

**Indigenous Peoples, Census Profile, 2021**

Topic	Characteristic	Note	Northwest Territories [Territory]					
			Counts			Rates		
			Total	Men+	Women+	Total	Men+	Women+
Indigenous population	Total - Indigenous identity for the population in private households - 25% sample data	44	40380	20435	19945	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Indigenous identity	45	20035	9950	10090	49.6	48.7	50.6
	Single Indigenous responses	46	19360	9620	9740	47.9	47.1	48.8
	First Nations (North American Indian)		12315	6025	6290	30.5	29.5	31.5
	MÉtis		2890	1550	1340	7.2	7.6	6.7
	Inuk†(Inuit)		4150	2045	2110	10.3	10.0	10.6
	Multiple Indigenous responses	47	405	190	215	1.0	0.9	1.1
	Indigenous responses not included elsewhere	48	270	140	135	0.7	0.7	0.7
	Non-Indigenous identity		20345	10485	9860	50.4	51.3	49.4
	Total - Registered or Treaty Indian status for the population in private households - 25% sample data	44	40380	20435	19945	100.0	100.0	100.0
Indigenous ancestry	Registered or Treaty Indian	49	12550	6165	6390	31.1	30.2	32.0
	Not a Registered or Treaty Indian		27830	14270	13560	68.9	69.8	68.0
	Total - Indigenous ancestry for the population in private households - 25% sample data	68	40380	20435	19940	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Indigenous ancestry (only)	69	15610	7785	7830	38.7	38.1	39.3
	Single Indigenous ancestry (only)	70	14505	7255	7250	35.9	35.5	36.4
	First Nations (North American Indian) single ancestry		10460	5165	5295	25.9	25.3	26.6
	MÉtis single ancestry		1015	615	400	2.5	3.0	2.0
	Inuit single ancestry		3030	1470	1555	7.5	7.2	7.8
	Multiple Indigenous ancestries (only)	71	1110	535	580	2.7	2.6	2.9
	First Nations (North American Indian) and MÉtis ancestry only		395	195	200	1.0	1.0	1.0
First Nations (North American Indian) and Inuit ancestry only		625	295	330	1.5	1.4	1.7	
MÉtis and Inuit ancestry only		65	25	35	0.2	0.1	0.2	
First Nations (North American Indian) and MÉtis and Inuit ancestry only		25	15	10	0.1	0.1	0.1	
Indigenous and non-Indigenous ancestries	72	4485	2175	2315	11.1	10.6	11.6	
Single Indigenous and non-Indigenous ancestries	73	3925	1880	2050	9.7	9.2	10.3	
First Nations (North American Indian) and non-Indigenous ancestry only		2590	1230	1355	6.4	6.0	6.8	
MÉtis and non-Indigenous ancestry only		730	340	385	1.8	1.7	1.9	
Inuit and non-Indigenous ancestry only		610	300	305	1.5	1.5	1.5	
Multiple Indigenous and non-Indigenous ancestries	74	560	300	265	1.4	1.5	1.3	
First Nations (North American Indian) and MÉtis and non-Indigenous ancestry only		235	125	115	0.6	0.6	0.6	
First Nations (North American Indian) and Inuit and non-Indigenous ancestry only		260	135	125	0.6	0.7	0.6	
MÉtis and Inuit and non-Indigenous ancestry only		40	25	10	0.1	0.1	0.1	
First Nations (North American Indian) and MÉtis and Inuit and non-Indigenous ancestry only		25	10	15	0.1	0.0	0.1	
Non-Indigenous ancestry only	75	20285	10475	9805	50.2	51.3	49.2	

Notes:

[44] Users should be aware that the estimates associated with this variable are more affected than most by the incomplete enumeration of certain reserves and settlements in the Census of Population. For more information on Indigenous variables including information on their classifications the questions from which they are derived data quality and their comparability with other sources of data please refer to the Indigenous Peoples Reference Guide Census of Population 2021 and the Indigenous Peoples Technical Report Census of Population 2021.

[45] This category includes persons who identify as First Nations (North American Indian) MÉtis and/or Inuk (Inuit) and/or those who report being Registered or Treaty Indians (that is registered under the Indian Act of Canada) and/or those who report having membership in a First Nation or Indian band.

[46] This category includes persons who identify as only one Indigenous group that is First Nations (North American Indian) MÉtis or Inuk (Inuit).

[47] This category includes persons who identify as any two or all three of the following: First Nations (North American Indian) MÉtis and/or Inuk (Inuit).

[48] This category includes persons who do not identify as First Nations (North American Indian) Métis or Inuit (Inuit) but who report having Registered or Treaty Indian status and/or Membership in a First Nation or Indian band.

[49] Registered or Treaty Indian status†refers to whether or not a person is a Registered or Treaty Indian. Registered Indians are persons who are registered under the Indian Act of Canada. Treaty Indians are persons who belong to a First Nation or Indian band that signed a treaty with the Crown. Registered or Treaty Indians are sometimes also called Status Indians.

[68] 'Indigenous ancestry' refers to whether a person has ancestry associated with the Indigenous peoples of Canada that is First Nations (North American Indian) Métis and/or Inuit. Aboriginal peoples (referred to here as Indigenous peoples) of Canada are defined in the Constitution Act 1982 Section 35 (2) as including the Indian Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada. The term 'Aboriginal' has been replaced with the updated term of 'Indigenous' when referring to individuals who identify themselves as First Nations people Métis and/or Inuit. Ancestry refers to the ethnic or cultural origins of the person's ancestors an ancestor being usually more distant than a grandparent. A person can have more than one ethnic or cultural origin.

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[69] 'Indigenous ancestry (only)' includes persons who have First Nations (North American Indian) Métis and/or Inuit ancestry. It excludes persons with non-Indigenous ancestry.

[70] 'Single Indigenous ancestry (only)' includes persons who have only one of First Nations (North American Indian) Métis or Inuit ancestry. It excludes persons with non-Indigenous ancestry.

[71] 'Multiple Indigenous ancestries (only)' includes persons who have two or more of First Nations (North American Indian) Métis and Inuit ancestries. It excludes persons with non-Indigenous ancestry.

[72] 'Indigenous and non-Indigenous ancestries' includes persons who have First Nations (North American Indian) Métis and/or Inuit ancestry as well as non-Indigenous ancestry.

[73] 'Single Indigenous and non-Indigenous ancestries' includes persons who have First Nations (North American Indian) Métis or Inuit ancestry as well as non-Indigenous ancestry.

[74] 'Multiple Indigenous and non-Indigenous ancestries' includes persons who have two or more of First Nations (North American Indian) Métis and Inuit ancestries as well as non-Indigenous ancestry.

[75] 'Non-Indigenous ancestry (only)' includes persons who have non-Indigenous ancestry only.

Data quality:

Northwest Territories

Total non-response (TNR) rate, short-form census questionnaire: 8.2%

Total non-response (TNR) rate, long-form census questionnaire: 10.8%

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