Dashboard on Francophone immigration outside Quebec – 2025

Figure 1. Progression of the number and percentage of French-speaking permanent residents (PRs) admitted to Canada outside Quebec between 2021 and 2025

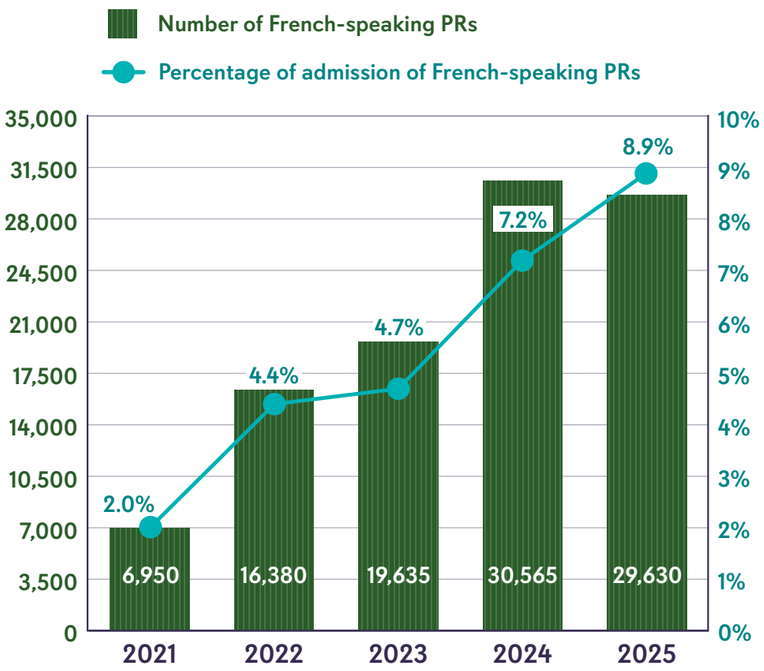


Figure 2. Top 10 countries of citizenship of French-speaking immigrants in 2025

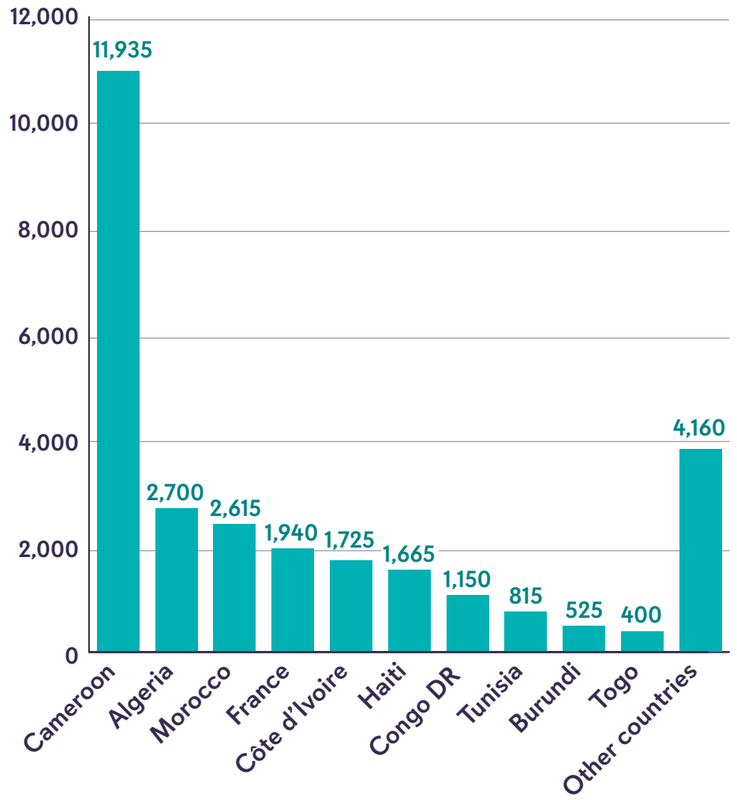
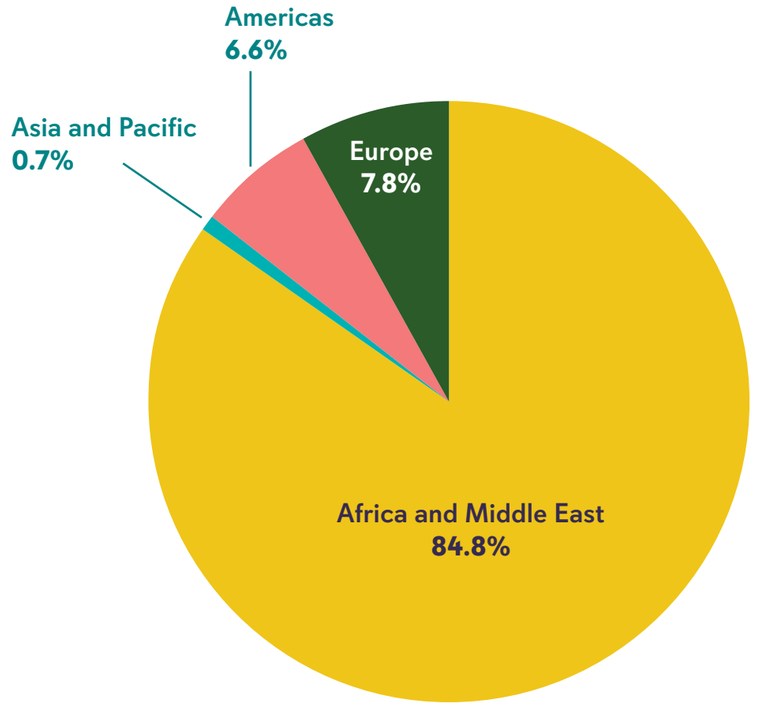


Figure 3. In 2025, 84.8% of Francophone admissions outside Quebec were citizens of countries in Africa and the Middle East, compared with 7.8% from European countries and 6.6% from countries in the Americas



In 2025, the Government of Canada exceeded its admissions target of 8.5%, with 8.9% of French-speaking PRs among all PRs admitted to Canada outside Quebec.

Please note: the numbers for continents and countries of residence differ from those for continents and countries of citizenship, as many permanent residents begin the administrative process in a country of which they are not citizens.

Figure 4. Permanent residents admitted outside Quebec (2025)

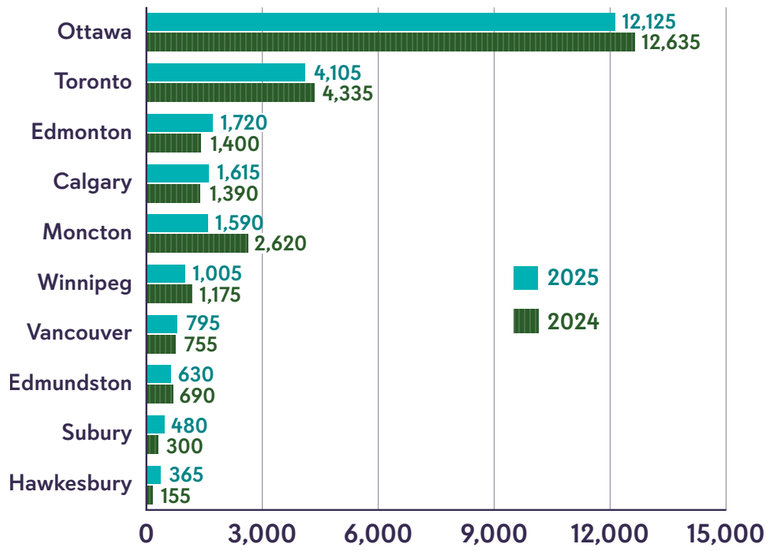
Immigration category	Number of admissions in 2025
Economic	24,655
Sponsored Family	2,385
Resettled Refugees and Protected Persons	1,575
All other immigration categories	1,015
Total	**29,630**

	Economic class details	Number of admissions through the economic class
Worker's Program	Agri-Food Pilot	10
	Atlantic Immigration Programs	185
	Canadian Experience Class	2,835
	Caregiver Program	10
	Federal Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot	–
	Rural and Northern Immigration Program	60
	Federal Skilled Workers Program	19,145
Business Immigration Programs		20
Provincial and Territorial Nominee Program		2,360
Temporary Resident to Permanent Resident Pathway		30
Total Economic Class		**24,655**

Provinces and territories	Number of admissions through the Provincial and Territorial Nominee Program
Newfoundland and Labrador	50
Prince Edward Island	30
Nova Scotia	20
New Brunswick	1,315
Ontario	395
Manitoba	415
Saskatchewan	45
Alberta	55
British Columbia	20
Yukon	10
Northwest Territories	5
Total Provincial and Territorial Nominee Program	**2,360**

For more information, please consult the IRCC dataset on the Government of Canada Open Portal.

Figure 5. Census metropolitan areas of intended destination



In 2025, the trend observed in 2024 and 2023 persisted: the number of French-speaking permanent residents who chose Ottawa as their Census metropolitan area of destination surpassed those who chose Toronto.

Figure 6. Francophone admissions through Express Entry by provinces and territories of intended destination (2025)

Provinces and territories	Number of admissions through Express Entry
Newfoundland and Labrador	45
Prince Edward Island	55
Nova Scotia	225
New Brunswick	1,730
Ontario	15,920
Manitoba	625
Saskatchewan	130
Alberta	2,850
British Columbia	855
Yukon	25
Northwest Territories	20
Nunavut	25
Total	**22,505**

Strategy for Francopohone immigrant women

The launch of the Strategy for Francophone immigrant women (AFFC, RDÉE Canada, IRCC) took place in January 2025. Below are gender-disaggregated data on French-speaking permanent residents, by family status and immigration category.

Figure 7. Family status (as of February 2026)

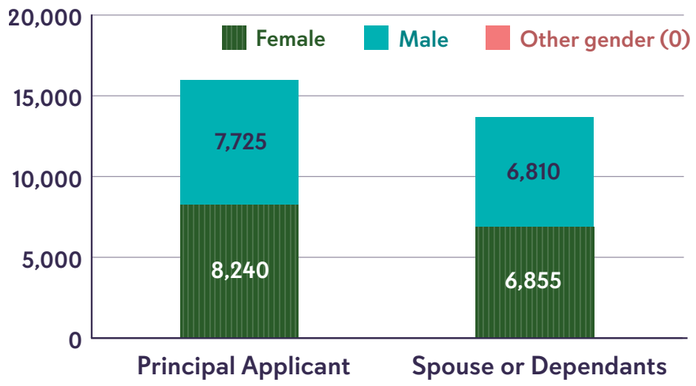
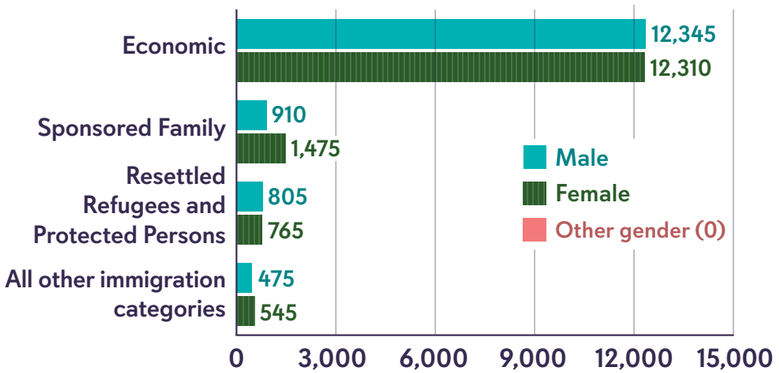


Figure 8. Immigration category (as of February 2026)



Sources:

IRCC, statistics on temporary and permanent residents, February 25, 2026.

It should be noted that the data are preliminary estimates and are therefore subject to change.

Values below five are shown as "–". This is done to prevent individuals from being identified when IRCC data is compiled and compared to other publicly available statistics. All other values are rounded to the closest multiple of five for the same reason.

Language training

- In 2025, IRCC continued to provide adult newcomers with opportunities to improve their language skills to integrate into Canadian society.
- In 2024-2025, **1,341 clients benefited** from language training services adapted to the needs of French-speaking newcomers settling in Francophone minority communities, and funded by the Action Plan for Official Languages (APOL).

Francophone integration pathway

The Welcoming Francophone Communities (WFC) Initiative is one of the flagship measures supporting the Francophone integration pathway.

Welcoming Francophone Communities (WFC) Initiative

- In 2025, the 14 Welcoming Francophone Communities were the census metropolitan areas (CMAs) chosen as destinations for a total of approximately 4,315 French-speaking permanent residents. (The 14 WFCs: Haut-Saint-Jean region, Clare, Labrador City-Wabush, Évangéline region, Hamilton, Hawkesbury, Sudbury, Seine River region, Moose Jaw and Gravelbourg, Calgary, Prince George, Yellowknife, Iqaluit, and Whitehorse).
- Some highlights for 2025:
  - The WFCs offer a total of **330 activities**, 55% of which are indirect services and 45% are direct services;
  - Around **200 members** were mobilized from various sectors to identify the priorities of their respective WFCs through the Community Advisory Boards (CABs);
  - **16%** of funded activities specifically target Equity, Diversity, Inclusion groups and/or apply a Gender-based Analysis Plus lens;
  - **40%** of funded activities include one or more local community partners;
  - A third of the WFCs offer activities related to Truth and Reconciliation and collaborate locally with Indigenous peoples;
  - **89%** of funded activities were directly sourced from the community action plans developed by the CABs.

Centre for Innovation in Francophone Immigration

- In 2025, the Centre for Innovation in Francophone Immigration (CIFI) strengthened the capacity of key stakeholders involved in attracting, recruiting, selecting, and supporting French-speaking and bilingual candidates. For the calendar year 2025, the Francophone Immigration Support Program funded nine new projects (**≈ $5.5M**).
- Projects supported by the CIFI reinforced partnerships across the immigration continuum to increase admissions of French-speaking candidates and improve outcomes across various immigration programs, including the Francophone Community Immigration Pilot. For example, several partners from Kelowna, British Columbia carried out international recruitment activities to address labour needs in high demand sectors such as health, education, and early childhood.
- The CIFI also supported initiatives that facilitate the transition from temporary status to permanent residence. Designated learning institutions were able to strengthen their capacity to support international students and assist their professional integration, in support of their efforts toward permanent residence.

Discover the Centre for Innovation in Francophone Immigration's webpage

Promotion of Francophone immigration abroad

- More than **400** promotional activities in 2025.
- Launch of a series of webinars in partnership with RDÉE Canada and its members to present the Canadian job market, specifically by province and territory. More than **2,000** people participated.
- IRCC Paris Mobility Days Canada in Brussels and Rabat in September 2025, with over **1,000** participants.
- Destination Saskatchewan in Morocco and Tunisia in November 2025 with the support of IRCC Tunis and Rabat, as well as local public employment agencies (ANAPEC and ATCT), among others.
- Destination Canada Education online in November 2025. More than **44,000** registration requests received.
- International advertising campaign (budget of **$1.9 million**) to encourage French-speaking skilled workers to immigrate to Canada.
- Regular promotion of Express Entry for French-speaking immigrants on IRCC's social media generated **4,689,725** impressions, leading to **52,326** clicks on links to the IRCC website.

Promotion of Francophone immigration in Canada

- In 2025, Francophone immigration was promoted at more than **1,150 events** bringing together Canadian employers and partners across Canada. Of this total, **725** were events targeting employers and partners interested in learning more about the tools and programs that facilitate the recruitment and retention of qualified Francophone and bilingual workers. These events included more than **130 activities** focused on key sectors of the Canadian economy, such as health care, mining, construction and aerospace.
- The 2025 edition of the **Liaison Tour** took place in Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, the Northwest Territories, Yukon and British Columbia. This series of events, organized by the Réseau de développement économique et d'employabilité Canada in collaboration with IRCC, aims to raise awareness among employers and partners about the benefits of Francophone immigration and the pools of talent abroad. **Minister Diab** shared a recorded message to launch the event in Halifax, which was greatly appreciated by participants. **More than 200 participants attended the various activities of the Liaison Tour.**
- Concerted efforts were deployed in support of measures related to the Teacher's Corridor – from promotion to recruitment support and assistance with the transition to permanent residents for teachers and early childhood educators. **More than 170 outreach activities were carried out, focusing on the recruitment and retention of French-speaking and bilingual teachers and early childhood educators.** In addition to engagement activities, specialized immigration support is offered to Francophone and immersion school boards as well as early childhood centres.

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