

Indigenous Peoples, Census Profile, 2021

Topic	Characteristic	Note	Nunavut [Territory]			Rates		
			Counts			Men+	Women+	
			Total	Men+	Women+	Total	Men+	Women+
Indigenous population	Total - Indigenous identity for the population in private households - 25% sample data	44	36605	18580	18020	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Indigenous identity	45	31390	15765	15620	85.8	84.8	86.7
	Single Indigenous responses	46	31160	15640	15520	85.1	84.2	86.1
	First Nations (North American Indian)		180	95	85	0.5	0.5	0.5
	MÉtis		120	65	50	0.3	0.3	0.3
	Inuk†(Inuit)		30865	15480	15385	84.3	83.3	85.4
	Multiple Indigenous responses	47	200	105	90	0.5	0.6	0.5
	Indigenous responses not included elsewhere	48	30	15	15	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Non-Indigenous identity		5210	2815	2395	14.2	15.2	13.3
	Total - Registered or Treaty Indian status for the population in private households - 25% sample data	44	36605	18580	18020	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Registered or Treaty Indian	49	120	65	60	0.3	0.3	0.3
Not a Registered or Treaty Indian		36475	18520	17960	99.6	99.7	99.7	
Indigenous ancestry	Total - Indigenous ancestry for the population in private households - 25% sample data	68	36600	18580	18020	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Indigenous ancestry (only)	69	27770	14020	13745	75.9	75.5	76.3
	Single Indigenous ancestry (only)	70	27570	13935	13640	75.3	75.0	75.7
	First Nations (North American Indian) single ancestry		170	85	90	0.5	0.5	0.5
	MÉtis single ancestry		20	10	10	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Inuit single ancestry		27375	13835	13540	74.8	74.5	75.1
	Multiple Indigenous ancestries (only)	71	195	90	105	0.5	0.5	0.6
	First Nations (North American Indian) and MÉtis ancestry only		10	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	First Nations (North American Indian) and Inuit ancestry only		160	70	90	0.4	0.4	0.5
	MÉtis and Inuit ancestry only		25	10	15	0.1	0.1	0.1
	First Nations (North American Indian) and MÉtis and Inuit ancestry only		10	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Indigenous and non-Indigenous ancestries	72	3585	1735	1850	9.8	9.3	10.3
	Single Indigenous and non-Indigenous ancestries	73	3485	1685	1795	9.5	9.1	10.0
	First Nations (North American Indian) and non-Indigenous ancestry only		245	125	115	0.7	0.7	0.6
	MÉtis and non-Indigenous ancestry only		45	20	25	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Inuit and non-Indigenous ancestry only		3195	1540	1655	8.7	8.3	9.2
	Multiple Indigenous and non-Indigenous ancestries	74	105	55	50	0.3	0.3	0.3
	First Nations (North American Indian) and MÉtis and non-Indigenous ancestry only		10	10	0	0.0	0.1	0.0
	First Nations (North American Indian) and Inuit and non-Indigenous ancestry only		85	40	40	0.2	0.2	0.2
	MÉtis and Inuit and non-Indigenous ancestry only		10	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	First Nations (North American Indian) and MÉtis and Inuit and non-Indigenous ancestry only		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-Indigenous ancestry only	75	5250	2820	2430	14.3	15.2	13.5	

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 Inuk (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:

Nunavut

Total non-response (TNR) rate, short-form census questionnaire: 20.2%

Total non-response (TNR) rate, long-form census questionnaire: 21.9%

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