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## Education

— 2006 Census —

Statistics Canada recently released information on Labour Market Activity, Education, and Language of Work from the 2006 census. The national census is conducted every five years, primarily to count all persons and dwellings in Canada. In the Northwest Territories, the census was undertaken in March and May of 2006. This report presents the sixth in a series of releases based on the 2006 census results.

A few of the highlights for the Northwest Territories from the release include:

- 67% of NWT residents aged 15 years and older had a certificate, diploma or degree.
- 18.4% of NWT residents aged 15 years and older had a university certificate or degree.
- In 2006, NWT women reported a higher level of educational attainment, with 68.5% having a certificate, diploma or degree, compared to 65.6% for males.
- Educational attainment varies considerably by community type: the percentage without a certificate, diploma or degree was 19% for Yellowknife, 29.9% for the regional centres, and 56.5% for the rest of the NWT communities.

It should be noted that changes to the education questions introduced in the 2006 census will result in a loss of comparability with previous census years.

Table 1 presents a breakdown of highest level of educational attainment by province and territory.

**Table 1 Highest Level of Educational Attainment (% of Total)**  
Canada, Provinces, Territories  
2006

	Total	No Certificate Diploma or Degree	High School Certificate or Equivalent	Apprenticeship or Trades Certificate or Diploma	College or Non-Univ. Certificate or Diploma	University Certificate or Degree
Canada	100.0	23.8	25.5	10.9	17.3	22.6
Northwest Territories	100.0	33.0	19.7	9.4	19.5	18.4
Nunavut	100.0	57.3	10.9	7.0	14.2	10.7
Yukon	100.0	22.7	23.7	11.8	20.7	21.2
British Columbia	100.0	19.9	27.9	10.9	16.7	24.7
Alberta	100.0	23.4	26.2	10.9	18.0	21.5
Saskatchewan	100.0	30.2	26.8	11.3	14.6	17.1
Manitoba	100.0	29.5	26.7	9.7	15.1	19.1
Ontario	100.0	22.2	26.8	8.0	18.4	24.6
Quebec	100.0	25.0	22.3	15.3	16.0	21.4
New Brunswick	100.0	29.4	26.0	10.8	17.6	16.2
Nova Scotia	100.0	26.8	22.8	12.0	18.0	20.4
Prince Edward Island	100.0	26.5	25.6	10.2	19.7	17.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	100.0	33.5	22.1	12.2	17.5	14.7

Table 2 presents educational attainment information – those with and without a certificate, diploma or degree – by several select demographic characteristics. While for the NWT overall, 67% of the population 15 years of age and older had a certificate, diploma or degree, there is significant variation in educational attainment across NWT communities.

Looking at educational attainment by community type reveals that the percentage without a certificate, diploma or degree was 19% for Yellowknife, 29.9% for the regional centres (Hay River, Fort Smith and Inuvik), and 56.5% for the rest of the NWT communities.

Comparing educational attainment by gender shows that educational attainment is higher among females in the NWT – 68.5% of females reported having a certificate, diploma or degree in 2006, compared to 65.6% of males.

Comparing educational attainment by ethnicity shows that the proportion of aboriginal persons having no certificate, diploma or degree (54.8%) is significantly higher than the proportion of non-aboriginal respondents (14.1%).

Finally, comparing educational attainment by age group shows that the ‘15-24’ and ‘55 and over’ age groups have the highest reported proportion of respondents without a certificate, diploma or degree. This is expected for the ‘15-24’ age category as most of the cohort aged between 15-18 should still be attending school. Examining the three cohorts between 25 and 54 years of age shows that with increased age comes the increased likelihood of reporting the presence of a certificate, diploma or degree.

**Table 2 Educational Attainment**  
Northwest Territories, Selected Characteristics  
2006

	Total		No Certificate, Diploma or Degree		With Certificate Diploma or Degree	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Northwest Territories	31,140	100.0	10,265	33.0	20,870	67.0
Yellowknife	14,485	100.0	2,750	19.0	11,735	81.0
Hay River, Fort Smith and Inuvik	7,130	100.0	2,130	29.9	5,000	70.1
Rest of Communities	9,525	100.0	5,385	56.5	4,140	43.5
Males	15,930	100.0	5,470	34.3	10,455	65.6
Females	15,205	100.0	4,790	31.5	10,410	68.5
Aboriginals	14,465	100.0	7,920	54.8	6,545	45.2
Non-Aboriginals	16,670	100.0	2,345	14.1	14,325	85.9
15-24 years	6,690	100.0	3,890	58.1	2,805	41.9
25-34 years	6,370	100.0	1,475	23.2	4,895	76.8
35-44 years	6,820	100.0	1,560	22.9	5,265	77.2
45-54 years	6,115	100.0	1,250	20.4	4,865	79.6
55 years and over	5,135	100.0	2,090	40.7	3,045	59.3

Table 3 (below) presents NWT community detail on educational attainment for 2006.

**Table 3 Educational Attainment**  
Northwest Territories, Communities  
2006

	Total		No Certificate, Diploma or Degree		With Certificate Diploma or Degree	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Northwest Territories	31,140	100.0	10,265	33.0	20,870	67.0
<u>Beaufort Delta</u>						
Aklavik	440	100.0	270	61.4	165	37.5
Fort McPherson	570	100.0	330	57.9	240	42.1
Inuvik	2,570	100.0	810	31.5	1,760	68.5
Paulatuk	215	100.0	150	69.8	60	27.9
Sachs Harbour	85	100.0	45	52.9	45	52.9
Tsiigehtchic	115	100.0	70	60.9	55	47.8
Tuktoyaktuk	625	100.0	410	65.6	220	35.2
Ulukhaktok (Holman)	275	100.0	195	70.9	80	29.1
<u>Dehcho</u>						
Fort Liard	415	100.0	295	71.1	125	30.1
Fort Providence	550	100.0	285	51.8	265	48.2
Fort Simpson	905	100.0	365	40.3	545	60.2
Hay River Reserve	215	100.0	120	55.8	90	41.9
Jean Marie River	60	100.0	50	83.3	10	16.7
Nahanni Butte	85	100.0	65	76.5	15	17.6
Trout Lake	65	100.0	50	76.9	15	23.1
Wrigley	90	100.0	65	72.2	20	22.2
<u>Sahtu</u>						
Colville Lake	75	100.0	55	73.3	20	26.7
Deline	380	100.0	250	65.8	125	32.9
Fort Good Hope	415	100.0	270	65.1	145	34.9
Norman Wells	575	100.0	120	20.9	455	79.1
Tulita	345	100.0	210	60.9	135	39.1
<u>South Slave</u>						
Enterprise	70	100.0	25	35.7	50	71.4
Fort Resolution	365	100.0	190	52.1	170	46.6
Fort Smith	1,790	100.0	500	27.9	1,285	71.8
Hay River	2,770	100.0	820	29.6	1,950	70.4
Kakisa	40	100.0	25	62.5	10	25.0
Lutselk'e	230	100.0	125	54.3	105	45.7
<u>Tlicho</u>						
Behchokö (Rae-Edzo)	1,265	100.0	790	62.5	470	37.2
Gamèti (Rae Lakes)	185	100.0	130	70.3	55	29.7
Wekweèti	90	100.0	45	50.0	45	50.0
Whati	325	100.0	200	61.5	120	36.9
<u>Yellowknife Area</u>						
Yellowknife	14,485	100.0	2,750	19.0	11,730	81.0
Detah	165	100.0	100	60.6	70	42.4

Detailed tables presenting all aspects of the census release on Education, along with this newstat, will be available on the NWT Bureau of Statistics' website at:

<http://www.stats.gov.nt.ca/Statinfo/Census/census%2006/ 2006census.html>

Also available at this link are all previous 2006 census releases, along with a schedule of upcoming releases.

## Planned Release Dates for 2006 Census Information

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March 13, 2007	Population and Dwelling Counts
July 17, 2007	Age and Sex
September 12, 2007	Marital and Common-Law Status, Families, Households, Housing and Dwelling Characteristics
December 4, 2007	Language, Immigration, Citizenship, and Mobility and Migration
January 15, 2008	Aboriginal Peoples
March 4, 2008	Labour Market Activity, Industry, Occupation, Education, Language of Work, Place of Work, and Mode of Transportation
April 2, 2008	Ethnic Origin, and Visible Minorities
May 1, 2008	Income, Earnings, and Shelter Costs

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