

Census: Age and Sex

— 2006 Census —

Statistics Canada today released age and sex statistics 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 second of a series of releases based on the 2006 census results.

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

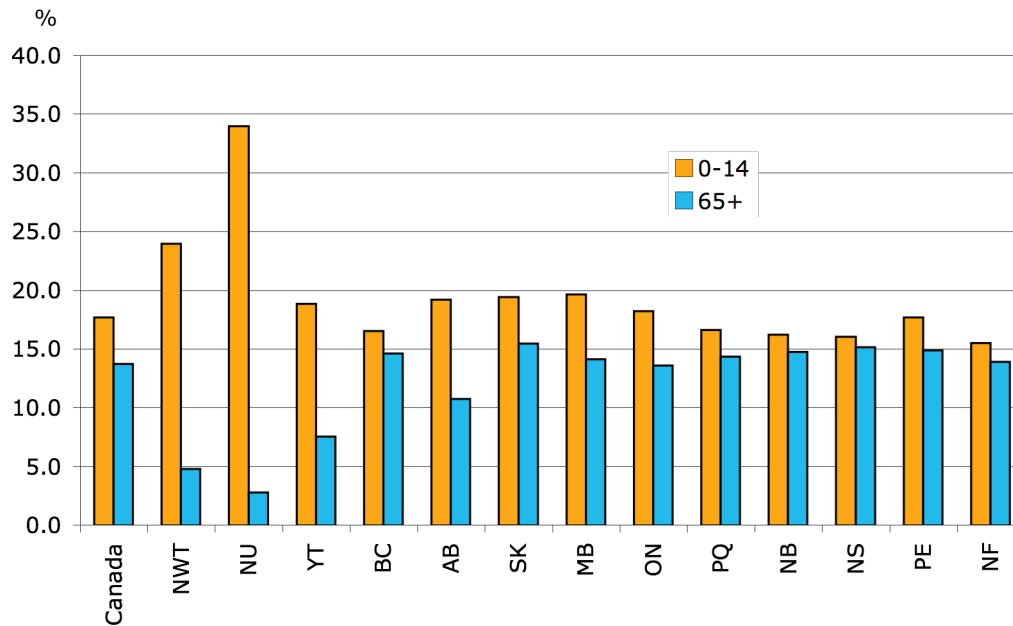
- The NWT is the second youngest jurisdiction in Canada, behind Nunavut, with almost 1 in 4 people being under 15 years of age in 2006
- Between 1991 and 2006, the proportion of persons aged less than 15 years declined from 29.0% to 23.9%, while over this same period the proportion of persons aged 65 years and older increased from 3.2% to 4.8%

The population count for Northwest Territories was 41,464 persons at the time of the 2006 census. The distribution across age categories for the NWT shows that in 2006, 23.9% of the population was under 15 years of age; 71.3% was of working age (15-64); and 4.8% of the population was 65 years of age and older. Nunavut, with almost 40% of its population under 15 years of age was the youngest jurisdiction in 2006, while Saskatchewan had the highest proportion of persons 65 years of age and older (15.4%), making it the oldest jurisdiction. Saskatchewan, at 4.9%, also had the highest proportion of persons 80 years and older.

Table 1 Population by Age
Canada, Provinces and Territories
2006

	----- Count by age group -----				----- % of Total -----			
	Total	0 - 14	15 - 64	65+	Total	0 - 14	15 - 64	65+
Canada	31,612,895	5,579,835	21,697,805	4,335,255	100.0	17.7	68.6	13.7
Northwest Territories	41,465	9,920	29,570	1,975	100.0	23.9	71.3	4.8
Nunavut	29,475	10,000	18,660	810	100.0	33.9	63.3	2.7
Yukon	30,375	5,720	22,365	2,290	100.0	18.8	73.6	7.5
British Columbia	4,113,485	679,605	2,834,075	599,810	100.0	16.5	68.9	14.6
Alberta	3,290,350	631,515	2,305,425	353,410	100.0	19.2	70.1	10.7
Saskatchewan	968,155	187,695	631,155	149,305	100.0	19.4	65.2	15.4
Manitoba	1,148,400	225,175	761,340	161,890	100.0	19.6	66.3	14.1
Ontario	12,160,280	2,210,800	8,300,300	1,649,180	100.0	18.2	68.3	13.6
Quebec	7,546,135	1,252,510	5,213,335	1,080,285	100.0	16.6	69.1	14.3
New Brunswick	729,995	118,255	504,110	107,635	100.0	16.2	69.1	14.7
Nova Scotia	913,460	146,435	628,815	138,210	100.0	16.0	68.8	15.1
Prince Edward Island	135,855	23,985	91,685	20,185	100.0	17.7	67.5	14.9
Newfoundland	505,470	78,230	356,975	70,265	100.0	15.5	70.6	13.9

Chart 1 Population Shares by Age Category
Canada, provinces and territories
2006



On a gender basis, the population distributions are evenly split among males and females in the NWT. On an aggregate basis, the ratio of males per 100 females was 104.9 in 2006. Which is down from 109.6 in 1991 and 106.6 in 1996. The Canadian average in 2006 was 95.9 males per 100 females.

Table 2 Population, by Age and Sex
Northwest Territories
2006

	----- Count by age group -----			----- % of Total -----		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
All Ages	41,460	21,230	20,235	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 15 years	9,920	5,015	4,900	23.9	23.6	24.2
15 - 19	3,570	1,800	1,765	8.6	8.5	8.7
20 - 24	3,155	1,630	1,520	7.6	7.7	7.5
25 - 29	3,345	1,675	1,670	8.1	7.9	8.3
30 - 34	3,100	1,520	1,580	7.5	7.2	7.8
35 - 39	3,250	1,625	1,625	7.8	7.7	8.0
40 - 44	3,655	1,865	1,790	8.8	8.8	8.8
45 - 54	6,150	3,210	2,945	14.8	15.1	14.6
55 - 64	3,350	1,900	1,445	8.1	8.9	7.1
65 and older	1,975	985	990	4.8	4.6	4.9

Chart 2 Population Age Pyramid (Inukshuk)
Northwest Territories, 2006
Males and females

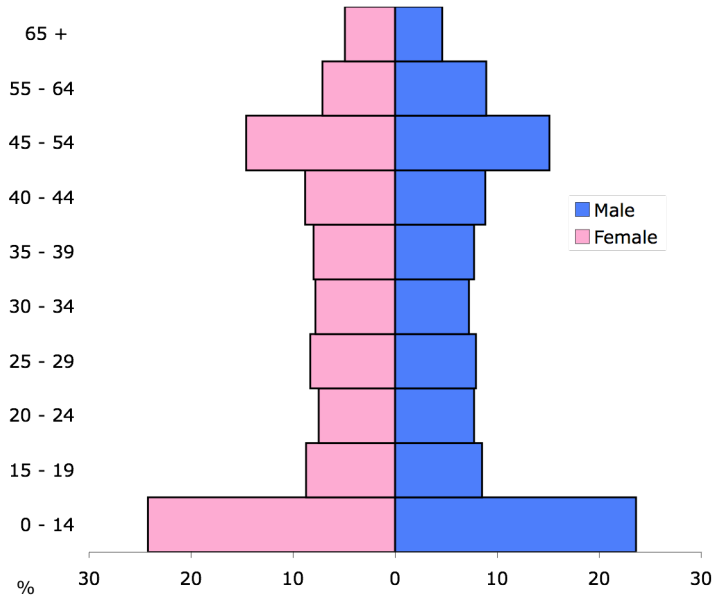


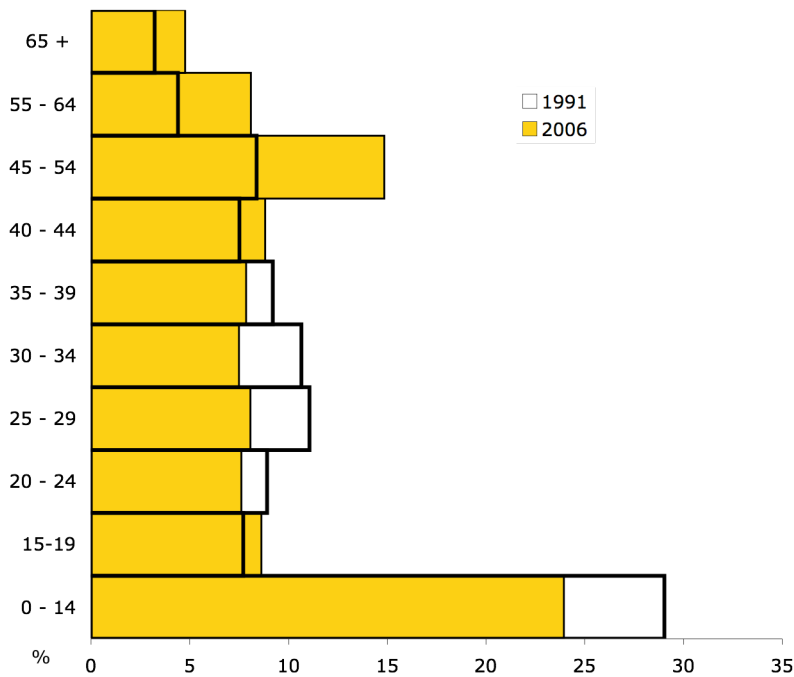
Table 3 Historical Population by Age
Northwest Territories
1991 to 2006

	----- Count by age group -----				----- % of Total -----			
	2006	2001	1996	1991	2006	2001	1996	1991
All Ages	41,460	37,360	39,670	36,405	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0 - 14	9,920	10,115	11,515	10,560	23.9	27.1	29.0	29.0
15 - 19	3,570	2,950	3,060	2,805	8.6	7.9	7.7	7.7
20 - 24	3,155	2,695	2,920	3,240	7.6	7.2	7.4	8.9
25 - 29	3,345	2,860	3,660	4,020	8.1	7.7	9.2	11.0
30 - 34	3,100	3,195	4,110	3,870	7.5	8.6	10.4	10.6
35 - 39	3,250	3,550	3,830	3,345	7.8	9.5	9.7	9.2
40 - 44	3,655	3,250	3,095	2,735	8.8	8.7	7.8	7.5
45 - 54	6,150	4,940	4,265	3,050	14.8	13.2	10.8	8.4
55 - 64	3,350	2,175	1,845	1,600	8.1	5.8	4.7	4.4
65 +	1,975	1,635	1,385	1,170	4.8	4.4	3.5	3.2

With regard to the changing age structure of the NWT population, between 1991 and 2006, the proportion of persons aged less than 15 years declined from 29.0% to 23.9%, while over this same period the proportion of persons aged 65 years and older increased from 3.2% to 4.8%.

One additional notable change in age structure was the significant increase in the 45 to 54 age group, which increased from 8.4% of the total population to 14.8% between 1991 and 2006.

Chart 3 Population Change
Northwest Territories
1991 and 2006



On a community basis, Colville Lake has the youngest population, with 44.0% of the population aged less than 15 years, with Gamètì having the second youngest at 35.1%. Yellowknife at 21.5% has the lowest overall proportion of its population in the under 15 category.

Norman Wells had the lowest proportion of population 65 years and over at 2.0%, followed by Yellowknife at 2.5%. Kakisa, at 18.2%, had the highest proportion of its population aged 65 years and older.

Table 4 Population, by Age Group
Northwest Territories, Communities
2006

	Total	0-14	15-64	65+	Total	0-14	15-64	65+
Northwest Territories	41,460	9,920	29,565	1,975	100.0	23.9	71.3	4.8
Aklavik	595	150	380	65	100.0	25.2	63.9	10.9
Behchokö (Rae-Edzo)	1,895	625	1,160	110	100.0	33.0	61.2	5.8
Colville Lake	125	55	55	15	100.0	44.0	44.0	12.0
Deline	525	145	345	35	100.0	27.6	65.7	6.7
Detah	250	85	145	20	100.0	34.0	58.0	8.0
Enterprise	100	25	70	5	100.0	25.0	70.0	5.0
Fort Good Hope	555	135	365	55	100.0	24.3	65.8	9.9
Fort Liard	585	170	380	35	100.0	29.1	65.0	6.0
Fort McPherson	775	205	495	75	100.0	26.5	63.9	9.7
Fort Providence	725	165	500	60	100.0	22.8	69.0	8.3
Fort Resolution	480	120	310	50	100.0	25.0	64.6	10.4
Fort Simpson	1,215	290	855	70	100.0	23.9	70.4	5.8
Fort Smith	2,365	535	1,640	190	100.0	22.6	69.3	8.0
Gamèti (Rae Lakes)	285	100	165	20	100.0	35.1	57.9	7.0
Hay River	3,650	835	2,565	250	100.0	22.9	70.3	6.8
Hay River Reserve	305	95	185	25	100.0	31.1	60.7	8.2
Inuvik	3,480	865	2,465	150	100.0	24.9	70.8	4.3
Jean Marie River	80	20	50	10	100.0	25.0	62.5	12.5
Kakisa	55	15	30	10	100.0	27.3	54.5	18.2
Lutselk'e	320	90	205	25	100.0	28.1	64.1	7.8
Nahanni Butte	115	35	75	5	100.0	30.4	65.2	4.3
Norman Wells	760	185	560	15	100.0	24.3	73.7	2.0
Paulatuk	295	80	205	10	100.0	27.1	69.5	3.4
Sachs Harbour	120	30	80	10	100.0	25.0	66.7	8.3
Trout Lake	85	20	55	10	100.0	23.5	64.7	11.8
Tsiigehtchic	175	55	100	20	100.0	31.4	57.1	11.4
Tuktoyaktuk	870	245	585	40	100.0	28.2	67.2	4.6
Tulita	505	160	315	30	100.0	31.7	62.4	5.9
Ulukhaktok (Holman)	395	125	250	20	100.0	31.6	63.3	5.1
Wekweètì	135	45	80	10	100.0	33.3	59.3	7.4
Whatì	460	135	300	25	100.0	29.3	65.2	5.4
Wrigley	125	40	70	15	100.0	32.0	56.0	12.0
Yellowknife	18,700	4,015	14,220	465	100.0	21.5	76.0	2.5

Planned Release Dates for 2006 Census Information

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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