

FRENCH IN ONTARIO

DID YOU KNOW THAT :

Note that hyperlinks access original French-language documents.

- Francophone permanent residents increased by 55 percent in Ontario between 2018 and 2019. (Le Droit - July 2020)
- According to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), 5,245 French-speaking permanent residents chose to live in Ontario in 2019. ([ONFR+](#) - July 2020)
- In 2019, Francophone immigration increased for the nine provinces and three territories outside Quebec. ([ONFR+](#) - July 2020)
- As of 2016, Ontario is home to over 622,000 Francophones. (2016)
- Twenty-six regions in Ontario are declared "Francophone," where residents have the right to access services in French. ([Services gouvernementaux en français](#))
See map: https://files.ontario.ca/ofa_designated_areas_map_fr.pdf

WHY CONTINUE IN FRENCH PROGRAMS (CORE FRENCH, EXTENDED FRENCH AND FRENCH IMMERSION) UNTIL THE END OF GRADE 12?

SECTOR	TRANSFERABLE SKILLS
MEDICAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You might be called upon to interpret for a patient who speaks French. - You might be asked to interpret for a patient who does not speak English, speaks another language, but can communicate in French. - Continued learning of another language can also help you understand cultural nuances, regardless of the language. Having intercultural competencies will help patients feel comfort in your care.
FINANCE/ BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You might start in a company with a higher pay structure based on having a bilingual status. - You might be assigned to work with a specific region that uses French to communicate. - Continued development of FSL beyond Grade 12 allows you to learn sector specific language which can help with marketability within a company or sector.
RETAIL/ SERVICE INDUSTRY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You might be able to build a regular client base by providing services in French. - Word of mouth throughout a community can result in new customers seeking local businesses where they can obtain service in French - Continued spontaneous interaction outside of the classroom allows you to build your confidence.
TOURISM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You might find that during your post secondary studies you work in a region that is designated a tourist destination in Ontario, across Canada or abroad. - National and provincial parks, museums, tourist attractions, wineries and tourist attractions offer services/tours in French - Continued language development will not only allow you to interact spontaneously but will also give you rich vocabulary to use when giving specific information about an attraction.
TRADES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You might find that work may take you to a region where French is the language most used (i.e., Ice Storm - Eastern Ontario). - You might find that some of your colleagues may have moved to your region to gain work, speaking French allows for better collaboration - Continued use of French beyond Grade 12 allows you to communicate with a greater breadth of people and could result in mobility within a company.