

Part of a French/English Bilingual Family?



Here's Why the Census Matters.

Is your spouse a Francophone?
Do your kids speak French and/or
go to a French-language school?

**Here's some useful information
to know before filling out the census
on May 12.**

**Your answers to language questions
in the census have an impact on bilingual
services and activities in your community.**

Governments, municipalities and community organizations use language data from the census to plan where and how to offer French-language or bilingual services. Day camps, recreation programs, childcare services, schools, and other community services all rely on data from the census.

Accurate answers that reflect the language reality of your household help us better help your community.

If you're filling out the census for everyone in your family, be mindful that answers to language questions may vary depending on the individual. Be sure to discuss the language questions in the census with your spouse and other people in your household to provide the most accurate answers possible – especially with regards to languages spoken at home.

Only by understanding the place of French in the daily life of your family can governments, municipalities and organizations better serve you and your community.

**Here's what the language questions
in the census look like.**

The census addresses four overarching themes regarding language.



MOTHER TONGUE

The census will ask you about the first language each person in your household learned in childhood and still understands.



LANGUAGE KNOWLEDGE

The census will ask about which official language (English, French) each member of your household can understand well enough to hold a conversation.



LANGUAGE USE

The census will ask what languages each person in your household speaks regularly at home. Is one of those languages spoken most often?



EDUCATION

The census will ask what language each person in your household received their education in.

If you or your spouse have received part of your education in French, your children have the constitutional right to receive their education in French.

Knowing how many children in any given community have the right to education in French means having the tools to build schools that are the right size, in the right area.

On May 12, be sure to be part of the count. Because you and your family matter.

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