

2026 CENSUS OF POPULATION



What is the census?

- Every five years, the census counts everyone living in Canada.
- Census questions are available in 15 Indigenous languages, and accessible formats.
- The next census will take place in May 2026.



You can complete your census online at [census.gc.ca](https://www.census.gc.ca)

Why is it important for you to participate?

With census data, Indigenous communities, organizations and businesses can use important information and facts about **population growth, languages spoken, education levels** and much more to help in decision-making.



Three key findings – Population Growth, Languages Spoken, and Education Levels

The 2021 Census counted 1.8 million Indigenous people, or 5.0% of the total population in Canada.

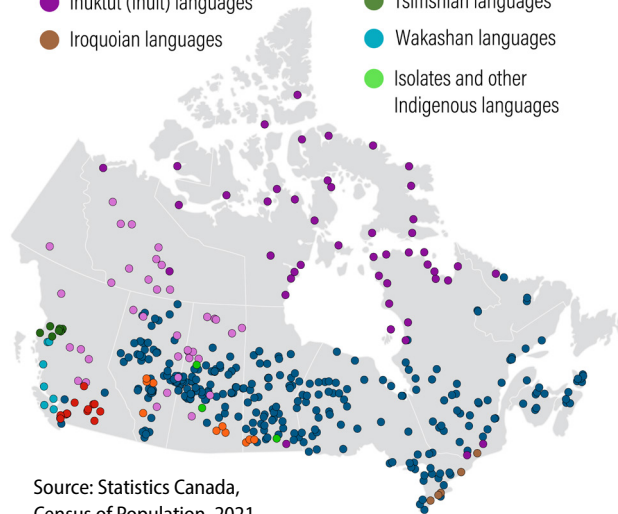


Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2021.

There are many census subdivisions in Canada with at least 100 residents who speak an Indigenous language well enough to conduct a conversation.

Indigenous language distribution across Canada

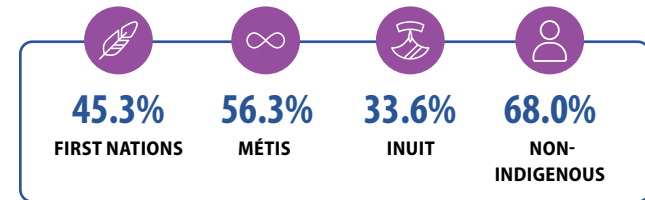
- Algonquian languages
- Athabaskan languages
- Inuktit (Inuit) languages
- Iroquoian languages
- Salish languages
- Siouan languages
- Tsimshian languages
- Wakashan languages
- Isolates and other Indigenous languages



Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population, 2021.

In 2021, a smaller proportion of Indigenous adults held postsecondary qualifications compared to non-Indigenous adults, in part due to barriers such as geographical remoteness – particularly among Inuit.

Postsecondary qualification (including certificate, diploma or degree) among Indigenous people aged 25 to 64, by Indigenous identity, 2021



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We thank you in advance for your participation in the 2026 Census.

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