

FRENCH, THE 5TH WORLD LANGUAGE

NUMBER OF FRENCH SPEAKERS IN THE WORLD

300 MILLION

A very large majority of whom are under 30 years old

5th global language
after Mandarin Chinese,
English, Spanish and Arabic



French, alongside English, is the only language spoken on all continents

French is the official language
in 32 States and Governments



From 2014 to 2018, the number of French speakers increased by 9.6%



It is in Africa that the number of French speakers is growing the most **+17%**

59% of individuals who speak French daily live in Africa

TEACHING

2nd most taught
foreign language
after English



Across the five continents,
in nearly all countries

132 MILLION FRENCH LANGUAGE LEARNERS IN 2018:



MORE THAN 80 MILLION
people study in French



MORE THAN 50 MILLION
people learn French as a foreign language

THEMATIC AREAS

2ND

most used language
in diplomacy



3RD

most used language in
business



4TH

most used language
on the Internet



Source: Report of the International Organisation of La Francophonie (2019 edition)
<http://observatoire.francophonie.org/qui-parle-francais-dans-le-monde/>