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

	Northwest Territories				
	Total - Gender				
	Total - Age				
Gender (1, 2) Age (3) Knowledge of official languages (4)	Total - Knowledge of official languages (6)	English only	French only	English and French	Neither English nor French
Mother tongue (5)					
Total - Mother tongue (7, 8)	40,545	35,940	100	4,295	210
Single responses	38,850	34,580	95	3,965	205
Official languages	31,925	28,090	90	3,730	10
English	30,795	28,035	0	2,750	10
French	1,130	55	90	980	0
Non-official languages	6,925	6,490	5	235	200
Indigenous languages (9)	3,705	3,575	5	35	90
Algonquian languages	105	105	0	0	5
Blackfoot	0	0	0	0	0
Cree-Innu languages	95	90	0	0	5
Atikamekw	0	0	0	0	0
Cree languages	95	90	0	0	5
Ililimowin (Moose Cree)	0	0	0	0	0
Inu Ayimun (Southern East Cree)	0	0	0	0	0
Iyiyiw-Ayimiwin (Northern East Cree)	0	0	0	0	0
Nehinawewin (Swampy Cree)	5	5	0	0	0
Nehiyawewin (Plains Cree)	20	20	0	0	0
Nihithawiwin (Woods Cree)	10	10	0	0	0
Cree, n.o.s.	55	55	0	0	5
Innu (Montagnais)	0	0	0	0	0
Naskapi	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Algonquian languages	0	0	0	0	0
Mi'kmaq	0	0	0	0	0
Wolastoqewi (Malecite)	0	0	0	0	0
Ojibway-Potawatomi languages	10	10	0	0	0
Anicinabemowin (Algonquin)	0	0	0	0	0
Oji-Cree	0	0	0	0	0
Ojibway languages	10	10	0	0	0
Anishinaabemowin (Chippewa)	10	10	0	0	0
Daawaamwin (Odawa)	0	0	0	0	0
Saulteau (Western Ojibway)	0	0	0	0	0
Ojibway, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0
Algonquian languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Athabaskan languages	3,140	3,020	5	30	85
Northern Athabaskan languages	3,140	3,020	5	30	85
Dakelh (Carrier)	0	0	0	0	0
Dane-zaa (Beaver)	5	5	0	0	0
Dene, n.o.s.	415	380	5	15	15
Gwich'in	90	90	0	0	0
Slavey-Hare languages	1,280	1,250	0	5	20
Deh Gah Ghotie Zhatie (South Slavey)	280	275	0	5	0
Satuotine Yati (North Slavey)	240	230	0	5	5
Slavey, n.o.s.	755	750	0	0	10
Tahltan languages	0	0	0	0	0
Kaska (Nahani)	0	0	0	0	0
Tahltan	0	0	0	0	0
Tlicho (Dogrib)	1,345	1,290	0	5	50
Tse'khene (Sekani)	0	0	0	0	0
Tsilhqot'in (Chilcotin)	0	0	0	0	0
Tsuu T'ina (Sarsi)	0	0	0	0	0
Tutchone languages	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Tutchone	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Tutchone	0	0	0	0	0
Tutchone, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0
Wetsuwet'en-Babine	0	0	0	0	0
Tlingit	0	0	0	0	0
Athabaskan languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Haida	0	0	0	0	0
Inuktut (Inuit) languages	445	440	0	5	5
Inuinnaqtun (Inuvialuktun)	290	280	0	0	5
Inuinnaqtun	100	95	0	0	5

Inuvialuktun	190	185	0	0	0
Inuktitut	155	155	0	0	0
Inuktut (Inuit) languages, n.i.e.	5	5	0	0	0
Iroquoian languages	0	0	0	0	0
Cayuga	0	0	0	0	0
Mohawk	0	0	0	0	0
Oneida	0	0	0	0	0
Iroquoian languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Ktunaxa (Kutenai)	0	0	0	0	0
Michif	15	15	0	0	0
Salish languages	0	0	0	0	0
Halkomelem	0	0	0	0	0
Lillooet	0	0	0	0	0
Ntlakapamux (Thompson)	0	0	0	0	0
Secwepemctsin (Shuswap)	0	0	0	0	0
Squamish	0	0	0	0	0
Straits	0	0	0	0	0
Syilx (Okanagan)	0	0	0	0	0
Salish languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Siouan languages	0	0	0	0	0
Assiniboine	0	0	0	0	0
Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Stoney	0	0	0	0	0
Siouan languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Tsimshian languages	0	0	0	0	0
Gitxsan (Gitksan)	0	0	0	0	0
Nisga'a	0	0	0	0	0
Tsimshian	0	0	0	0	0
Wakashan languages	0	0	0	0	0
Haisla	0	0	0	0	0
Heiltsuk	0	0	0	0	0
Kwak'wala (Kwakiutl)	0	0	0	0	0
Nuu-chah-nulth (Nootka)	0	0	0	0	0
Wakashan languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Indigenous languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Indigenous languages, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Indigenous languages	3,220	2,910	5	200	105
Afro-Asiatic languages	280	230	5	40	10
Berber languages	10	5	0	5	0
Kabyle	0	0	0	0	0
Tamazight	10	5	0	5	0
Berber languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Chadic languages	0	0	0	0	0
Hausa	0	0	0	0	0
Mina	0	0	0	0	0
Coptic	0	0	0	0	0
Cushitic languages	50	45	0	0	0
Bilen	0	0	0	0	0
Oromo	0	0	0	0	0
Somali	50	45	0	0	0
Cushitic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Semitic languages	220	180	5	30	10
Amharic	25	25	0	0	0
Arabic	140	105	5	30	10
Aramaic languages	0	0	0	0	0
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	0	0	0	0	0
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	0	0	0	0	0
Aramaic, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0
Harari	0	0	0	0	0
Hebrew	5	0	0	5	0
Maltese	0	0	0	0	0
Tigrigna	45	45	0	0	0
Semitic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Austro-Asiatic languages	165	140	0	5	20
Khmer (Cambodian)	0	0	0	0	0
Vietnamese	165	140	0	5	20
Austro-Asiatic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Austronesian languages	1,005	980	0	15	10
Bikol	0	0	0	0	0
Bisaya, n.o.s.	25	20	0	0	5
Cebuano	65	60	0	0	0
Fijian	0	0	0	0	0

Hiligaynon	30	30	0	0	0
Ilocano	65	65	0	0	0
Indonesian	5	5	0	0	0
Kankanaey	0	0	0	0	0
Kinaray-a	0	0	0	0	0
Malagasy languages	0	0	0	0	0
Merina	0	0	0	0	0
Malagasy, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0
Malay	0	0	0	0	0
Pampangan (Kapampangan, Pampango)	10	10	0	0	0
Pangasinan	5	5	0	0	0
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	795	775	0	15	5
Waray-Waray	10	10	0	0	0
Austronesian languages, n.i.e.	5	5	0	0	0
Creole languages	20	10	0	15	0
Haitian Creole	0	0	0	0	0
Jamaican English Creole	0	0	0	0	0
Krio	5	5	0	0	0
Morisyen	5	0	0	0	0
Sango	0	0	0	0	0
Creole, n.o.s.	10	0	0	5	0
Creole languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Dravidian languages	105	95	0	5	5
Kannada	0	0	0	0	0
Malayalam	55	50	0	5	0
Tamil	30	20	0	0	0
Telugu	25	25	0	0	0
Tulu	0	0	0	0	0
Dravidian languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Georgian	0	0	0	0	0
Hmong-Mien languages	0	0	0	0	0
Indo-European languages	1,050	945	0	85	15
Albanian	0	0	0	0	0
Armenian	40	40	0	0	0
Balto-Slavic languages	160	140	0	10	10
Baltic languages	0	0	0	0	0
Latvian	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuanian	0	0	0	0	0
Slavic languages	160	135	0	10	10
Belarusian	0	0	0	0	0
Bulgarian	10	10	0	0	0
Czech	5	5	0	0	0
Macedonian	10	10	0	0	0
Polish	35	35	0	5	0
Russian	35	30	0	0	5
Rusyn	0	0	0	0	0
Serbo-Croatian	20	15	0	0	0
Bosnian	5	5	0	0	0
Croatian	5	5	0	0	0
Serbian	5	5	0	0	0
Serbo-Croatian, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Slovak	20	15	0	0	0
Slovene (Slovenian)	0	0	0	0	0
Ukrainian	20	15	0	0	0
Slavic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Celtic languages	0	0	0	0	0
Irish	0	0	0	0	0
Scottish Gaelic	0	0	0	0	0
Welsh	0	0	0	0	0
Celtic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Germanic languages	220	190	0	30	0
Frisian	0	0	0	0	0
High German languages	120	100	0	20	0
German	110	100	0	10	0
Pennsylvania German	0	0	0	0	0
Swiss German	5	5	0	0	0
Yiddish	0	0	0	0	0
Low Saxon-Low Franconian languages	85	70	0	10	0
Afrikaans	25	20	0	5	0
Dutch	50	40	0	5	0
Low German, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0
Low Saxon	0	0	0	0	0

Plautdietsch	10	10	0	0	0
Vlaams (Flemish)	0	0	0	0	0
Scandinavian languages	15	15	0	5	0
Danish	5	5	0	0	0
Icelandic	5	5	0	5	0
Norwegian	5	5	0	0	0
Swedish	5	5	0	0	0
Germanic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Greek	10	5	0	5	0
Indo-Iranian languages	440	415	0	15	10
Indo-Aryan languages	415	400	0	10	10
Assamese	0	0	0	0	0
Bengali	70	70	0	5	0
Gujarati	30	25	0	0	5
Hindi	60	55	0	0	0
Kacchi	0	0	0	0	0
Kashmiri	0	0	0	0	0
Konkani	0	0	0	0	0
Marathi	0	0	0	0	0
Nepali	25	25	0	0	0
Oriya languages	0	0	0	0	0
Odia	0	0	0	0	0
Oriya, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0
Punjabi (Panjabi)	135	135	0	0	0
Rohingya	0	0	0	0	0
Sindhi	0	0	0	0	0
Sinhala (Sinhalese)	5	5	0	0	0
Urdu	80	75	0	0	0
Indo-Aryan languages, n.i.e.	5	5	0	0	0
Iranian languages	25	20	0	5	0
Baluchi	0	0	0	0	0
Kurdish	0	0	0	0	0
Parsi	0	0	0	0	0
Pashto	0	0	0	0	0
Persian languages	20	15	0	5	0
Dari	0	0	0	0	0
Iranian Persian	10	10	0	0	0
Persian (Farsi), n.o.s.	10	10	0	0	0
Iranian languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Indo-Iranian languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Italic (Romance) languages	175	145	0	30	0
Catalan	0	0	0	0	0
Italian	40	35	0	5	0
Portuguese	15	5	0	5	0
Romanian	10	10	0	0	0
Spanish	110	95	0	15	0
Italic (Romance) languages, n.i.e.	5	0	0	5	0
Indo-European languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Japanese	65	65	0	0	0
Korean	55	50	0	0	5
Mongolian	0	0	0	0	0
Niger-Congo languages	145	130	0	15	0
Akan (Twi)	10	10	0	0	0
Bamanankan	0	0	0	0	0
Edo	0	0	0	0	0
Éwé	5	5	0	0	0
Fulah (Pular, Pulaar, Fulfulde)	0	0	0	0	0
Ga	0	0	0	0	0
Ganda	15	15	0	0	0
Gikuyu	0	0	0	0	0
Igbo	5	5	0	5	0
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	5	0	0	0	0
Lingala	0	0	0	0	0
Luba-Kasai	0	0	0	0	0
Mòoré	0	0	0	0	0
Mwani	5	5	0	0	0
Ndebele	15	15	0	0	0
Rundi (Kirundi)	0	0	0	0	0
Shona	40	40	0	0	0
Soninke	0	0	0	0	0
Sotho-Tswana languages	5	5	0	0	0
Swahili	10	10	0	0	0

Wojenaka	0	0	0	0	0
Wolof	0	0	0	0	0
Yoruba	5	5	0	0	0
Niger-Congo languages, n.i.e.	20	15	0	5	0
Nilo-Saharan languages	5	5	0	0	0
Dinka	0	0	0	0	0
Nuer	0	0	0	0	0
Nilo-Saharan languages, n.i.e.	5	5	0	0	0
African, n.o.s.	0	0	0	0	0
Sign languages	5	0	0	0	0
American Sign Language	5	0	0	0	0
Quebec Sign Language	0	0	0	0	0
Sign languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Sino-Tibetan languages	275	230	0	10	35
Chinese languages	275	230	0	10	35
Hakka	0	0	0	0	0
Mandarin	105	90	0	10	15
Min Dong	0	0	0	0	0
Min Nan (Chaochow, Teochow, Fukien, Taiwanese)	5	5	0	0	0
Wu (Shanghainese)	5	5	0	0	5
Yue (Cantonese)	145	125	0	5	15
Chinese, n.o.s.	10	10	0	0	0
Chinese languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Tibeto-Burman languages	0	0	0	0	0
Burmese	0	0	0	0	0
Kuki-Chin languages	0	0	0	0	0
Karenic languages	0	0	0	0	0
S'gaw Karen	0	0	0	0	0
Karenic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Tibetan	0	0	0	0	0
Tibeto-Burman languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Sino-Tibetan languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Tai-Kadai languages	5	0	0	0	0
Lao	0	0	0	0	0
Thai	5	0	0	0	0
Tai-Kadai languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Turkic languages	5	5	0	0	0
Azerbaijani	0	0	0	0	0
Kazakh	0	0	0	0	0
Turkish	10	0	0	0	0
Uyghur	0	0	0	0	0
Uzbek	0	0	0	0	0
Turkic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Uralic languages	25	20	0	10	0
Estonian	0	0	0	0	0
Finnish	10	5	0	5	0
Hungarian	15	15	0	5	0
Other languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0	0	0
Multiple responses	1,695	1,360	5	330	5
English and French	295	45	0	255	0
English and non-official language(s)	1,255	1,210	0	45	5
French and non-official language(s)	25	5	5	15	0
English, French and non-official language(s)	20	10	0	10	0
Multiple non-official languages	95	90	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)

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Footnotes:

[1] 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

[2] 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.

[3] 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).

[4] 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.

[5] 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.

[6] 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.

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[8] n.i.e. = not included elsewhere   n.o.s. = not otherwise specified

[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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