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**Aboriginal peoples survey, self-rated ability to speak and understand an Aboriginal language, by age group and sex, Inuit population aged 6 years and over, Canada and Inuit Nunangat occasional (persons)**

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Sex = Both sexes			
Statistics <sup>13, 14, 15</sup> = Number of persons			
Geography	Age group <sup>5</sup>	Self-rated ability to speak and understand an Aboriginal language <sup>4</sup>	2012
Inuit Nunangat <sup>3</sup>	Total, 6 years and over	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	37,650
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	34,390
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	26,290
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	8,030
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 9</sup>	80 <sup>E</sup>
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	1,920
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	1,340
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	37,650
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	35,420
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	28,860
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	6,440
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>9, 11, 12</sup>	120 <sup>E</sup>
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	900
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	1,340
	6 to 14 years	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	8,760
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	8,050
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	5,500
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	2,530
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 9</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	360
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	350 <sup>E</sup>
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	8,760
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	8,280
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	6,190
Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	2,050		
Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>9, 11, 12</sup>	F		
		130 <sup>E</sup>	

Geography	Age group <sup>5</sup>	Self-rated ability to speak and understand an Aboriginal language <sup>4</sup>	2012
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	350 <sup>E</sup>
	15 to 34 years	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	15,570
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	13,860
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	9,910
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	3,910
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 2</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	1,000
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	710
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	15,570
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	14,330
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	11,250
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	3,030
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>2, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	530
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	700
	35 to 54 years	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	9,380
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	8,770
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	7,460
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	1,300
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 2</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	330
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	280 <sup>E</sup>
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	9,380
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	8,950
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	7,930
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	1,020
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>2, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	140 <sup>E</sup>
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	280 <sup>E</sup>
	55 years and over	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	3,940
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	3,710
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	3,420
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	290 <sup>E</sup>
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 2</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	230 <sup>E</sup>
Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>		F	

Geography	Age group <sup>5</sup>	Self-rated ability to speak and understand an Aboriginal language <sup>6</sup>	2012
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	3,940
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	3,850
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	3,490
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	350 <sup>E</sup>
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>2, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	F
Nunatsiavut	Total, 6 years and over	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	2,100
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>2</sup>	1,620
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	480
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	1,140
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 2</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	470
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	F
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	2,100
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	1,950
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	670
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	1,270
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>2, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	140
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	F
	6 to 14 years	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	320
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>2</sup>	250
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	30
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	210
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 2</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	70
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	F
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	320
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	290
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	30 <sup>E</sup>
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	260
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>2, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	F
Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	F		
15 to 34 years	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	810	

Geography	Age group <sup>5</sup>	Self-rated ability to speak and understand an Aboriginal language <sup>6</sup>	2012
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	600
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	60 <sup>E</sup>
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	530
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 9</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	210
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	F
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	810
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	770
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	120
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	640
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>9, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	30 <sup>E</sup>
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	F
	35 to 54 years	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	630
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	530
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	210
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	320
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 9</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	100 <sup>E</sup>
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	F
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	630
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	580
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	320
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	260
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>9, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	40 <sup>E</sup>
	Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	F	
	55 years and over	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	350
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	250
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	180
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	80 <sup>E</sup>
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 9</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	90 <sup>E</sup>
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	F
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	350
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	310
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	190

Geography	Age group <sup>5</sup>	Self-rated ability to speak and understand an Aboriginal language <sup>6</sup>	2012
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	100 <sup>E</sup>
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>2, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	F
Nunavik	Total, 6 years and over	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	9,320
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	8,570
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	8,200
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	300
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 2</sup>	70 <sup>E</sup>
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	720
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	9,320
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	8,570
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	8,280
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	230
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>2, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	720
	6 to 14 years	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	2,320
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	2,130
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	2,010
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	100 <sup>E</sup>
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 2</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	200 <sup>E</sup>
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	2,320
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	2,130
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	2,040
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	80 <sup>E</sup>
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>2, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	200 <sup>E</sup>
	15 to 34 years	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	3,890
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	3,460
Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>		3,310	
Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>		120 <sup>E</sup>	

Geography	Age group <sup>5</sup>	Self-rated ability to speak and understand an Aboriginal language <sup>6</sup>	2012
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 9</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	410
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	3,890
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	3,460
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	3,340
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	90 <sup>E</sup>
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>9, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	410
	35 to 54 years	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	2,270
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	2,160
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	2,090
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	60 <sup>E</sup>
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 9</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	110 <sup>E</sup>
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	2,270
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	2,160
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	2,100
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	F
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>9, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	110 <sup>E</sup>
	55 years and over	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	830
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	820
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	790
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	F
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 9</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	F
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	830
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	820
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	800
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	F
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>9, 11, 12</sup>	F

Geography	Age group <sup>5</sup>	Self-rated ability to speak and understand an Aboriginal language <sup>6</sup>	2012
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	F
Nunavut	Total, 6 years and over	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	23,270
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	21,840
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	17,090
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	4,740
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 9</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	870
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	560 <sup>E</sup>
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	23,270
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	22,230
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	19,140
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	3,050
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>9, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	480 <sup>E</sup>
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	560 <sup>E</sup>
		6 to 14 years	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language
	Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>		5,240
	Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>		3,390
	Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>		1,850
	Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 9</sup>		F
	Does not speak an Aboriginal language		220 <sup>E</sup>
	Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>		F
	Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>		5,610
	Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>		5,380
	Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>		4,020
	Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>		1,330
	Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>9, 11, 12</sup>		F
	Does not understand an Aboriginal language		F
	Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>		F
	15 to 34 years		Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	8,820
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	6,410
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	2,410
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 9</sup>	F
Does not speak an Aboriginal language		520 <sup>E</sup>	
Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>		250 <sup>E</sup>	

Geography	Age group <sup>5</sup>	Self-rated ability to speak and understand an Aboriginal language <sup>6</sup>	2012
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	9,590
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	9,000
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	7,590
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	1,400
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>2, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	340 <sup>E</sup>
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	250 <sup>E</sup>
	35 to 54 years	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	5,680
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>2</sup>	5,450
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	5,020
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	430 <sup>E</sup>
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 2</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	F
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	5,680
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	5,490
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	5,290
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	210 <sup>E</sup>
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>2, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	F
	55 years and over	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	2,380
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>2</sup>	2,320
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	2,280
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	F
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 2</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	F
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	2,380
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	2,350
Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>		2,240	
Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>		F	
Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>2, 11, 12</sup>		F	
Does not understand an Aboriginal language		F	
Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>		F	
Inuvialuit region	Total, 6 years and over	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	2,960



Geography	Age group <sup>5</sup>	Self-rated ability to speak and understand an Aboriginal language <sup>6</sup>	2012
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	2,370
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	510
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	1,850
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 9</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	540
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	F
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	2,960
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	2,670
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	760
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	1,890
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>9, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	250
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	F
		6 to 14 years	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language
	Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>		440
	Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>		70 <sup>E</sup>
	Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>		360
	Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 9</sup>		F
	Does not speak an Aboriginal language		70 <sup>E</sup>
	Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>		F
	Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>		510
	Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>		480
	Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>		100
	Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>		380
	Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>9, 11, 12</sup>		F
	Does not understand an Aboriginal language		F
	Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>		F
	15 to 34 years	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	1,280
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>7</sup>	980
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	120
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	850
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 9</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	260
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>9</sup>	F
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	1,280
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	1,100
Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>		200	

Geography	Age group <sup>5</sup>	Self-rated ability to speak and understand an Aboriginal language <sup>4</sup>	2012
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	900
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>2, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	140
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	F
	35 to 54 years	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	800
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>2</sup>	640
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	140 <sup>E</sup>
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	490
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 2</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	160 <sup>E</sup>
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	F
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	800
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	720
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	220
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	490
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>2, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	80 <sup>E</sup>
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	F
	55 years and over	Total, ability to speak an Aboriginal language	380
		Speaks an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>2</sup>	320
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>8</sup>	170 <sup>E</sup>
		Speaks primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>8</sup>	150 <sup>E</sup>
		Ability to speak primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>8, 2</sup>	F
		Does not speak an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if speaks an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	F
		Total, ability to understand an Aboriginal language <sup>10</sup>	380
		Understands an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words <sup>11</sup>	370
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, very well or relatively well <sup>11, 12</sup>	250
		Understands primary Aboriginal language, with effort or only a few words <sup>11, 12</sup>	120 <sup>E</sup>
		Ability to understand primary Aboriginal language not specified <sup>2, 11, 12</sup>	F
		Does not understand an Aboriginal language	F
		Not specified if understands an Aboriginal language <sup>2</sup>	F

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### Symbol legend:

- <sup>E</sup> Use with caution
- <sup>F</sup> Too unreliable to be published

## Footnotes:

1. Source: Aboriginal Peoples Survey 2012.
2. The Inuit population includes persons who reported being "Inuk (Inuit)" in the Aboriginal Peoples Survey either as their only Aboriginal identity or as part of a multiple identity including "Inuk (Inuit)" and "First Nations" and/or "Métis".
3. Inuit Nunangat is the homeland of Inuit of Canada. It includes communities in Nunatsiavut (Northern coastal Labrador), Nunavik (Northern Quebec), the territory of Nunavut and the Inuvialuit region (Northwest Territories). These regions collectively encompass the area traditionally occupied by Inuit in Canada.
4. Excludes persons living on Indian reserves or settlements.
5. Proxy reporting was used in the 2012 Aboriginal Peoples Survey for most children aged 6 to 14 years, nearly half of youth aged 15 to 17 years and for adults in certain specific situations (for example when the selected adult was not able to answer for health related reasons, due to a language barrier, or because the selected respondent was going to be away from home for the duration of the survey.)
6. All percentages for "self-rated ability to speak and understand an Aboriginal language" are calculated using the number of persons in "total ability to speak an Aboriginal language" as denominator.
7. Respondents who indicated being able to speak an Aboriginal language and who identified their primary Aboriginal language spoken (see following footnote) were asked, "How would you rate your ability to speak this Aboriginal language? Would you say you can speak... Very well? Relatively well? With effort? Only a few words?".
8. The primary Aboriginal language spoken is either (1) the only Aboriginal language a person is able to speak, or (2) the Aboriginal language that the person can speak the best, if he or she can speak more than one Aboriginal language (up to three languages can be reported). Secondary Aboriginal languages have not been assessed for ability level.
9. "Not specified" categories consist of item non-response ("Refusal", "Don't know", and "Not stated").
10. Respondents who indicated not being able to speak an Aboriginal language were asked if they were able to understand an Aboriginal language, even if only a few words. All respondents who indicated being able to either speak or understand an Aboriginal language and who identified their primary Aboriginal language spoken or understood (see footnotes 9, 13) were asked, "How would you rate your ability to understand this Aboriginal language? Would you say you can understand... Very well? Relatively well? With effort? Only a few words?".
11. Includes persons who are able to speak an Aboriginal language, and persons who are not able to speak an Aboriginal language but are able to understand an Aboriginal language.
12. The primary Aboriginal language understood is either (1) the only Aboriginal language a person is able to understand, or (2) the Aboriginal language that the person can understand the best, if he or she can understand more than one Aboriginal language (up to three languages can be reported). Secondary Aboriginal languages have not been assessed for ability level. Persons who can speak an Aboriginal language were not asked to indicate their primary Aboriginal language understood, since it is assumed that their primary Aboriginal language spoken is also their primary Aboriginal language understood.
13. Bootstrapping techniques were used to produce the coefficient of variation (CV) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs).
14. Data with a coefficient of variation (CV) from 16.6% to 33.3% are identified by an (E) and should be interpreted with caution.
15. Data with a coefficient of variation (CV) greater than 33.3% were suppressed (F) due to extreme sampling variability.

**Source:** Statistics Canada. *Table 576-0010 - Aboriginal peoples survey, self-rated ability to speak and understand an Aboriginal language, by age group and sex, Inuit population aged 6 years and over, Canada and Inuit Nunangat, occasional (persons unless otherwise noted)*, CANSIM (database). (accessed: )

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