

Census '96

Education

1 Highlights

- The number of Yukoners aged 15 and older with less than a grade nine education declined to 1,320 in 1996 from 1,420 in 1991 and from 1,900 in 1986.
- The percentage of the Yukon's population aged 15 and older with a university degree was 14.5% in 1996. This figure is an increase of 2.0 percentage points from the 1991 Census (12.5%) and an increase of 4.8 percentage points from the 1986 Census (9.7%).
- According to the 1996 Census 54% of Canada's Aboriginal population aged 15 and over had not received a high school diploma.
- In the 1996 Census, 35% of Canada's non-Aboriginal population aged 15 and older had not received a high school diploma.
- Aboriginal people aged 20 to 29 with a postsecondary degree or diploma (university or non-university) increased from 19% in 1981 to 23% in 1996 while the proportion of the non-Aboriginal population aged 20 to 29 with a postsecondary degree or diploma (university or non-university) increased from 37% to 47% during the same period.
- Census 1996 data shows that it's becoming more difficult to find a job without a high school diploma. The unemployment rate for persons aged 25 to 34 without a high school diploma increased from 10% in 1981 to 18% in 1996.
- School attendance in the Yukon for persons aged 15 years and over decreased 2.3 percentage points from 1991 to 1996.

2 Population 15 Years and Over by Highest Level of Education

	1996				1991				1986			
	% of Yukon pop.		% of Canada pop.		% of Yukon pop.		% of Canada pop.		% of Yukon pop.		% of Canada pop.	
Total population 15 years and over	23,265		22,628,925		20,855		21,304,740		17,490		19,634,100	
Less than grade 9	1,320	5.7	2,727,210	12.1	1,420	6.8	2,959,910	13.9	1,900	10.9	3,393,725	17.3
Grades 9 to 13 without secondary school graduation certificate	5,090	21.9	5,140,790	22.7	4,325	20.7	5,170,340	24.3	4,770	27.3	5,321,230	27.1
Grades 9 to 13 with secondary school graduation certificate	1,965	8.4	3,238,590	14.3	2,280	10.9	3,146,345	14.8	1,865	10.7	2,511,220	12.8
Trades certificate or diploma	935	4.0	837,155	3.7	985	4.7	846,885	4.0	435	2.5	601,500	3.1
Other non-university education only	7,795	33.5	5,487,505	24.2	6,800	32.6	4,756,200	22.3	4,860	27.8	4,189,290	21.3
W/o certificate/diploma	2,025	8.7	1,474,925	6.5	1,965	9.4	1,393,715	6.5	1,265	7.2	1,335,720	6.8
With certificate/diploma	5,770	24.8	4,012,580	17.7	4,835	23.2	3,362,485	15.8	3,595	20.6	2,853,570	14.5
University without degree	2,785	12.0	2,196,885	9.7	2,430	11.7	2,005,310	9.4	1,955	11.2	1,738,665	8.9
W/o certificate/diploma	1,235	5.3	967,300	4.3	1,090	5.2	936,910	4.4
With certificate/diploma	1,550	6.7	1,229,580	5.4	1,340	6.4	1,068,400	5.0
University with bachelor's degree or higher	3,370	14.5	3,000,780	13.3	2,610	12.5	2,419,745	11.4	1,705	9.7	1,878,480	9.6

Population 20 years and over with University Certificates or Degrees by Major Field of Study and Sex

Major field of study and sex	Total	Not attending school	Attending School	
			Full-time	Part-time
Total population 20 years and over with university certificate or degree				
Both sexes	3,865	3,290	275	305
Male	1,785	1,600	120	70
Female	2,080	1,690	150	235
Major Field of Study				
Educational, recreational & counselling services				
Both sexes	1,015	845	55	115
Male	315	280	15	15
Female	705	565	40	95
Fine and applied arts				
Both sexes	80	70	-	-
Male	20	10	-	-
Female	65	60	-	-
Humanities and related fields				
Both sexes	310	245	30	35
Male	130	105	15	10
Female	185	145	15	25
Social sciences and related fields				
Both sexes	915	765	90	65
Male	455	415	25	15
Female	465	350	65	45
administration				
Both sexes	450	395	10	45
Male	265	235	10	15
Female	190	160	-	30
Agricultural and biological sciences/technologies				
Both sexes	230	210	15	-
Male	135	125	-	-
Female	95	90	-	-
Engineering and applied sciences				
Both sexes	320	305	10	-
Male	265	260	-	-
Female	50	45	-	-
trades				
Both sexes	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-
Female	-	-	-	-
Health professions, sciences and technologies				
Both sexes	330	275	25	25
Male	75	60	10	-
Female	255	215	10	25
Mathematics and physical sciences				
Both sexes	180	150	25	-
Male	125	105	20	-
Female	55	45	-	-
No specialization (1)				
Both sexes	20	25	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-
Female	20	20	-	-

(1) Includes all other, n.e.c.

4 Population 20 Years and Over With Trades or Other Non-University Certificates by Major Field of Study and Sex, Yukon

Major field of study and sex	Total	Not attending school	Attending School	
			Full-time	Part-time
Total population 20 years and over with university certificate or degree				
Both sexes	7,675	6,695	475	505
Male	4,215	3,755	250	210
Female	3,455	2,935	225	295
Major Field of Study				
Educational, recreational & counselling services				
Both sexes	365	315	25	30
Male	75	70	-	-
Female	290	240	20	25
Fine and applied arts				
Both sexes	380	350	15	15
Male	140	125	-	-
Female	245	225	-	-
Humanities and related fields				
Both sexes	195	170	15	10
Male	85	80	-	-
Female	105	90	-	10
Social sciences and related fields				
Both sexes	500	420	45	30
Male	215	190	25	-
Female	285	230	20	30
administration				
Both sexes	1,755	1,520	105	130
Male	390	335	25	30
Female	1,365	1,180	85	100
Agricultural and biological sciences/technologies				
Both sexes	350	315	15	20
Male	210	200	-	-
Female	145	115	10	20
Engineering and applied sciences				
Both sexes	65	60	-	-
Male	55	55	-	-
Female	-	-	-	-
Engineering & applied science technologies & trades				
Both sexes	3190	2815	190	190
Male	2855	2565	150	140
Female	335	255	35	50
Health professions, sciences and technologies				
Both sexes	785	660	55	70
Male	160	115	25	25
Female	630	550	30	50
Mathematics and physical sciences				
Both sexes	65	60	-	-
Male	30	25	-	-
Female	40	35	-	-
No specialization (1)				
Both sexes	20	15	-	-
Male	10	-	-	-
Female	-	-	-	-

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5 School Attendance by population 15 years and over, Yukon

	1996	1991	% change 1991 to 1996
Population 15 years and over	23,270	20,855	11.6
Not attending school	19,160	16,690	14.8
Attending school full-time	2,790	2,560	9.0
Attending school part-time	1,315	1,600	-17.8
			percentage point change from
As a percentage of population	1996	1991	1991 to 1996
Not attending school	82.3	80.0	2.3
Attending school full-time	12.0	12.3	-0.3
Attending school part-time	5.7	7.7	-2.0

Comparing 1996 to 1991 the number of persons aged 15 and over in the Yukon not attending school has increased 14.8%. The number of persons attending school part-time has decreased 17.8% while attendance full-time has increased 9.0% for ages 15 and over during the same time period.

6 School Attendance by population 15 to 24 years, Yukon

	1996	1991	% change 1991 to 1996
Population 15 to 24 years	4,110	3,910	5.1
Not attending school	1,780	1,725	3.2
Attending school full-time	2,065	1,935	6.7
Attending school part-time	260	250	4.0
			percentage point change from
As a percentage of population	1996	1991	1991 to 1996
Not attending school	43.3	44.1	-0.8
Attending school full-time	50.2	49.5	0.7
Attending school part-time	6.3	6.4	-0.1

For the 15 to 24 year old age group the population increased 5.1% from 1991 to 1996 with a 6.7% increase in full-time school attendance and a 4.0% increase in part-time school attendance. The number of persons in this age group not attending school increased 3.2% over the same time period.

All statistics in this publication are from the 1996 Census of Canada which occurred on May 14, 1996.