

Indigenous identity by highest level of education and income statistics: Canada, provinces and territories, census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations with parts, Data Tables 2021
Universe: Population aged 15 years and over in private households, 2021 Census — 25% Sample data

Indigenous identity [6]	Nunavut								
	Total - Highest certificate, diploma or degree [1, 5]								
	Total - Age [2]								
	Total - Gender [3, 4]								
	Count								
	Total - Indigenous identity [7]	Indigenous identity [8]	Single Indigenous responses [9]	First Nations (North American Indian)	Métis	Inuk (Inuit)	Multiple Indigenous responses [10]	Indigenous responses not included elsewhere ----	Non-Indigenous identity
Income statistics									
Total - Income statistics [12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17]	24,535	20,140	20,015	145	115	19,760	110	15	4,395
With total income	23,595	19,245	19,125	145	110	18,870	105	15	4,350
Percentage with total income (%)	96.2	95.6	95.6	100.0	95.7	95.5	95.5	100.0	99.0
Median total income (\$)	37,600	30,800	30,800	69,000	121,000	30,400	33,600	0	110,000
Average total income (\$)	57,200	46,080	46,000	88,000	112,000	45,320	47,000	100,000	106,500
With after-tax income	23,595	19,245	19,125	145	110	18,870	105	15	4,350
Percentage with after-tax income (%)	96.2	95.6	95.6	100.0	95.7	95.5	95.5	100.0	99.0
Median after-tax income (\$)	35,600	29,800	29,800	59,600	98,000	29,600	32,400	0	92,000
Average after-tax income (\$)	49,400	40,760	40,720	72,000	92,000	40,200	43,000	80,000	87,400
With employment income	17,710	13,675	13,595	130	110	13,355	70	10	4,035
Percentage with employment income (%)	72.2	67.9	67.9	89.7	95.7	67.6	63.6	66.7	91.8
Median employment income (\$)	38,000	23,600	23,600	67,500	113,000	22,800	26,000	0	109,000
Average employment income (\$)	58,100	44,400	44,320	84,000	108,000	43,440	46,000	120,000	104,600
With wages, salaries and commissions	17,485	13,535	13,455	125	110	13,225	70	10	3,945
Percentage with wages, salaries and commissions (%)	71.3	67.2	67.2	86.2	95.7	66.9	63.6	66.7	89.8
Median wages, salaries and commissions (\$)	38,400	23,600	23,600	68,000	113,000	22,800	27,600	0	110,000
Average wages, salaries and commissions (\$)	57,950	44,360	44,280	84,000	108,000	43,400	46,000	120,000	104,500

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

[1] Highest certificate, diploma or degree

Highest certificate, diploma or degree is the classification used in the census to measure the broader concept of 'Educational attainment.' This variable refers to the highest level of education that a person has successfully completed and is derived from the educational qualifications questions, which asked for all certificates, diplomas and degrees to be reported. The general hierarchy used in deriving this variable (high school, trades, college, university) is loosely tied to the 'in-class' duration of the various types of education. At the detailed level, someone who has completed one type of certificate, diploma or degree will not necessarily have completed the credentials listed below it in the hierarchy. For example, a person with an apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma may not have completed a high school certificate or diploma, nor does an individual with a 'master's degree' necessarily have a 'university certificate or diploma above bachelor level.' Although the hierarchy may not fit all programs perfectly, it gives a general measure of educational attainment. This variable is reported for persons aged 15 years and over in private households.

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

[6] Indigenous identity

Indigenous identity refers to whether the person identified with the Indigenous peoples of Canada. This includes those 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 have membership in a First Nation or Indian band. Aboriginal peoples of Canada (referred to here as Indigenous peoples) are defined in the Constitution Act, 1982, Section 35 (2) as including the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada.

[7] 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.

[8] 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.

[9] This category includes persons who identify as only one Indigenous group, that is First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuk (Inuit).

[10] 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).

[11] 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.

[12] Total income refers to the sum of certain incomes (in cash and, in some circumstances, in kind) of the statistical unit during a specified reference period. The components used to calculate total income vary between: – Statistical units of social statistical programs such as persons, private households, census families and economic families

[13] After-tax income refers to total income less income taxes of the statistical unit during a specified reference period. Income taxes refers to the sum of federal income taxes, provincial and territorial income taxes, less abatement where applicable. Provincial and territorial income taxes include health care premiums in certain jurisdictions. Abatement reduces the federal income taxes payable by persons residing in Quebec or in certain self-governing Yukon First Nation settlement lands.

[14] Employment income - All income received as wages, salaries and commissions from paid employment and net self-employment income from farm or non-farm unincorporated business and/or professional practice during the reference period. For the 2021 Census, the reference period for income data is the calendar year 2020, unless otherwise specified.

[15] Wages, salaries and commissions - Gross wages and salaries before deductions for such items as income taxes, pension plan contributions and employment insurance premiums during the reference period. While other employee remuneration such as security options benefits, board and lodging and other taxable allowances and benefits are included in this source, employer's contributions to pension plans and employment insurance plans are excluded. Other receipts included in this source are military pay and allowances, tips, commissions and cash bonuses associated with paid employment, benefits from wage-loss replacement plans or income-maintenance insurance plans, supplementary unemployment benefits from an employer or union, research grants, royalties from a work or invention with no associated expenses and all types of casual earnings during the reference period.

[16] The median income of a specified group is the amount that divides the income distribution of that group into two halves, i.e., the incomes of half of the units in that group are below the median, while those of the other half are above the median. Median incomes of individuals are calculated for those with income (positive or negative).

[17] Average income of a specified group is calculated by dividing the aggregate income of that group by the number of units in that group. Average incomes are calculated for those with income (positive or negative).

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