

**Mother tongue by first official language spoken and knowledge of official languages, Data Tables, 2021**  
**Universe: All persons, excluding institutional residents, 2021 Census — 100% data**

Knowledge of official languages (1) Age (2) Gender (3, 4) Mother tongue (6)	Northwest Territories										
	Total - Knowledge of official languages (5)										
	Total - Age										
	Total - Gender										
	Total - Mother tongue (8)	English	French	Non-official language	Indigenous (9)	Non- Indigenous	English and French	English and non-official language(s)	French and non-official language(s)	English, French and non-official language(s)	Multiple non-official languages
First official language spoken (7)											
Total - First official language spoken (10)	40,545	30,795	1,130	6,925	3,705	3,220	300	1,255	30	25	95
English	39,055	30,795	55	6,630	3,590	3,040	200	1,255	10	20	90
French	1,135	0	1,075	20	5	15	20	0	15	0	0
English and French	155	0	0	75	20	60	70	0	0	0	0
Neither English nor French	200	0	0	195	90	105	0	0	0	0	0

Abbreviation notes:

List of abbreviations and acronyms found within various Census products. (<https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/ref/symb-ab-acr-eng.cfm>)

Geography name: Northwest Territories

Geographic area type: Territory

Geographic area type abbreviation: TERR

Geographic level: Province or territory

Province or territory abbreviation: N.W.T.

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Province or territory geocode: 61

Short-form total non-response rate: 8.2

Data quality flag: 00010

Data quality note: ..."

Footnotes:

[1] Knowledge of official languages

Knowledge of official languages refers to whether the person can conduct a conversation in English only, French only, in both or in neither language. For a child who has not yet learned to speak, this includes languages that the child is learning to speak at home.

[2] Age

'Age' refers to the age of a person (or subject) of interest at last birthday (or relative to a specified, well-defined reference date).

[3] Gender

Gender refers to an individual's personal and social identity as a man, woman or non-binary person (a person who is not exclusively a man or a woman). Gender includes the following concepts: gender identity, which refers to the gender that a person feels internally and individually

[4] Given that the non-binary population is small, data aggregation to a two-category gender variable is sometimes necessary to protect the confidentiality of responses provided. In these cases, individuals in the category "non-binary persons" are distributed into the other two gender categories and are denoted by the "+" symbol.

[5] For more information on language 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 Languages Reference Guide, Census of Population, 2021.

[6] Mother tongue

Mother tongue refers to the first language learned at home in childhood and still understood by the person at the time the data was collected. If the person no longer understands the first language learned, the mother tongue is the second language learned. For a person who learned more than one language at the same time in early childhood, the mother tongue is the language this person spoke most often at home before starting school. The person has more than one mother tongue only if they learned these languages at the same time, and still understands them. For a child who has not yet learned to speak, the mother tongue is the language spoken most often to this child at home. A child who has not yet learned to speak has more than one mother tongue only if these languages are spoken to them equally often so that the child learns these languages at the same time.

[7] First official language spoken First official language spoken refers to the first official language (English or French) spoken by the person.

[8] For more information on language 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 Languages Reference Guide, Census of Population, 2021.

[9] Users should be aware that estimates associated with Indigenous languages are more affected than most by the incomplete enumeration of certain reserves and settlements in the Census of Population.

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