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	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Aboriginal population						
Total - Aboriginal identity for the population in private households - 25% sample data ⁷⁵	4,560,240	2,237,490	2,322,750	34,460,065	16,971,575	17,488,48
Aboriginal identity ⁷⁶	270,585	130,265	140,320	1,673,785	813,520	860,26
Single Aboriginal responses ⁷⁷	263,540	127,115	136,425	1,629,805	792,970	836,83
First Nations (North American Indian) ⁷⁸	172,520	83,645	88,880	977,235	471,510	505,72
Métis	89,405	42,715	46,690	587,545	289,435	298,11
Inuk (Inuit)	1,610	760	855	65,030	32,030	32,99
Multiple Aboriginal responses ⁷⁹	4,350	2,090	2,260	21,310	10,165	11,14
Aboriginal responses not included elsewhere ⁸⁰	2,695	1,060	1,635	22,670	10,385	12,29

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	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Femal
Non-Aboriginal identity	4,289,655	2,107,225	2,182,430	32,786,280	16,158,060	16,628,22
Total - Population by Registered or Treaty Indian status for the population in private households - 25% sample data ⁸¹	4,560,240	2,237,485	2,322,750	34,460,065	16,971,580	17,488,49
Registered or Treaty Indian ⁸²	135,835	65,560	70,280	820,120	395,670	424,44
Not a Registered or Treaty Indian	4,424,400	2,171,930	2,252,470	33,639,945	16,575,905	17,064,04
Total - Aboriginal ancestry for the population in private households - 25% sample data ⁸³	4,560,240	2,237,490	2,322,750	34,460,065	16,971,575	17,488,49
Aboriginal ancestry (only) ⁸⁴	91,710	45,690	46,020	727,790	356,970	370,81
Single Aboriginal ancestry (only) ⁸⁵	90,390	45,100	45,295	709,235	347,985	361,24
First Nations (North American Indian) single ancestry ⁷⁸	79,875	39,685	40,190	573,215	280,040	293,18
Métis single ancestry	10,080	5,215	4,865	91,255	45,740	45,51
Inuit single ancestry	430	200	235	44,765	22,210	22,55
Multiple Aboriginal ancestries (only) ⁸⁶	1,325	595	725	18,555	8,985	9,56
First Nations (North American Indian) and Métis ancestries	1,175	535	635	15,140	7,305	7,83

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	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Femal
First Nations (North American Indian) and Inuit ancestries	100	50	50	2,470	1,205	1,26
Métis and Inuit ancestries	45	10	45	770	390	38
First Nations (North American Indian), Métis and Inuit ancestries	0	0	0	170	85	8
Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal ancestries ⁸⁷	211,100	100,835	110,260	1,402,735	669,710	733,02
Single Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal ancestries ⁸⁸	201,895	96,650	105,245	1,347,610	644,210	703,40
First Nations (North American Indian) and non-Aboriginal ancestries	130,020	62,170	67,850	881,455	418,215	463,23
Métis and non-Aboriginal ancestries	70,180	33,595	36,585	441,000	213,940	227,06
Inuit and non-Aboriginal ancestries	1,700	890	815	25,155	12,045	13,10
Multiple Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal ancestries ⁸⁹	9,200	4,185	5,015	55,125	25,505	29,62
First Nations (North American Indian), Métis and non-Aboriginal ancestries	8,865	4,050	4,810	49,325	22,740	26,58

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	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Femal
First Nations (North American Indian), Inuit and non-Aboriginal ancestries	165	75	90	3,470	1,655	1,81
Métis, Inuit and non-Aboriginal ancestries	125	35	90	2,005	940	1,06
First Nations (North American Indian), Métis, Inuit and non-Aboriginal ancestries	45	20	20	325	170	16
Non-Aboriginal ancestry (only) ⁹⁰	4,257,430	2,090,960	2,166,465	32,329,545	15,944,900	16,384,64

Data quality: British Columbia [Province]

- Excludes census data for one or more incompletely enumerated Indian reserves or Indian settlements.
- Global non-response rate (GNR), short-form census questionnaire: 4.9%
- Global non-response rate (GNR), long-form census questionnaire: 6.1%
- Data quality index showing a long-form income non-response rate higher than or equal to 10%, but lower than 20%.

Data quality: Canada [Country]

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- Global non-response rate (GNR), long-form census questionnaire: 5.1%

Note(s):

- 75 Aboriginal identity refers to whether the person identified with the Aboriginal peoples of Canada. This includes those who are First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuk (Inuit) and/or those who are Registered or Treaty Indians (that is, registered under the *Indian Act* of Canada) and/or those who have membership in a First Nation or Indian band. Aboriginal peoples of Canada are defined in the *Constitution Act, 1982*, section 35 (2) as including the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada.
- Users should be aware that the estimates associated with this variable are more affected than most by the incomplete enumeration of certain Indian reserves and Indian settlements in the 2016 Census of Population. For more information on Aboriginal variables, including information on their classifications, the questions from which they are derived, data quality and their comparability with other sources of data, refer to the [*Aboriginal Peoples Reference Guide, Census of Population, 2016*](#) and the [*Aboriginal Peoples Technical Report, Census of Population, 2016*](#).
- 76 'Aboriginal identity' includes persons who are First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuk (Inuit) and/or those who are Registered or Treaty Indians (that is, registered under the *Indian Act* of Canada) and/or those who have membership in a First Nation or Indian band. Aboriginal peoples of Canada are defined in the *Constitution Act, 1982*, section 35 (2) as including the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada.
- 77 'Single Aboriginal responses' includes persons who are in only one Aboriginal group, that is, First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuk (Inuit).
- 78 Users should be aware that the estimates associated with this variable are more affected than most by the incomplete enumeration of certain Indian reserves and Indian settlements in the 2016 Census of Population. For additional information, refer to the [*Aboriginal Peoples Reference Guide, Census of Population, 2016*](#).
- 79 'Multiple Aboriginal responses' includes persons who are any two or all three of the following: First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuk (Inuit).
- 80 'Aboriginal responses not included elsewhere' includes persons who are not First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuk (Inuit) but who have Registered or Treaty Indian status and/or Membership in a First Nation or Indian band.

- 81 Registered or Treaty Indian status refers to whether or not a person is a Registered or Treaty Indian. Registered Indians are persons who are registered under the *Indian Act* of Canada. Treaty Indians are persons who belong to a First Nation or Indian band that signed a treaty with the Crown. Registered or Treaty Indians are sometimes also called Status Indians.
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- 82 'Registered or Treaty Indian Status' includes persons who are a Registered or Treaty Indian. Registered Indians are persons who are registered under the *Indian Act* of Canada. Treaty Indians are persons who belong to a First Nation or Indian band that signed a treaty with the Crown. Registered or Treaty Indians are sometimes also called Status Indians.
- 83 Aboriginal ancestry refers to whether a person has ancestry associated with the Aboriginal peoples of Canada, that is, First Nations (North American Indian), Métis, and Inuit. Aboriginal peoples of Canada are defined in the *Constitution Act, 1982*, section 35 (2) as including the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada. Ancestry refers to the ethnic or cultural origins of the person's ancestors, an ancestor being usually more distant than a grandparent. A person can have more than one ethnic or cultural origin.
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- 87 'Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal ancestries' includes persons who have First Nations (North American Indian), Métis and/or Inuit ancestry, as well as non-Aboriginal ancestry.
- 88 'Single Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal ancestries' includes persons who have First Nations (North American Indian), Métis or Inuit ancestry, as well as non-Aboriginal ancestry.
- 89 'Multiple Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal ancestries' includes persons who have two or more of First Nations (North American Indian), Métis and Inuit ancestries, as well as non-Aboriginal ancestry.
- 90 'Non-Aboriginal ancestry (only)' includes persons who have non-Aboriginal ancestry only.

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