

LIFELONG LEARNING



NON-OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

18,315 Southwestern Albertans speak a language other than English or French at home.



The ten most commonly-known languages outside of English and French are German, Spanish, Dutch, Blackfoot, Japanese, Nepali, Polish, Cantonese, Hungarian, and Arabic.

BILINGUALISM

4% of Southwestern Alberta can speak Canada's two official languages, compared to 7% provincially.



MULTIPLE LANGUAGES

4,385 residents regularly speak more than one language at home.

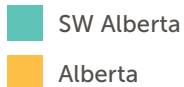
INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE

Almost 4,000 Southwestern Albertans can speak an Indigenous language. The most common is Blackfoot, which has 3,680 speakers in Southwestern Alberta.



Average Diploma

Exam Results, 2016-17

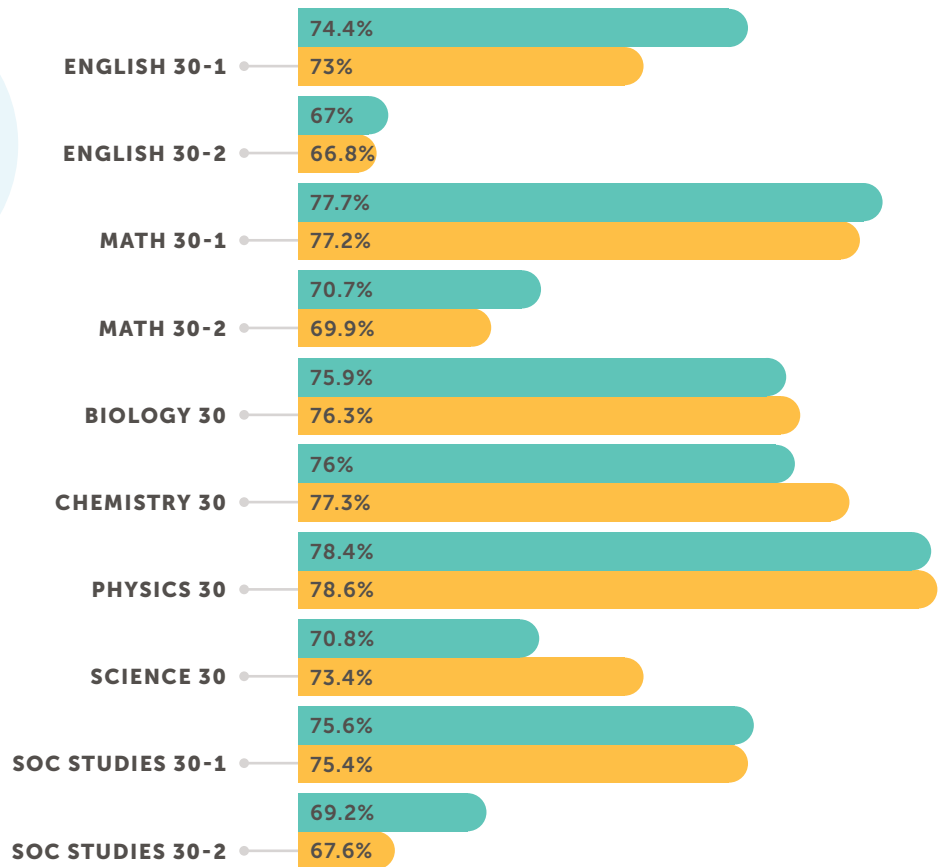


Learning for Youth

In the 2016-17 school year, the average English, Math, and Social Studies diploma exam scores in Southwestern Alberta exceeded the provincial average. Students did not fare quite as well in science subjects—scores fell short of the provincial average by roughly 2.6%.

Learning for Adults

Community Adult Learning Programs (CALP) in Alberta teach skills and offer tutoring in areas of adult literacy, numeracy, the English language, basic computer skills, foundational life skills, and family literacy. These programs have a total budget of approximately \$17.5 million, an average of just over \$144,000 for each of Alberta's 121 programs. Nine of these 121 are located in Southwestern Alberta, and the South CALP region, excluding Calgary, counted 2,537 unique adult foundational learners in the 2016-17 grant term.



*Exam results for Southwestern Alberta were calculated as an average of reported diploma exam results of the following school districts: Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division, Horizon School Division, Livingstone Range School Division, Lethbridge School District 51, Palliser Regional Schools, and Westwind School Division.

HOW THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HELPS

In 2017, the Community Foundation awarded \$64,700 in grant funding to 13 organizations for projects focused specifically on enhancing quality of life within the Lifelong Learning Impact Area.

