

**Knowledge of languages by age and gender, Data Tables, 2021**

**Universe: Persons in private households in occupied private dwellings, 2021 Census — 25% Sample data**

Age (1) Gender (2, 3) Statistics Single and multiple responses of knowledge of languages (4)	Total - Single and multiple responses of knowledge of languages (6, 7)	Northwest Territories	
		Total - Age Total - Gender Count	Multiple responses of knowledge of languages (9)
Knowledge of languages (5)		Single responses of knowledge of languages (8)	
Total - Knowledge of languages (10, 11)	40,380	26,870	13,505
Official languages	40,160	26,665	13,495
English	40,000	26,515	13,480
French	4,445	150	4,295
Non-official languages	10,165	205	9,960
Indigenous languages (12)	5,385	85	5,295
Algonquian languages	240	0	240
Blackfoot	0	0	0
Cree-Innu languages	205	0	200
Atikamekw	0	0	0
Cree languages	205	0	200
Ililimowin (Moose Cree)	0	0	0
Inu Ayimun (Southern East Cree)	0	0	0
Iyiyiw-Ayimiwin (Northern East Cree)	0	0	0
Nehinawewin (Swampy Cree)	0	0	0
Nehiyawewin (Plains Cree)	70	0	70
Nihithawiw (Woods Cree)	15	0	15
Cree, n.o.s.	115	0	115
Innu (Montagnais)	0	0	0
Naskapi	0	0	0
Eastern Algonquian languages	0	0	0
Mi'kmaq	0	0	0
Wolastoqewi (Malecite)	0	0	0
Ojibway-Potawatomi languages	50	0	50
Anicinabemowin (Algonquin)	0	0	0
Oji-Cree	0	0	0
Ojibway languages	45	0	45
Anishinaabemowin (Chippewa)	30	0	30
Daawaamwin (Odawa)	0	0	0
Saulteau (Western Ojibway)	0	0	0
Ojibway, n.o.s.	15	0	15
Algonquian languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Athabaskan languages	4,440	80	4,360
Northern Athabaskan languages	4,440	80	4,360
Dakelh (Carrier)	0	0	0
Dane-zaa (Beaver)	10	0	10
Dene, n.o.s.	600	10	590
Gwich'in	170	0	170
Slavey-Hare languages	1,750	20	1,730
Deh Gah Ghotie Zhatie (South Slavey)	455	0	450
Satuotine Yati (North Slavey)	350	0	345
Slavey, n.o.s.	970	10	960
Tahltan languages	0	0	0
Kaska (Nahani)	0	0	0
Tahltan	0	0	0
Tlicho (Dogrib)	2,045	50	2,000
Tse'khene (Sekani)	0	0	0
Tsilhqot'in (Chilcotin)	0	0	0
Tsuu T'ina (Sarsi)	0	0	0
Tutchone languages	0	0	0
Northern Tutchone	0	0	0
Southern Tutchone	0	0	0
Tutchone, n.o.s.	0	0	0
Wetsuwet'en-Babine	0	0	0
Tlingit	0	0	0
Athabaskan languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Haida	0	0	0
Inuktut (Inuit) languages	710	0	705
Inuinnaqtun (Inuvialuktun)	505	0	500
Inuinnaqtun	200	0	200
Inuvialuktun	305	0	305

Inuktitut	215	0	215
Inuktit (Inuit) languages, n.i.e.	10	0	10
Iroquoian languages	0	0	0
Cayuga	0	0	0
Mohawk	0	0	0
Oneida	0	0	0
Iroquoian languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Ktunaxa (Kutenai)	0	0	0
Michif	10	0	10
Salish languages	10	0	10
Halkomelem	0	0	0
Lillooet	10	0	10
Ntlakapamux (Thompson)	0	0	0
Secwepemctsin (Shuswap)	0	0	0
Squamish	0	0	0
Straits	0	0	0
Syilx (Okanagan)	0	0	0
Salish languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Siouan languages	0	0	0
Assiniboine	0	0	0
Dakota	0	0	0
Stoney	0	0	0
Siouan languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Tsimshian languages	0	0	0
Gitksan (Gitksan)	0	0	0
Nisga'a	0	0	0
Tsimshian	0	0	0
Wakashan languages	0	0	0
Haisla	0	0	0
Heiltsuk	0	0	0
Kwak'wala (Kwakiutl)	0	0	0
Nuu-chah-nulth (Nootka)	0	0	0
Wakashan languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Indigenous languages, n.i.e.	40	0	40
Indigenous languages, n.o.s.	0	0	0
Non-Indigenous languages	4,830	120	4,710
Afro-Asiatic languages	540	10	520
Berber languages	45	0	45
Kabyle	0	0	0
Tamazight	45	0	45
Berber languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Chadic languages	0	0	0
Hausa	0	0	0
Mina	0	0	0
Coptic	0	0	0
Cushitic languages	65	0	60
Bilen	0	0	0
Oromo	0	0	0
Somali	65	0	60
Cushitic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Semitic languages	450	0	440
Amharic	50	0	50
Arabic	310	10	305
Aramaic languages	0	0	0
Assyrian Neo-Aramaic	0	0	0
Chaldean Neo-Aramaic	0	0	0
Aramaic, n.o.s.	0	0	0
Harari	0	0	0
Hebrew	10	0	10
Maltese	0	0	0
Tigrigna	100	0	100
Semitic languages, n.i.e.	10	0	10
Austro-Asiatic languages	255	35	215
Khmer (Cambodian)	10	0	10
Vietnamese	250	35	215
Austro-Asiatic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Austronesian languages	1,300	10	1,285
Bikol	0	0	0
Bisaya, n.o.s.	35	0	35
Cebuano	85	0	80
Fijian	0	0	0
Hiligaynon	20	0	20

Ilocano	120	0	120
Indonesian	10	0	10
Kankanaey	0	0	0
Kinaray-a	0	0	0
Malagasy languages	0	0	0
Merina	0	0	0
Malagasy, n.o.s.	0	0	0
Malay	0	0	0
Pampangan (Kapampangan, Pampango)	20	0	20
Pangasinan	0	0	0
Tagalog (Pilipino, Filipino)	1,255	0	1,245
Waray-Waray	10	0	10
Austronesian languages, n.i.e.	55	0	55
Creole languages	70	0	70
Haitian Creole	0	0	0
Jamaican English Creole	0	0	0
Krio	25	0	25
Morisyen	10	0	10
Sango	0	0	0
Creole, n.o.s.	15	0	15
Creole languages, n.i.e.	10	0	10
Dravidian languages	145	10	140
Kannada	0	0	0
Malayalam	95	0	90
Tamil	80	0	80
Telugu	0	0	0
Tulu	0	0	0
Dravidian languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Georgian	0	0	0
Hmong-Mien languages	0	0	0
Indo-European languages	1,885	15	1,865
Albanian	0	0	0
Armenian	45	0	45
Balto-Slavic languages	255	15	240
Baltic languages	10	0	10
Latvian	0	0	0
Lithuanian	10	0	10
Slavic languages	250	15	235
Belarusian	0	0	0
Bulgarian	20	0	15
Czech	10	0	10
Macedonian	10	0	10
Polish	35	0	35
Russian	110	10	100
Rusyn	0	0	0
Serbo-Croatian	25	0	25
Bosnian	10	0	10
Croatian	10	0	10
Serbian	15	0	15
Serbo-Croatian, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Slovak	30	0	25
Slovene (Slovenian)	10	0	10
Ukrainian	30	0	30
Slavic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Celtic languages	0	0	0
Irish	0	0	0
Scottish Gaelic	0	0	0
Welsh	0	0	0
Celtic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Germanic languages	440	0	440
Frisian	0	0	0
High German languages	270	0	270
German	265	0	265
Pennsylvania German	0	0	0
Swiss German	10	0	10
Yiddish	0	0	0
Low Saxon-Low Franconian languages	160	0	160
Afrikaans	80	0	80
Dutch	75	0	75
Low German, n.o.s.	0	0	0
Low Saxon	0	0	0
Plautdietsch	0	0	0

Vlaams (Flemish)	0	0	0
Scandinavian languages	45	0	45
Danish	10	0	10
Icelandic	10	0	10
Norwegian	10	0	10
Swedish	20	0	20
Germanic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Greek	15	0	15
Indo-Iranian languages	635	0	630
Indo-Aryan languages	595	0	595
Assamese	0	0	0
Bengali	160	0	160
Gujarati	10	0	10
Hindi	250	0	250
Kacchi	0	0	0
Kashmiri	0	0	0
Konkani	0	0	0
Marathi	10	0	10
Nepali	15	0	15
Oriya languages	0	0	0
Odia	0	0	0
Oriya, n.o.s.	0	0	0
Punjabi (Panjabi)	175	0	175
Rohingya	0	0	0
Sindhi	0	0	0
Sinhala (Sinhalese)	10	0	10
Urdu	145	0	145
Indo-Aryan languages, n.i.e.	20	0	20
Iranian languages	40	0	40
Baluchi	0	0	0
Kurdish	0	0	0
Parsi	0	0	0
Pashto	0	0	0
Persian languages	35	0	35
Dari	10	0	10
Iranian Persian	30	0	30
Persian (Farsi), n.o.s.	0	0	0
Iranian languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Indo-Iranian languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Italic (Romance) languages	610	0	610
Catalan	0	0	0
Italian	90	0	90
Portuguese	30	0	30
Romanian	15	0	15
Spanish	510	0	505
Italic (Romance) languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Indo-European languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Japanese	120	0	120
Korean	75	0	75
Mongolian	0	0	0
Niger-Congo languages	250	0	250
Akan (Twi)	10	0	10
Bamanankan	0	0	0
Edo	10	0	10
Éwé	10	0	10
Fulah (Pular, Pulaar, Fulfulde)	0	0	0
Ga	0	0	0
Ganda	25	0	25
Gikuyu	0	0	0
Igbo	25	0	25
Kinyarwanda (Rwanda)	0	0	0
Lingala	0	0	0
Luba-Kasai	0	0	0
Mòoré	0	0	0
Mwani	0	0	0
Ndebele	25	0	25
Rundi (Kirundi)	0	0	0
Shona	80	0	80
Soninke	0	0	0
Sotho-Tswana languages	0	0	0
Swahili	0	0	0
Wojenaka	0	0	0

Wolof	0	0	0
Yoruba	15	0	15
Niger-Congo languages, n.i.e.	65	0	65
Nilo-Saharan languages	0	0	0
Dinka	0	0	0
Nuer	0	0	0
Nilo-Saharan languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
African, n.o.s.	10	0	10
Sign languages	30	10	25
American Sign Language	30	10	20
Quebec Sign Language	0	0	0
Sign languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Sino-Tibetan languages	315	20	290
Chinese languages	310	20	285
Hakka	0	0	0
Mandarin	170	10	165
Min Dong	0	0	0
Min Nan (Chaochow, Teochow, Fukien, Taiwanese)	15	0	15
Wu (Shanghainese)	0	0	0
Yue (Cantonese)	170	15	155
Chinese, n.o.s.	15	0	15
Chinese languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Tibeto-Burman languages	0	0	0
Burmese	10	0	10
Kuki-Chin languages	0	0	0
Karenic languages	0	0	0
S'gaw Karen	0	0	0
Karenic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Tibetan	0	0	0
Tibeto-Burman languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Sino-Tibetan languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Tai-Kadai languages	10	0	10
Lao	0	0	0
Thai	10	0	10
Tai-Kadai languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Turkic languages	25	0	25
Azerbaijani	0	0	0
Kazakh	0	0	0
Turkish	25	0	25
Uyghur	0	0	0
Uzbek	0	0	0
Turkic languages, n.i.e.	0	0	0
Uralic languages	40	0	40
Estonian	0	0	0
Finnish	10	0	10
Hungarian	30	0	30
Other languages, n.i.e.	10	0	10

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>)

Table Corrections:

Date : 2022-09-07

Note : On September 7, 2022, this table was updated to correct an error that was identified in the Knowledge of languages " variable."

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

Long-form total non-response rate: 10.8

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Data quality note: ..."

Footnotes:

[1] 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).

[2] 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

[3] 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.

[4] 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. Knowledge of non-official languages refers to whether the person can conduct a conversation in a language other than English or French. For a child who has not yet learned to speak, this includes languages that the child is learning at home. The number of languages that can be reported may vary between surveys, depending on the objective of the survey.

[5] 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. Knowledge of non-official languages refers to whether the person can conduct a conversation in a language other than English or French. For a child who has not yet learned to speak, this includes languages that the child is learning to speak at home. The number of languages that can be reported may vary between surveys, depending on the objectives of the survey.

[6] The total single and multiple language responses indicates the number of respondents who reported each language, either as their only response, or in combination with another language. Total responses represent the sum of single language responses and multiple language responses received in the census.

[7] 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.

[8] A single language response occurs when a respondent provides one language only.

[9] A multiple language response occurs when a respondent provides two or more languages.

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

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[12] 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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