

**The Status of French in the Quebec Labor Market, 1970–95: Labor Income**  
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Abstract

This study examines the relationship between the language skills of Quebec workers and their earnings, from 1970 to 1995. It shows that, while the mean earnings of Anglophones are higher than those of Francophones in 1995 as in 1970, the net benefits of being unilingual declined from +10% in 1970 to -10% in 1995 for Anglophone men, whereas they remained at 0 for Anglophone women over the same period. The study also shows that the advantage of being bilingual is the same for Anglophone men as for Francophone men, whereas bilingualism is a net benefit for Francophone women. The authors conclude that efforts should be made to increase bilingualism among French-speaking Quebecers.