

# Quebec

## Fast Facts:

- **Motto:** "I remember"
- **Population:** 8.58 million
- **Geographic size:** 1,650,680km<sup>2</sup>
- **Capital city:** Quebec City
- **Largest city:** Montreal
- **Provincial bird:** Snowy owl
- **Provincial flower:** Blue flag iris
- **Provincial tree:** Yellow birch

## Location:

Quebec is a large province located in central Canada. It is situated between Ontario to its west and Newfoundland and Labrador to its east. Its natural border to the north is formed by parts of James Bay, Hudson Bay and the Hudson Strait. To the south, Quebec borders New Brunswick and several other states.



## Flag:

Quebec's flag was officially adopted in 1950. It is blue with a white cross and features four fleurs-de-lis. Fleur-de-lis which translates to lily flower is a symbol of French royalty.



## Geography:

Quebec is known as "la belle province," or "the beautiful province". Covering a large geographical area, the land is vast as it is diverse. With mountains, hills, forests, tundra, and lowlands, Quebec has a variety of habitats. In addition, Quebec has many lakes and rivers. In fact, more than ten percent of Quebec's surface is covered by water.

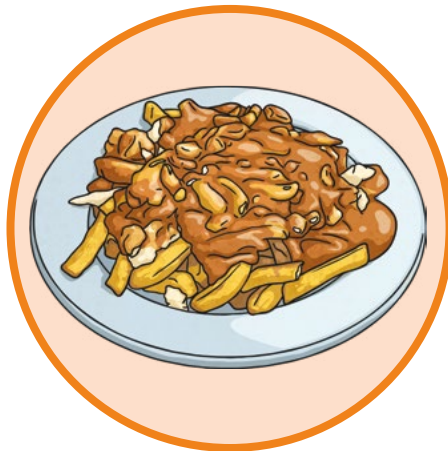


## Indigenous people:

Across Quebec there are 11 Indigenous nations across 55 Indigenous communities. The 11 nations are: Abenakis, Anishinabeg, Atikamekw, Cree, Huron-Wendat, Innu, Inuit, Maliseet, Mi'kmaq, Mohawk and Naskapi.

## Did you know?

- Only second to Nunavut in terms of geographic size, Quebec is the largest province while Nunavut is the largest territory in Canada.
- The official language of Quebec is French. By law, all signs, businesses and government offices are required to use French.
- Quebec City, the capital of Quebec, is known for its historic centre. It is the only fortified city north of Mexico.
- Poutine was invented in Quebec in the 1950s and has been gaining popularity ever since! Poutine consists of fries topped with cheese curds and gravy.
- Quebec produces 75% of the world's maple syrup production.



# Check for Understanding

1. What is the geographic size of Quebec?
2. What is the capital city of Quebec?
3. What symbol is found on Quebec's flag?
4. What is the official language of Quebec?
5. What are the three ingredients in poutine?