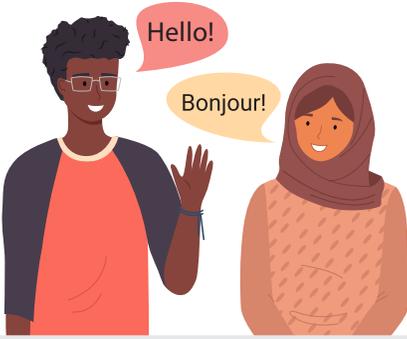




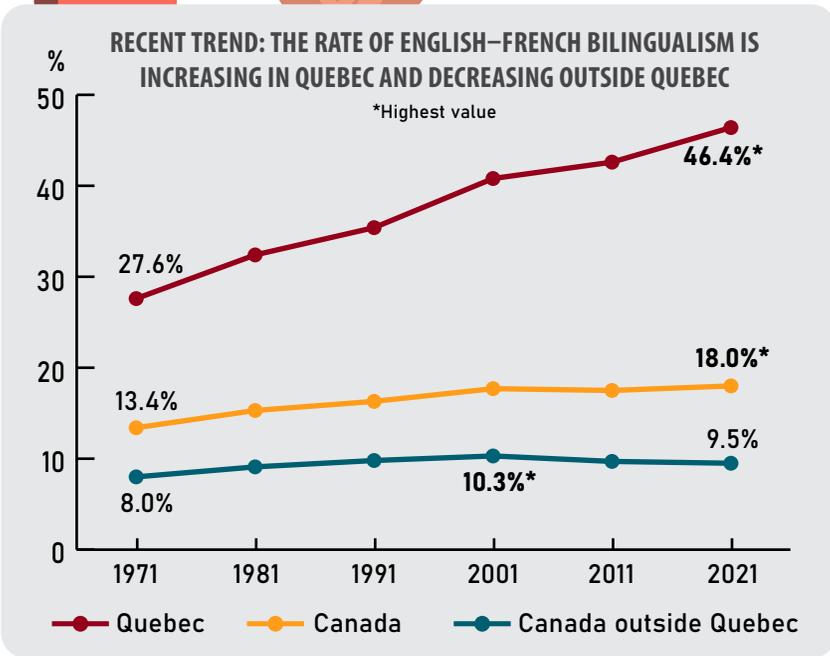
More than one language in the bag: The rate of English–French bilingualism is increasing in Quebec and decreasing outside Quebec



6.6 MILLION PEOPLE COULD CONDUCT A CONVERSATION IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH IN 2021.

The **rate of English–French bilingualism** in Canada in 2021 (18.0%) is relatively **stable** compared with 2001 (17.7%).

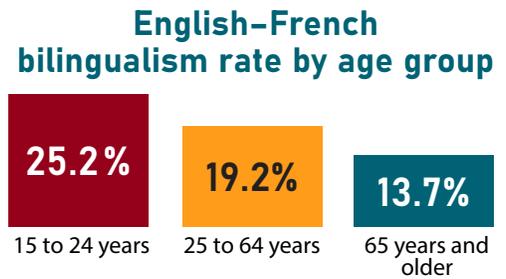
4 out of 5 bilingual people live in **Quebec** (59.2%) and **Ontario** (23.1%).



English–French bilingualism rate

Changes in the rate of bilingualism differ by **mother tongue**

Mother tongue	2001	2021
French only	43.4%	47.6%
English only	9.0%	9.0%
Neither English nor French	11.8%	11.5%



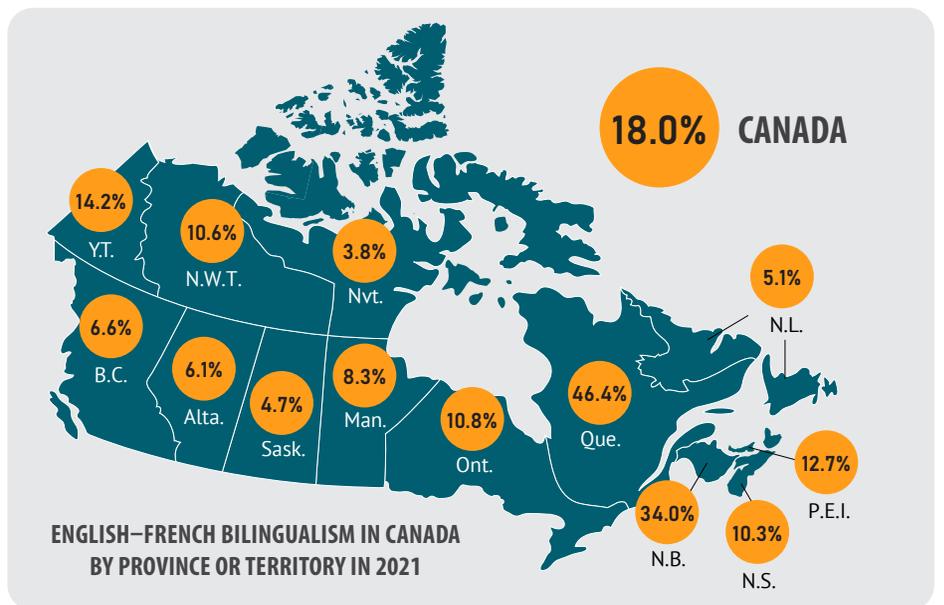
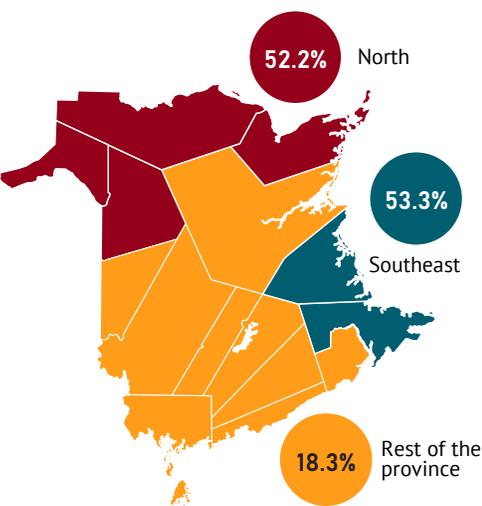
QUEBEC

PROPORTION OF ENGLISH–FRENCH BILINGUAL PEOPLE

MOTHER TONGUE	Proportion
French only	4/10
English only	7/10
Neither English nor French	5/10
Island of Montréal Laval Outaouais	6/10
Rest of Quebec	4/10

NEW BRUNSWICK

More than half of the population in northern and southeastern New Brunswick could conduct a conversation in English and in French at the time of the 2021 Census.



ONTARIO

In Ontario, 1.5 million people were able to conduct a conversation in English and French, mainly in the economic regions of **Ottawa** (495,000), **Toronto** (482,000) and the **Northeast** (160,000).

Among those whose mother tongue was not French, the bilingualism rate was **7.4%**.

Nearly 9 in 10 Ontarians whose mother tongue was French were bilingual (English and French).

Two-thirds of English–French bilingual people did not have French as their mother tongue.



For more information, please consult *The Daily*: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/220817/dq220817a-eng.htm>

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