

## Income

### - 2016 Census-

Statistics Canada has released information on income and earnings from the 2016 Census. This census release provides personal, family and household median income statistics by community and by various demographic groups.

At \$50,618, the Northwest Territories had the highest median personal income among the provinces and territories in 2015. Median income is the value where half of the population has an income above that amount and the other half of the population has an income below that amount. Median personal income grew in all jurisdictions between 2005 and 2015, with the NWT being one of six provinces and territories to see median personal income increase over 20% over the last ten years.

Income can be broken down into two basic sources: market income, which includes wages and salaries and government transfers. In the NWT, 92.6% of the total income was from market income in 2015, the second highest in Canada after Alberta. Government transfers comprised 7.4% of total income in the NWT.

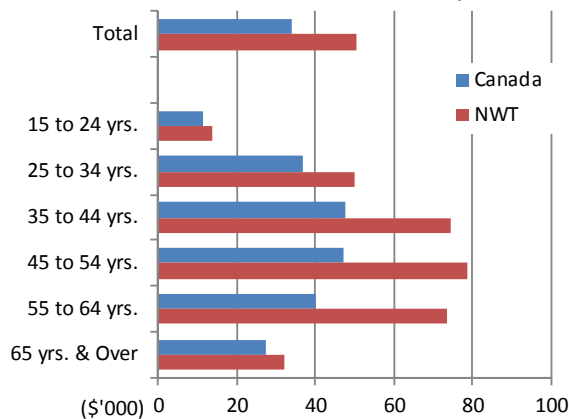
**Table 1: Median Personal Income, Canada, Provinces, Territories, 2015 & 2005**

	Median (2015 dollars)			Source of Income (% of total)	
	2015	2005	% change	Market Inc.	Gov. Tranf.
Canada	34,204	30,359	12.7	88.3	11.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	31,754	23,168	37.1	83.5	16.5
Prince Edward Island	31,744	26,512	19.7	82.5	17.5
Nova Scotia	31,813	27,003	17.8	84.6	15.4
New Brunswick	30,961	26,066	18.8	83.2	16.8
Quebec	32,975	28,978	13.8	84.4	15.6
Ontario	33,539	32,305	3.8	88.9	11.1
Manitoba	34,188	28,686	19.2	88.0	12.0
Saskatchewan	38,299	28,122	36.2	89.5	10.5
Alberta	42,717	34,236	24.8	93.3	6.7
British Columbia	33,012	29,468	12.0	88.9	11.1
Yukon	45,804	37,487	22.2	91.1	8.9
Northwest Territories	50,618	41,416	22.2	92.6	7.4
Nunavut	29,743	24,723	20.3	88.1	11.9

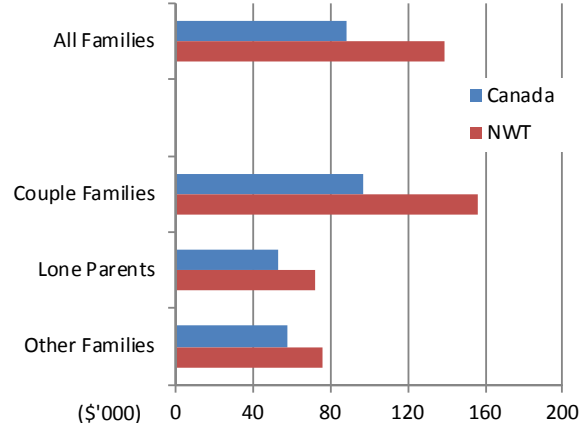
Despite high median income in the NWT, there are variations by age categories and family type within the territory. Income tends to be higher for the working age population of 25 to 64 years of age, and lower for youth and seniors. When compared to Canada, median income for youth and seniors are closer to the Canadian median than the working age population (Chart 1).

Chart 2 shows median economic family income by family type. An economic family includes anyone who lives together and is related by blood, marriage or adoption. Family income tends to be higher in the NWT than Canada for all family types with the difference more pronounced for couple families. At \$156,490, couple family median income was 62% higher in the NWT than in Canada. For lone parent families, median family income was 35% higher in the NWT than in Canada. Other families in the NWT, for example, two single siblings living together, had median economic family income similar to lone parents.

**Chart 1: Median Personal Income by Age  
Canada & Northwest Territories, 2015**



**Chart 2: Median Economic Family Income  
Canada & Northwest Territories, 2015**



Despite high median family incomes in the NWT, 795 families earned less than \$30,000 in 2015. One in five (20.3%) lone parent families earned less than \$30,000 compared to 4.0% for couple families. Conversely, 73.6% of couple families and 35.1% of lone parent families earned \$100,000 or more in 2015.

**Table 2: Economic Family Income by Family Type, Northwest Territories, 2015**

	All Families		Couples		Lone Parents		Other Families	
	(no.)	(%)	(no.)	(%)	(no.)	(%)	(no.)	(%)
Total Families	10,765	100.0	8,515	100.0	2,020	100.0	235	100.0
Less than \$30,000	795	7.4	340	4.0	410	20.3	40	17.0
\$100,000 or more	7,060	65.6	6,265	73.6	710	35.1	95	40.4
Median Income (\$)	138,515	n.a.	156,490	n.a.	71,680	n.a.	75,648	n.a.

At \$154,624 Norman Wells had the highest NWT median income in 2015, followed by Yellowknife (\$142,616). When comparing communities within NWT regions, median income was generally higher in the regional centers than the outlying communities. In 2015, 13 NWT communities had a median household income less than the Canadian median of \$70,336 (Chart 3).



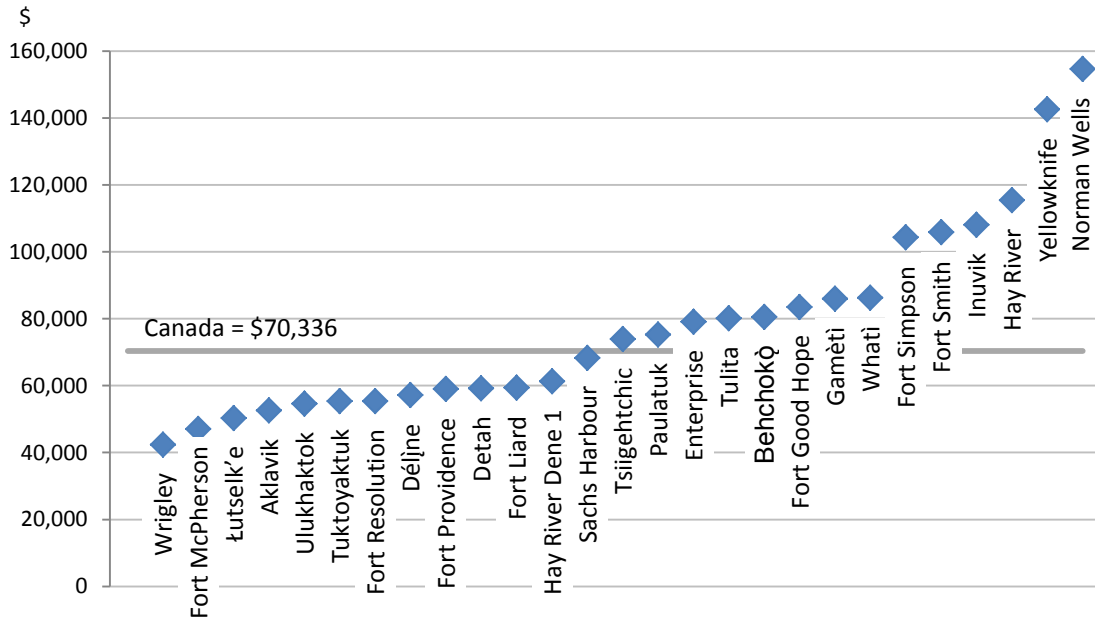
**Table 3: Median Income by Community, Northwest Territories, 2015**

	----- Median Income (\$) -----			Source of Personal Inc. (% of total)	
	Household	Econ. Family	Personal	Market Inc.	Gov. Trans.
Northwest Territories	117,688	138,515	50,618	92.6	7.4
Beaufort Delta Region	81,536	92,288	32,781	87.8	12.2
Aklavik	52,608	70,912	22,000	76.8	23.4
Fort McPherson	47,104	66,048	22,976	78.8	21.7
Inuvik	108,117	128,171	51,136	92.6	7.6
Paulatuk	75,264	68,352	23,072	84.5	15.1
Sachs Harbour	68,352	x	x	x	x
Tsiigehtchic	73,984	x	x	x	x
Tuktoyaktuk	55,424	70,912	21,984	78.4	21.6
Ulukhaktok	54,592	72,192	19,392	82.0	18.1
Dehcho Region	75,584	89,600	26,805	86.5	13.7
Fort Liard	59,392	69,120	20,565	82.1	17.6
Fort Providence	59,008	67,840	19,984	81.7	19.1
Fort Simpson	104,320	132,710	47,552	91.3	8.3
Hay River Dene 1	61,312	75,520	22,592	76.9	23.9
Jean Marie River	x	x	x	x	x
Kakisa	x	x	x	x	x
Nahanni Butte	x	x	x	x	x
Sambaa K'e	x	x	x	x	x
Wrigley	42,368	x	x	x	x
Sahtu Region	105,728	117,760	35,328	91.5	8.5
Colville Lake	x	x	x	x	x
Délj̄ne	57,216	67,264	23,744	84.9	13.6
Fort Good Hope	83,541	93,440	24,576	85.0	14.3
Norman Wells	154,624	190,464	82,624	96.9	3.5
Tulita	80,128	88,576	22,080	86.1	13.7
South Slave Region	104,302	126,391	46,864	91.0	9.1
Enterprise	79,104	x	x	x	x
Fort Resolution	55,424	82,944	23,360	78.2	21.5
Fort Smith	105,899	123,456	48,333	90.9	9.1
Hay River	115,424	143,531	53,431	92.4	7.6
Łutselk'e	50,304	59,392	21,952	78.7	19.8
Tłı̄chǝ Region	84,864	100,352	22,805	83.5	16.6
Behchokǝ	80,512	97,536	22,259	82.8	17.3
Gamètì	86,016	119,808	23,680	88.4	14.3
Wekweètì	x	x	x	x	x
Whatì	86,272	91,904	22,560	83.0	17.4
Yellowknife Area	141,700	163,493	67,178	95.2	4.8
Detah	59,264	x	x	x	x
Yellowknife	142,616	164,104	67,792	95.3	4.7

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Chart 3: Median Household Income, Northwest Territories, 2015



The next release from the 2016 Census will be November 29, 2017 on education and labour.

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