speak French at least regularly at home and for 37% of these people, it is their main language, with French being used predominantly or equally with other languages.

A majority of Francophones (72%) use English at least regularly at home, and for more than half of these people (55%), it is their main language, with English being used predominantly or equally with other languages.

It should be noted that just over 30 000 people who are not included in the Francophone category (FOLS – F and FOLS – EF) speak French at least regularly at home.

**Table 9 – Total population by French spoken at home and FOLS, Alberta, 2021**

Use of French	Total		FOLS – E		FOLS – F		FOLS – EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Predominantly</b>	22 425	0.5	1 095	0.0	21 335	33.4	0	0.0	21 335	27.0
<b>Equally with another language</b>	9 800	0.2	1 575	0.0	4 770	7.5	3 445	22.7	8 215	10.4
<b>As a secondary language</b>	41 355	1.0	27 845	0.7	10 775	16.9	2 670	17.6	13 450	17.0
<b>Not regularly or not at all</b>	4 104 140	98.2	4 005 170	99.2	26 945	42.2	9 070	59.7	36 010	45.6
<b>Total</b>	4 177 720	100.0	4 035 685	100.0	63 825	100.0	15 185	100.0	79 010	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

**Table 10 – Total population by English spoken at home and FOLS, Alberta, 2021**

Use of English	Total		FOLS - A		FOLS - F		FOLS - AF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Predominantly</b>	3 458 005	82.8	3 422 515	84.8	35 490	55.6	0	0.0	35 490	44.9
<b>Equally with another language</b>	160 195	3.8	152 225	3.8	4 520	7.1	3 445	22.7	7 965	10.1
<b>As a secondary language</b>	249 640	6.0	232 755	5.8	7 275	11.4	6 035	39.7	13 320	16.9
<b>Not regularly or not at all</b>	309 880	7.4	228 190	5.7	16 540	25.9	5 705	37.6	22 235	28.1
<b>Total</b>	4 177 720	100.0	4 035 685	100.0	63 825	100.0	15 185	100.0	79 010	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

The three main non-official languages spoken most often at home (predominantly or equally with other languages) by Francophones are Spanish (4%), Arabic (3%) and Romanian (1%).

**Table 11 – Francophone population by main non-official languages spoken most often at home and FOLS, Alberta, 2021**

	FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Spanish</b>	250	0.4	2 540	16.4	2 790	3.5
<b>Arabic</b>	425	0.7	2 060	13.3	2 485	3.1
<b>Romanian</b>	15	0.0	540	3.5	555	0.7
<b>Punjabi</b>	35	0.1	475	3.1	510	0.6
<b>Russian</b>	20	0.0	475	3.1	495	0.6
<b>Mandarin</b>	30	0.0	410	2.6	440	0.6
<b>Somali</b>	65	0.1	245	1.6	310	0.4
<b>Portuguese</b>	20	0.0	290	1.9	310	0.4
<b>Swahili</b>	90	0.1	195	1.3	285	0.4
<b>Rundi (Kirundi)</b>	85	0.1	145	0.9	230	0.3
<b>Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)</b>	55	0.1	170	1.1	225	0.3
<b>Urdu</b>	10	0.0	210	1.4	220	0.3
<b>Haitian Creole</b>	50	0.1	165	1.1	215	0.3
<b>Vietnamese</b>	30	0.0	175	1.1	205	0.3
<b>Tagalog</b>	35	0.1	170	1.1	205	0.3
<b>Iranian Persian</b>	5	0.0	200	1.3	205	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

Comparing the non-immigrant and immigrant Francophone populations according to the use of French at home, we find that non-immigrants (38%) are slightly more likely to use French most often at home (predominantly or equally with other languages) than immigrants (36%). However, a slightly higher proportion of Francophone immigrants (55%) than non-immigrants (54%) use French at least regularly at home. Finally, 70% of Francophone non-permanent residents speak French at least regularly at home, and for 51% of these people, it is the main language used (predominantly or equally with other languages).

**Table 12 – Francophone population by French spoken at home and immigration status, Alberta, 2021**

Use of French	Total		Non-immigrants		Immigrants		Non-permanent residents	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Predominantly</b>	21 335	27.0	15 240	28.0	5 365	23.5	735	41.5
<b>Equally with another language</b>	8 210	10.4	5 205	9.6	2 835	12.4	175	9.9
<b>As a secondary language</b>	13 450	17.0	8 710	16.0	4 395	19.2	320	18.1
<b>Not regularly or not at all</b>	36 015	45.6	25 240	46.4	10 250	44.9	540	30.5
<b>Total</b>	79 010	100.0	54 395	100.0	22 845	100.0	1 770	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

## 7. Languages spoken at work

Of Alberta's total labour force, just over 1% use French at least regularly at work, while 99% use English at least regularly.

Just under a quarter (24%) of Francophones use French at least regularly at work. Of this group, 6 140 use French most often at work (predominantly or equally with other languages), representing 12% of the Francophone labour force.

A large majority of Francophones (94%) use English at least regularly at work, and for 90% of this group, it is the main language of use, with English being used predominantly or equally with other languages.

**Table 13 – Population aged 15 and over who worked between 1 January 2020 and the 2021 Census, by use of French at work and FOLS, Alberta, 2021**

Use of French	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Predominantly</b>	6 900	0.3	2 420	0.1	4 155	10.2	320	3.6	4 475	9.0
<b>Equally with another language</b>	2 745	0.1	1 080	0.0	1 300	3.2	375	4.2	1 665	3.3
<b>As a secondary language</b>	15 800	0.7	9 800	0.4	5 135	12.6	860	9.5	5 990	12.0
<b>Not regularly or not at all</b>	2 396 665	98.9	2 343 555	99.4	30 175	74.0	7 455	82.7	37 645	75.6
<b>Total</b>	2 422 110	100.0	2 356 855	100.0	40 765	100.0	9 010	100.0	49 775	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

**Table 14 – Population aged 15 and over who worked between 1 January 2020 and the 2021 Census, by use of English at work and FOLS, Alberta, 2021**

Use of English	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Predominantly</b>	2 374 615	98.0	2 325 385	98.7	35 160	86.3	8 095	89.8	43 250	86.9
<b>Equally with another language</b>	14 390	0.6	11 950	0.5	1 320	3.2	425	4.7	1 740	3.5
<b>As a secondary language</b>	14 315	0.6	11 000	0.5	1 630	4.0	250	2.8	1 880	3.8
<b>Not regularly or not at all</b>	18 790	0.8	8 520	0.4	2 655	6.5	240	2.7	2 905	5.8
<b>Total</b>	2 422 110	100.0	2 356 855	100.0	40 765	100.0	9 010	100.0	49 775	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

As shown in Table 13, 1.1% of the total labour force uses French at least regularly at work. This proportion is higher in the education, law, and social, community and government services sector (3.5%); in the art, culture, recreation and sport sector (1.7%); and in the legislative and senior-management sector (1.5%).

<b>Table 15 – Population aged 15 and over by occupation (by NOC) and use of French at work (at least regularly), Alberta, 2021</b>		
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Legislative and senior management occupations</b>	360	1.5
<b>Business, finance and administration</b>	3 905	1.0
<b>Natural and applied sciences and related occupations</b>	1 500	0.8
<b>Health occupations</b>	1 380	0.7
<b>Education, law, and social, community and government services</b>	9 465	3.5
<b>Art, culture, recreation and sport</b>	1 030	1.7
<b>Sales and service occupations</b>	4 560	0.8
<b>Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations</b>	2 385	0.5
<b>Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations</b>	495	0.4
<b>Manufacturing and utilities</b>	300	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

## 8. Gender and age group

Women are slightly less numerous than men in Alberta's Francophone population, representing 49% of the province's Francophones.

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Male+</b>	2 088 235	50.0	2 022 475	50.1	32 520	51.0	7 565	49.8	40 085	50.7
<b>Female+</b>	2 089 480	50.0	2 013 215	49.9	31 300	49.0	7 625	50.2	38 925	49.3
<b>Total</b>	4 177 715	100.0	4 035 685	100.0	63 820	100.0	15 190	100.0	79 010	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

In Alberta, the median age of the total population is 38. The median age of the English FOLS population is also 38, while the median age of Francophones is higher, at 43. The Francophone population includes 17% of people aged 0-19, while this proportion is higher (25%) among the population with English as their FOLS. Conversely, the Francophone population has a higher proportion of people aged 65 and over (18%), compared to the proportion observed among the population with English as their FOLS (14%). These data reflect the fact that, overall, the Francophone population is older than the population with English as their FOLS.

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>0 to 19 years</b>	1 049 795	25.1	1 023 165	25.4	8 660	13.6	4 615	30.4	13 265	16.8
<b>0 to 4 years</b>	247 715	5.9	234 790	5.8	1 625	2.5	565	3.7	2 190	2.8
<b>5 to 9 years</b>	276 640	6.6	271 680	6.7	2 325	3.6	1 075	7.1	3 395	4.3
<b>10 to 14 years</b>	278 230	6.7	273 655	6.8	2 485	3.9	1 465	9.6	3 945	5.0
<b>15 to 19 years</b>	247 210	5.9	243 040	6.0	2 225	3.5	1 515	10.0	3 735	4.7
<b>20 to 64 years</b>	2 543 110	60.9	2 467 920	61.2	42 115	66.0	9 665	63.6	51 790	65.5
<b>20 to 24 years</b>	244 945	5.9	240 540	6.0	2 515	3.9	1 200	7.9	3 715	4.7
<b>25 to 29 years</b>	271 345	6.5	265 555	6.6	3 760	5.9	1 070	7.0	4 825	6.1
<b>30 to 34 years</b>	319 380	7.6	311 795	7.7	4 805	7.5	1 120	7.4	5 920	7.5
<b>35 to 39 years</b>	335 215	8.0	326 150	8.1	5 535	8.7	1 490	9.8	7 030	8.9
<b>40 to 44 years</b>	304 625	7.3	295 175	7.3	5 505	8.6	1 500	9.9	7 010	8.9
<b>45 to 49 years</b>	275 250	6.6	266 115	6.6	5 085	8.0	1 255	8.3	6 335	8.0
<b>50 to 54 years</b>	259 910	6.2	251 295	6.2	4 640	7.3	945	6.2	5 580	7.1
<b>55 to 59 years</b>	270 970	6.5	261 105	6.5	5 040	7.9	645	4.2	5 680	7.2
<b>60 to 64 years</b>	261 470	6.3	250 185	6.2	5 240	8.2	450	3.0	5 685	7.2
<b>65 years and older</b>	584 810	14.0	544 605	13.5	13 050	20.4	905	6.0	13 955	17.7
<b>65 to 69 years</b>	212 945	5.1	201 050	5.0	4 565	7.2	375	2.5	4 940	6.3
<b>70 to 74 years</b>	160 085	3.8	149 785	3.7	3 535	5.5	260	1.7	3 800	4.8
<b>75 to 79 years</b>	101 320	2.4	93 715	2.3	2 465	3.9	150	1.0	2 615	3.3
<b>80 to 84 years</b>	61 775	1.5	56 410	1.4	1 400	2.2	70	0.5	1 470	1.9
<b>85 years and older</b>	48 690	1.2	43 655	1.1	1 085	1.7	45	0.3	1 135	1.4
<b>Total</b>	4 177 715	100.0	4 035 685	100.0	63 820	100.0	15 190	100.0	79 010	100.0
<b>Median age</b>	38 years old		38 years old		46 years old		33 years old		43 years old	

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

## 9. Families, households and marital status

A majority of the Francophone population (81%) lives with their partner (married or common-law), child(ren) or parent(s), while a minority of Francophones (12%) live alone. This proportion of people living alone is slightly higher in the Francophone population than in the total population (10%).

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>People in census families</b>	3 456 705	82.7	3 342 050	82.8	50 185	78.6	13 575	89.4	63 760	80.7
<b>Married or common-law partners</b>	1 975 820	47.3	1 899 700	47.1	36 510	57.2	6 860	45.2	43 375	54.9
<b>Parents in single-parent families</b>	176 620	4.2	169 240	4.2	2 975	4.7	535	3.5	3 510	4.4
<b>Children</b>	1 304 265	31.2	1 273 115	31.5	10 700	16.8	6 175	40.7	16 875	21.4
<b>People not in census family</b>	721 010	17.3	693 630	17.2	13 635	21.4	1 615	10.6	15 250	19.3
<b>Living alone</b>	424 115	10.2	411 940	10.2	8 805	13.8	820	5.4	9 630	12.2
<b>Living with relatives</b>	108 055	2.6	97 990	2.4	1 490	2.3	370	2.4	1 865	2.4
<b>Living with unrelated people only</b>	188 835	4.5	183 705	4.6	3 340	5.2	420	2.8	3 760	4.8
<b>Total</b>	4 177 715	100.0	4 035 685	100.0	63 820	100.0	15 190	100.0	79 010	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

Just under two-thirds (64%) of the Francophone population is married or in a common-law relationship, while 36% are single.

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Couples</b>	2 013 330	59.7	1 934 360	59.4	37 215	64.9	7 085	58.6	44 300	63.8
<b>Married</b>	1 682 625	49.9	1 612 895	49.5	29 450	51.3	6 495	53.7	35 950	51.7
<b>Common-law</b>	330 700	9.8	321 460	9.9	7 770	13.5	585	4.8	8 355	12.0
<b>Single</b>	1 361 800	40.3	1 321 205	40.6	20 175	35.2	5 000	41.4	25 180	36.2
<b>Never married</b>	941 755	27.9	923 065	28.4	11 805	20.6	4 105	34.0	15 910	22.9
<b>Separated or divorced</b>	290 485	8.6	280 810	8.6	5 610	9.8	725	6.0	6 340	9.1
<b>Widowed</b>	129 565	3.8	117 325	3.6	2 755	4.8	175	1.4	2 925	4.2
<b>Total</b>	3 375 130	100.0	3 255 565	100.0	57 385	100.0	12 090	100.0	69 475	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

## 10. Immigration

The proportion of the Francophone population with an immigrant background (29%) is higher than that of the province's total population (23%).

People with temporary residence permits in Canada, such as temporary workers and foreign students, represent 2% of Alberta's Francophone population, a proportion comparable to that of the province's total population.

**Table 20 – Total population by immigration status and FOLS, Alberta, 2021**

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Non-immigrants</b>	3 141 915	75.2	3 075 770	76.2	49 940	78.2	4 465	29.4	54 395	68.8
<b>Immigrants</b>	970 975	23.2	899 855	22.3	12 605	19.7	10 235	67.4	22 840	28.9
<b>Non-permanent residents</b>	64 825	1.6	60 060	1.5	1 285	2.0	490	3.2	1 770	2.2
<b>Total</b>	4 177 715	100.0	4 035 690	100.0	63 825	100.0	15 190	100.0	79 010	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

Of the 22 840 Francophone immigrants recorded in Alberta in 2021, 4 355 (19%) are considered recent immigrants who landed between 2016 and 2021.

**Table 21 – Immigrant population by period of immigration and FOLS, Alberta, 2021**

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Before 1980</b>	127 275	13.1	123 000	13.7	1 045	8.3	360	3.5	1 405	6.2
<b>1980 to 1990</b>	91 320	9.4	84 780	9.4	655	5.2	480	4.7	1 135	5.0
<b>1991 to 2000</b>	126 610	13.0	115 260	12.8	1 555	12.3	1 180	11.5	2 730	12.0
<b>2001 to 2010</b>	239 260	24.6	220 915	24.6	3 645	28.9	4 235	41.4	7 870	34.5
<b>2011 to 2021</b>	386 505	39.8	355 900	39.6	5 715	45.3	3 980	38.9	9 695	42.4
<b>2011 to 2015</b>	193 340	19.9	180 005	20.0	2 910	23.1	2 435	23.8	5 345	23.4
<b>2016 to 2021</b>	193 175	19.9	175 900	19.5	2 800	22.2	1 550	15.1	4 355	19.1
<b>Total</b>	970 975	100.0	899 855	100.0	12 605	100.0	10 235	100.0	22 840	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

There are proportionally more women than men among recent Francophone immigrants, accounting for 55% of this group. Among immigrants whose FOLS is English, women are also more numerous, but account for a lesser proportion, at 52%.

**Table 22 – Recent immigrant population (admitted between 2016 and 2021) by gender and FOLS, Alberta, 2021**

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Men+</b>	91 815	47.5	84 885	48.3	1 280	45.7	680	44.0	1 960	45.1
<b>Women+</b>	101 360	52.5	91 010	51.7	1 520	54.3	865	56.0	2 385	54.9
<b>Total</b>	193 175	100.0	175 895	100.0	2 800	100.0	1 545	100.0	4 345	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

The main admission category for Francophone immigrants is economic immigrant (51%), followed by refugee (25%) and people sponsored by a family member (22%). Compared with immigrants whose FOLS is English, Francophones have a higher proportion of refugees.

**Table 23 – Immigrant population admitted between 1980 and 2021 by admission category, type of applicant and FOLS, Alberta, 2021**

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Economic immigrants</b>	471 325	55.9	452 365	58.2	5 510	47.7	5 510	55.8	11 020	51.4
<b>Main applicants</b>	192 785	22.8	184 460	23.7	2 645	22.9	2 435	24.7	5 080	23.7
<b>Secondary applicants</b>	278 535	33.0	267 910	34.5	2 865	24.8	3 075	31.1	5 935	27.7
<b>Immigrants sponsored by family</b>	240 090	28.5	206 675	26.6	2 885	25.0	1 730	17.5	4 615	21.5
<b>Refugees</b>	123 970	14.7	110 605	14.2	2 905	25.1	2 400	24.3	5 305	24.7
<b>Other immigrants</b>	8 315	1.0	7 205	0.9	265	2.3	235	2.4	500	2.3
<b>Total</b>	843 700	100.0	776 855	100.0	11 555	100.0	9 875	100.0	21 435	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021



A majority of Francophone immigrants (72%) had never held a temporary residence permit in Canada before becoming permanent residents. However, almost 15% of these people had already held a work permit, study permit or both.

In addition, there is a higher proportion of former refugee claimants among the Francophone immigrant population (12%) than among all immigrants in Alberta (4%).

**Table 24 – Immigrant population admitted between 1980 and 2021, by pre-admission experience and FOLS, Alberta, 2021**

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Refugee claim</b>	29 810	3.5	26 015	3.3	1 545	13.4	1 075	10.9	2 620	12.2
<b>Work permit only</b>	126 640	15.0	122 855	15.8	1 000	8.7	805	8.2	1 805	8.4
<b>Study permit only</b>	24 340	2.9	23 655	3.0	275	2.4	280	2.8	550	2.6
<b>Work and study permits</b>	47 540	5.6	46 215	5.9	575	5.0	335	3.4	910	4.2
<b>Other permits</b>	3 740	0.4	3 415	0.4	40	0.3	45	0.5	80	0.4
<b>No experience</b>	611 625	72.5	554 705	71.4	8 130	70.4	7 340	74.3	15 470	72.2
<b>Total</b>	843 700	100.0	776 855	100.0	11 555	100.0	9 875	100.0	21 435	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

In terms of age at the time of obtaining permanent residence in Canada, more than a quarter of Francophone immigrants (27%) were aged 14 or under; 16% were aged between 15 and 24; half (50%) were aged between 25 and 44; and only 6% were over 45. These proportions are similar for immigrants whose FOLS is English.

**Table 25 – Immigrant population by age at immigration and FOLS, Alberta, 2021**

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Less than 5 years</b>	85 135	8.8	81 765	9.1	1 130	9.0	965	9.4	2 095	9.2
<b>5 to 14 years</b>	169 070	17.4	163 670	18.2	2 080	16.5	2 020	19.7	4 105	18.0
<b>15 to 24 years</b>	175 855	18.1	168 305	18.7	2 165	17.2	1 525	14.9	3 690	16.2
<b>25 to 44 years</b>	450 070	46.4	423 540	47.1	6 350	50.4	5 150	50.3	11 500	50.4
<b>45 and over</b>	90 850	9.4	62 575	7.0	875	6.9	580	5.7	1 455	6.4
<b>Total</b>	970 975	100.0	899 855	100.0	12 605	100.0	10 235	100.0	22 840	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

## 11. Place of birth

Three-quarters (76%) of Francophones residing in Alberta at the time of the 2021 Census were born outside the province. Of these, 44% were born in another province or territory, and 32% were born outside Canada.

In comparison, less than half of the total Alberta population (48%) was born outside the province. Of these, 23% were born elsewhere in Canada and 26% outside the country.

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>In Canada</b>	3 103 580	74.3	3 038 505	75.3	49 480	77.5	4 350	28.6	53 830	68.1
<b>In Alberta</b>	2 165 210	51.8	2 135 550	52.9	16 200	25.4	2 870	18.9	19 070	24.1
<b>Elsewhere in Canada</b>	938 370	22.5	902 955	22.4	33 280	52.1	1 480	9.7	34 760	44.0
<b>Outside Canada</b>	1 074 140	25.7	997 180	24.7	14 345	22.5	10 835	71.3	25 180	31.9
<b>Total</b>	4 177 715	100.0	4 035 685	100.0	63 820	100.0	15 190	100.0	79 010	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

When we isolate the immigrant population, we find that a majority (57%) of the total immigrant population was born in Asia, while among Francophones, almost half of immigrants were born in Africa (50%).

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Americas</b>	110 855	11.4	104 300	11.6	1 155	9.2	2 480	24.2	3 630	15.9
<b>Europe</b>	180 590	18.6	173 470	19.3	2 815	22.3	1 780	17.4	4 595	20.1
<b>Africa</b>	119 295	12.3	105 465	11.7	7 920	62.8	3 420	33.4	11 335	49.6
<b>Asia</b>	549 965	56.6	506 495	56.3	710	5.6	2 555	25.0	3 265	14.3
<b>Oceania and other places of birth</b>	10 270	1.1	10 130	1.1	10	0.1	10	0.1	20	0.1
<b>Total</b>	970 975	100.0	899 855	100.0	12 605	100.0	10 235	100.0	22 840	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

Among recent Francophone immigrants, Africa is by far the main place of birth, accounting for 65% of this group. Among the total recent immigrant population, the main place of birth is Asia (63%).

**Table 28 – Recent immigrant population (admitted between 2016 and 2021) by place of birth and FOLS, Alberta, 2021**

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Americas</b>	19 300	10.0	17 720	10.1	100	3.6	320	20.6	420	9.6
<b>Europe</b>	15 750	8.2	14 465	8.2	435	15.5	220	14.2	660	15.2
<b>Africa</b>	34 320	17.8	29 885	17.0	2 170	77.5	655	42.3	2 820	64.8
<b>Asia</b>	122 355	63.3	112 415	63.9	95	3.4	355	22.9	445	10.2
<b>Oceania and others</b>	1 445	0.7	1 425	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	193 175	100.0	175 900	100.0	2 800	100.0	1 550	100.0	4 355	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

Within the Francophone immigrant population, there are distinctions in terms of the main countries of birth according to the year of admission.

Among Francophone immigrants who obtained permanent residence before 2016, the five most common countries of birth are France (9%), the Democratic Republic of Congo (8%), Colombia (5%), Morocco (5%) and Cameroon (4%).

Among recent Francophone immigrants, the five most common countries of birth are the Democratic Republic of Congo (11%), Cameroon (11%), France (8%), Morocco (8%) and Burundi (7%).

**Table 29 – Francophone immigrant population by main countries of birth and admission period, Alberta, 2021**

	Before 2016			2016 to 2021		
	Country	N	%	Country	N	%
<b>1</b>	France	1 605	8.7	Congo (DRC)	470	10.8
<b>2</b>	Congo (DRC)	1 490	8.1	Cameroon	460	10.6
<b>3</b>	Colombia	940	5.1	France	365	8.4
<b>4</b>	Morocco	880	4.8	Morocco	330	7.6
<b>5</b>	Cameroon	730	3.9	Burundi	300	6.9
<b>6</b>	Algeria	670	3.6	Ivory Coast	245	5.6
<b>7</b>	Haiti	650	3.5	Tunisia	145	3.3
<b>8</b>	Mauritius	630	3.4	Haiti	135	3.1
<b>9</b>	Ivory Coast	605	3.3	Guinea	115	2.6
<b>10</b>	Lebanon	470	2.5	Senegal	110	2.5
<b>11</b>	Burundi	455	2.5	Algeria	110	2.5
<b>12</b>	Romania	420	2.3	Mauritius	100	2.3
<b>13</b>	Tunisia	390	2.1	Brazil	75	1.7
<b>14</b>	Mexico	390	2.1	Rwanda	70	1.6
<b>15</b>	Egypt	385	2.1	Syria	65	1.5

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

Within the non-immigrant population, the places of birth vary considerably between Francophones and the total population. In both cases, a very large majority of non-immigrants were born in Canada (99%)<sup>6</sup>. However, only just over a third (35%) of non-immigrant Francophones were born in Alberta, while 69% of the total population was born in the province.

Among the province's Francophone population, a higher proportion was born in Quebec (37%) than in Alberta (35%). In terms of the non-immigrant Francophone population, the other provinces named most often as their place of birth are Ontario (11%), New Brunswick (7%), Saskatchewan (4%) and Manitoba (3%).

**Table 30 – Non-immigrant population by place of birth and FOLS, Alberta, 2021**

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>In Canada</b>	3 103 340	98.8	3 038 280	98.8	49 470	99.1	4 350	97.5	53 820	98.9
<b>Newfoundland and Labrador</b>	51 475	1.6	51 395	1.7	75	0.2	0	0.0	75	0.1
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	7 665	0.2	7 560	0.2	110	0.2	0	0.0	110	0.2
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	48 515	1.5	47 895	1.6	595	1.2	15	0.3	610	1.1
<b>New Brunswick</b>	31 515	1.0	27 820	0.9	3 575	7.2	115	2.6	3 690	6.8
<b>Quebec</b>	58 520	1.9	38 600	1.3	19 245	38.5	635	14.2	19 880	36.5
<b>Ontario</b>	230 955	7.4	225 000	7.3	5 375	10.8	400	9.0	5 775	10.6
<b>Manitoba</b>	98 635	3.1	96 780	3.1	1 695	3.4	80	1.8	1 775	3.3
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	214 950	6.8	212 770	6.9	2 015	4.0	50	1.1	2 065	3.8
<b>Alberta</b>	2 165 070	68.9	2 135 410	69.4	16 200	32.4	2 870	64.3	19 070	35.1
<b>British Columbia</b>	184 445	5.9	183 590	6.0	480	1.0	175	3.9	655	1.2
<b>Yukon</b>	3 755	0.1	3 695	0.1	40	0.1	0	0.0	40	0.1
<b>Northwest Territories</b>	7 475	0.2	7 420	0.2	55	0.1	0	0.0	55	0.1
<b>Nunavut</b>	370	0.0	350	0.0	20	0.0	0	0.0	20	0.0
<b>Outside Canada</b>	38 575	1.2	37 490	1.2	465	0.9	115	2.6	580	1.1
<b>Total</b>	3 141 915	100.0	3 075 775	100.0	49 935	100.0	4 460	100.0	54 395	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

<sup>6</sup> Non-immigrants born abroad may include children born abroad to Canadian parents.

## 12. Citizenship and generation status

A large majority of the total population has Canadian citizenship (91%), a proportion comparable to that observed among the Francophone population (90%).

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Are Canadian citizens</b>	3 792 710	90.8	3 686 550	91.3	58 915	92.3	12 215	80.4	71 135	90.0
<b>Are not Canadian citizens</b>	385 010	9.2	349 140	8.7	4 905	7.7	2 975	19.6	7 880	10.0
<b>Total</b>	4 177 715	100.0	4 035 690	100.0	63 825	100.0	15 190	100.0	79 010	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

Nearly a third (32%) of the Francophone population is first generation in Canada and 11% is second generation (at least one parent is an immigrant). It should be noted that the proportion of second-generation people is higher among the total population (19%) than among Francophones (11%).

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>First generation</b>	1 074 140	25.7	997 180	24.7	14 350	22.5	10 840	71.4	25 185	31.9
<b>Second generation</b>	777 505	18.6	758 975	18.8	5 640	8.8	2 840	18.7	8 475	10.7
<b>Third generation or more</b>	2 326 075	55.7	2 279 530	56.5	43 840	68.7	1 515	10.0	45 355	57.4
<b>Total</b>	4 177 715	100.0	4 035 690	100.0	63 825	100.0	15 190	100.0	79 010	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

### 13. Mobility

Just over 41% of Alberta's total population moved in the five years prior to the 2021 Census. A higher proportion of Francophones in the province, i.e., 46%, moved during this period.

Of the Francophones living in Alberta at the time of the 2021 Census, 9% lived in another province or territory five years earlier and 6% lived outside the country.

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Did not move</b>	2 314 250	58.9	2 245 235	59.1	34 240	55.0	7 085	48.4	41 335	53.8
<b>Moved</b>	1 615 755	41.1	1 555 660	40.9	27 950	44.9	7 535	51.5	35 490	46.2
<b>Non-migrants (same census subdivision)</b>	854 765	21.7	828 215	21.8	12 685	20.4	4 130	28.2	16 820	21.9
<b>Intraprovincial migrants (from elsewhere in the province)</b>	431 785	11.0	423 065	11.1	6 340	10.2	880	6.0	7 220	9.4
<b>Interprovincial migrants (from elsewhere in Canada)</b>	165 195	4.2	156 335	4.1	5 870	9.4	1 110	7.6	6 980	9.1
<b>External migrants (from outside the country)</b>	164 010	4.2	148 055	3.9	3 055	4.9	1 415	9.7	4 470	5.8
<b>Total</b>	3 930 005	100.0	3 800 895	100.0	62 200	100.0	14 625	100.0	76 820	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

## 14. Indigenous identity

In Alberta, 284,470 people report Indigenous identity, representing 7% of the total population. More specifically, 4% of the Alberta population identifies only as First Nations and 3% identifies only as Métis.

Nearly 4% of the Francophone population, or 3 120 people, declare an Indigenous identity. Nearly three-quarters (74%) of Francophones with an Indigenous identity identify as Métis, i.e., 2,320 people.

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Indigenous identity</b>	284 470	6.8	281 190	7.0	3 015	4.7	110	0.7	3 120	3.9
<b>Single Indigenous identity</b>	276 060	6.6	272 945	6.8	2 870	4.5	105	0.7	2 975	3.8
<b>First Nations</b>	145 640	3.5	144 870	3.6	590	0.9	45	0.3	635	0.8
<b>Métis</b>	127 470	3.1	125 145	3.1	2 260	3.5	60	0.4	2 320	2.9
<b>Inuit</b>	2 945	0.1	2 930	0.1	20	0.0	0	0.0	20	0.0
<b>Multiple Indigenous identities</b>	4 785	0.1	4 690	0.1	90	0.1	0	0.0	90	0.1
<b>Indigenous identities not included elsewhere</b>	3 620	0.1	3 555	0.1	55	0.1	0	0.0	60	0.1
<b>Non-Indigenous identity</b>	3 893 250	93.2	3 754 500	93.0	60 810	95.3	15 080	99.3	75 885	96.0
<b>Total</b>	4 177 715	100.0	4 035 690	100.0	63 825	100.0	15 190	100.0	79 010	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

## 15. Ethnocultural and religious diversity

Of Alberta's total population, 28% identify as belonging to a visible minority group, while 29% of Francophones do so, that is, 22,935 people. Among Alberta's Francophone population, 15% identify as Black, 6% as Asian, 5% as Arab and 3% as Latin American.

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Part of a visible minority</b>	1 161 420	27.8	1 082 665	26.8	12 910	20.2	10 030	66.0	22 935	29.0
Asian	795 600	19.0	747 605	18.5	1 195	1.9	3 145	20.7	4 340	5.5
Black	177 945	4.3	163 210	4.0	9 195	14.4	2 290	15.1	11 480	14.5
Arab	69 505	1.7	62 260	1.5	1 710	2.7	2 135	14.1	3 845	4.9
Latin American	66 520	1.6	60 020	1.5	500	0.8	2 165	14.3	2 665	3.4
Visible minority not included elsewhere	12 100	0.3	11 715	0.3	25	0.0	70	0.5	90	0.1
Multiple visible minorities	39 745	1.0	37 860	0.9	285	0.4	225	1.5	515	0.7
<b>Not part of a visible minority</b>	3 016 295	72.2	2 953 025	73.2	50 915	79.8	5 160	34.0	56 070	71.0
<b>Total</b>	4 177 715	100.0	4 035 690	100.0	63 825	100.0	15 190	100.0	79 010	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021



A majority of Francophones (62%) report a Christian religion, of which 47% identify as Catholic. The Muslim religion (9%) is the second most important. Finally, a quarter (25%) of Francophones say they have no religion or have a secular perspective.

Compared to Francophones, among those who have English as their FOLS, the proportion of people with no religion or secular perspectives is higher, at 41%.

Religion	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Buddhist</b>	42 830	1.0	37 430	0.9	105	0.2	155	1.0	260	0.3
<b>Christian</b>	2 009 820	48.1	1 945 050	48.2	42 240	66.2	7 085	46.6	49 320	62.4
<b>Anglican</b>	95 560	2.3	95 305	2.4	155	0.2	40	0.3	195	0.2
<b>Catholic</b>	833 025	19.9	789 280	19.6	33 725	52.8	3 710	24.4	37 435	47.4
<b>Orthodox Christian</b>	63 775	1.5	60 850	1.5	245	0.4	990	6.5	1 230	1.6
<b>Pentecostal and other Charismatic</b>	53 900	1.3	52 440	1.3	760	1.2	250	1.6	1 010	1.3
<b>Other Christian traditions</b>	963 565	23.1	947 190	23.5	7 350	11.5	2 085	13.7	9 445	12.0
<b>Hindu</b>	78 520	1.9	74 990	1.9	335	0.5	445	2.9	780	1.0
<b>Jewish</b>	11 390	0.3	11 105	0.3	130	0.2	65	0.4	190	0.2
<b>Muslim</b>	202 535	4.8	186 630	4.6	3 610	5.7	3 680	24.2	7 290	9.2
<b>Sikh</b>	103 600	2.5	90 920	2.3	60	0.1	465	3.1	530	0.7
<b>Traditional spirituality</b>	19 755	0.5	19 710	0.5	20	0.0	10	0.1	30	0.0
<b>Other religious and spiritual traditions</b>	33 220	0.8	32 195	0.8	390	0.6	135	0.9	525	0.7
<b>Declared no religion or secular perspectives</b>	1 676 045	40.1	1 637 655	40.6	16 935	26.5	3 150	20.7	20 085	25.4
<b>Total</b>	4 177 715	100.0	4 035 690	100.0	63 825	100.0	15 190	100.0	79 010	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

## 16. Education

Alberta's Francophone population has a higher level of educational attainment than the province's total population, with 63% of Francophones having a post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree compared to 56% of the total population.

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>No certificate, diploma or degree</b>	522 835	15.5	484 390	14.9	7 595	13.2	1 605	13.3	9 200	13.2
<b>Secondary (high) school diploma</b>	972 110	28.8	944 395	29.0	13 710	23.9	2 710	22.4	16 420	23.6
<b>Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma</b>	295 285	8.7	286 785	8.8	6 685	11.6	590	4.9	7 275	10.5
<b>College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma</b>	612 690	18.2	596 590	18.3	11 990	20.9	1 435	11.9	13 425	19.3
<b>University certificate or diploma below bachelor level</b>	106 845	3.2	103 005	3.2	2 145	3.7	555	4.6	2 695	3.9
<b>Bachelor's degree or higher</b>	865 375	25.6	840 395	25.8	15 265	26.6	5 195	43.0	20 465	29.5
<b>Total</b>	3 375 130	100.0	3 255 560	100.0	57 390	100.0	12 090	100.0	69 480	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

Among the total population of Alberta, 60% of people aged 25 to 64 with a post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree studied in Alberta, compared with 37% of Francophones. Compared to the Alberta population as a whole, the proportion of Francophones having studied at post-secondary level outside Alberta is higher: 38% studied elsewhere in Canada and 25% studied abroad.

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>In Canada</b>	1 157 790	77.8	1 131 135	78.1	23 260	82.2	2 890	43.6	26 150	74.9
<b>In Alberta</b>	886 080	59.5	872 885	60.3	11 055	39.1	1 705	25.7	12 760	36.5
<b>Elsewhere in Canada</b>	271 710	18.3	258 250	17.8	12 200	43.1	1 185	17.9	13 390	38.3
<b>Outside Canada</b>	330 675	22.2	317 620	21.9	5 035	17.8	3 735	56.3	8 775	25.1
<b>Total</b>	1 488 465	100.0	1 448 755	100.0	28 295	100.0	6 630	100.0	34 920	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

Among Francophones with a post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree, the five most common fields of study are architecture, engineering and related technologies (23%); business,

management and public administration (21%); health and related fields (12%); education (10%); and social and behavioural sciences and law (10%).

Among the total population, these five fields of study are also the most common.

**Table 39 – Population aged 15 and over with a post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree, by main field of study (by CIP) and FOLS, Alberta, 2021**

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Education</b>	129 705	6.9	124 390	6.8	3 755	10.4	445	5.7	4 195	9.6
<b>Visual and performing arts, and communications technologies</b>	49 820	2.6	48 465	2.7	870	2.4	175	2.3	1 045	2.4
<b>Humanities</b>	75 030	4.0	71 920	3.9	1 590	4.4	595	7.7	2 185	5.0
<b>Social and behavioural sciences and law</b>	177 440	9.4	172 420	9.4	3 235	9.0	945	12.2	4 180	9.5
<b>Business, management and public administration</b>	390 115	20.7	379 285	20.8	7 545	20.9	1 635	21.0	9 185	20.9
<b>Physical and life sciences and technologies</b>	80 425	4.3	77 715	4.3	1 655	4.6	645	8.3	2 300	5.2
<b>Mathematics, computer and information sciences</b>	71 380	3.8	69 585	3.8	1 095	3.0	390	5.0	1 480	3.4
<b>Architecture, engineering and related trades</b>	461 075	24.5	448 620	24.6	8 715	24.2	1 520	19.5	10 230	23.3
<b>Agriculture, natural resources and conservation</b>	51 710	2.8	50 455	2.8	875	2.4	140	1.8	1 020	2.3
<b>Health and related fields</b>	295 420	15.7	288 905	15.8	4 445	12.3	995	12.8	5 445	12.4
<b>Personal, protective and transportation services</b>	97 655	5.2	94 585	5.2	2 310	6.4	285	3.7	2 600	5.9
<b>Other</b>	420	0.0	420	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	1 880 185	100.0	1 826 775	100.0	36 085	100.0	7 775	100.0	43 860	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

Cross-tabulating the variable of highest level of education obtained with that of immigration status, among members of the Francophone population, the highest proportion of people with a post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree is observed above all among non-permanent residents (72%), then among immigrants (69%) and, finally, among non-immigrants (60%).

**Table 40 – Francophone population 15 years and over by highest certificate, diploma or degree obtained and immigration status, Alberta, 2021**

	Total		Non-immigrants		Immigrants		Non-permanent residents	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>No certificate, diploma or degree</b>	9 200	13.2	6 720	14.4	2 350	11.1	135	8.3
<b>Secondary school diploma</b>	16 425	23.6	11 825	25.3	4 280	20.2	315	19.3
<b>Post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree</b>	43 860	63.1	28 140	60.3	14 535	68.7	1 180	72.4
<b>Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma</b>	7 275	10.5	5 920	12.7	1 270	6.0	85	5.2
<b>College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma</b>	13 425	19.3	10 075	21.6	3 170	15.0	180	11.0
<b>University certificate or diploma below bachelor level</b>	2 700	3.9	1 465	3.1	1 180	5.6	60	3.7
<b>Bachelor's degree or higher</b>	20 460	29.4	10 680	22.9	8 915	42.1	865	53.1
<b>Total</b>	69 480	100.0	46 690	100.0	21 155	100.0	1 630	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

If we cross-tabulate the variable of highest level of education obtained with that of gender, among the members of the Francophone population, we see that women have a slightly higher level of educational attainment than men, with 65% of women holding a post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree, compared with 62% of men.

In addition, a higher proportion of Francophone women than men have a university education, with 38% of women holding a university certificate or diploma compared with 29% of men.

Conversely, a higher proportion of men than women in the Francophone population have a non-university post-secondary education: 33% of men have a post-secondary certificate or diploma, compared with 27% of women.

**Table 41 – Francophone population 15 years and over by highest certificate, diploma or degree obtained and gender, Alberta, 2021**

	Total		Men+		Women+	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>No certificate, diploma or degree</b>	9 200	13.2	5 060	14.3	4 140	12.1
<b>Secondary (high) school diploma</b>	16 425	23.6	8 540	24.2	7 885	23.1
<b>Post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree</b>	43 860	63.1	21 750	61.5	22 105	64.8
<b>Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma</b>	7 275	10.5	5 565	15.7	1 715	5.0
<b>College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma</b>	13 425	19.3	6 000	17.0	7 425	21.8
<b>University certificate or diploma below bachelor level</b>	2 700	3.9	1 225	3.5	1 470	4.3
<b>Bachelor's degree or higher</b>	20 460	29.4	8 965	25.4	11 495	33.7
<b>Total</b>	69 480	100.0	35 345	100.0	34 130	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

## 17. Work

In Alberta, 80% of Francophones in the labour force work in five sectors: trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations (22%); sales and service occupations (20%); education, law and social, community and government services (16%); business, finance and administration occupations (15%); and natural and applied sciences and related occupations (8%).

Within the total population, these are also the five main employment sectors.

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Legislative and senior management occupations</b>	23 120	1.0	22 580	1.0	455	1.2	50	0.6	505	1.1
<b>Business, finance and administration</b>	373 795	16.3	366 270	16.4	5 660	14.7	1 325	15.3	6 990	14.8
<b>Natural and applied sciences and related occupations</b>	182 880	8.0	179 085	8.0	2 820	7.3	865	10.0	3 685	7.8
<b>Health occupations</b>	182 480	7.9	178 845	8.0	2 650	6.9	720	8.3	3 370	7.1
<b>Education, law and social, community and government services</b>	246 620	10.7	238 515	10.7	6 315	16.4	1 185	13.7	7 495	15.9
<b>Art, culture, recreation and sport</b>	51 815	2.3	50 635	2.3	925	2.4	180	2.1	1 110	2.4
<b>Sales and service occupations</b>	538 925	23.5	523 520	23.4	7 235	18.8	2 040	23.5	9 270	19.7
<b>Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations</b>	441 955	19.3	428 785	19.2	8 740	22.7	1 495	17.2	10 235	21.7
<b>Natural resources, agriculture and related production</b>	99 430	4.3	97 200	4.4	1 570	4.1	150	1.7	1 720	3.6
<b>Manufacturing and utilities</b>	83 895	3.7	80 795	3.6	1 120	2.9	240	2.8	1 360	2.9
<b>Not applicable</b>	70 455	3.1	67 865	3.0	1 015	2.6	430	5.0	1 440	3.1
<b>Total</b>	2 295 380	100.0	2 234 100	100.0	38 500	100.0	8 675	100.0	47 175	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

There are 7 515 self-employed Francophones in Alberta, representing 16% of the province's Francophone labour force. The total labour force includes a similar proportion of self-employed workers, at 15%.

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Employee</b>	1 876 950	81.8	1 828 585	81.8	31 155	80.9	7 065	81.4	38 220	81.0
<b>Permanent position</b>	1 560 435	68.0	1 522 055	68.1	25 175	65.4	5 365	61.8	30 540	64.7
<b>Temporary position</b>	316 520	13.8	306 535	13.7	5 980	15.5	1 705	19.7	7 680	16.3
<b>Self-employed</b>	347 975	15.2	337 650	15.1	6 330	16.4	1 180	13.6	7 515	15.9
<b>Not applicable</b>	70 455	3.1	67 865	3.0	1 015	2.6	430	5.0	1 440	3.1
<b>Total</b>	2 295 380	100.0	2 234 100	100.0	38 500	100.0	8 675	100.0	47 175	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

For Alberta's total population, the main mode of commuting is private vehicle (87%), well ahead of public transit (6%), walking (4%) and cycling (1%). Francophones use these different modes of transport in similar proportions.

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Car, truck or van</b>	1 378 680	87.3	1 343 255	87.4	22 710	85.6	4 590	82.9	27 300	85.1
<b>Driver</b>	1 287 945	81.6	1 256 090	81.7	21 590	81.3	4 160	75.2	25 750	80.3
<b>Passenger</b>	90 740	5.7	87 160	5.7	1 115	4.2	435	7.9	1 545	4.8
<b>Public transit</b>	88 260	5.6	84 925	5.5	1 510	5.7	545	9.8	2 055	6.4
<b>Walking</b>	62 805	4.0	61 060	4.0	1 260	4.7	215	3.9	1 475	4.6
<b>Cycling</b>	11 370	0.7	11 020	0.7	285	1.1	45	0.8	330	1.0
<b>Other means</b>	37 865	2.4	36 665	2.4	780	2.9	145	2.6	920	2.9
<b>Total</b>	1 578 980	100.0	1 536 920	100.0	26 545	100.0	5 535	100.0	32 080	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

In terms of commuting time, 29% of the Francophone labour force takes less than 15 minutes to get to work; 38% takes between 15 and 29 minutes; and a third (33%) takes more than half an hour. These proportions are similar for the total population.

**Table 45 – Employed labour force 15 years and over with a usual place of work or no fixed workplace address, by commuting time to work and FOLS, Alberta, 2021**

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Less than 15 minutes</b>	487 710	30.9	476 495	31.0	7 980	30.1	1 225	22.1	9 210	28.7
<b>15 to 29 minutes</b>	610 490	38.7	594 130	38.7	10 015	37.7	2 290	41.4	12 310	38.4
<b>30 to 44 minutes</b>	302 735	19.2	293 655	19.1	5 230	19.7	1 320	23.8	6 550	20.4
<b>45 to 59 minutes</b>	87 230	5.5	84 675	5.5	1 695	6.4	335	6.1	2 035	6.3
<b>60 minutes or more</b>	90 815	5.8	87 965	5.7	1 615	6.1	365	6.6	1 980	6.2
<b>Total</b>	1 578 980	100.0	1 536 920	100.0	26 545	100.0	5 535	100.0	32 080	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021



## 18. Income

In Alberta, the median income for the total population aged 15 and over is \$44 800. Among Francophones in this age group, the median income is slightly higher, at \$47 200. It should be noted that there is a significant gap between the median income of people with only French as their FOLS (\$49 200) and that of people with both French and English as their FOLS (\$38 400).

The distribution of the Francophone population by income group presented in Table 46 is similar to that observed in the total population.

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>With an income</b>	3 212 650	95.2	3 099 195	95.2	55 650	97.0	11 015	91.1	66 670	96.0
<b>Less than \$20 000</b>	578 685	17.1	546 820	16.8	8 485	14.8	2 485	20.6	10 970	15.8
<b>\$20 000 to \$39 999</b>	867 275	25.7	830 830	25.5	14 140	24.6	3 180	26.3	17 315	24.9
<b>\$40 000 to \$59 999</b>	608 395	18.0	591 105	18.2	10 680	18.6	2 155	17.8	12 830	18.5
<b>\$60 000 to \$79 999</b>	420 830	12.5	410 340	12.6	7 850	13.7	1 335	11.0	9 180	13.2
<b>\$80 000 to \$99 999</b>	271 760	8.1	265 165	8.1	5 380	9.4	740	6.1	6 110	8.8
<b>\$100 000 or more</b>	465 710	13.8	454 935	14.0	9 130	15.9	1 135	9.4	10 265	14.8
<b>No income</b>	162 480	4.8	156 370	4.8	1 740	3.0	1 070	8.9	2 810	4.0
<b>Total</b>	3 375 130	100.0	3 255 565	100.0	57 385	100.0	12 090	100.0	69 475	100.0
<b>Median total income</b>	44 800 \$		45 200 \$		49 200 \$		38 400 \$		47 200 \$	

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

In Alberta, the proportion of people on low incomes is similar among Francophones (9%) and the total population (9%).

Among Francophones living on low incomes, the highest proportion is found among those aged 65 and over (11%), followed by those aged under 18 (10%) and, finally, those aged 18 to 64 (9%).

	Total		FOLS - E		FOLS - F		FOLS - EF		Francophones	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Low income</b>	383 375	9.2	363 800	9.0	5 800	9.1	1 600	10.5	7 400	9.4
<b>0 to 17 years</b>	106 980	11.2	102 405	11.0	795	10.3	425	10.2	1 220	10.3
<b>18 to 64 years</b>	212 885	8.1	204 200	8.0	3 515	8.2	1 085	10.7	4 600	8.6
<b>65 and over</b>	63 505	10.9	57 200	10.5	1 490	11.4	95	10.5	1 580	11.3

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

## 19. Instruction in the minority official language<sup>7</sup>

In Alberta, of those born between 2003 and the 2021 Census, 67 145, or nearly 7% of the province's children, are eligible for instruction in French.

In numbers, of the provinces outside Quebec with the highest number of children eligible for Francophone education, Alberta ranks second, after Ontario.

**Table 48 – Population born in 2003 or later, by eligibility for minority official language education (in French), Alberta, 2021**

	N	%
<b>Eligible children</b>	67 145	6.9
<b>Ineligible children</b>	904 250	93.1
<b>Total</b>	971 395	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

Among school-age children eligible for instruction in French, 49.6% have been schooled in French. This means that just over half (50.4%) of children eligible for instruction in French have never received primary or secondary instruction in French. Alberta is the Canadian province with the lowest proportion of children eligible for instruction in French who have been schooled in that language.

**Table 49 – Population of eligible children aged 5 to 17, by instruction in the minority official language (in French) at the primary and secondary levels, Alberta, 2021**

	N	%
<b>Eligible children schooled in the minority official language (in French)</b>	24 675	49.6
<b>Eligible children who have never been schooled in the minority official language (in French)</b>	25 055	50.4
<b>Total</b>	49 730	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

Nearly a quarter (24%) of children eligible for Francophone instruction in Alberta are pre-schoolers (under 5 years old).

**Table 50 – Population of children eligible for instruction in French, by age group, Alberta, 2021**

	N	%
<b>Less than 5 years</b>	16 155	24.1
<b>5 to 11 years</b>	28 245	42.1
<b>12 to 18 years</b>	22 755	33.9
<b>Total</b>	67 155	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

<sup>7</sup> Exceptionally, data on instruction in the minority official language come from the census short-form questionnaire. The Statistics Canada census products available on this topic come mainly from the short-form questionnaire. Therefore, in order to have a more complete portrait at the provincial level, we have used the data from the short-form questionnaire. The other data presented in this provincial portrait, as well as the data on minority official language instruction in the community portraits, are taken from the census long-form questionnaire.

Just over half (51%) of children eligible for instruction in French in Alberta meet a single eligibility criterion, while 49% meet several criteria.

The data presented in Table 52 show that among the children eligible for instruction in French in Alberta, 49% have a parent who has already attended a regular French program in Canada; 44% have a parent whose mother tongue is French; 40% have a brother or sister who has already attended a French-language school; and 39% are eligible because they themselves have already attended a regular French program in Canada.

<b>Table 51 – Population of children eligible for French-language instruction, by eligibility criteria, Alberta, 2021</b>		
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Children who meet a single eligibility criterion</b>	34 400	51.2
<b>One parent has French as their mother tongue.</b>	10 540	15.7
<b>A parent attended a regular French program in a French-language school at the primary level in Canada.</b>	12 965	19.3
<b>The child attended a regular French program in a French-language school at the primary or secondary levels in Canada.</b>	5 100	7.6
<b>A brother or sister attended a regular French program in a French-language school at the primary or secondary levels in Canada.</b>	5 790	8.6
<b>Children who meet several eligibility criteria</b>	32 740	48.8
<b>Total</b>	67145	100.0

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

<b>Table 52 – Population of children eligible for French-language instruction, by eligibility criteria (single and multiple criteria), Alberta, 2021</b>		
	<b>N</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>One parent has French as their mother tongue.</b>	29 400	43.8
<b>A parent attended a regular French program in a French-language school at the primary level in Canada.</b>	32 850	48.9
<b>The child attended a regular French program in a French-language school at the primary or secondary levels in Canada.</b>	25 860	38.5
<b>A brother or sister attended a regular French program in a French-language school at the primary or secondary levels in Canada.</b>	26 745	39.8

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021

In Alberta, 7% of children eligible for French-language instruction live within 1 km of the nearest French-language school; 50% within 5 km; 81% within 10 km; and 88% within 15 km; thus, 12% live more than 15 km from a French-language school.

**Table 53 – Proportion of children eligible for French-language education, by distance from nearest French-language school, Alberta, 2021**

	%
Less than 1 km	6.5
1 km to less than 2 km	10.1
2 km to less than 3 km	11.6
3 km to less than 4 km	11.2
4 km to less than 5 km	10.1
5 km to less than 10 km	31.9
10 km to less than 15 km	6.7
15 km to less than 20 km	2.9
20 km or more	8.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021.