

Education, Census Profile, 2021

		Northwest Territories [Territory]						
Topic	Characteristic	Note	Counts			Rates		
			Total	Men+	Women+	Total	Men+	Women+
Secondary (high) school diploma or equivalency certificate	Total - Secondary (high) school diploma or equivalency certificate for the population aged 15 years and over in private households - 25% sample data	165	31915	16130	15785	100.0	100.0	100.0
	No high school diploma or equivalency certificate		9595	5415	4185	30.1	33.6	26.5
	With high school diploma or equivalency certificate	166	22320	10715	11605	69.9	66.4	73.5
	Total - Secondary (high) school diploma or equivalency certificate for the population aged 25 to 64 years in private households - 25% sample data	165	23075	11580	11505	100.0	100.0	100.0
Highest certificate, diploma or degree	No high school diploma or equivalency certificate		5730	3340	2390	24.8	28.8	20.8
	With high school diploma or equivalency certificate	166	17345	8235	9110	75.2	71.1	79.2
	Total - Highest certificate, diploma or degree for the population aged 15 years and over in private households - 25% sample data	165	31910	16125	15785	100.0	100.0	100.0
	No certificate, diploma or degree		8260	4550	3705	25.9	28.2	23.5
	High (secondary) school diploma or equivalency certificate	167	7740	3955	3790	24.3	24.5	24.0
	Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree		15910	7615	8295	49.9	47.2	52.5
	Postsecondary certificate or diploma below bachelor level		8840	4755	4085	27.7	29.5	25.9
	Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma		2670	2085	585	8.4	12.9	3.7
	Non-apprenticeship trades certificate or diploma	168	1265	820	455	4.0	5.1	2.9
	Apprenticeship certificate	169	1400	1265	130	4.4	7.8	0.8
	College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	170	5270	2305	2970	16.5	14.3	18.8
	University certificate or diploma below bachelor level		900	370	530	2.8	2.3	3.4
	Bachelor's degree or higher		7070	2860	4210	22.2	17.7	26.7
	Bachelor's degree		4665	1890	2775	14.6	11.7	17.6
	University certificate or diploma above bachelor level		430	160	275	1.3	1.0	1.7
	Degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or optometry		120	40	75	0.4	0.2	0.5
	Master's degree		1750	715	1035	5.5	4.4	6.6
	Earned doctorate	171	105	55	55	0.3	0.3	0.3
	Total - Highest certificate, diploma or degree for the population aged 25 to 64 years in private households - 25% sample data	165	23080	11575	11500	100.0	100.0	100.0
No certificate, diploma or degree		4705	2695	2005	20.4	23.3	17.4	
High (secondary) school diploma or equivalency certificate	167	5095	2660	2440	22.1	23.0	21.2	
Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree		13275	6220	7060	57.5	53.7	61.4	
Postsecondary certificate or diploma below bachelor level		7185	3830	3355	31.1	33.1	29.2	
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma		2095	1630	465	9.1	14.1	4.0	
Non-apprenticeship trades certificate or diploma	168	990	630	360	4.3	5.4	3.1	
Apprenticeship certificate	169	1105	1000	110	4.8	8.6	1.0	
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	170	4360	1900	2460	18.9	16.4	21.4	
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level		730	300	430	3.2	2.6	3.7	
Bachelor's degree or higher		6090	2390	3700	26.4	20.6	32.2	
Bachelor's degree		3945	1560	2385	17.1	13.5	20.7	
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level		380	130	245	1.6	1.1	2.1	
Degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or optometry		105	35	75	0.5	0.3	0.7	
Master's degree		1565	610	955	6.8	5.3	8.3	
Earned doctorate	171	95	55	40	0.4	0.5	0.3	

Major field of study - Total - Major field of study - Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2021 for the population aged 15 years and over in private households - 25% sample data								
Instructional Programs (CIP) 2021	No postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	172	31915	16125	15790	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Education	173	16005	8510	7495	50.1	52.8	47.5
	13. Education		1370	310	1070	4.3	1.9	6.8
	Visual and performing arts, and communications technologies		1370	310	1070	4.3	1.9	6.8
	10. Communications technologies/technicians and support services		380	155	235	1.2	1.0	1.5
	50. Visual and performing arts		35	20	15	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Humanities		345	130	215	1.1	0.8	1.4
	16. Indigenous and foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics		595	285	310	1.9	1.8	2.0
	23. English language and literature/letters		110	35	70	0.3	0.2	0.4
	24. Liberal arts and sciences, general studies and humanities		90	35	55	0.3	0.2	0.3
	30A Interdisciplinary humanities	174	170	50	115	0.5	0.3	0.7
	38. Philosophy and religious studies		15	10	10	0.0	0.1	0.1
	39. Theology and religious vocations		40	35	10	0.1	0.2	0.1
	54. History		80	50	25	0.3	0.3	0.2
	55. French language and literature/lettersCAN		70	55	15	0.2	0.3	0.1
	Social and behavioural sciences and law		20	10	15	0.1	0.1	0.1
	05. Area, ethnic, cultural, gender, and group studies		1840	695	1145	5.8	4.3	7.3
	09. Communication, journalism and related programs		60	10	50	0.2	0.1	0.3
	19. Family and consumer sciences/human sciences		195	90	100	0.6	0.6	0.6
	22. Legal professions and studies		305	25	280	1.0	0.2	1.8
	30B Interdisciplinary social and behavioural sciences	175	220	105	115	0.7	0.7	0.7
	42. Psychology		60	10	50	0.2	0.1	0.3
	45. Social sciences		280	75	205	0.9	0.5	1.3
	Business, management and public administration		720	375	345	2.3	2.3	2.2
	30.16 Accounting and computer science		3250	920	2330	10.2	5.7	14.8
	44. Public administration and social service professions		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	52. Business, management, marketing and related support services		395	75	315	1.2	0.5	2.0
	Physical and life sciences and technologies		2855	845	2010	8.9	5.2	12.7
	26. Biological and biomedical sciences		660	295	365	2.1	1.8	2.3
	30.01 Biological and physical sciences		310	120	190	1.0	0.7	1.2
	30C Other interdisciplinary physical and life sciences	176	90	35	50	0.3	0.2	0.3
	40. Physical sciences		20	10	15	0.1	0.1	0.1
	41. Science technologies/technicians		210	115	95	0.7	0.7	0.6
	Mathematics, computer and information sciences		30	10	15	0.1	0.1	0.1
	11. Computer and information sciences and support services		440	285	155	1.4	1.8	1.0
	25. Library science		345	230	115	1.1	1.4	0.7
	27. Mathematics and statistics		50	10	35	0.2	0.1	0.2
	30D Interdisciplinary mathematics, computer and information sciences	177	45	40	10	0.1	0.2	0.1
	Architecture, engineering, and related trades		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	04. Architecture and related services		3170	2810	355	9.9	17.4	2.2
	14. Engineering		135	70	70	0.4	0.4	0.4
	15. Engineering/engineering-related technologies/technicians		565	450	115	1.8	2.8	0.7
	30.12 Historic preservation and conservation		600	515	85	1.9	3.2	0.5
	46. Construction trades		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	47. Mechanic and repair technologies/technicians		830	790	35	2.6	4.9	0.2
			800	765	40	2.5	4.7	0.3

48. Precision production		240	225	15	0.8	1.4	0.1
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation		700	430	270	2.2	2.7	1.7
01. Agricultural and veterinary sciences/services/operations and related fields	178	125	70	55	0.4	0.4	0.3
03. Natural resources and conservation		575	365	215	1.8	2.3	1.4
Health and related fields		2070	430	1645	6.5	2.7	10.4
30.37 Design for human health		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
31. Parks, recreation, leisure, fitness, and kinesiology		260	140	120	0.8	0.9	0.8
51. Health professions and related programs	178	1765	275	1490	5.5	1.7	9.4
60. Health professions residency/fellowship programs		10	0	10	0.0	0.0	0.1
61. Medical residency/fellowship programs		35	20	20	0.1	0.1	0.1
Personal, protective and transportation services		1415	1005	410	4.4	6.2	2.6
12. Culinary, entertainment, and personal services		485	190	295	1.5	1.2	1.9
28. Military science, leadership and operational art		10	10	0	0.0	0.1	0.0
29. Military technologies and applied sciences		10	10	0	0.0	0.1	0.0
43. Security and protective services		265	195	75	0.8	1.2	0.5
49. Transportation and materials moving		640	600	45	2.0	3.7	0.3
Other	179	10	0	10	0.0	0.0	0.1
Total - Major field of study - Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2021 for the population aged 25 to 64 years in private households - 25% sample data	172	23080	11575	11505	100.0	100.0	100.0
No postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	173	9805	5355	4450	42.5	46.3	38.7
Education		1105	250	855	4.8	2.2	7.4
13. Education		1105	250	855	4.8	2.2	7.4
Visual and performing arts, and communications technologies		320	120	200	1.4	1.0	1.7
10. Communications technologies/technicians and support services		35	15	20	0.2	0.1	0.2
50. Visual and performing arts		285	105	185	1.2	0.9	1.6
Humanities		470	225	250	2.0	1.9	2.2
16. Indigenous and foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics		80	30	50	0.3	0.3	0.4
23. English language and literature/letters		70	30	45	0.3	0.3	0.4
24. Liberal arts and sciences, general studies and humanities		130	40	90	0.6	0.3	0.8
30A Interdisciplinary humanities	174	15	10	10	0.1	0.1	0.1
38. Philosophy and religious studies		35	25	10	0.2	0.2	0.1
39. Theology and religious vocations		60	40	25	0.3	0.3	0.2
54. History		70	55	20	0.3	0.5	0.2
55. French language and literature/lettersCAN		15	0	15	0.1	0.0	0.1
Social and behavioural sciences and law		1540	565	975	6.7	4.9	8.5
05. Area, ethnic, cultural, gender, and group studies		50	10	35	0.2	0.1	0.3
09. Communication, journalism and related programs		150	65	90	0.6	0.6	0.8
19. Family and consumer sciences/human sciences		265	20	240	1.1	0.2	2.1
22. Legal professions and studies		200	85	115	0.9	0.7	1.0
30B Interdisciplinary social and behavioural sciences	175	50	10	40	0.2	0.1	0.3
42. Psychology		220	55	160	1.0	0.5	1.4
45. Social sciences		605	315	290	2.6	2.7	2.5
Business, management and public administration		2765	745	2025	12.0	6.4	17.6
30.16 Accounting and computer science		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
44. Public administration and social service professions		310	55	255	1.3	0.5	2.2
52. Business, management, marketing and related support services		2460	685	1765	10.7	5.9	15.3
Physical and life sciences and technologies		555	235	310	2.4	2.0	2.7
26. Biological and biomedical sciences		260	100	165	1.1	0.9	1.4
30.01 Biological and physical sciences		75	30	45	0.3	0.3	0.4
30C Other interdisciplinary physical and life sciences	176	15	10	15	0.1	0.1	0.1

	40. Physical sciences		180	100	75	0.8	0.9	0.7
	41. Science technologies/technicians		20	10	15	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Mathematics, computer and information sciences		380	240	140	1.6	2.1	1.2
	11. Computer and information sciences and support services		300	195	105	1.3	1.7	0.9
	25. Library science		45	10	35	0.2	0.1	0.3
	27. Mathematics and statistics		30	25	0	0.1	0.2	0.0
	30D Interdisciplinary mathematics, computer and information sciences	177	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Architecture, engineering, and related trades		2615	2305	310	11.3	19.9	2.7
	04. Architecture and related services		95	35	55	0.4	0.3	0.5
	14. Engineering		495	390	105	2.1	3.4	0.9
	15. Engineering/engineering-related technologies/technicians		525	455	70	2.3	3.9	0.6
	30.12 Historic preservation and conservation		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	46. Construction trades		650	615	35	2.8	5.3	0.3
	47. Mechanic and repair technologies/technicians		670	635	35	2.9	5.5	0.3
	48. Precision production		180	170	10	0.8	1.5	0.1
	Agriculture, natural resources and conservation		620	355	265	2.7	3.1	2.3
	01. Agricultural and veterinary sciences/services/operations and related fields	178	110	55	55	0.5	0.5	0.5
	03. Natural resources and conservation		505	300	205	2.2	2.6	1.8
	Health and related fields		1760	370	1395	7.6	3.2	12.1
	30.37 Design for human health		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	31. Parks, recreation, leisure, fitness, and kinesiology		215	105	110	0.9	0.9	1.0
	51. Health professions and related programs	178	1500	245	1250	6.5	2.1	10.9
	60. Health professions residency/fellowship programs		10	0	10	0.0	0.0	0.1
	61. Medical residency/fellowship programs		35	15	25	0.2	0.1	0.2
	Personal, protective and transportation services		1145	810	335	5.0	7.0	2.9
	12. Culinary, entertainment, and personal services		385	160	225	1.7	1.4	2.0
	28. Military science, leadership and operational art		10	10	0	0.0	0.1	0.0
	29. Military technologies and applied sciences		10	10	0	0.0	0.1	0.0
	43. Security and protective services		240	170	60	1.0	1.5	0.5
	49. Transportation and materials moving		500	460	40	2.2	4.0	0.3
	Other	179	10	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Location of study compared with province or territory of residence	Total - Location of study compared with province or territory of residence for the population aged 25 to 64 years in private households - 25% sample data	180	23080	11575	11505	100.0	100.0	100.0
	No postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree		9805	5355	4450	42.5	46.3	38.7
	Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	181	13275	6220	7055	57.5	53.7	61.3
	Location of study inside Canada		11535	5445	6095	50.0	47.0	53.0
	Same as province or territory of residence		2950	1315	1635	12.8	11.4	14.2
	Different than province or territory of residence		8590	4130	4455	37.2	35.7	38.7
	Location of study outside Canada	182	1740	780	965	7.5	6.7	8.4
	Americas		230	115	115	1.0	1.0	1.0
	United States of America		175	90	90	0.8	0.8	0.8
	Mexico		10	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Cuba		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Haiti		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Jamaica		25	10	15	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Brazil		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Colombia		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Peru		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Venezuela	95	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Other locations of study in Americas		10	10	10	0.0	0.1	0.1

Europe		375	165	210	1.6	1.4	1.8
Belgium		10	0	10	0.0	0.0	0.1
France		60	25	35	0.3	0.2	0.3
Germany		20	10	15	0.1	0.1	0.1
Netherlands		30	20	15	0.1	0.2	0.1
Switzerland		15	10	0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Hungary		10	10	0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Moldova	183	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Poland		0	10	0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Romania		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Russian Federation		10	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ukraine		10	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ireland	96	25	10	15	0.1	0.1	0.1
United Kingdom	87	170	85	90	0.7	0.7	0.8
Bosnia and Herzegovina		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Italy		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Serbia	86	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other locations of study in Europe		15	0	10	0.1	0.0	0.1
Africa		205	120	90	0.9	1.0	0.8
Nigeria		10	10	0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Algeria		10	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Morocco		35	25	10	0.2	0.2	0.1
Tunisia		10	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Egypt		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
South Africa, Republic of		20	15	0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Other locations of study in Africa		115	55	60	0.5	0.5	0.5
Asia		855	335	515	3.7	2.9	4.5
Iran	88	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Iraq		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Israel		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lebanon		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Syria	89	15	10	0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Turkey		10	10	0	0.0	0.1	0.0
China	90	30	15	10	0.1	0.1	0.1
Taiwan		10	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hong Kong	91	10	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Japan		15	0	10	0.1	0.0	0.1
Korea, South	92	40	15	25	0.2	0.1	0.2
Philippines		515	170	340	2.2	1.5	3.0
Viet Nam		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bangladesh		10	0	10	0.0	0.0	0.1
Sri Lanka		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
India		135	75	55	0.6	0.6	0.5
Pakistan		30	20	15	0.1	0.2	0.1
Other locations of study in Asia		35	10	25	0.2	0.1	0.2
Oceania		70	40	30	0.3	0.3	0.3
Australia		60	25	25	0.3	0.2	0.2
New Zealand		20	15	0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Other locations of study in Oceania		0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Notes:

[86] Serbia excludes Kosovo.

[87] The official name of United Kingdom is United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. United Kingdom includes Scotland Wales England and Northern Ireland (excludes Isle of Man the Channel Islands and British Overseas Territories).

[88] The official name of Iran is Islamic Republic of Iran.

[89] The official name of Syria is Syrian Arab Republic.

[90] China excludes Hong Kong and Macao.

[91] The full name of Hong Kong is the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China.

[92] The official name of South Korea is Republic of Korea.

[95] The official name of Venezuela is Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

[96] Ireland is also referred to as Republic of Ireland.

[165] For information on data quality for this variable refer to the Education Reference Guide Census of Population 2021 Catalogue no. 98-500-X2021013.

[166] This includes all persons with a high school diploma or equivalency certificate regardless of whether they also completed a postsecondary certificate diploma or degree.

[167] High (secondary) school diploma or equivalency certificate' includes only people who have this as their highest educational credential. It excludes persons with a postsecondary certificate diploma or degree.

[168] 'Non-apprenticeship trades certificate or diploma' includes trades certificates or diplomas such as pre-employment or vocational certificates and diplomas from brief trade programs completed at colleges institutes of technology vocational centres and similar institutions. It also includes qualifications from vocational training programs in the province of Quebec such as the Diplôme d'Études professionnelles (DEP)/Diploma of Vocational Studies (DVS).

[169] 'Apprenticeship certificate' includes Certificates of Apprenticeship Certificates of Qualification and Journeyperson's designations.

[170] College CEGEP and other non-university certificates and diplomas obtained from programs that are typically completed in less than three months are not included in this category.

[171] 'Earned doctorate' does not include honorary doctorates.

[172] This variable shows the 'Variant of CIP 2021 - Alternative primary groupings ' with the hierarchy of the primary groupings and two-digit series. When a primary grouping contains more than one subseries from series '30. Multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary studies ' these subseries are grouped together. An exception is made for '30.01 Biological and physical sciences' due to its large size. For more information on the CIP classification see the Classification of Instructional Programs Canada 2021. For information on classification and data quality for this variable refer to the Education Reference Guide Census of Population 2021 Catalogue no. 98-500-X2021013.

[173] 'No postsecondary certificate diploma or degree' is made up of persons who have not completed any credentials above a high school diploma.

[174] Includes '30.13 Medieval and renaissance studies '30.21 Holocaust and related studies '30.22 Classical and ancient studies '30.29 Maritime studies '30.45 History and language/literature '30.47 Linguistics and anthropology '30.51 Integrated philosophy politics and economics '30.52 Digital humanities and textual studies ' and '30.53 Thanatology.'

[175] Includes '30.05 Peace studies and conflict resolution '30.11 Gerontology '30.14 Museology/museum studies '30.15 Science technology and society '30.17 Behavioural sciences '30.20 International/globalization studies '30.23 Intercultural/multicultural and diversity studies '30.25 Cognitive science '30.26 Cultural studies/critical theory and analysis '30.28 Dispute resolution '30.31 Human computer interaction '30.33 Sustainability studies '30.34 Anthrozoology '30.36 Cultural studies and comparative literature '30.40 Economics and foreign language/literature '30.44 Geography and environmental studies ' and '30.46 History and political science.'

[176] Includes '30.10 Biopsychology '30.18 Natural sciences '30.19 Nutrition sciences '30.27 Human biology '30.32 Marine sciences '30.35 Climate science '30.38 Earth systems science '30.41 Environmental geosciences '30.42 Geoarchaeology '30.43 Geobiology ' and '30.50 Mathematics and atmospheric/oceanic science.'

[177] Includes '30.06 Systems science and theory '30.08 Mathematics and computer science '30.30 Computational science '30.39 Economics and computer science '30.48 Linguistics and computer science '30.49 Mathematical economics '30.70 Data science' and '30.71 Data analytics.'

[178] Veterinary medicine veterinary science veterinary technology and veterinary administrative support services which were included in series '51. Health professions and related programs' in CIP 2016 are now included in series '01. Agricultural and veterinary sciences/services/operations and related fields' in CIP 2021.

[179] Includes '30.00 Inclusive postsecondary education' and '30.99 Multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary studies other.'

[180] For information on classification and data quality for this variable refer to the Education Reference Guide Census of Population 2021 Catalogue no. 98-500-X2021013.

[181] 'Postsecondary certificate diploma or degree' includes 'apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma 'college CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma' and university certificates diplomas and degrees.

[182] The location of study is not compared with the location of residence for persons who studied outside Canada. The locations of study outside Canada that are listed here are those which were the most frequently reported at the Canada level.

[183] The official name of Moldova is Republic of Moldova.

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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