

Just Over One-Quarter of New Brunswickers Use at Least Two Languages in the Workplace

A language is used most often at work when it is used either predominantly or equally with one or more other languages. If it is not used most often at work, it may still be used on a regular basis. The general use of a language combines its 'predominant use' or its 'use on an equal basis with other languages' with its regular use.

- In 2006, about 110,000 New Brunswickers reported using more than one language at work, or 26.2% of the population aged 15 and over who were employed between January 1, 2005 and May 16, 2006. This was a slight increase from 2001 (25.4% or roughly 103,000 individuals), the first census that collected statistics on language of work.
- In 2006, 93.3% of Francophones in New Brunswick reported using French at work, the highest proportion (after Quebec) in Canada. Of the 138,000 Francophone workers in the province, 75.0% spoke French most often at work in 2006 (75.8% in 2001) and 18.3% used it regularly at work (16.5% in 2001).
- The use of English in the workplace in New Brunswick, most often or on a regular basis, increased to 88.1% in 2006, up slightly from 87.8% in 2001. This was also the case for all of Canada, where the proportions were 85.0% and 84.7% respectively.

