

# Francophone Newcomers In Manitoba



**Saint Boniface is an area near downtown Winnipeg.  
It is the second largest French- speaking (Francophone)  
community outside of Quebec.**

The Francophone community of Manitoba fought for a long time to have French language rights. The government, the business world and Canadian society value bilingualism.

Starting in 1999, Manitoba welcomed more and more French-speaking newcomers from all over the world. Among Francophone immigrants who arrived from 2006 to 2011:

- **85% live in Winnipeg**
- **15% in rural regions**

■ There are Francophone villages in the 15 bilingual municipalities in rural Manitoba:  
<https://ambm.ca/>

The Government of Manitoba offers services in both official languages in regions that are designated to be bilingual. Whenever it is possible, they offer French to all Francophones in Manitoba.

The Société de la francophonie manitobaine (<https://www.sfm.mb.ca/>) represents 46,000 Francophones, including 4,000 who are immigrants.

■ Réseau en immigration francophone du Manitoba (RIF MB) works with 25 organizations and institutions to help with strategies for Francophone immigration.  
<https://www.rifmb.ca/index.html?lang=fr>

Their goal is to support French-speaking newcomers as they settle and integrate into their communities in Manitoba.

■ Accueil francophone welcomes and helps French-speaking newcomers to Manitoba. Accueil francophone will welcome you and give you information in French about settlement and integration services.  
<http://accueilfrancophonemb.com/>.



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## Resources Available

### Settlement Information

If you speak French, you can find resources to help you settle in Manitoba.

- Information about the Franco-Manitoba community:  
<https://www.clo-ocol.gc.ca/en/statistics/infographics/french-presence-manitoba>
- Information about housing, employment, healthcare, legal services, education, culture and lifestyle:  
<https://livelearn.ca/article/community-circles/francophone-services-in-mb-services-francophones-au-manitoba/>  
RIF Manitoba: <https://www.rifmb.ca/>

- Community services and information  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week:  
<https://www.winnipeg.ca/311/default.asp#contact-311>

If you are a person who is hard of hearing, call 204-986-1311. When you call 311, you will speak to a person rather than a machine and services are free and confidential.

### Employment

Manitoba has a strong, diverse economy. There are many kinds of work and industries.

- Employment opportunities for French speakers:  
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/govjobs/index.fr.html>  
<http://www.cdem.com/fr>

### Education

If you want a school that uses French as the language of instruction, there are two different programs:

- French Immersion Program – Choose this program if French is your or your child's second language.  
[https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/fr\\_imm\\_pr.html](https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/fr_imm_pr.html)

- Français Program – Choose this program if French is a first language or the language you use at home.  
Many parents who are native French-speakers use this option.  
<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/m12/progetu/prog-fr.html> (French only)
- More information:  
[https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/imm\\_ang.pdf](https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/imm_ang.pdf)

### Health and Social Services

If you are looking for services in French in the field of health and social services:

- <https://santeenfrancais.com/en/regions>

### Women

If you are a woman dealing with violence and need help Call : 1-877-977-0007.

- More information:  
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/msw/fvpp/women.html>

If you are a person who is hard of hearing: 1-866-860-7082. This Francophone helpline is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

- More information:  
[www.femaide.ca](http://www.femaide.ca)

### Newcomer Youth

If you are 20 years of age and under, and you need to talk to someone about your problems or difficult issues, call -1-800-668-6868. These services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They are anonymous, free, confidential and professional.

- More information:  
[www.jeunessejecoute.ca](http://www.jeunessejecoute.ca)