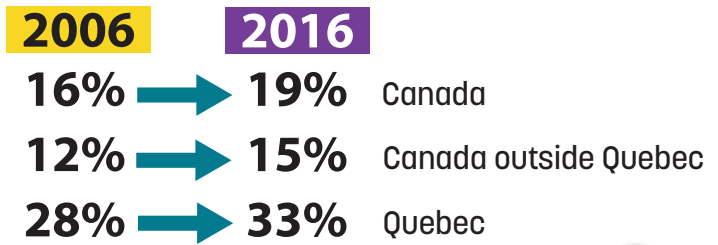




Bilingualism among Canadian children and youth

English-French bilingualism is increasing among children and youth aged **5 to 17**

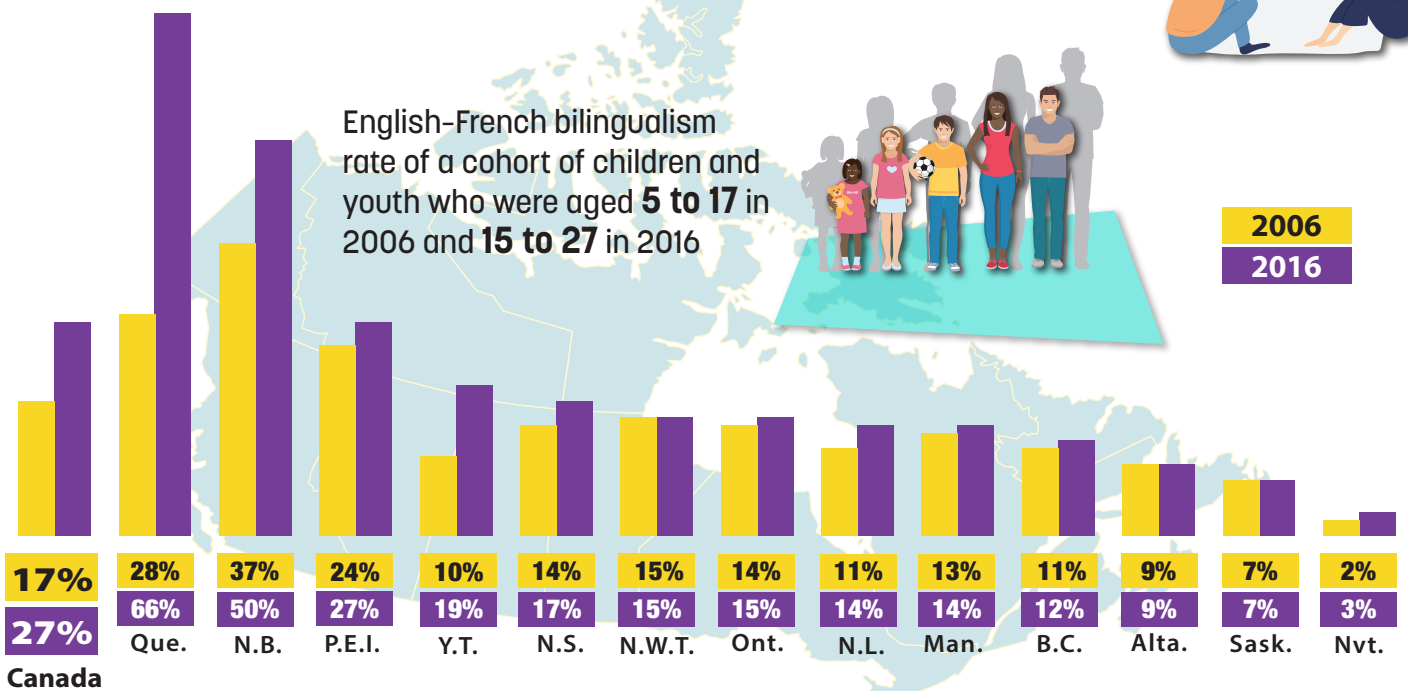


Among Canadian youth, English-French bilingualism increases as they get older

To examine the progression of **English-French bilingualism**, the same group of children and youth was examined at two points in time:

- In 2006, when they were aged 5 to 17
- In 2016, when they were aged 15 to 27

Increases were seen in all provinces and territories, particularly in Quebec.



Retention and acquisition of English-French bilingualism are different in Quebec

Children and youth in Quebec were more likely to **retain** their second official language.

Among children and youth who **were bilingual** in 2006, how many were still bilingual in 2016?



The **acquisition** of a second official language by **non-bilingual** youth was also higher in Quebec.

Among children and youth who **were not bilingual** in 2006, how many had become bilingual by 2016?



Do you speak English?



Source: Turcotte, Martin. 2019. "Results from the 2016 Census: English-French bilingualism among Canadian children and youth." *Insights on Canadian Society*. October. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 75-006-X.

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