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Age and Sex
— 2011 Census —

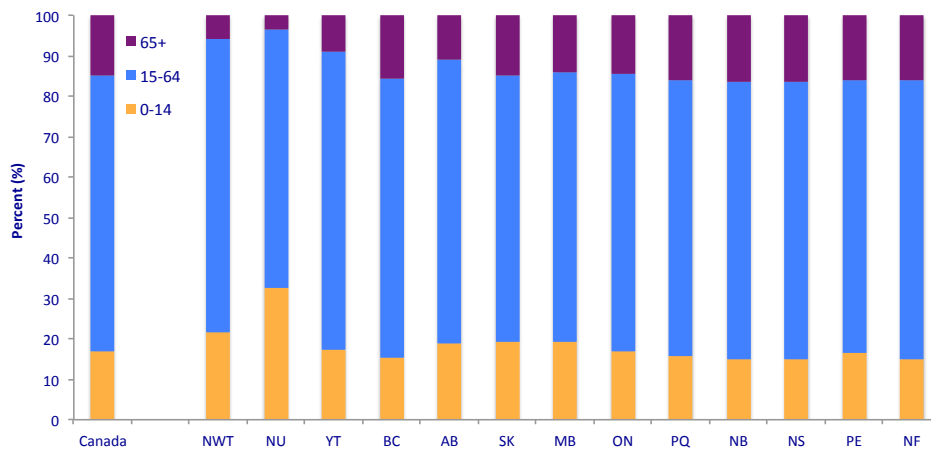
Statistics Canada has released age and sex statistics from the 2011 census. The national census is conducted every five years to provide a portrait of Canada and its people. This report presents the second in a series of data releases based on the 2011 Census.

The population count for the Northwest Territories was 41,465 persons at the time of the 2011 census. The distribution across age categories for the NWT shows that in 2011, 21.7% of the population was under 15 years of age; 72.5% was of working age (15 to 64 years); and 5.8% of the population was 65 years of age and older.

Table 1 Population, by Age
Canada, Provinces and Territories
2011

	Total		0 – 14 years		15 – 64 years		65 and older	
	No. of Persons	%	No. of Persons	%	No. of Persons	%	No. of Persons	%
Canada	33,476,685	100.0	5,607,345	16.8	22,924,290	68.5	4,945,055	14.8
Northwest Territories	41,465	100.0	9,010	21.7	30,055	72.5	2,400	5.8
Nunavut	31,910	100.0	10,425	32.7	20,420	64.0	1,060	3.3
Yukon	33,900	100.0	5,865	17.3	24,940	73.6	3,095	9.1
British Columbia	4,400,055	100.0	677,365	15.4	3,033,980	69.0	688,715	15.7
Alberta	3,645,260	100.0	684,790	18.8	2,554,745	70.1	405,720	11.1
Saskatchewan	1,033,380	100.0	197,855	19.1	681,815	66.0	153,705	14.9
Manitoba	1,208,270	100.0	231,160	19.1	804,655	66.6	172,450	14.3
Ontario	12,851,820	100.0	2,180,775	17.0	8,792,725	68.4	1,878,325	14.6
Quebec	7,903,000	100.0	1,258,625	15.9	5,386,695	68.2	1,257,685	15.9
New Brunswick	751,170	100.0	113,575	15.1	513,960	68.4	123,635	16.5
Nova Scotia	921,725	100.0	138,215	15.0	630,140	68.4	153,370	16.6
Prince Edward Island	140,200	100.0	23,060	16.4	94,360	67.3	22,785	16.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	514,535	100.0	76,625	14.9	355,800	69.1	82,105	16.0

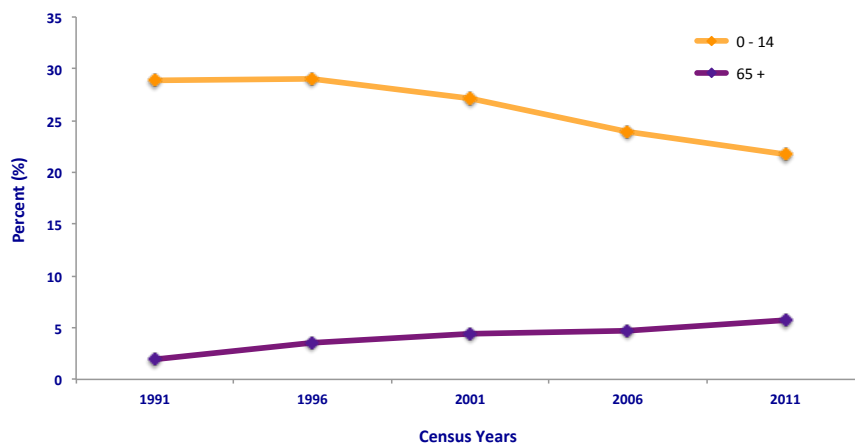
**Figure 1 Population Shares, by Age Category
Canada, Provinces and Territories
2011**



In 2011, the NWT had one of the youngest populations in Canada. The proportion of the population under 15 years of age was the second highest after Nunavut. In general, the high proportion of young people in the NWT reflects the higher fertility rate compared to other jurisdictions.

The statistics also show that 72.5% of the NWT population was between 15 and 64 years of age (working age group). This proportion was the second highest after Yukon. Among the provinces, Alberta, British Columbia and Newfoundland and Labrador had the highest proportion of people between 15 and 64 years of age. Nunavut and the NWT had the lowest proportion of seniors in Canada, while Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces had the highest.

**Figure 2 Population Shares
NWT, Children and Seniors
1991 – 2011**



While the NWT has a low proportion of seniors, the share has more than doubled and it has been the fastest growing age segment over the last 20 years (Table 2). Additionally, the number of those aged 45 to 64 has increased significantly, which is a result of the aging baby boomers. In contrast, figure 2 shows the share of children under 15 years has been steadily decreasing, narrowing the population gap between the seniors and younger generations.

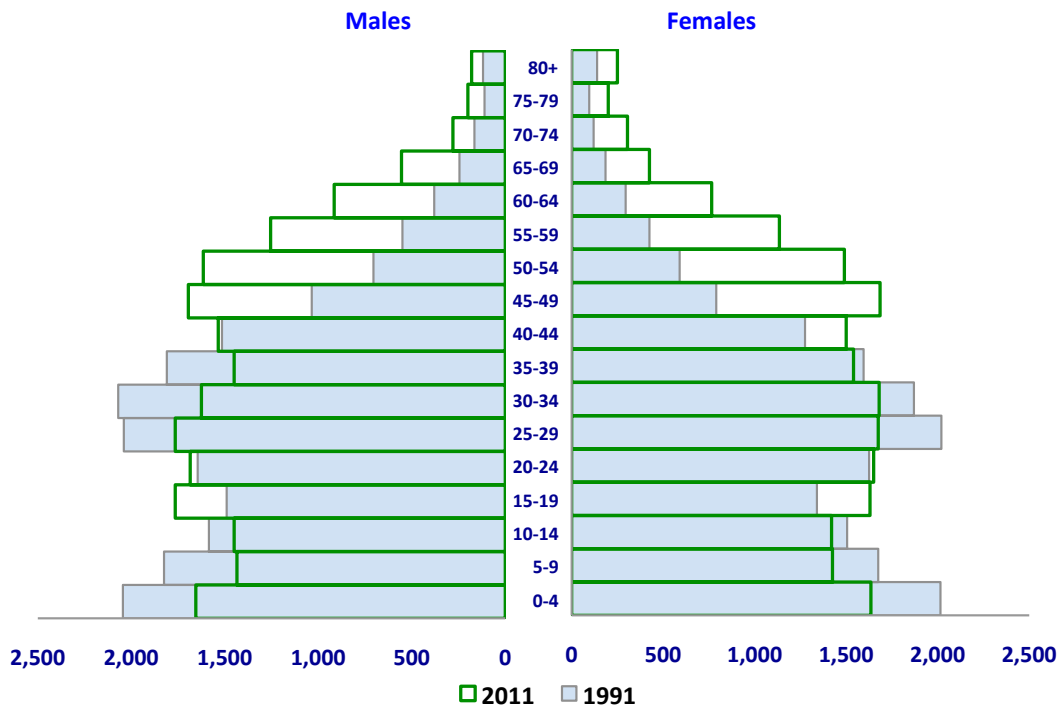
In addition to a shift in the senior population between 2006 and 2011, another notable change since 2006 was the decline in those aged 35 to 44 and 5 to 19. This change may reflect the relatively high net out-migration of parents and their children over the last 5 years. However, the young working age group (aged 20 to 34) has shown an increase since 2006. This might be explained by an influx of young workers into the territory.

**Table 2 Population by Age: Historical Changes
Northwest Territories
Since 2006 and 1991 Censuses**

	----- 2011 -----		----- 2006 -----		----- 1991 -----		----- % Change -----	
	No. of Persons	%	No. of Persons	%	No. of Persons	%	(2006 – 2011)	(1991 – 2011)
All Ages	41,465	100.0	41,460	100.0	36,890	100.0	0.0	12.4
0 - 4	3,285	7.9	3,220	7.8	4,060	11.0	2.0	-19.1
5 - 9	2,860	6.9	3,095	7.5	3,500	9.5	-7.6	-18.3
10 - 14	2,870	6.9	3,605	8.7	3,090	8.4	-20.4	-7.1
15 - 19	3,390	8.2	3,560	8.6	2,830	7.7	-4.8	19.8
20 - 24	3,340	8.1	3,160	7.6	3,270	8.9	5.7	2.1
25 - 29	3,445	8.3	3,345	8.1	4,060	11.0	3.0	-15.1
30 - 34	3,305	8.0	3,100	7.5	3,940	10.7	6.6	-16.1
35 - 39	2,985	7.2	3,250	7.8	3,405	9.2	-8.2	-12.3
40 - 44	3,035	7.3	3,655	8.8	2,790	7.6	-17.0	8.8
45 - 49	3,380	8.2	3,365	8.1	1,825	4.9	0.4	85.2
50 - 54	3,105	7.5	2,785	6.7	1,295	3.5	11.5	139.8
55 - 59	2,390	5.8	2,095	5.1	975	2.6	14.1	145.1
60 - 64	1,680	4.1	1,245	3.0	675	1.8	34.9	148.9
65 - 69	980	2.4	710	1.7	259	0.7	38.0	278.4
70 - 74	585	1.4	525	1.3	171	0.5	11.4	242.1
75 - 79	400	1.0	355	0.9	127	0.3	12.7	215.0
80 - 84	240	0.6	215	0.5	79	0.2	11.6	203.8
85 +	195	0.5	165	0.4	79	0.2	18.2	146.8

The population pyramid shows the aging of the NWT population between the 1991 and 2011 censuses (Figure 3). The most notable change occurred between the ages of 45 and 69. The baby boomers and seniors have aged considerably over the last 20 years, as the age structure has shifted into the older age categories. In contrast, those aged 25 to 39 as well as those less than 15 years of age have shown a decline over the same period. The decrease in the number of children reflects a decline in the birth rate, while the increase in the older age groups is indicative of improvements in life expectancy.

Figure 3 Northwest Territories Population Distribution, by Age and Sex 1991 and 2011, Number of Persons



One interesting point about the sex structure in the NWT is that there are more males than females (Table 3). In 2011, the sex ratio was 103 males per 100 females, while for Canada it was 98 males per 100 females. The NWT may have a higher number of males than females due to historical circumstances. Historically, NWT's resource based economy would have attracted male migrants to work in the resource based jobs.

**Table 3 Population, by Age and Sex
Northwest Territories
2011**

	Total		Male		Female		Sex Ratio (Males to Females)
	No. of Persons	%	No. of Persons	%	No. of Persons	%	
All Ages	41,465	100.0	21,065	100.0	20,400	100.0	1.03
Under 15 years	9,015	21.7	4,540	21.6	4,480	22.0	1.01
0 - 4	3,285	7.9	1,655	7.9	1,635	8.0	1.01
5 - 9	2,860	6.9	1,435	6.8	1,425	7.0	1.01
10 - 14	2,870	6.9	1,450	6.9	1,420	7.0	1.02
15 - 19	3,390	8.2	1,765	8.4	1,630	8.0	1.08
20 - 24	3,340	8.1	1,685	8.0	1,650	8.1	1.02
25 - 29	3,445	8.3	1,765	8.4	1,675	8.2	1.05
30 - 34	3,305	8.0	1,625	7.7	1,680	8.2	0.97
35 - 39	2,985	7.2	1,450	6.9	1,540	7.5	0.94
40 - 44	3,035	7.3	1,535	7.3	1,500	7.4	1.02
45 - 49	3,380	8.2	1,695	8.0	1,685	8.3	1.01
50 - 54	3,105	7.5	1,615	7.7	1,490	7.3	1.08
55 - 59	2,390	5.8	1,255	6.0	1,135	5.6	1.11
60 - 64	1,680	4.1	915	4.3	765	3.8	1.20
65 and older	2,395	5.8	1,225	5.8	1,180	5.8	1.04

Table 4 shows the age distributions by community from the 2011 census. In general, the communities outside of Yellowknife have a higher proportion of youth (less than 15 years) and seniors (65+ years). By comparison, Yellowknife has a higher proportion of people in the working age categories (15 to 64 years).

Table 4
Northwest Territories and Communities by Age Categories
2011

	Total		0 - 14		15 - 24		25 - 34		35 - 44		45 - 54		55 - 64		65+	
	(#)	(%)	(#)	(%)	(#)	(%)	(#)	(%)	(#)	(%)	(#)	(%)	(#)	(%)	(#)	(%)
Northwest Territories	41,465	100.0	9,010	21.7	6,730	16.2	6,750	16.3	6,020	14.5	6,485	15.6	4,070	9.8	2,400	5.8
Aklavik	635	100.0	140	22.0	110	17.3	105	16.5	75	11.8	90	14.2	55	8.7	55	8.7
Behchokò	1,925	100.0	640	33.2	355	18.4	260	13.5	250	13.0	195	10.1	115	6.0	110	5.7
Colville Lake	150	100.0	65	43.3	25	16.7	10	6.7	15	10.0	20	13.3	5	3.3	10	6.7
Déline	475	100.0	95	20.0	100	21.1	55	11.6	70	14.7	80	16.8	35	7.4	35	7.4
Detah	210	100.0	55	26.2	35	16.7	15	7.1	20	9.5	45	21.4	15	7.1	20	9.5
Enterprise	85	100.0	20	23.5	10	11.8	15	17.6	10	11.8	10	11.8	15	17.6	10	11.8
Fort Good Hope	515	100.0	120	23.3	90	17.5	90	17.5	55	10.7	55	10.7	50	9.7	60	11.7
Fort Liard	535	100.0	145	27.1	85	15.9	70	13.1	85	15.9	70	13.1	40	7.5	30	5.6
Fort McPherson	790	100.0	195	24.7	150	19.0	105	13.3	95	12.0	100	12.7	55	7.0	100	12.7
Fort Providence	735	100.0	150	20.4	115	15.6	90	12.2	130	17.7	120	16.3	70	9.5	55	7.5
Fort Resolution	475	100.0	100	21.1	85	17.9	50	10.5	50	10.5	80	16.8	50	10.5	60	12.6
Fort Simpson	1,235	100.0	260	21.1	180	14.6	185	15.0	160	13.0	210	17.0	160	13.0	80	6.5
Fort Smith	2,095	100.0	460	22.0	325	15.5	260	12.4	290	13.8	310	14.8	240	11.5	200	9.5
Gamètì	255	100.0	70	27.5	45	17.6	45	17.6	30	11.8	20	7.8	25	9.8	15	5.9
Hay River	3,600	100.0	720	20.0	560	15.6	475	13.2	480	13.3	660	18.3	405	11.3	305	8.5
Hay River Reserve	290	100.0	75	25.9	50	17.2	40	13.8	40	13.8	30	10.3	40	13.8	20	6.9
Inuvik	3,465	100.0	780	22.5	535	15.4	610	17.6	465	13.4	530	15.3	340	9.8	205	5.9
Kakisa	45	100.0	15	33.3	-	-	5	11.1	5	11.1	5	11.1	-	-	10	22.2
Łutselk'e	295	100.0	70	23.7	50	16.9	35	11.9	45	15.3	35	11.9	35	11.9	20	6.8
Nahanni Butte	105	100.0	20	19.0	15	14.3	10	9.5	15	14.3	15	14.3	15	14.3	10	9.5
Norman Wells	725	100.0	145	20.0	105	14.5	135	18.6	100	13.8	140	19.3	75	10.3	25	3.4
Paulatuk	315	100.0	55	17.5	95	30.2	45	14.3	45	14.3	35	11.1	15	4.8	20	6.3
Sachs Harbour	110	100.0	25	22.7	15	13.6	20	18.2	15	13.6	20	18.2	15	13.6	10	9.1
Trout Lake	90	100.0	25	27.8	10	11.1	20	22.2	20	22.2	5	5.6	5	5.6	15	16.7
Tsiigehtchic	140	100.0	40	28.6	30	21.4	10	7.1	20	14.3	20	14.3	5	3.6	20	14.3
Tuktoyaktuk	850	100.0	215	25.3	155	18.2	120	14.1	100	11.8	115	13.5	90	10.6	50	5.9
Tulita	475	100.0	115	24.2	120	25.3	55	11.6	50	10.5	70	14.7	35	7.4	25	5.3
Ulukhaktok	400	100.0	105	26.3	90	22.5	55	13.8	60	15.0	50	12.5	35	8.8	20	5.0
Wekweètì	145	100.0	45	31.0	15	10.3	30	20.7	15	10.3	15	10.3	15	10.3	5	3.4
Whatì	490	100.0	140	28.6	105	21.4	75	15.3	65	13.3	45	9.2	30	6.1	25	5.1
Yellowknife	19,235	100.0	3,820	19.9	2,990	15.5	3,610	18.8	3,065	15.9	3,145	16.4	1,905	9.9	695	3.6

Note: Data may not sum due to rounding, '-' means data is zero or too small to be expressed.

Upcoming Release Dates for 2011 Census Information

September 19, 2012	Families, Households and Marital Status Structural Type of Dwelling and Collectives
October 24, 2012	Language

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May 8, 2013	Immigration, Citizenship, Place of birth, Language, Ethnic origin, Visible minorities, Religion, Aboriginal Peoples
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