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Income and Earnings — 2006 Census —

Today Statistics Canada released information on Income and Earnings 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 is the seventh and final in a series of releases based on the 2006 census results.

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

- The NWT average personal income was \$44,422, highest in Canada.
- Since 2000, NWT average personal income grew 13.1%.
- Average income for those with a degree higher than a bachelors was \$94,483.
- The occupation with the highest average employment income was management with \$79,848.
- The community with the highest average family income was Norman Wells with \$130,934.

Table 1 shows average income for males and females by province and territory. Males in the NWT had the highest average income in Canada with \$50,648. Among females, the NWT average was second with \$37,828 in 2005. The top female average income was in Alberta. Overall, the Maritime Provinces had lower average incomes.

Table 1 Average Personal Income by Gender
Canada, Provinces, Territories
2005

	Total (\$)	Males (\$)	Females (\$)
Canada	35,498	43,684	27,653
Northwest Territories	44,422	50,648	37,828
Nunavut	34,182	36,267	31,992
Yukon Territory	38,687	42,428	34,935
British Columbia	34,519	42,469	26,905
Alberta	42,233	54,830	29,541
Saskatchewan	31,616	38,038	25,476
Manitoba	31,320	37,317	25,627
Ontario	38,099	46,962	29,712
Quebec	32,074	38,509	25,870
New Brunswick	28,450	34,321	22,875
Nova Scotia	30,187	36,904	23,956
Prince Edward Island	27,769	31,875	23,956
Newfoundland and Labrador	27,636	34,067	21,513

Table 2 shows the NWT average and median incomes by select characteristics for 2000 and 2005. Incomes are in 2005 dollars. Average income for the NWT has grown 13.1% since 2000.

Looking at income by age group shows people aged 45 to 54 years had an average income of \$61,732, highest among all age groups. Since 2000, people aged 55 to 64 years had the highest average income growth with 21.2%. The table also shows those with higher education have higher average income. In 2005, people with a degree higher than a bachelors had an average income of \$94,483. In contrast, those without a bachelor's degree had an average income of \$38,547. Income also differs by occupation. In 2005, average employment income was highest for those in the management occupation with \$79,848, and least for those in sales and services with \$27,201. Since 2000, average income growth was highest in the health occupation with 24.2%.

Table 2 Average and Median Income by Selected Characteristics
Northwest Territories, 2000 & 2005
(2005 dollars)

	----- 2000 -----		----- 2005 -----		----- % Change -----	
	Average	Median	Average	Median	Average	Median
Personal Income						
Total Income	39,269	32,597	44,422	35,006	13.1	7.4
Males	44,634	37,181	50,648	40,044	13.5	7.7
Females	33,548	27,532	37,828	30,489	12.8	10.7
15 – 24 Years of Age	12,719	6,958	14,710	8,921	15.7	28.2
25 – 34 Years of Age	37,207	33,918	42,105	37,971	13.2	11.9
35 – 44 Years of Age	49,855	46,304	55,139	50,055	10.6	8.1
45 – 54 Years of Age	55,220	51,797	61,732	54,026	11.8	4.3
55 – 64 Years of Age	44,171	35,136	53,531	45,856	21.2	30.5
65 Years and Older	24,825	18,727	26,664	17,530	7.4	-6.4
No Bachelor's Degree	34,684	27,733	38,547	29,999	11.1	8.2
Bachelor's Degree	61,925	61,478	66,384	64,856	7.2	5.5
Above Bachelor's Degree	79,453	74,688	94,483	82,188	18.9	10.0
Employment Income						
Management	65,786	64,896	79,848	73,669	21.4	13.5
Business, Finance & Admin.	40,742	40,209	45,427	43,778	11.5	8.9
Natural & Applied Sciences	57,025	58,293	66,640	68,675	16.9	17.8
Health	58,349	53,830	72,444	55,978	24.2	4.0
Social Science & Education & Gov.	46,555	44,971	50,595	50,150	8.7	11.5
Art, Culture & Recreation	32,193	28,069	34,586	28,704	7.4	2.3
Sales & Service	24,082	16,795	27,201	18,567	13.0	10.6
Trades	38,603	33,711	43,626	39,959	13.0	18.5
Occupations Unique to Primary Industry	34,023	21,344	31,048	19,313	-8.7	-9.5
Family Income						
Families Income	88,876	82,322	101,647	90,865	14.4	10.4
Married or Common Law	98,883	94,907	114,513	105,059	15.8	10.7
Lone-Parents	48,296	41,707	53,954	42,888	11.7	2.8

Table 3 shows select average incomes for NWT communities. When comparing communities within a region, average income is generally higher in the regional center than outlying communities. Average family income for both Norman Wells and Yellowknife topped the \$100,000, while Inuvik, Fort Simpson, Fort Smith and Hay River all topped \$90,000. In the Tlicho region, Behchokö had the highest average family income with \$82,347.

Table 3 Average Income by Selected Characteristics
Northwest Territories, Communities
2005

	---- Personal Income (\$) ----		Family Income (\$)
	Total	Employ. Income	
Northwest Territories	44,422	46,750	101,647
<u>Beaufort Delta</u>			
Aklavik	24,375	28,133	55,994
Fort McPherson	25,328	28,151	60,384
Inuvik	45,375	47,517	97,792
Paulatuk	21,812	23,585	59,463
Sachs Harbour	-	-	-
Tsiigehtchic	-	-	-
Tuktoyaktuk	25,169	27,857	59,262
Ulukhaktok (Holman)	23,226	23,134	49,844
<u>Dehcho</u>			
Fort Liard	26,360	31,691	61,062
Fort Providence	25,386	28,244	60,244
Fort Simpson	40,973	43,621	91,983
Hay River Reserve	22,429	22,641	55,702
Jean Marie River	-	-	-
Nahanni Butte	-	-	-
Trout Lake	-	-	-
Wrigley	-	-	-
<u>Sahtu</u>			
Colville Lake	-	-	-
Deline	25,276	28,152	55,715
Fort Good Hope	27,159	31,122	61,340
Norman Wells	62,172	64,124	130,934
Tulita	26,904	27,733	63,244
<u>South Slave</u>			
Enterprise	-	-	-
Fort Resolution	28,190	33,219	61,342
Fort Smith	41,319	42,361	91,170
Hay River	45,570	47,399	99,563
Kakisa	-	-	-
Lutselk'e	26,203	27,684	60,264
<u>Tlicho</u>			
Behchokö (Rae-Edzo)	30,374	34,812	82,347
Gamèti (Rae Lakes)	21,367	25,405	60,498
Wekweèti	-	-	-
Whatì	23,229	26,863	62,584
<u>Yellowknife Area</u>			
Yellowknife	52,989	53,446	122,570
Detah	-	-	-

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

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

Also available at this link are all previous 2006 census releases.

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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