

## Aboriginal Data

The following statistics are from the 1996 Census of Canada which occurred on May 14, 1996.

### Introduction

The following 1996 Census data cannot be compared to data from the 1991 Census and previous censuses. Prior to 1996, census data on Aboriginal persons were derived from a question that asked about their ethnic origin or ancestry. The 1996 Census included a new question that asked more directly if the person is an Aboriginal person, that is, North American Indian, Metis or Inuit. The information obtained from this question was used to compile the data provided in this report.

### 1 Highlights

- In Yukon, the total Aboriginal population in 1996 was 6,175 individuals or 20.1% of the total population. The Aboriginal population that are members of a Band/First Nation was 5,250 or 17.1% of the total population. In Canada, the total Aboriginal population was 2.8% of the total population.
- Of the larger Yukon communities (greater than 450), Carmacks had the highest percentage of Aboriginal people (63.4%) in 1996. Whitehorse had an Aboriginal population of 2,775 or 13.2%.
- Of the total Aboriginal population in the Yukon in 1996, 4,970 or 80.5% were Registered Indians.

### Definitions

**Aboriginal Population:** Refers to those people who reported identifying with at least one Aboriginal group, that is, North American Indian, Metis or Inuit. Also included are all those who reported being a Treaty Indian or a Registered Indian as defined by the Indian Act of Canada, as well as members of an Indian Band or First Nation.

**Registered Indian:** Those people who reported that they were registered under the Indian Act of Canada.

**North American Indian Population:** Those people who reported that they were North American Indian, either in a single or multiple response, in the Aboriginal identity question, as well as persons who did not report an Aboriginal group but who were Registered Indians or members of an Indian Band or First Nation.

**Metis Population:** Those people who reported that they were Metis, either in a single or multiple response, in the Aboriginal identity question.

**Inuit Population:** Those people who reported that they were Inuit, either in a single or multiple response, in the Aboriginal identity question.

**Single Response:** Those people who entered a single response (North American Indian, Metis or Inuit) to the Aboriginal self-reporting question.

**Multiple Response:** Those people who reported any combination of two or more of the following responses to the Aboriginal self-reporting question; North American Indian, Metis or Inuit.

## 2—Aboriginal Population, Yukon and Canada, 1996 Census

		Total population	Total Aboriginal population	North American Indian single response	Métis single response	Inuit single response	Multiple Aboriginal responses	Other Aboriginal response	Total Non-Aboriginal population
Yukon	Total	30,650	6,175	5,330	550	95	30	170	24,475
	Male	15,810	2,965	2,580	260	40	10	80	12,845
	Female	14,840	3,210	2,750	290	55	20	90	11,635
Canada	Total	28,528,125	799,010	529,035	204,115	40,225	6,415	19,215	27,729,115
	Male	14,046,880	390,870	258,330	101,435	20,180	3,175	7,750	13,656,010
	Female	14,481,245	408,140	270,700	102,685	20,040	3,240	11,465	14,073,105

## 3—Aboriginal Population, Yukon Communities, 1996 Census

Of the larger Yukon communities (greater than 450), Carmacks had the highest percentage of Aboriginal people, at 63.4%, followed by Haines Junction with 40.0% and Dawson with 27.0%. Of the smaller Yukon communities (less than 450), Two Mile Village, Two and One Half Mile Village and Upper Liard all had populations that were 100% Aboriginal.

	Yukon Territory	Beaver Creek	Burwash Landing	Carcross*	Carmacks	Dawson
Total Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal population	30,650	130	60	275	465	1,280
Total Aboriginal population	6,175	60	40	185	295	345
North American Indian single response	5,330	55	40	155	285	320
Métis single response	550	0	0	35	10	20
Inuit single response	100	0	0	0	0	0
Multiple Aboriginal responses	30	0	0	0	0	10
Other Aboriginal response	170	0	0	0	0	0
Total Non-Aboriginal population	24,480	75	20	90	170	930

	Faro	Haines Junction	Ibex Valley	Mayo	Mt. Lorne	Old Crow
Total Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal population	1,260	575	320	320	400	280
Total Aboriginal population	80	230	90	200	35	250
North American Indian single response	45	160	85	190	30	245
Métis single response	25	30	10	0	10	0
Inuit single response	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multiple Aboriginal responses	0	0	10	0	0	0
Other Aboriginal response	0	40	10	10	0	0
Total Non-Aboriginal population	1,180	345	230	120	360	30

### 3 Aboriginal Population, Yukon Communities, 1996 Census

	Pelly Crossing	Ross River	Stewart Crossing	** Tagish	Teslin	Two Mile Village
Total Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal population	240	350	45	165	305	100
Total Aboriginal population	205	275	0	40	195	100
North American Indian single response	200	265	0	20	195	100
Métis single response	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inuit single response	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multiple Aboriginal responses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Aboriginal response	10	10	0	10	0	0
Total Non-Aboriginal population	30	75	35	130	115	0

	Two and 1/2 Mile Village	Upper Liard	Watson Lake	*** Whitehorse	Yukon, Unorganized
Total Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal population	40	110	995	20,960	1,855
Total Aboriginal population	40	110	220	2,775	345
North American Indian single response	40	110	190	2,245	310
Métis single response	0	0	30	370	20
Inuit single response	0	0	0	90	0
Multiple Aboriginal responses	0	0	0	15	0
Other Aboriginal response	0	0	0	45	10
Total Non-Aboriginal population	0	0	775	18,190	1,505

Notes: Total for Yukon Territory includes settlements and other areas not individually reported in this table. \*Carcross includes Carcross (settlement) and Carcross 4 (reserve) as defined by Statistics Canada. \*\* Teslin includes Teslin (village) and Teslin Post 13 (reserve) as defined by Statistics Canada. \*\*\* Whitehorse includes Whitehorse(city) and Whitehorse unorganized as defined by Statistics Canada. Figures presented for Tagish and Yukon Unorganized have been adjusted to reflect a correction to the 1996 Census. The communities of Two Mile Village and Two and 1/2 Mile Village are located near Watson Lake.

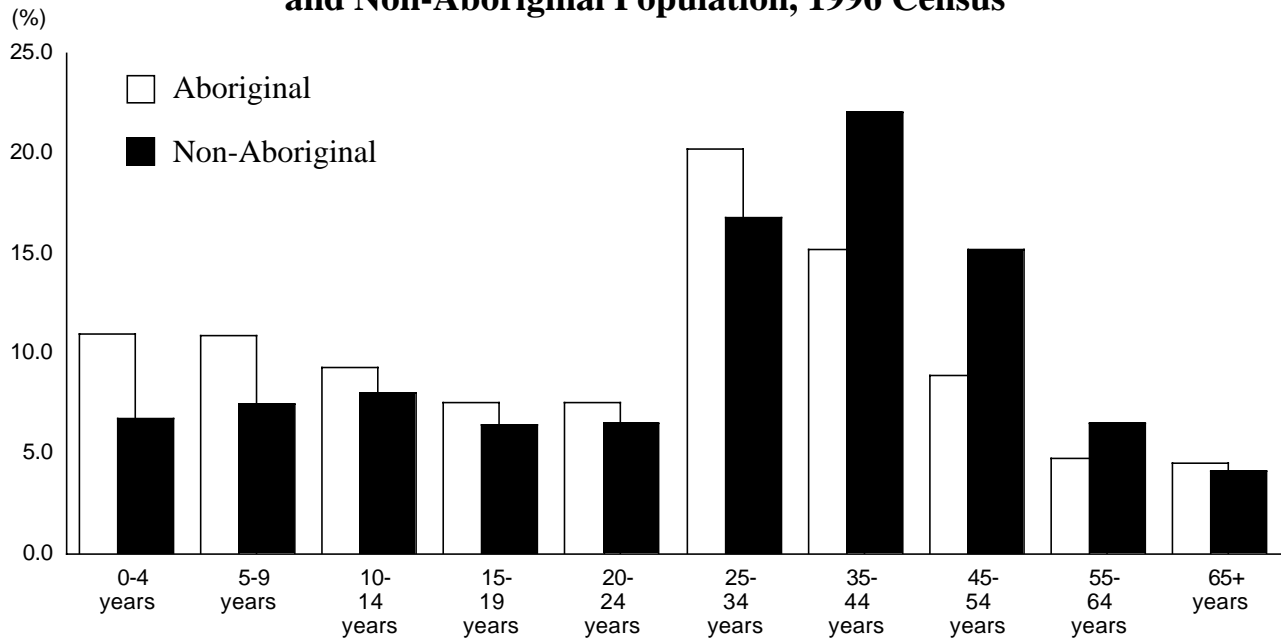
### 4 Aboriginal Population by Registered Indian Status and Membership of a Band/First Nation

	Total - Indian Band/ First Nation membership	Yes, member of a Band/First Nation	No, not a member of a Band/First Nation
Total Aboriginal Population	6,175	5,250	925
Yes, Registered Indian	4,970	4,900	70
No, not a Registered Indian	1,205	345	855

# 5 Aboriginal Population by Age, Yukon, 1996 Census

	Total population	Total Aboriginal population	North American Indian single response	Métis single response	Inuit single response	Multiple Aboriginal responses	Other Aboriginal response	Total Non-Aboriginal population
All Age groups	30,650	6,175	5,330	550	95	30	170	24,475
0-4 years	2,340	680	590	55	0	0	25	1,655
5-9 years	2,500	675	575	80	10	10	10	1,825
10-14 years	2,545	575	490	60	10	0	10	1,970
15-19 years	2,055	465	405	20	20	10	15	1,585
20-24 years	2,055	465	400	35	15	0	10	1,590
25-34 years	5,360	1,250	1,105	115	10	0	25	4,110
35-44 years	6,335	940	780	120	10	0	30	5,395
45-54 years	4,270	550	460	30	25	10	20	3,720
55-64 years	1,900	295	265	15	0	0	10	1,605
65 years and over	1,300	280	260	15	0	0	0	1,015

**Age Groups as a Percentage of the Total Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Population, 1996 Census**



Note: In some tabulations, rounded figures may not sum to totals.