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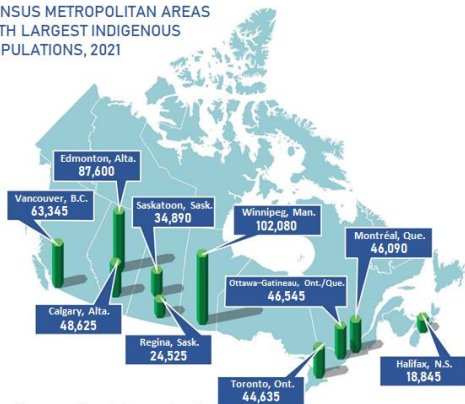
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Source(s): Census of Population, 2021 (3901).

June marks National Indigenous History Month in Canada, and June 21st, 2023, is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This day is an annual reminder for people across Canada to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations people, Métis and Inuit.

Statistics Canada will be releasing the Indigenous population profiles from the 2021 Census on June 21st, 2023.

The Indigenous population profile presents information from the 2021 Census of Population focusing on the Indigenous identity population in various geographic areas. These areas include Canada, provinces and territories, census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations, census divisions, census subdivisions, Métis settlements, Inuit regions, and First Nations and Tribal Council areas. Data are available for the Indigenous identity population by age group and gender for select socio-demographic characteristics such as language, housing, education, labour and income.

The success of the 2021 Census would not have been possible without the involvement of Indigenous people. Thanks to their participation, high-quality data are available for Indigenous communities across the country. Statistics Canada would like to thank First Nations people, Métis and Inuit for responding to the 2021 Census of Population.

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Learning Corner

Indigenous Statistical Capacity Development Initiative: Build Your Statistical Capacity

The Centre for Indigenous Statistics and Partnerships' Indigenous Statistical Capacity Development Initiative enables Indigenous organizations and communities to develop and sustain their own statistical capacity by providing training on various topics as they relate to statistics.

The following instructor-led online training sessions are intended for and will be offered to First Nations, Métis and Inuit participants, communities and Indigenous organizations in July and August:

Date	Workshop
July 5-6, 2023 1:00-3:00pm (ET) Course offered in English	Introduction to Statistics (Offered over 2 half-days) This course will provide participants with a basic understanding of statistics, including key statistical concepts, how data can be interpreted using statistics, and how statistics can help to understand a particular topic of interest.
July 19-20, 2023 1:00-3:30pm (ET) Course offered in English	Using Indigenous Data from the 2021 Census (Offered over 2 half-days) Conducted every five years, the Census of Population is the most comprehensive source of data on the demographic, social and economic characteristics of Canadians. This course will explore the 2021 Census of Population data available and enhance participants' ability to use data to support their community and organization's needs. Participants will gain a basic understanding of the methodology and processes involved in conducting the census, and will explore census geographies, universes, and variables with a focus on Indigenous data. This course will also demonstrate how to use the Census Program website tools and how to find and use census data on the Statistics Canada Website.
July 25, 2023 1:00-2:30pm (ET) Course offered in English	Navigating the Statistics Canada Website This course is an introduction to the Statistics Canada website. The course will guide participants through the main sections of the website, focusing on how to access Indigenous statistics as well as how to find key indicators, community-level data, and census data products.
July 26-27, 2023 1:00-2:30pm (ET) Course offered in English	Preparing Funding Proposals (Offered over 2 half-days) This course will discuss different components of funding proposals, including how to develop an idea into a plan, identifying potential funding opportunities, finding data needed to support the funding proposal, and how to write the proposal using the data identified.

In June we, mark **#NationalIndigenousHistoryMonth** – a time to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations people, Métis and Inuit.

To learn more about **#Indigenous** people in Canada, we encourage you to check out the following statistical resources:

- **#NIHM2023**... by the numbers: <http://ow.ly/g28g500FFoe>
- Statistics on Indigenous Peoples: <http://ow.ly/f5IE500FFoc>

About the Newsletter

Communities, organizations and businesses have specific information needs. Statistics Canada's Indigenous Liaison Program is dedicated to serving you with this newsletter, as well as with ongoing learning and sharing activities.

August 9-10, 2023
1:00-2:30pm (ET)
Course offered in French

Preparing Funding Proposals (Offered over 2 half-days)
 This course will discuss different components of funding proposals, including how to develop an idea into a plan, identifying potential funding opportunities, finding data needed to support the funding proposal, and how to write the proposal using the data identified.

August 15-17, 2023
1:00-3:00pm (ET)
Course offered in English

Surveys from Start to Finish (Offered over 3 half-days)
 This introductory course will provide participants with knowledge needed to understand and evaluate surveys by walking through the steps of the survey process. Topics include questionnaire design, data collection methods, using and analyzing the data collected and communicating the results in an accessible way.

If you are interested in participating in any of these workshops, please contact us at: statcan.cisp-iscdicspa-idcsa.statcan@statcan.gc.ca

Did you know?



Indigenous Populations:

- The 2021 Census counted 1.8 million Indigenous people, accounting for 5.0% of the total population in Canada, up from 4.9% in 2016.
- The Indigenous population grew by 9.4% from 2016 to 2021, surpassing the growth of the non-Indigenous population over the same period (+5.3%). However, this growth was not as rapid as in years past. For example, from 2011 to 2016, the Indigenous population grew by 18.9%—more than double the 2021 growth rate.
- For the first time, the Census of Population enumerated more than 1 million First Nations people living in Canada (1,048,405).
- In 2021, there were 624,220 Métis living in Canada, up 6.3% from 2016.
- In 2021, there were 70,545 Inuit living in Canada, with just over two-thirds (69.0%) living in Inuit Nunangat—the homeland of Inuit in Canada.
- The Inuit population living outside Inuit Nunangat grew at a faster pace than the population within the Inuit homeland (+23.6% versus +2.9%).
- The Indigenous population living in large urban centres—801,045 people—has grown by 12.5% from 2016 to 2021.
- The Indigenous population was 8.2 years younger, on average, than the non-Indigenous population overall. Just over one in six working-age Indigenous people (17.2%) were "close to retirement" (55 to 64 years), compared with 22.0% of the non-Indigenous population.
- For First Nations, Métis and Inuit families, grandparents often play an important role in raising children as well as in passing down values, traditions and cultural knowledge to younger generations. In 2021, 14.2% of Indigenous children lived with at least one grandparent, compared with 8.9% of non-Indigenous children.
- Indigenous people were more likely than the non-Indigenous population to be living in a dwelling that was in need of major repairs (16.4% versus 5.7%) or live in crowded housing (17.1% versus 9.4%) in 2021.

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Indigenous Liaison Program



The [Indigenous Liaison Program](#) serves as a bridge between Statistics Canada and First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities and Indigenous organizations.

- In 2021, almost one in five Indigenous people in Canada (18.8%) lived in a low-income household, using the low-income measure, after tax. This was down nearly 10 percentage points from 2016. The decline was likely driven by government transfers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In Canada, 237,420 Indigenous people could speak an Indigenous language well enough to conduct a conversation. While the number of people with an Indigenous mother tongue has been in decline, there has been growth in the number of Indigenous second-language speakers.

To read full article: "[Indigenous population continues to grow and is much younger than the non-Indigenous population, although the pace of growth has slowed](#)"

You may also like National Indigenous Languages Day

March 30, 2023, 9:30 a.m. (EDT)



Approximately one in eight Indigenous people (237,420 people) reported they could speak one of 70 distinct Indigenous languages well enough to conduct a conversation in 2021, 10,750 fewer people compared with 2016, and the first decline since comparable data started being collected in 1991.

The decline in [Indigenous language speakers](#) was driven by fewer people learning an Indigenous language in childhood and retaining it (also known as a mother tongue). In 2021, 184,170 Indigenous people reported an Indigenous mother tongue, 14,120 fewer people compared with 2016.

Indigenous languages in Canada are considered at risk, with several classified as endangered. As documented by the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission](#), this risk is the result of intergenerational impacts of cultural genocide and discriminatory colonial policies, most notably residential schools.

Today, however, there are some signs of language revitalization, with the share of Indigenous people who reported learning an Indigenous language as their second language rising from 24.8% in 2016 to 27.7% in 2021.

For more information: [National Indigenous Languages Day - Statistics Canada \(statcan.gc.ca\)](#)

Resources for teachers



2021 Census Teacher's Kit (2023 Reissue)

While you can use the current Web version to navigate the Teacher's Kit, each individual activity and handout is available in a downloadable PDF format. We encourage you to access the following PDF version to print and complete the activities.

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