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There are nearly 18,000 people on Prince Edward Island who speak French. Of this number, more than 4,800 are Francophones (who have French as a mother tongue).

As a share of the population, 13 percent of the Island's population speaks French, which is the second highest concentration among all provinces in Canada (excluding the predominantly French-speaking Quebec) (Figure 1).

However, Francophones are older, on average, than the rest of the population. At the time of the Census, 53 percent were over the age of 55.

The overall population is expanding as a result of the boost in immigration. Over half of all the immigrants living on PEI in 2016 settled in Canada between 2011 and 2016.

But there have been few Francophone or French speaking immigrants in recent years.



Summary economic and demographic profile – Prince Edward Island

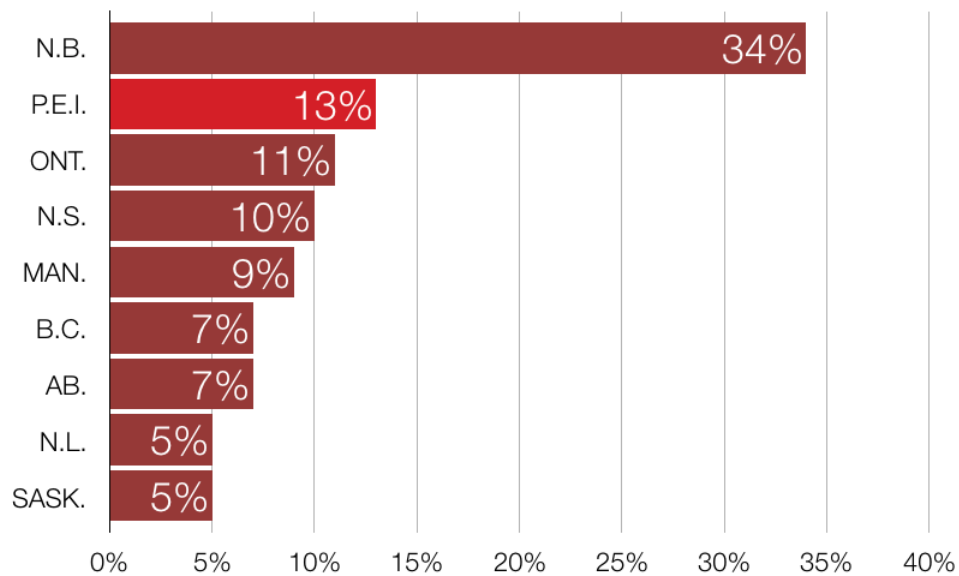
DEMOGRAPHICS AND ECONOMY		FRANCOPHONE AND IMMIGRATION CHARACTERISTICS*	
Population	153,244	French-speaking population	17,840
Population change (2015-2018)	+6%	% of total population	13%
Share of the population over the age of 55	35%	French as their mother tongue	4,865
Top five industries by employment (in order):		% of total population	3%
<div><div>1</div>Health care and social assistance</div> <div><div>2</div>Retail trade</div> <div><div>3</div>Public administration</div> <div><div>4</div>Agriculture, forestry, fishing</div> <div><div>5</div>Manufacturing</div>		% of Francophones over 55	53%
		Immigrants (all countries)	8,940
		Immigrants (% of total population)	6%
		Recent immigrants*	4,700
		% of all immigrants*	53%

*and non-permanent residents.

Sources: Statistics Canada 2016 Census and Table 17-10-0005-01.

Figure 1

FRENCH-SPEAKING POPULATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL (2016)*



*Excludes Quebec.

Source: Statistics Canada 2016 Census.