## The French language in the Western provinces, 2001 to 2016: Facts and figures

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Today, Statistics Canada is releasing four short portraits that provide an overview of the trends observed from 2001 to 2016 for the French language in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

The fact sheets are based on data taken from the Census of Population and the 2011 National Household Survey and provide information on the population who have French as their first official language spoken, mother tongue, language spoken at home or used at work, as well as the population who can speak French well enough to sustain a conversation.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers **3901** and **5178**.

The fact sheets "The French Language in Manitoba, 2001 to 2016: Facts and Figures," "The French Language in Saskatchewan, 2001 to 2016: Facts and Figures," "The French Language in Alberta, 2001 to 2016: Facts and Figures" and "The French Language in British Columbia, 2001 to 2016: Facts and Figures," which are part of the *Ethnicity, Language and Immigration Thematic Series* (89-657-X), are now available.

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