

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PROFILE ON FRANCOPHONE RACIAL MINORITIES

Demography

- In Ontario, 58,520 Francophones are members of a racial minority. This represents an increase of more than 40% between 1996 and 2001;
- Racial minorities make up 10.3% of Ontario's Francophone population. They represent one in three Francophones in the Toronto region (33.2%) and one in seven Francophones in the Ottawa and Hamilton regions (14.1% and 15.6%); and
- Francophones who are members of a racial minority are, as a whole, distinctly younger than Francophones in general. The percentage of those under the age of 20 years is twice as high (38.7% compared to 19.6%).

Mobility and Place of Birth

- Between 1996 and 2001, 16,935 Francophones who are members of a racial minority settled in Ontario. More than three in five came from another country (62.9%) and one in three came from Quebec (33.1%) during this period; and
- Close to three-quarters of all Francophones who are members of a racial minority and who live in Ontario were born in another country (74.3%). These minorities come from the following countries: Africa (31.5%); Asia (30.5%); and the Middle East (18.0%).

Levels of Education / Fields of Study

- The level of education of Francophones who are members of a racial minority is distinctly higher than that for Francophones in general; the percentage who have a university degree is twice as high as in the general Francophone population (31.7% compared to 14.7%).

Labour Market and Income

- In spite of having a higher level of education, Francophones who are members of a racial minority have a lower employment income than Francophones in the general population (\$29,039 compared to \$35,796).