

## Portuguese Canadians In Toronto

- Little Portugal is located in the downtown west end of Toronto. In this neighbourhood, Portuguese immigrants have created one of the most visible ethnic neighbourhoods in Toronto.
- From early 1950s to the present, between 60 to 70% of the Portuguese who immigrated to Canada arrived from the Azores region, particularly from the island of São Miguel. In 1953 the Canadian Government sponsored immigration to fulfill needs for farm labourers and construction workers on the railway.
- The Portuguese Canadian Walk of Fame located at Camoes Square, at the corner of College St. and Crawford, in Toronto, Portuguese Canadians who have made a significant contribution to Portuguese Canadian Culture. It was inaugurated on June 2nd, 2013 during celebrations to commemorate 60 years of Portuguese immigration to Canada.
- The Gallery of the Portuguese Pioneers Museum honours Portuguese immigrants who arrived in Canada predominantly in 1953, 1954 and 1955. It is located in Toronto, West of Oakwood Ave. The museum, located at 960 St. Clair Ave West, provides a snapshot into the lives of new comers.
- Portugal Week 2017: Every year, during the week of June 10, the Portuguese-Canadian community in Toronto celebrates Portugal's national day. Portugal Week consists of celebrations and festivities including the popular the Portugal Day Parade (Dundas St. W. to Trinity Bellwoods Park).

## Portuguese Language

- Portuguese is the official language of 9 countries: Portugal, Brazil, Cape Verde, Angola, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Principe, Sao Tome, and Equatorial Guinea. Portuguese is also spoken in Goa (India), Macao, and East Timor.
- Over 230 million people speak Portuguese, and it's the sixth most widely spoken language in the world.
- About 1,400 TDSB students speak Portuguese as their mother tongue or at home.

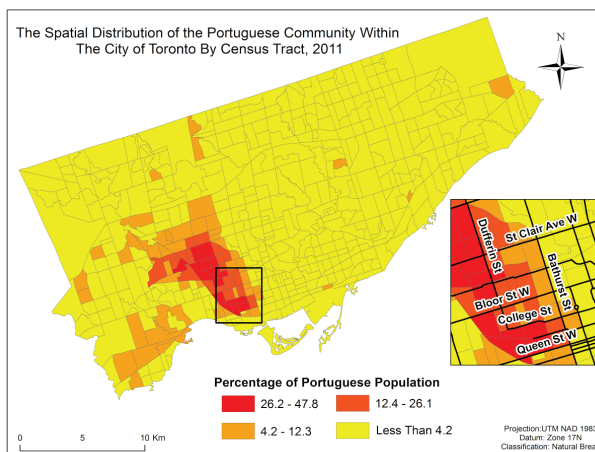
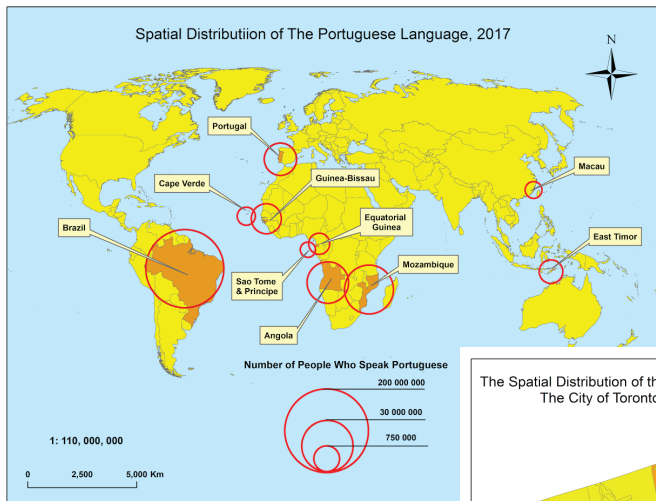
## Portugal and Brazil

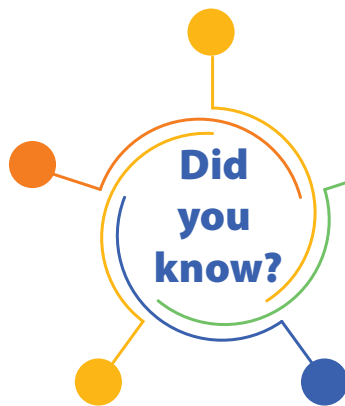
- Portugal has had the same defined borders since 1139, making it the oldest nation-state in Europe.
- Brazil is the only country in South America that speaks Portuguese. Brazil is the 5th largest country in the world by both land area and population.
- Brazil is the 7th largest economy in the world, which makes Portuguese extremely relevant in a global economy.
- Famous people with Portuguese speaking heritage: Nelly Furtado (Canadian singer), Charles Sousa (Canadian politician), Katy Perry (singer), Ferdinand Magellan (explorer), Emeril Lagasse (chef), Tom Hanks (actor), Pele (soccer player).

# Did you know?

- Portuguese cuisine varies from region to region, but fresh fish and shellfish are found on virtually every menu. The national dish is "bacalhau," dried, salted cod. The Portuguese have been salting cod since the early 16th century, when their fishing boats reached Newfoundland. The sailors salted and sun-dried their catch to make it last the long journey home, and today there are said to be 365 different ways of preparing it, one for each day of the year.
- Eight out of ten Portuguese people are Roman Catholic. Saints' days and religious festivals are very popular events.
- Fado is a music genre that originated in Lisbon, Portugal. The word fado means "fate" in Portuguese. It is a form of music characterized by mournful tunes and lyrics infused with sentiments of fatefulness and melancholy. Fado is recognized by UNESCO in its Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Click the source link to hear an example of fado.
- Cante Alentejano is a genre of traditional two-part singing performed by amateur choral group in southern Portugal, characterized by distinctive melodies, lyrics and vocal styles, and performed without instrumentation. Inscribed in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Lists.

## Portuguese Speaking Countries





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*Explora* (elementary or secondary levels): TDSB Virtual Library → SEARCH → A-Z databases

- Research interface for all Ebsco databases including: Canadian Literary Centre , Canadian Reference Center , History Reference Center, Literary Reference Center, Science Reference Center
- Suggested terms: Portugal, Portuguese