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## FRANCOPHONIE

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Canada has two official languages: French and English. This means that all matters of the federal government are conducted in both languages equally.

French is not an official language in Ontario. However, the province is home to the largest French-speaking minority in the country. The work of the provincial government is conducted in English, but services may be available in French when requested.



### EDUCATION

French-speaking or Francophone families may send their children to French-language schools. These schools are part of French-language school boards.

Students in Ontario's publicly funded English-language schools are required to study French as a second language (FSL) from Grades 4 to 8. They must earn at least one credit in FSL in secondary school to obtain the Ontario secondary school diploma. Some schools offer French-immersion programs where the primary language of instruction is French.

Learn more about French language education in Ontario at [www.elfontario.ca](http://www.elfontario.ca).

### MEDIA

- Radio-Canada is the French-language side of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) and broadcasts current event and entertainment programs on TV, radio, online.

- Télévision française de l'Ontario (TFO) is Ontario's French-language public broadcaster.
- Many cable operators in Canada also offer TV5, an international French television network.
- For more information on French-language community newspapers in Ontario, visit the Association de la presse francophone at <http://apf.ca>.
- For more information on French-language community radio stations in Ontario, visit MICRO at [www.microontario.ca](http://www.microontario.ca).

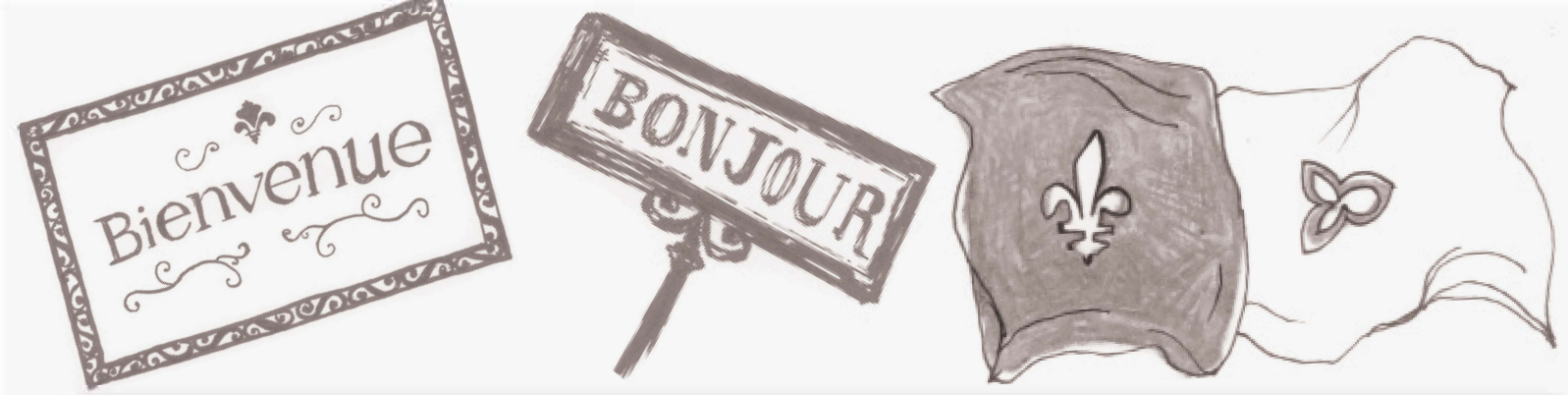
### CULTURAL EVENTS

There are many Francophone cultural festivals and events throughout Ontario. The following lists only some of them.

- Franco-Fête in Toronto ([www.franco-fete.ca](http://www.franco-fete.ca))
- Franco-Ontarian Festival in Ottawa ([www.ffe.ca](http://www.ffe.ca))
- La Nuit sur l'Étang in Sudbury ([www.lanuit.ca](http://www.lanuit.ca))
- Cinéfranco Film Festival in Toronto ([www.cinefranco.com](http://www.cinefranco.com))

### Francophone organisations

- Fédération des communautés francophones et acadienne du Canada [www.fcfa.ca](http://www.fcfa.ca).
- Assemblée de la francophonie de l'Ontario <https://monassemblee.ca>.
- Fédération de la jeunesse franco-ontarienne [www.fesfo.ca](http://www.fesfo.ca).
- Fédération culturelle canadienne-française [www.fccf.ca](http://www.fccf.ca).
- Alliance culturelle de l'Ontario <http://allianceculturelle.org>.



- The Franco-Ontarian Directory  
<http://monbottinfranco.ca> .

#### ARTS AND CULTURE

There is a vibrant Francophone arts scene in Ontario. Francophone artists are committed to and fully engaged in French-language theatre, music, writing and visual arts in the province. These are a few of the Francophone artists' organizations in Ontario:

- Théâtre Action [www.theatreaction.ca](http://www.theatreaction.ca) .
- Association des professionnels de la chanson et de la musique [www.apcm.ca](http://www.apcm.ca) .
- Association des auteurs et des auteures de l'Ontario français <http://aaof.ca> .
- Bureau des regroupements des artistes visuels de l'Ontario [www.bravoart.org](http://www.bravoart.org) .

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Those persons whose mother tongue is French, plus those whose mother tongue is neither French nor English but have a particular knowledge of French as an official language and use French at home, are considered to be Francophone. There are more than 600,000 Francophone persons in Ontario. The Francophone community has had its own flag since September 25, 1976.