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## Aboriginal identity population, 2006 counts, percentage distribution, percentage change for both sexes, for Canada, provinces and territories - 20% sample data

Aboriginal identity population	2006 counts <sup>2</sup>	% distribution (2006)	% change (2001 to 2006) <sup>3</sup>	% change (1996 to 2006) <sup>3</sup>
<b>Northwest Territories</b>				
Total population	41,055	100.0%	10.7%	4.0%
Aboriginal identity population <sup>1</sup>	20,635	50.3%	10.2%	8.6%
Non-Aboriginal identity population	20,420	49.7%	11.1%	- 0.2%
Total Aboriginal identity population <sup>1</sup>	20,635	100.0%	10.2%	8.6%
North American Indian	12,640	61.3%	19.1%	15.1%
Métis	3,585	17.4%	0.1%	- 2.5%
Inuit	4,165	20.2%	6.5%	3.6%

### Notes:

1. The total Aboriginal identity population includes the Aboriginal groups (North American Indian, Métis and Inuit), multiple Aboriginal responses and Aboriginal responses not included elsewhere.
2. Only the 2006 counts provided in this table are unadjusted. Therefore, the 2006 Census counts are not based on adjusted counts for the incompletely enumerated Indian reserves and Indian settlements of previous census years, while the percentage change is based on adjusted counts.
3. The growth rates for the Aboriginal identity population for the periods 2001 to 2006 and 1996 to 2006 have been adjusted for incompletely enumerated Indian reserves and Indian settlements, and other changes in reserves to allow for comparison of the different census year periods.

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