

FRANCOPHONE YOUTH FACE UNIQUE HEALTH CHALLENGES IN ONTARIO

Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario (YWHO) is committed to principles of access, equity and inclusion, and ensuring that the needs of diverse youth are appropriately considered and addressed.

26%

OF THE PROVINCE'S
FRANCOPHONE POPULATION
is under the age of 24.¹

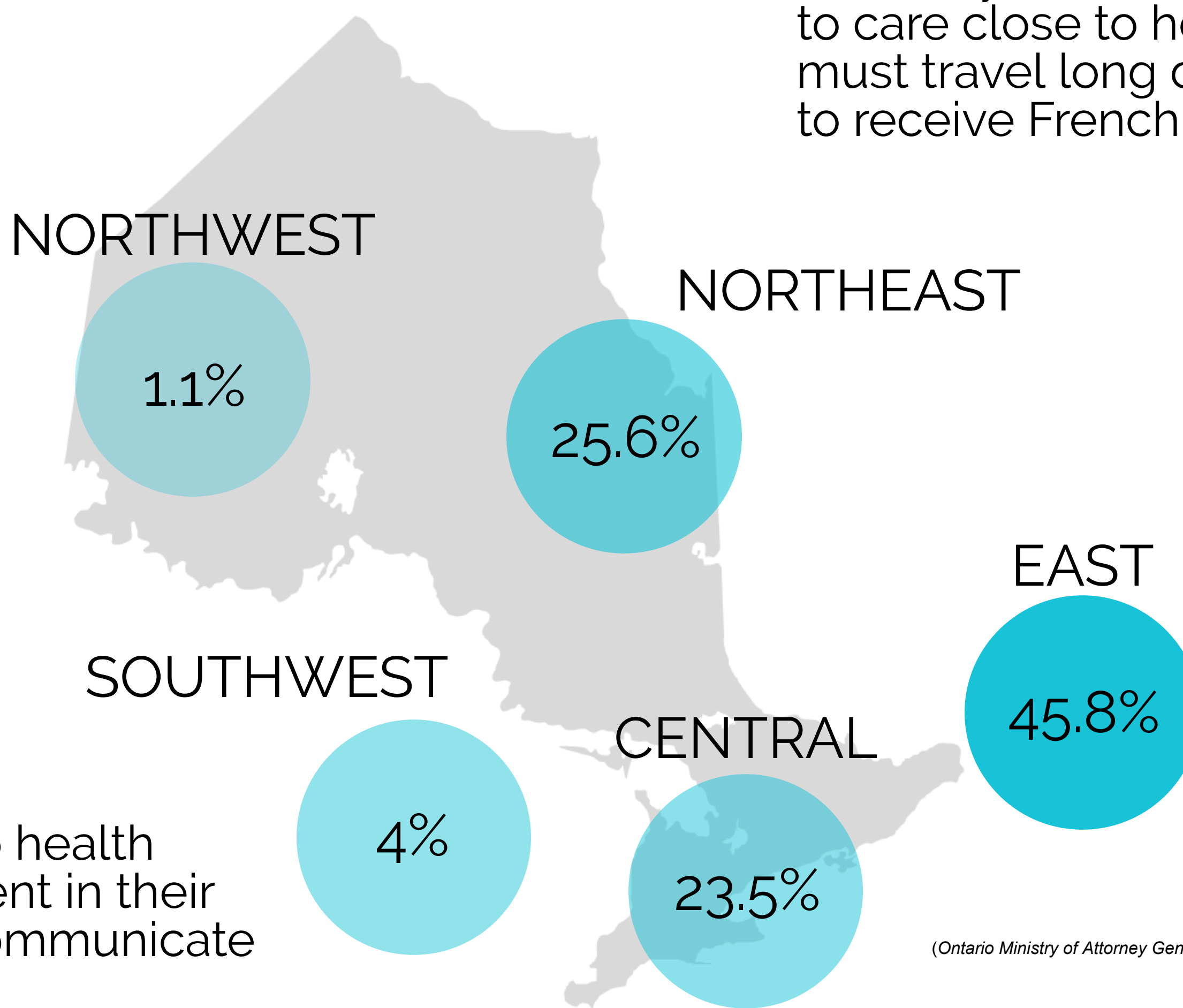
Where do Francophone youth live?

Percentage of all Francophone youth in Ontario by region

1 in 5

Francophones in Ontario live outside designated service areas under the French Language Services Act. They have less access to care close to home and must travel long distances to receive French services.²

“Language and communication are at the heart of health and mental health interventions.”²



Language barriers impact access to health services, reduce a person's investment in their health, and impede their ability to communicate with service providers.²

THERE ARE **13,551**

immigrant Francophone youth in Ontario¹

➔ **BEYOND LANGUAGE!**
Cultural variations play a key role when responding to and treating mental health challenges.⁵

Risk of suicide

Long **wait-lists** to receive French services increases risk of suicide in crisis or "at risk" Francophone youth.³