

Census Population and Dwelling Counts — 2006 Census —

Statistics Canada has released population and dwelling counts from the 2006 census that was undertaken in the Northwest Territories in March and May of last year. The national census is conducted every five years, primarily to count all persons and dwellings in Canada. This report presents the first of a series of releases based on the 2006 census results.

Due to the significant undercount of persons and dwellings that resulted during the 2001 census, growth comparisons for this release are based on the 2006 and 1996 census results, as using 2001 census results would exaggerate growth rates. However, 2001 population and dwelling counts are included in the release, along with historical counts in tables 3 and 4. Comparisons of counts of population and dwellings for Northwest Territories communities suggest a much higher quality count in 2006 relative to 2001.

The population count for Northwest Territories was 41,464 persons at the time of the 2006 census, a 4.5% increase relative to the count from 1996. The results also indicate that the count of occupied private dwellings in the Northwest Territories was 14,224 in 2006, an increase of 12.0% since 1996. For Canada as a whole, the population and occupied private dwelling counts increased by 9.6% and 14.1% respectively between 1996 and 2006. Alberta showed the greatest percentage increase in population count and the greatest increase in dwelling count. Newfoundland and Labrador, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory and New Brunswick showed a decline in population over the past decade.

Table 1 Population and Occupied Private Dwelling Counts
Canada, Provinces and Territories
1996 and 2006

	----- Population -----			---- Occupied Private Dwellings ----		
	2006 Census	1996 Census	Percent Change	2006 Census	1996 Census	Percent Change
Canada	31,612,897	28,846,761	9.6	12,435,520	10,899,427	14.1
Northwest Territories	41,464	39,672	4.5	14,224	12,704	12.0
Nunavut	29,474	24,730	19.2	7,855	6,290	24.9
Yukon Territory	30,372	30,766	-1.3	12,615	11,584	8.9
British Columbia	4,113,487	3,724,500	10.4	1,642,715	1,433,533	14.6
Alberta	3,290,350	2,696,826	22.0	1,256,192	984,275	27.6
Saskatchewan	968,157	990,237	-2.2	387,160	375,740	3.0
Manitoba	1,148,401	1,113,898	3.1	448,766	421,096	6.6
Ontario	12,160,282	10,753,573	13.1	4,554,251	3,951,326	15.3
Quebec	7,546,131	7,138,795	5.7	3,188,713	2,849,149	11.9
New Brunswick	729,997	738,133	-1.1	295,871	272,915	8.4
Nova Scotia	913,462	909,282	.5	376,829	344,779	9.3
Prince Edward Island	135,851	134,557	1.0	53,084	48,630	9.2
Newfoundland and Labrador	505,469	551,792	-8.4	197,245	187,406	5.3

Information by community in Table 2 indicates that for the three largest communities in Northwest Territories, Yellowknife had a population count of 18,700 persons at the time of 2006 census, while Hay River's population count was 3,648 persons, and the population count for Inuvik was 3,484 persons.

Between 1996 and 2006, in almost all NWT communities, the percent increase in occupied private dwellings is greater than the population increase. This decline in 'persons per dwelling' is indicative of a general improvement (i.e., decline) in crowding issues.

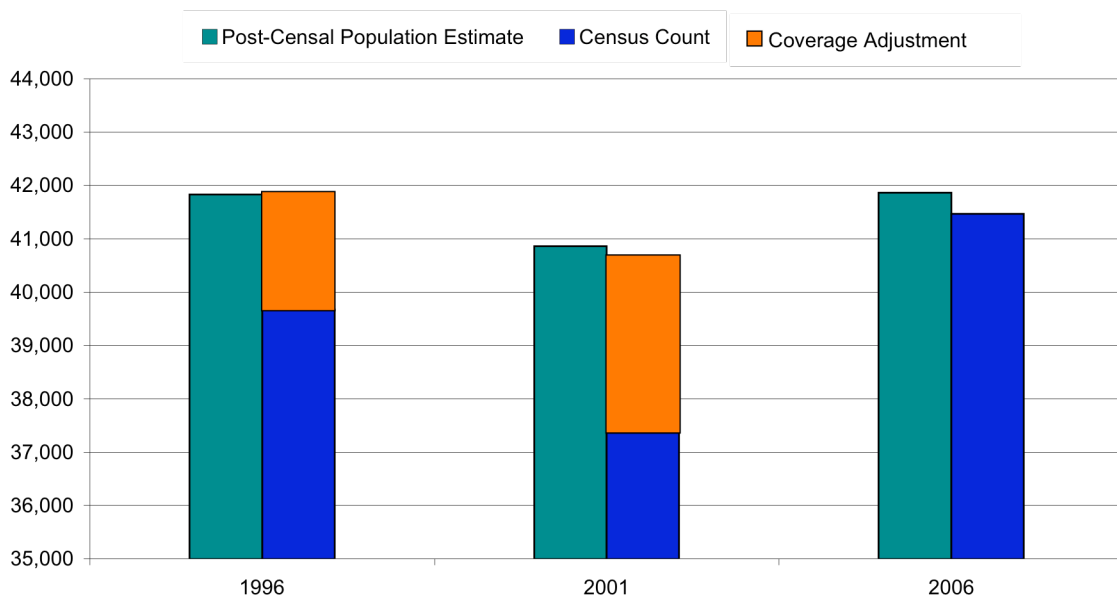
Table 2 Population and Occupied Private Dwelling Counts
Northwest Territories, Regions and Communities
1996 and 2006

	----- Population -----		-- Occupied Private Dwellings --	
	2006 Census	1996 Census	2006 Census	1996 Census
Northwest Territories	41,464	39,672	14,224	12,704
Aklavik	594	727	218	218
Colville Lake	126	90	35	22
Deline	525	616	173	172
Fort Good Hope	557	644	176	176
Fort McPherson	776	878	265	264
Inuvik	3,484	3,296	1,246	1,135
Norman Wells	761	798	302	285
Paulatuk	294	277	75	55
Sachs Harbour	122	135	45	40
Tsiigehtchic	175	162	60	49
Tuktoyaktuk	870	943	274	254
Tulita	505	450	144	129
Ulukhaktok (Holman)	398	423	134	125
Inuvik Unorganized	5	8	2	7
Behchokö (Rae-Edzo)	1,894	1,662	449	377
Detah	247	190	77	56
Enterprise	97	86	37	31
Fort Liard	583	512	175	144
Fort Providence	727	748	233	223
Fort Resolution	484	536	175	183
Fort Simpson	1,216	1,257	434	421
Fort Smith	2,364	2,441	868	797
Gamèti (Rae Lakes)	283	256	71	58
Hay River	3,648	3,611	1,318	1,224
Hay River Reserve	309	253	87	70
Jean Marie River	81	53	23	18
Kakisa	52	36	14	11
Lutsel'ke	318	304	111	84
Nahanni Butte	115	75	-	24
Pine Point	-	-	-	-
Reliance	10	2	2	1
Salt Plains	-	11	-	5
Trout Lake	86	68	30	24
Tungsten	-	-	-	-
Wekweèti	137	135	35	35
Whati	460	418	113	87
Wrigley	122	167	43	49
Yellowknife	18,700	17,275	6,616	5,807
Fort Smith Unorganized	339	129	129	44

It is very important to note that these population counts are not the same as population estimates. Statistics Canada, after each census, undertakes a follow-up survey to determine how many persons were either missed or counted more than once in the census. This process is currently underway in all provinces and territories. The results of the follow-up survey will yield an estimate of “coverage adjustment” for the census. This coverage adjustment, along with the population counts from the census, will form the basis of the final 2006 population estimate, which will be released by Statistics Canada in September 2008.

The historical impact of coverage adjustment, which for the Northwest Territories has always been a case of undercoverage (i.e., persons missed), is illustrated in Chart 1. For the 1996 census, a coverage adjustment of 5.22% was applied to the population count, while for 2001 the coverage adjustment increased significantly to 8.11%. The coverage adjustment for 2006 is not known at this time and will not be available until late 2007.

Chart 1 Population Estimates
Northwest Territories
1996, 2001 and 2006



One important point to note is that, historically, the post-censal population estimate (i.e. the preliminary population estimate at the time of the census release) has been significantly higher than the census population count. For example, in 1996 the difference between the post-censal population estimate and the census population count was over 2,100 persons. After the coverage adjustment, the final estimate for 1996 was slightly higher than the preliminary estimate. In 2001, the difference between the census population count and the preliminary estimate was close to 3,500 persons. After coverage adjustment, the final estimate for 2001 ended up slightly lower than the preliminary estimate.

Chart 1 illustrates that for 2006, the difference between the post-censal population estimate and the census count is only 397 persons, which is much smaller than for the previous periods. This suggests that either the number of people missed in the 2006 census was much lower than for previous censuses or that recent population estimates released by Statistics Canada have underestimated the population. As noted the coverage adjustment will not be known until late 2007.

Tables 3 and 4, which follow, present the historical community-level population and private occupied dwelling counts for the period 1981-2006.

Table 3 Historical Population Counts
Northwest Territories, Regions and Communities
1981 to 2006

	Population Counts					
	2006	2001	1996	1991	1986	1981
Northwest Territories	41,464	37,360	39,672	36,405	33,830	30,129
Aklavik	594	632	727	801	763	721
Colville Lake	126	102	90	69	52	57
Deline	525	536	616	551	532	521
Fort Good Hope	557	549	644	602	562	463
Fort McPherson	776	761	878	759	760	632
Inuvik	3,484	2,894	3,296	3,206	3,389	3,147
Norman Wells	761	666	798	627	627	420
Paulatuk	294	286	277	255	193	174
Sachs Harbour	122	114	135	125	158	161
Tsiigehtchic	175	195	162	144	108	120
Tuktoyaktuk	870	930	943	918	929	772
Tulita	505	473	450	375	332	286
Ulukhaktok (Holman)	398	398	423	361	303	300
Inuvik Unorganized	5	-	8	59	6	11
Behchokö (Rae-Edzo)	1,894	1,552	1,662	1,521	1,378	1,378
Detah	247	182	190	150	131	143
Enterprise	97	61	86	49	56	46
Fort Liard	583	530	512	485	395	405
Fort Providence	727	753	748	645	588	605
Fort Resolution	484	525	536	515	447	480
Fort Simpson	1,216	1,163	1,257	1,142	987	980
Fort Smith	2,364	2,185	2,441	2,480	2,460	2,312
Gamèti (Rae Lakes)	283	274	256	252	183	200
Hay River	3,648	3,510	3,611	3,253	3,006	2,911
Hay River Reserve	309	269	253	216	180	..
Jean Marie River	81	50	53	49	64	69
Kakisa	52	40	36	39	30	36
Lutsel'ke	318	248	304	286	273	253
Nahanni Butte	115	107	75	85	84	85
Pine Point	-	-	-	9	1,558	1,861
Reliance	10	-	2	10	11	15
Salt Plains	-	-	11	4	14	7
Trout Lake	86	70	68	66	54	59
Tungsten	-	-	-	-	238	320
Wekweèti	137	131	135	127	119	69
Whati	460	453	418	392	345	268
Wrigley	122	165	167	174	161	137
Yellowknife	18,700	16,541	17,275	15,179	11,753	9,483
Fort Smith Unorganized	339	15	129	425	601	222

Table 4 Historical Occupied Private Dwelling Counts
Northwest Territories, Regions and Communities
1981 to 2006

	----- Occupied Private Dwellings -----					
	2006	2001	1996	1991	1986	1981
Northwest Territories	14,224	12,565	12,704	11,377	9,979	8,493
Aklavik	218	220	218	215	194	164
Colville Lake	35	30	22	16	11	14
Deline	173	150	172	130	104	106
Fort Good Hope	176	155	176	141	115	100
Fort McPherson	265	240	264	191	172	128
Inuvik	1,246	1,015	1,135	1,119	1,056	941
Norman Wells	302	270	285	242	240	133
Paulatuk	75	65	55	52	39	28
Sachs Harbour	45	35	40	41	44	35
Tsiigehtchic	60	60	49	38	29	25
Tuktoyaktuk	274	275	254	249	206	140
Tulita	144	130	129	110	79	67
Ulukhaktok (Holman)	134	130	125	106	74	65
Inuvik Unorganized	2	..	7	18	1	1
Behchokö (Rae-Edzo)	449	390	377	319	250	235
Detah	77	50	56	36	30	26
Enterprise	37	25	31	19	19	16
Fort Liard	175	160	144	135	96	76
Fort Providence	233	230	223	169	123	128
Fort Resolution	175	190	183	157	121	122
Fort Simpson	434	405	421	385	293	255
Fort Smith	868	815	797	791	754	651
Gamètì (Rae Lakes)	71	70	58	51	34	34
Hay River	1,318	1,240	1,224	1,118	981	929
Hay River Reserve	87	75	70	58	41	..
Jean Marie River	23	20	18	15	13	12
Kakisa	14	15	11	12	7	6
Lutsel'ke	111	65	84	72	53	46
Nahanni Butte	35	..	24	23	19	14
Pine Point	-	-	-	2	504	514
Reliance	2	..	1	4	3	5
Salt Plains	-	..	5	2	6	..
Trout Lake	30	25	24	22	16	15
Tungsten	-	-	-	-	77	69
Wekweèti	35	35	35	21	18	13
Whatì	113	100	87	67	52	34
Wrigley	43	50	49	51	37	28
Yellowknife	6,616	5,795	5,807	5,020	3,894	3,234
Fort Smith Unorganized	129	..	44	160	174	84

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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