

### Age & Sex and Type of Dwellings – 2016 Census –

Statistics Canada released age & sex and type of dwelling data from the 2016 Census – the second of a series of releases based on the 2016 Census results. The 2016 Census population count for NWT was 41,786 persons representing 21,280 males and 20,505 females for a sex ratio of 103.8 males per 100 females. By comparison, Canada had a sex ratio of 96.5 males per 100 females. That ratio decreased from 106.6 in 1996 for the NWT and was relatively unchanged at 96.2 for Canada.

The population pyramid in Figure 1 compares the age and sex distribution of the Northwest Territories (NWT) population over the last 20 years. In 2016, 0 to 19 year olds represented 28% of the population in the NWT, a decrease of 9 percentage points from 1996. The biggest population declines were seen in the age categories younger than 10 years. By contrast, those aged 50 and older showed the largest growth between 1996 and 2016. Many of these older age categories more than doubled in size and in total, currently comprise 28% of the population. Of the younger ages, 20 to 24 year old males were the only age category to exhibit any growth, increasing by over 10% to 1,670.

Figure 1 Population Age Pyramid by Sex  
Northwest Territories, 1996 – 2016

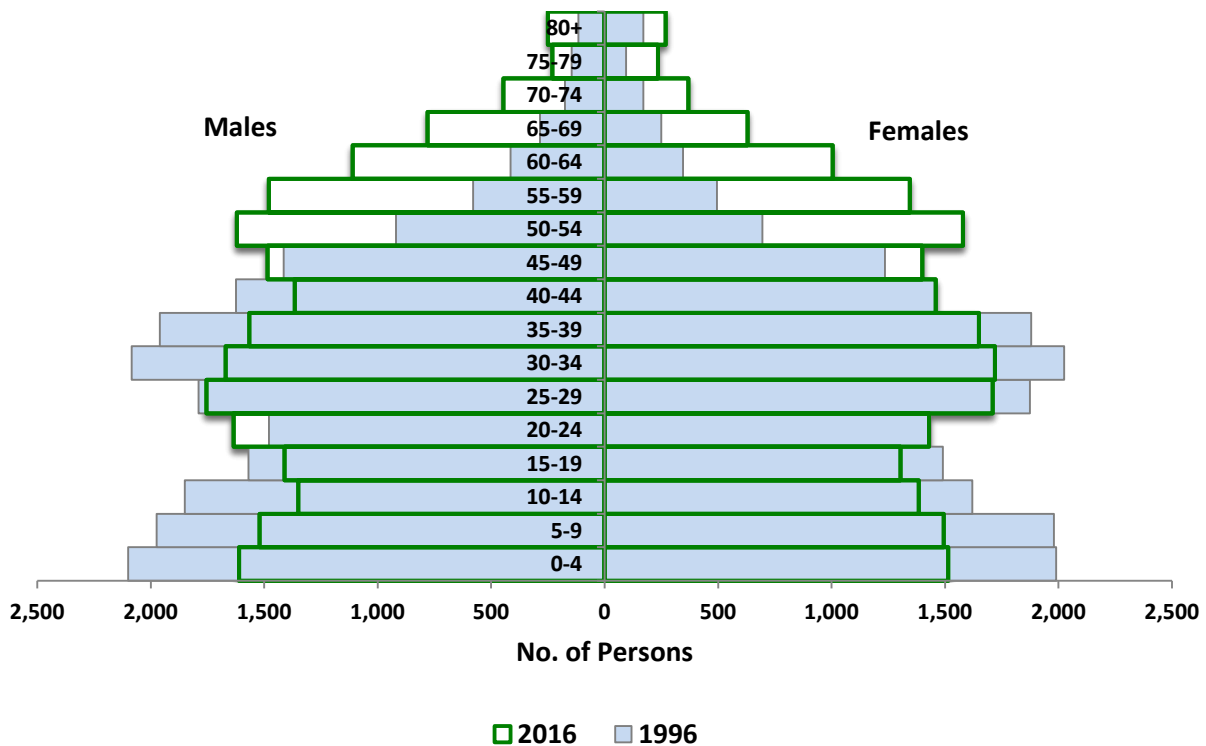
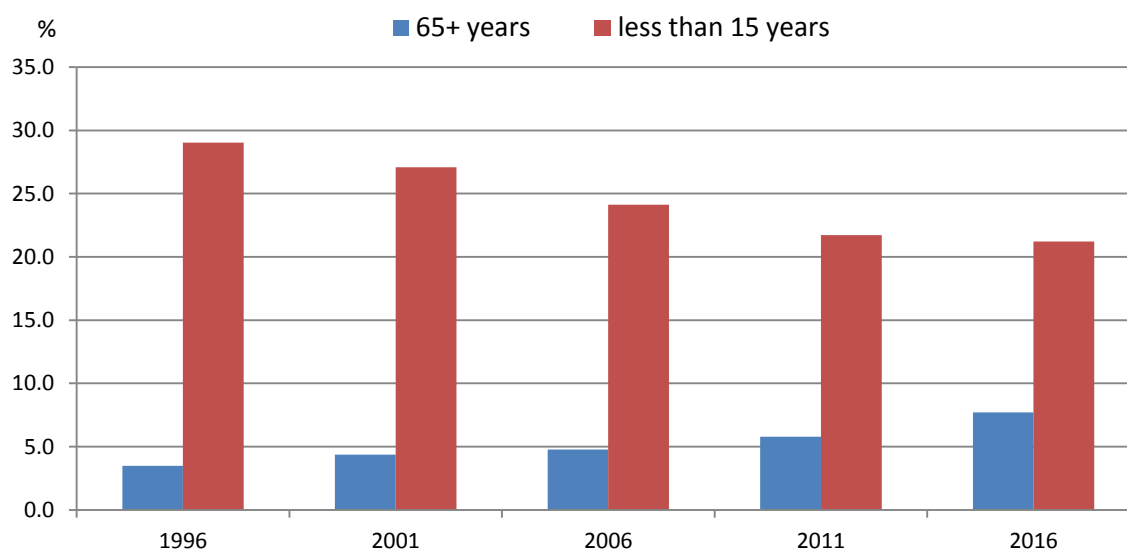


Figure 2 demonstrates historical population shares of seniors aged 65 and older compared to those under the age of 15. Seniors, as a proportion of the total population, have increased from 3.5% in 1996 to 7.7% in 2016, while the younger ages decreased from 29.0% to 21.2%.

**Figure 2 Population Shares  
Northwest Territories, 1996 – 2016**



Although the NWT population is aging, it remains one of the youngest in Canada. At 21%, the proportion of the population under 15 years of age was the second highest after Nunavut (32.5%). Nearing 20%, the Atlantic provinces had the highest proportion of seniors in Canada while at 71%, the NWT had the highest proportion in the working age group of 15 to 64 years (Table 2).

**Table 2 Population by Age Group,  
Canada, Provinces and Territories, Census 2016**

	Total		0 – 14 Years		15 – 64 Years		65 & Older	
	No. of Persons	(%)	No. of Persons	(%)	No. of Persons	(%)	No. of Persons	(%)
Canada	35,151,725	100.0	5,839,570	16.6	23,376,530	66.5	5,935,635	16.9
<b>Northwest Territories</b>	<b>41,790</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,875</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>29,690</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>3,225</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Nunavut	35,940	100.0	11,690	32.5	22,895	63.7	1,365	3.8
Yukon	35,870	100.0	6,275	17.5	25,335	70.6	4,255	11.9
British Columbia	4,648,055	100.0	691,390	14.9	3,107,680	66.9	848,985	18.3
Alberta	4,067,175	100.0	779,155	19.2	2,787,800	68.5	500,215	12.3
Saskatchewan	1,098,355	100.0	215,685	19.6	712,245	64.8	170,425	15.5
Manitoba	1,278,365	100.0	243,820	19.1	835,580	65.4	198,970	15.6
Ontario	13,448,495	100.0	2,207,970	16.4	8,988,870	66.8	2,251,655	16.7
Quebec	8,164,360	100.0	1,333,255	16.3	5,335,910	65.4	1,495,190	18.3
New Brunswick	747,105	100.0	110,495	14.8	487,820	65.3	148,785	19.9
Nova Scotia	923,595	100.0	133,825	14.5	605,950	65.6	183,820	19.9
Prince Edward Island	142,910	100.0	22,685	15.9	92,510	64.7	27,715	19.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	519,720	100.0	74,440	14.3	344,245	66.2	101,025	19.4



Table 3 shows the age distributions by community from the 2016 Census. In general, the communities outside of Yellowknife have a higher proportion of youth (less than 15 years old) and seniors (65+ years old). Tl'cho is the youngest region with 29.3% of its population younger than 15, while the South Slave region has the highest proportion of seniors at 11.4%. In the Yellowknife region, 74.3% are working age, between the ages of 15 to 64 years; this is the highest among all regions.

**Table 3 Population by Age Group,  
Northwest Territories and Communities, Census 2016**

	All Ages		0 – 14 Years		15 – 64 Years		65 & Older	
	No. of Persons	(%)	No. of Persons	(%)	No. of Persons	(%)	No. of Persons	(%)
<b>Northwest Territories</b>	<b>41,790</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,870</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>29,680</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>7.7</b>
<b>Beaufort Delta Region</b>	<b>6,375</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>8.2</b>
Aklavik	590	100.0	140	23.7	380	64.4	60	10.2
Fort McPherson	700	100.0	150	21.4	460	65.7	100	14.3
Inuvik	3,240	100.0	775	23.9	2,245	69.3	220	6.8
Paulatuk	265	100.0	55	20.8	190	71.7	20	7.5
Sachs Harbour	105	100.0	15	14.3	70	66.7	10	9.5
Tsiigehtchic	170	100.0	60	35.3	105	61.8	15	8.8
Tuktoyaktuk	895	100.0	240	26.8	605	67.6	55	6.1
Ulukhaktok	395	100.0	100	25.3	250	63.3	30	7.6
<b>Dehcho Region</b>	<b>3,160</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>10.1</b>
Fort Liard	500	100.0	110	22.0	355	71.0	45	9.0
Fort Providence	695	100.0	110	15.8	515	74.1	75	10.8
Fort Simpson	1,200	100.0	215	17.9	870	72.5	105	8.8
Hay River Dene 1	310	100.0	75	24.2	210	67.7	30	9.7
Jean Marie River	75	100.0	15	20.0	40	53.3	10	13.3
Nahanni Butte	90	100.0	15	16.7	75	83.3	10	11.1
Sambaa K'e (Trout Lake)	90	100.0	25	27.8	60	66.7	10	11.1
Wrigley	120	100.0	30	25.0	70	58.3	25	20.8
<b>Sahtu Region</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>9.1</b>
Colville Lake	130	100.0	45	34.6	80	61.5	15	11.5
Déljne	535	100.0	115	21.5	380	71.0	45	8.4
Fort Good Hope	515	100.0	135	26.2	325	63.1	60	11.7
Norman Wells	775	100.0	175	22.6	560	72.3	50	6.5
Tulita	475	100.0	100	21.1	335	70.5	45	9.5
<b>South Slave Region</b>	<b>6,980</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>4,815</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>11.4</b>
Enterprise	110	100.0	20	18.2	65	59.1	20	18.2
Fort Resolution	470	100.0	95	20.2	295	62.8	65	13.8
Fort Smith	2,545	100.0	540	21.2	1,715	67.4	290	11.4
Hay River	3,525	100.0	640	18.2	2,500	70.9	390	11.1
Łutselk'e	300	100.0	70	23.3	195	65.0	35	11.7
<b>Tl'cho Region</b>	<b>2,750</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>6.9</b>
Behchokò	1,875	100.0	575	30.7	1,170	62.4	130	6.9
Gamètì	280	100.0	70	25.0	180	64.3	25	8.9
Wekweètì	125	100.0	40	32.0	95	76.0	5	4.0
Whatì	470	100.0	120	25.5	315	67.0	35	7.4
<b>Yellowknife Region</b>	<b>20,090</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,995</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>14,920</b>	<b>74.3</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>5.8</b>
Detah	220	100.0	45	20.5	165	75.0	20	9.1
Yellowknife	19,570	100.0	3,915	20.0	14,530	74.2	1,115	5.7

Notes: Statistics Canada employs a random rounding process for confidentiality. As a result, total may not be the exact sum. Information on Unorganized areas is suppressed, but included in the totals.



Statistics Canada also recently released information on types of dwellings. The data indicated that there were 15,045 dwellings occupied by usual residents in the NWT, which included 14,980 private dwellings and 65 collective dwellings. Nearly 58% of occupied dwellings in the NWT are single detached houses. Low-rise apartments represent 16% of dwellings and about 11% are row houses. The remainder of dwellings is a mix of semi-detached houses, apartments in taller buildings, and other dwelling types.

Other information from the 2016 Census such as marital status, income and education will be released by Statistics Canada later in the year. The next release will be August 2, 2017 on families, households and marital status as well as language.

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