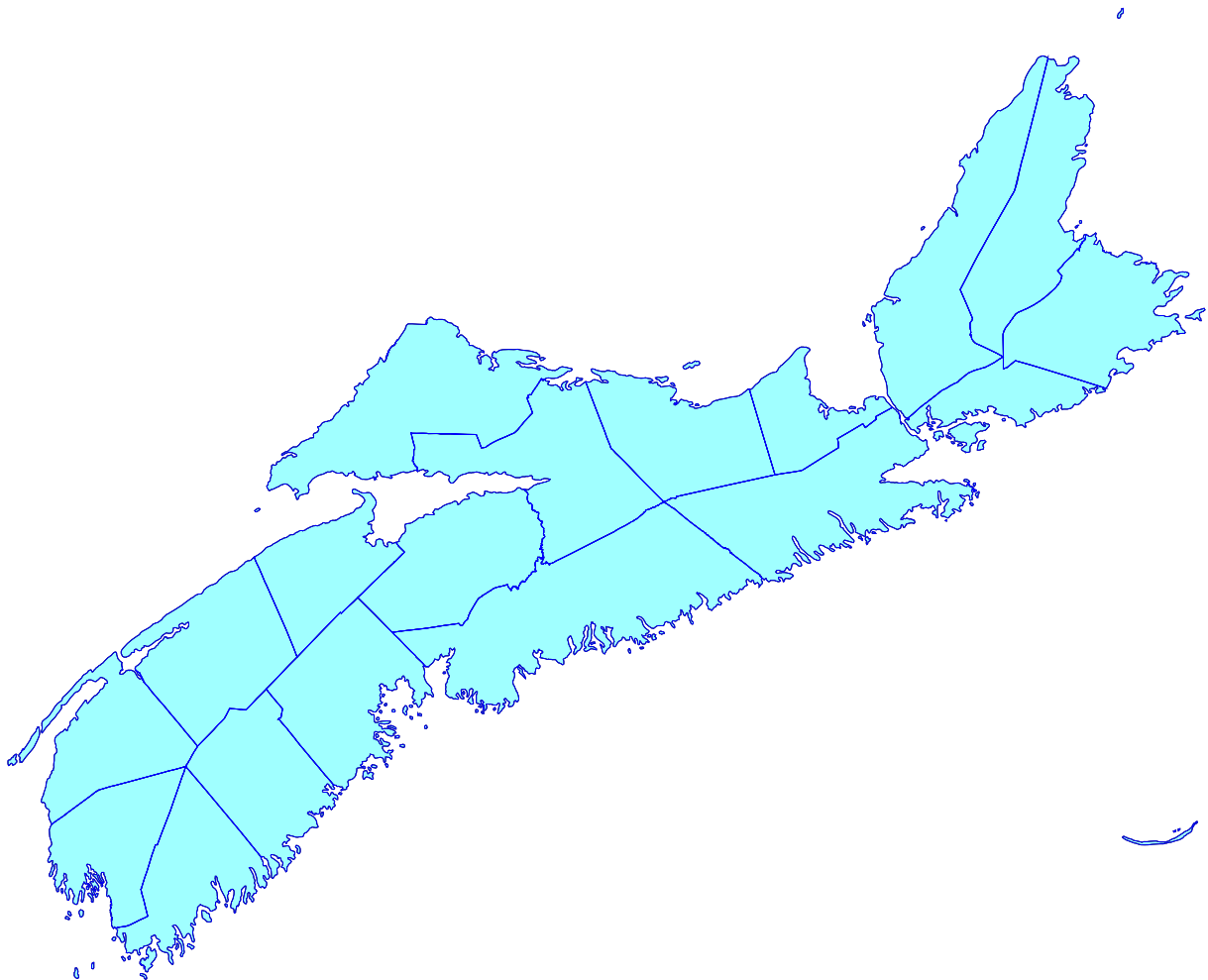


2006 Census of Canada Nova Scotia Perspective



Release # 5
Aboriginal Peoples
January, 2008

NOVA SCOTIA HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2006 CENSUS OF CANADA

Aboriginal Peoples

- In 2006 there were 24,175 people in Nova Scotia with an Aboriginal identity representing 2.7% of the total provincial population. In 2001 there were 17,015 people with an Aboriginal identity representing 1.9% of the total population.
- In 2006, the Aboriginal identity population increased 42.1% over the previous census. The non-Aboriginal population declined by 0.2% over the same period.
- The aboriginal identity population is comprised of three sub groups: North American Indian (63%); Metis (31.8%); Inuit (1.3%); and others (3.8%) .
- The number of Registered Indians (12,425) increased 14.3% over 2001 and make up 50.8% of the Aboriginal identity population.
- In the aboriginal community, 4,980 people have knowledge of an aboriginal language, an increase of 3.8% over 2001. However, the percentage of aboriginals with knowledge of an aboriginal language declined 7.6 percentage points to 20.6%.
- The largest reserve in Nova Scotia is Eskasoni with an aboriginal population of 2,930 people followed by Indian Brook with 975 people, Membertou with 685 people, Millbrook with 640 people and Whycocomagh with 615 people. There are twenty-six reserves listed in the release tables.
- Population on Reserves increased 16.5% over 2001 to 8,770 people: Aboriginal identified = 8,305; non-Aboriginal = 465. North American Indians form the highest number of residents on reserves at 83.8% of the total.
- Less than a third (32.6%) of the Aboriginal identity population in the province live on reserve. Of the 67.4% who live off reserve, slightly less than half live in rural areas (47%) and slightly more than half live in urban areas (53%).
- The Aboriginal population is much younger than the Nova Scotia population as a whole. The median age for Nova Scotia's Aboriginal population in 2006 was 29.5 years while the median age for the Non-Aboriginal population was 41.8 years.
- Of the Aboriginal identity group, 44% are under the age of 25 in 2006. In Nova Scotia as a whole, 29.3% of the population as under 25 years of age.

Nova Scotia Aboriginal Identity

2001 and 2006

20% sample data

County (Census Division)	Aboriginal Identity			Aboriginal Group				Aboriginal Language Knowledge		
	2001	2006	%chg	North Am. Indian	Metis	Inuit	Other	2001	2006	%chg
Shelburne	180	895	397.2%	245	645	0	100	..	0	
Yarmouth	1,580	2,965	87.7%	340	2,530	10	45	0	20	
Digby	335	1,095	226.9%	355	695	10	20	10	20	100.0%
Queens	480	465	-3.1%	340	90	0	0	20	0	-100.0%
Annapolis	400	565	41.3%	330	220	0	0	15	20	33.3%
Lunenburg	495	660	33.3%	455	150	0	10	10	10	0.0%
Kings	585	980	67.5%	570	290	35	35	40	20	-50.0%
Hants	1,265	1,470	16.2%	1,330	90	25	25	165	160	-3.0%
Halifax	3,525	5,320	50.9%	3,000	1,760	150	190	100	100	0.0%
Colchester	1,120	1,280	14.3%	1,030	190	10	20	160	195	21.9%
Cumberland	165	280	69.7%	200	70	0	0	..	10	
Pictou	670	795	18.7%	620	160	0	0	215	225	4.7%
Guysborough	60	115	91.7%	0	
Antigonish	390	725	85.9%	375	340	10	10	75	110	46.7%
Inverness	830	880	6.0%	700	180	0	0	620	560	-9.7%
Richmond	455	555	22.0%	525	10	10	10	165	205	24.2%
Cape Breton	3,985	4,670	17.2%	4,340	190	45	55	2800	3,005	7.3%
Victoria	500	450	-10.0%	435	0	10	10	400	320	-20.0%
Total	17,010	24,175	42.1%	15,240	7,680	320	930	4,800	4,980	3.8%
% Share	1.9%	2.7%		63.0%	31.8%	1.3%	3.8%	28.2%	20.6%	
	Non-Aboriginal			Registered Indian						
Nova Scotia Counties	880,570	878,915	-0.2%					10,870	12,425	14.3%
	Aboriginal & Non-Aboriginal									
Nova Scotia Total Population	897,570	903,090	0.6%							

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Nova Scotia Aboriginal Identity

2001 and 2006

20% sample data

Indian Reserve (Census subdivision)	Aboriginal Identity			Aboriginal Group				Aboriginal Language Knowledge		
	2001	2006	%chg	North Am. Indian	Metis	Inuit	Other	2001	2006	%chg
Eskasoni 3	2720	2,930	7.7%	2,910	10		10	2,480	2,600	4.8%
Indian Brook 14	905	975	7.7%	960			10	210	70	-66.7%
Membertou 28B	595	685	15.1%	670			10	225	85	-62.2%
Millbrook 27	615	640	4.1%	625			15	140	75	-46.4%
Whycocomagh 2	630	615	-2.4%	610				510	240	-52.9%
Chapel Island 5	405	430	6.2%	430				160	95	-40.6%
Fisher's Grant 24	365	400	9.6%	400			10	210	215	2.4%
Wagmatcook 1	435	400	-8.0%	400				375	165	-56.0%
Pomquet And Afton 23	295	340	15.3%	340				75	50	-33.3%
Yarmouth 33	30	125	316.7%							
Cambridge 32	80	95	18.8%							
Bear River (Part) 6	65	75	15.4%							
Glooscap 35	0	45								
Gold River 21	0	45								
Cole Harbour 30	0	40								
Bear River (Part) 6	0	0								
Bear River 6B	0	0								
Beaver Lake 17	0	0								
Horton 35	40	0								
Merigomish Harbour 31	0	0								
New Ross 20	0	0								
Pennal 19	0	0								
Ponhook Lake 10	0	0								
Sheet Harbour 36	0	0								
Shubenacadie 13	0	0								
Summerside 38	0	0								
Wildcat 12	0	0								
Total - Indian Reserves (Aboriginal)	7,180	8,305	15.7%	7,345	10	0	55	4,385	3,595	-18.0%
% Share				88.4%				52.8%	43.3%	
Total - Indian Reserves (Non-Aboriginal)	350	465	32.9%							
								Registered Indian		
Total Population Indian Reserves	7,530	8,770	16.5%					6,900	7,355	6.6%

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Nova Scotia Aboriginal Identity

2001 and 2006

20% sample data

Census Metropolitan areas, census agglomerations	Aboriginal Identity			Aboriginal Group				Aboriginal Language Knowledge		
	2001	2006	%chg	North Am. Indian	Metis	Inuit	Other	2001	2006	%chg
Cape Breton (Census agglomeration)	3,980	4,670	17.3%	4,340	190	45	95	2,795	3,005	7.5%
Halifax (Census metropolitan area)	3,520	5,320	51.1%	2,995	1,760	150	415	100	100	0.0%
Kentville (Census agglomeration)	175	270	54.3%	155	45	10	55	0	10	
New Glasgow (Census agglomeration)	620	670	8.1%	540	120	0	10	215	220	2.3%
Truro (Census agglomeration)	1,080	1,250	15.7%	1,010	190	10	35	160	190	18.8%
Total	9,375	12,180	29.9%	9,040	2,305	215	610	3,270	3,525	7.8%
% share of AB 2006				74.2%	18.9%	1.8%	5.0%			
	Non-Aboriginal			Registered Indian						
	2001	2006	%chg	2001	2006	%chg				
Cape Breton (Census agglomeration)	103,895	99,985	-3.8%	3,985	4,175	4.8%				
Halifax (Census metropolitan area)	352,425	364,135	3.3%	3,520	1,735	-50.7%				
Kentville (Census agglomeration)	24,820	25,530	2.9%	0	120					
New Glasgow (Census agglomeration)	35,555	35,085	-1.3%	620	465	-25.0%				
Truro (Census agglomeration)	42,675	43,330	1.5%	1,085	930	-14.3%				
Total	559,370	568,065	1.6%	9,210	7,425	-19.4%				
CMA, CA Total Population	568,745	580,245	2.0%							

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Nova Scotia Aboriginal, Status and Residence 2006

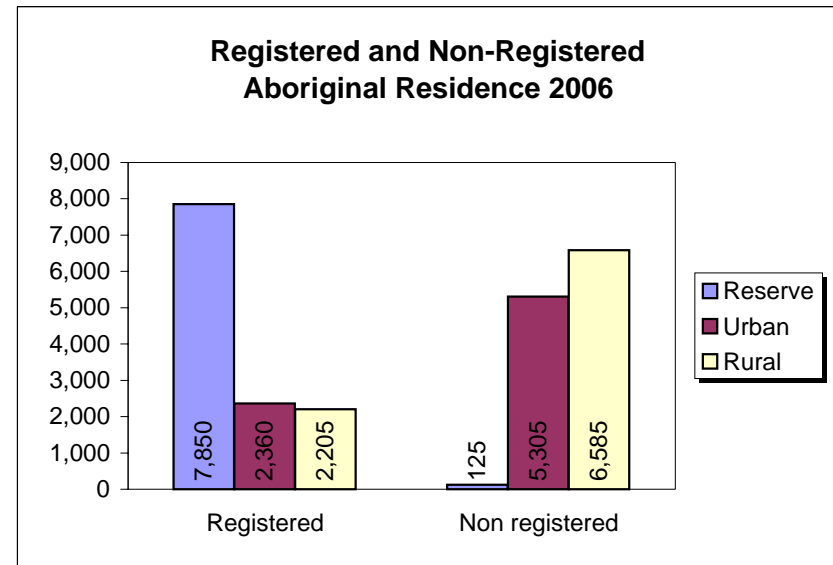
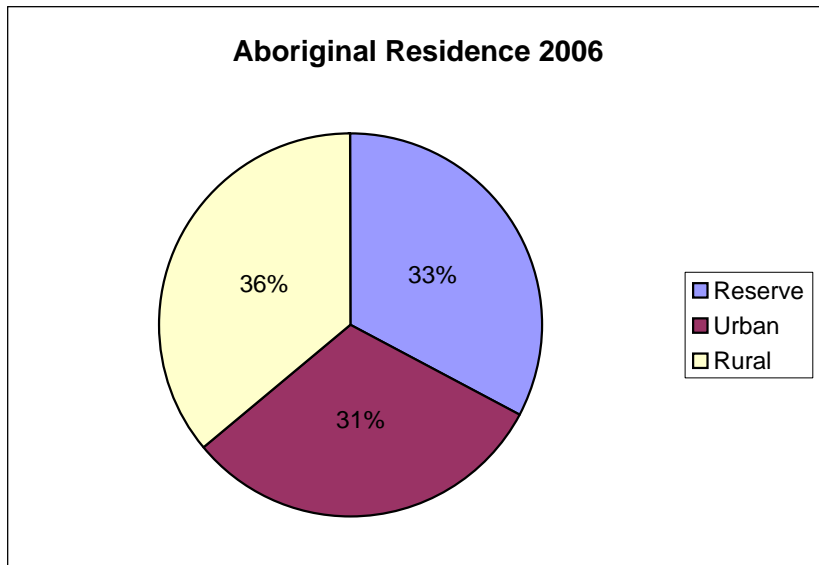
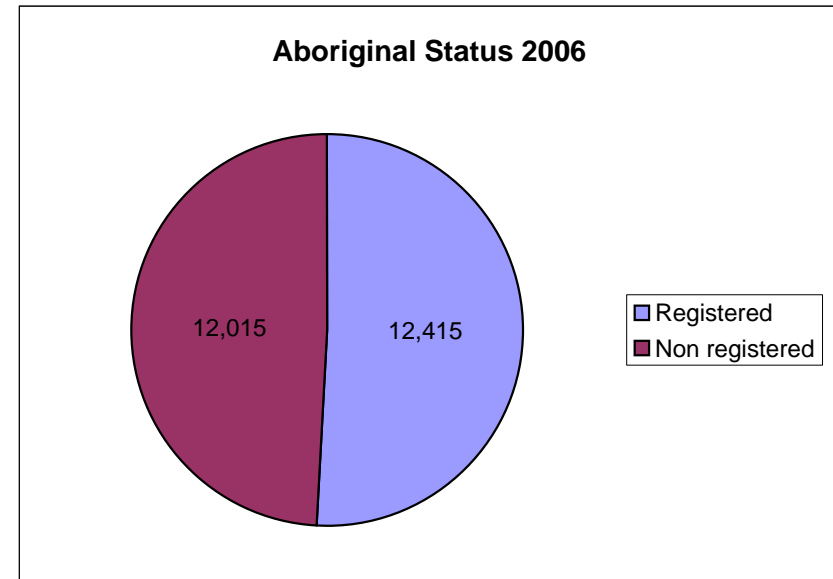
	Reserve	Urban	Rural	Total Status
Registered	7,850	2,360	2,205	12,415
Non registered	125	5,305	6,585	12,015
Total Residence	7,975	7,665	8,790	24,430

Status Share

Registered	63.2%	19.0%	17.8%
Non registered	1.0%	44.2%	54.8%
Total Residence	32.6%	31.4%	36.0%

Residence Share

Registered	98.4%	30.8%	25.1%	50.8%
Non registered	1.6%	69.2%	74.9%	49.2%



Nova Scotia Aboriginal & Non-Aboriginal Population

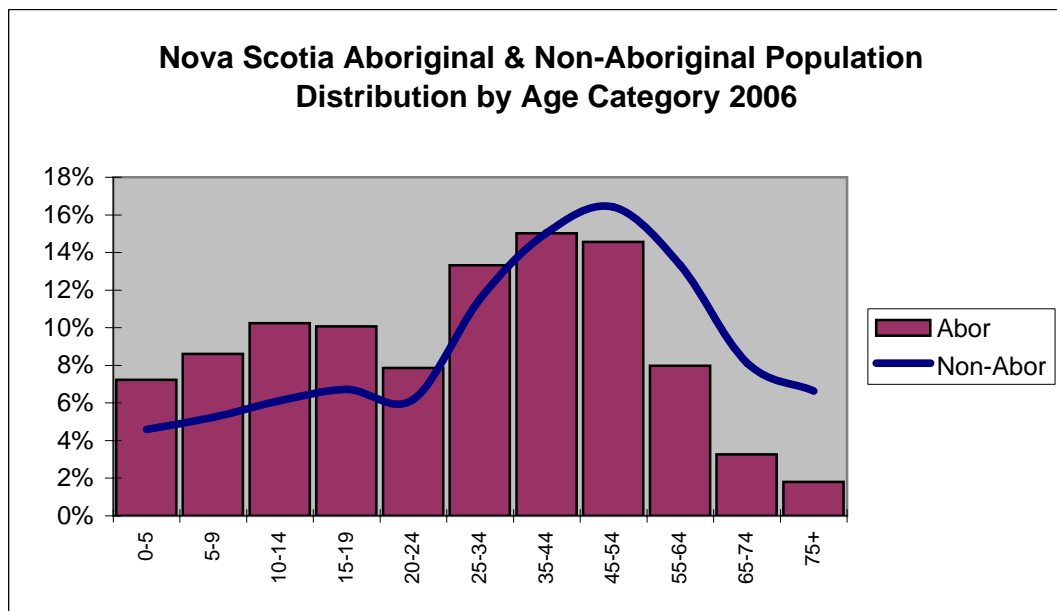
Age Category Comparison

2006

	Total	0-5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
Aboriginal identity population	24,175	1,750	2,080	2,475	2,435	1,900	3,220	3,630	3,520	1,930	790	435
Non-Aboriginal identity population	878,915	40,330	46,055	53,805	59,000	54,435	101,530	132,405	144,365	117,145	71,520	58,325
Aboriginal	100.0%	7.2%	8.6%	10.2%	10.1%	7.9%	13.3%	15.0%	14.6%	8.0%	3.3%	1.8%
Non-aboriginal	100.0%	4.6%	5.2%	6.1%	6.7%	6.2%	11.6%	15.1%	16.4%	13.3%	8.1%	6.6%

Median
Age

Aboriginal 29.5
Non-Aboriginal 41.8

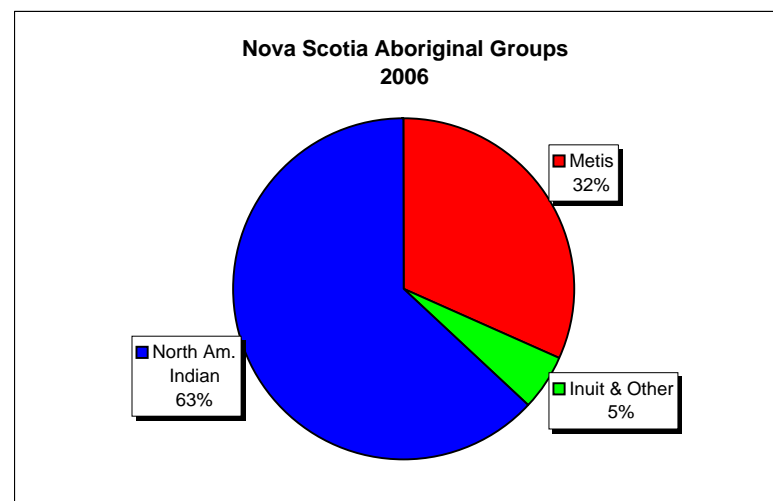


Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Nova Scotia Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Population
Aboriginal Group
 2006

	Total Aboriginal and non- Aboriginal population	Non- Aboriginal identity population	Total Aboriginal identity population	Metis	Inuit & Other	North Am. Indian
Total - Age groups	903,090	878,920	24,175	7,680	1,250	15,240
Under 5 years	42,075	40,330	1,750	360	35	1,355
5 to 9 years	48,135	46,055	2,075	495	60	1,520
10 to 14 years	56,285	53,805	2,475	580	70	1,825
15 to 19 years	61,430	59,000	2,430	620	135	1,675
20 to 24 years	56,340	54,435	1,905	635	110	1,155
25 to 34 years	104,755	101,530	3,220	960	180	2,080
35 to 44 years	136,040	132,405	3,630	1,125	195	2,305
45 to 54 years	147,885	144,365	3,520	1,470	240	1,805
55 to 64 years	119,075	117,145	1,930	925	125	880
65 to 74 years	72,310	71,515	795	290	50	445
75 years and over	58,760	58,325	440	220	40	180
Under 25	264,265	253,625	10,635	2,690	410	7,530
% under 25	29.3%	28.9%	44.0%	35.0%	32.8%	49.4%
% Aboriginal Group % of population		97.3%	2.7%	31.8%	5.2%	63.0%

Source: Statistics Canada, Census of Population

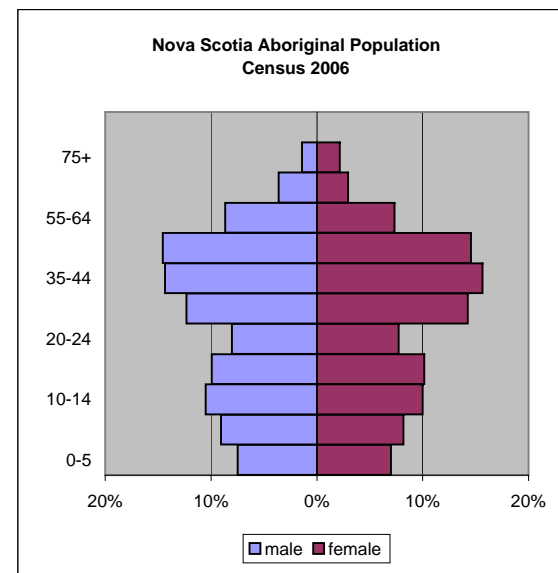


Nova Scotia Aboriginal Population by Gender and Age Group

2006

Age Group	Total	Male	Female	Share Age Group		Share of Total		
				%male	%female	Total	%male	%female
Aboriginal iden								
Total Aborigina	24,175	11,770	12,405	48.7%	51.3%			
0-5	1,750	880	870	50.3%	49.7%	7.2%	7.5%	7.0%
5-9	2,080	1,065	1,015	51.2%	48.8%	8.6%	9.0%	8.2%
10-14	2,475	1,235	1,240	49.9%	50.1%	10.2%	10.5%	10.0%
15-19	2,435	1,170	1,260	48.0%	51.7%	10.1%	9.9%	10.2%
20-24	1,900	945	960	49.7%	50.5%	7.9%	8.0%	7.7%
25-34	3,220	1,450	1,770	45.0%	55.0%	13.3%	12.3%	14.3%
35-44	3,630	1,690	1,940	46.6%	53.4%	15.0%	14.4%	15.6%
45-54	3,520	1,715	1,805	48.7%	51.3%	14.6%	14.6%	14.6%
55-64	1,930	1,020	910	52.8%	47.2%	8.0%	8.7%	7.3%
65-74	790	425	365	53.8%	46.2%	3.3%	3.6%	2.9%
75+	435	165	270	37.9%	62.1%	1.8%	1.4%	2.2%
Under 25	10,640	5,295	5,345					
% under 25	44.0%	45.0%	43.1%					

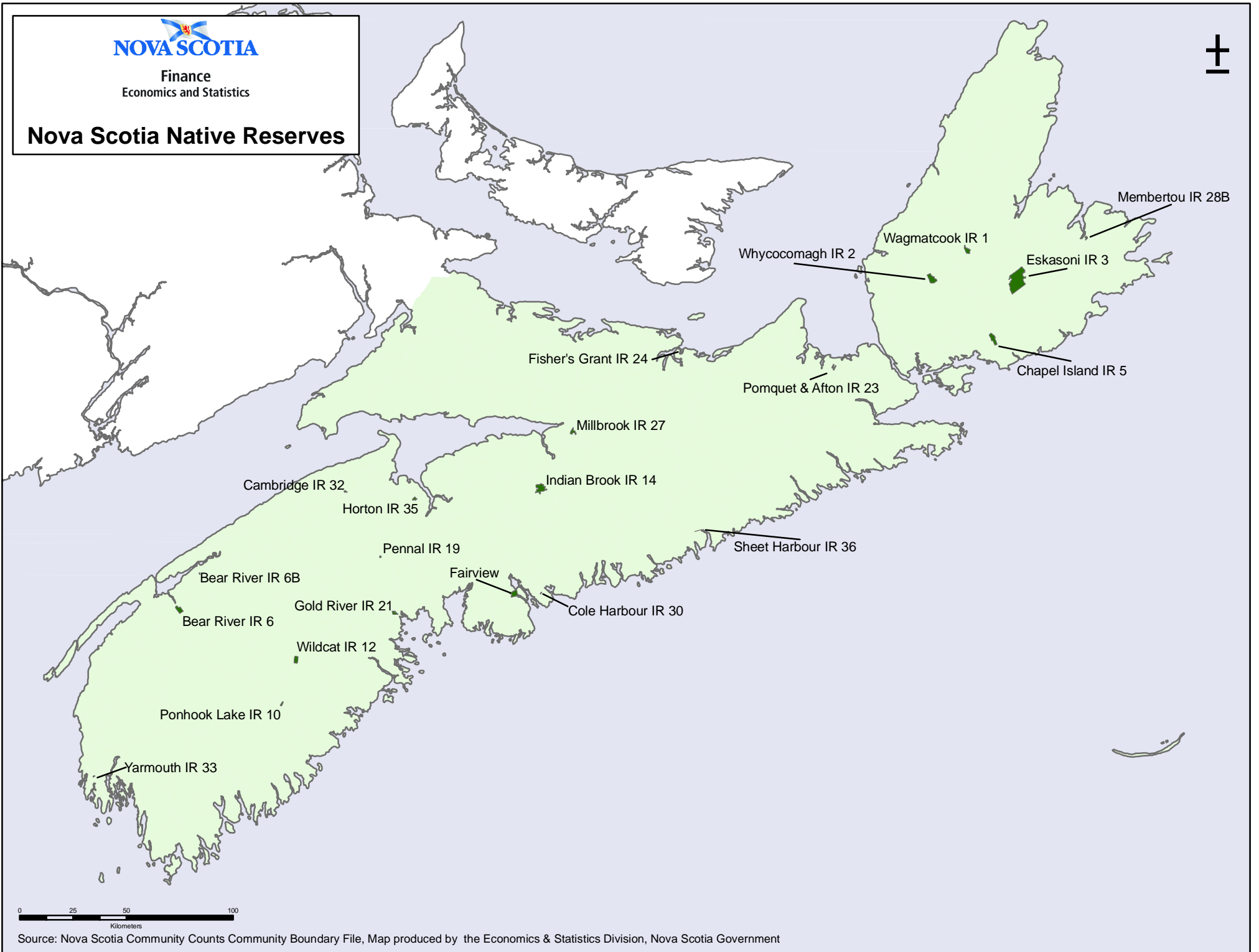
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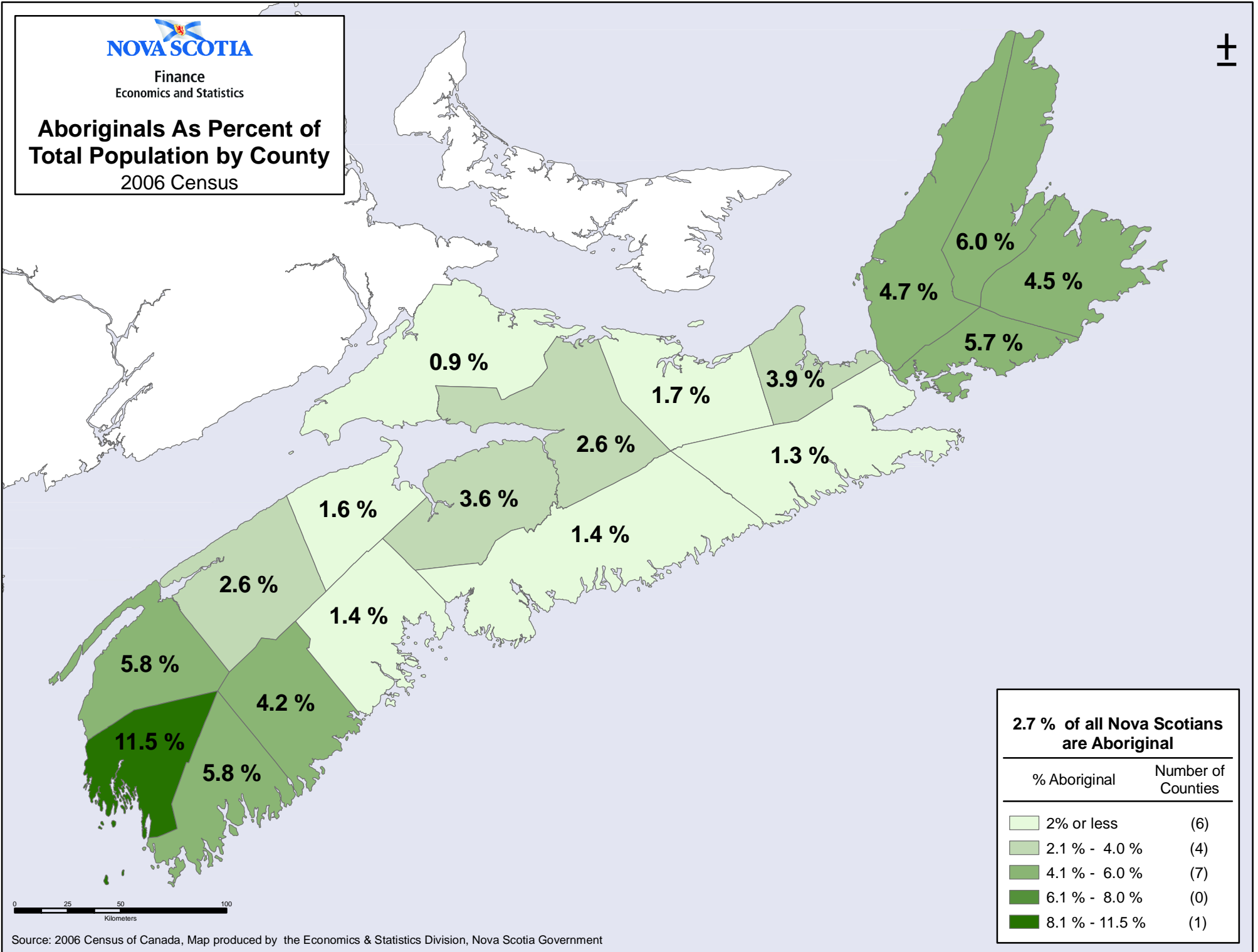


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Nova Scotia Native Reserves

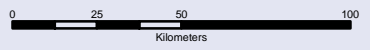


**Aboriginals As Percent of
Total Population by County**
2006 Census



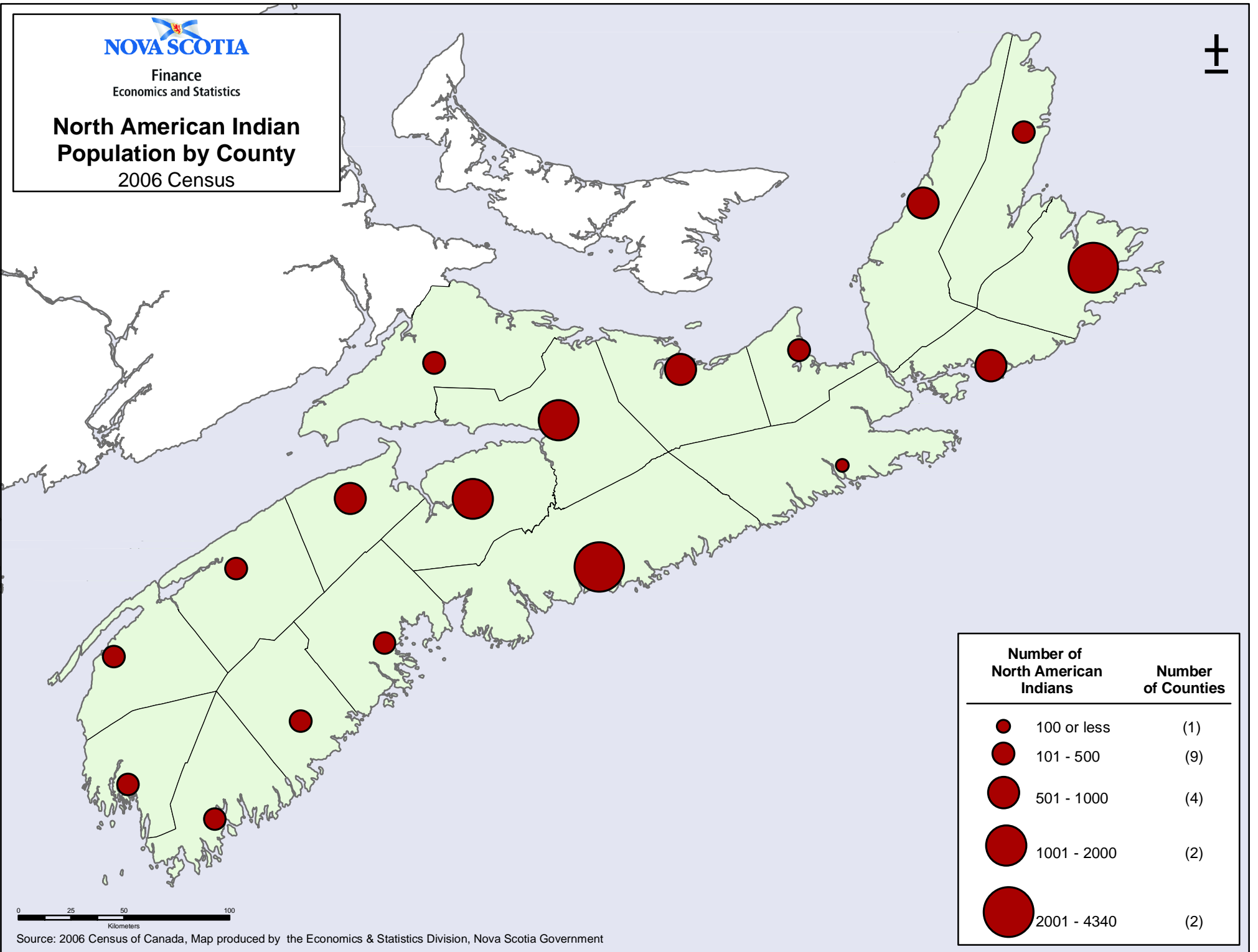
**2.7 % of all Nova Scotians
are Aboriginal**

% Aboriginal	Number of Counties
2% or less	(6)
2.1 % - 4.0 %	(4)
4.1 % - 6.0 %	(7)
6.1 % - 8.0 %	(0)
8.1 % - 11.5 %	(1)



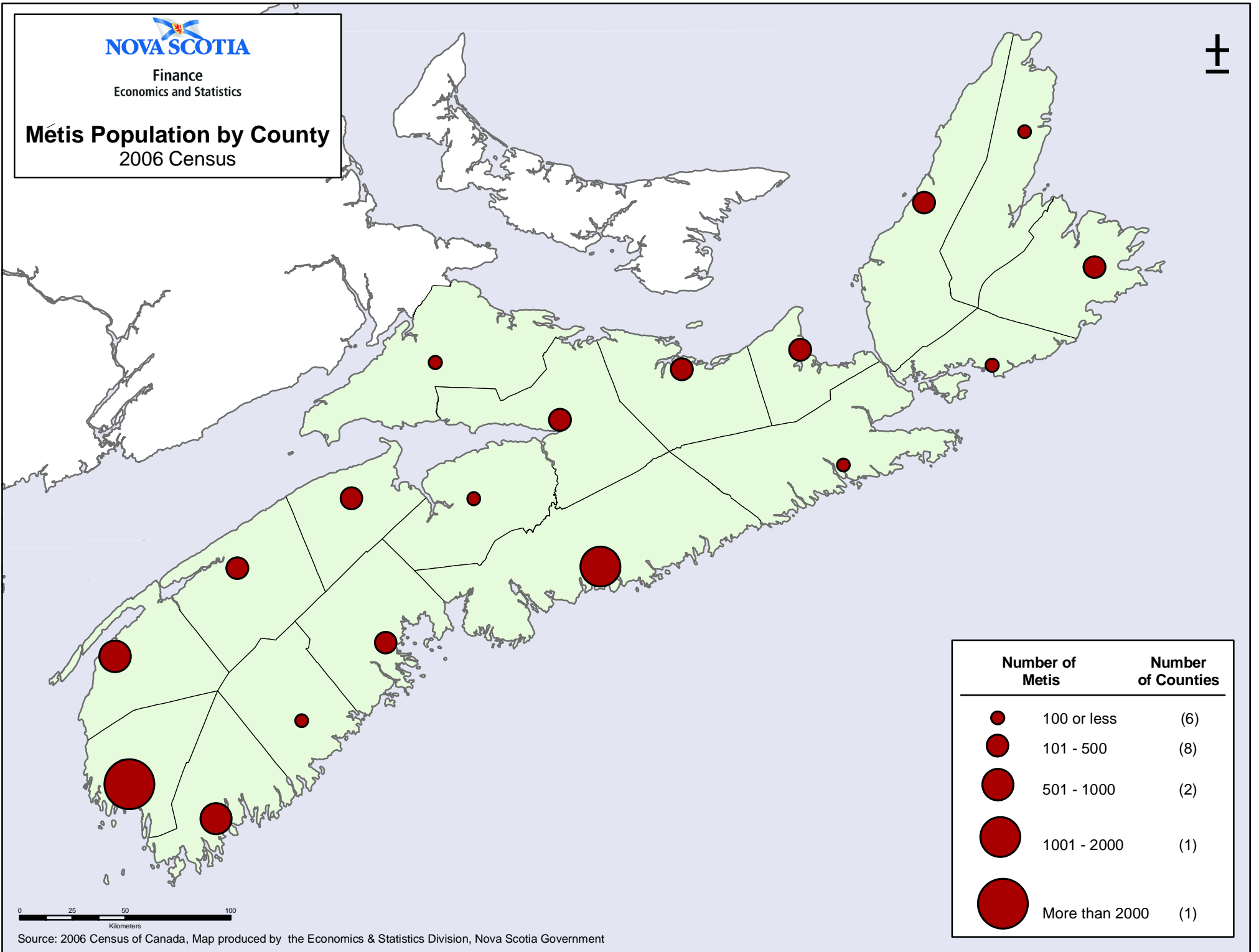
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**North American Indian
Population by County**
2006 Census



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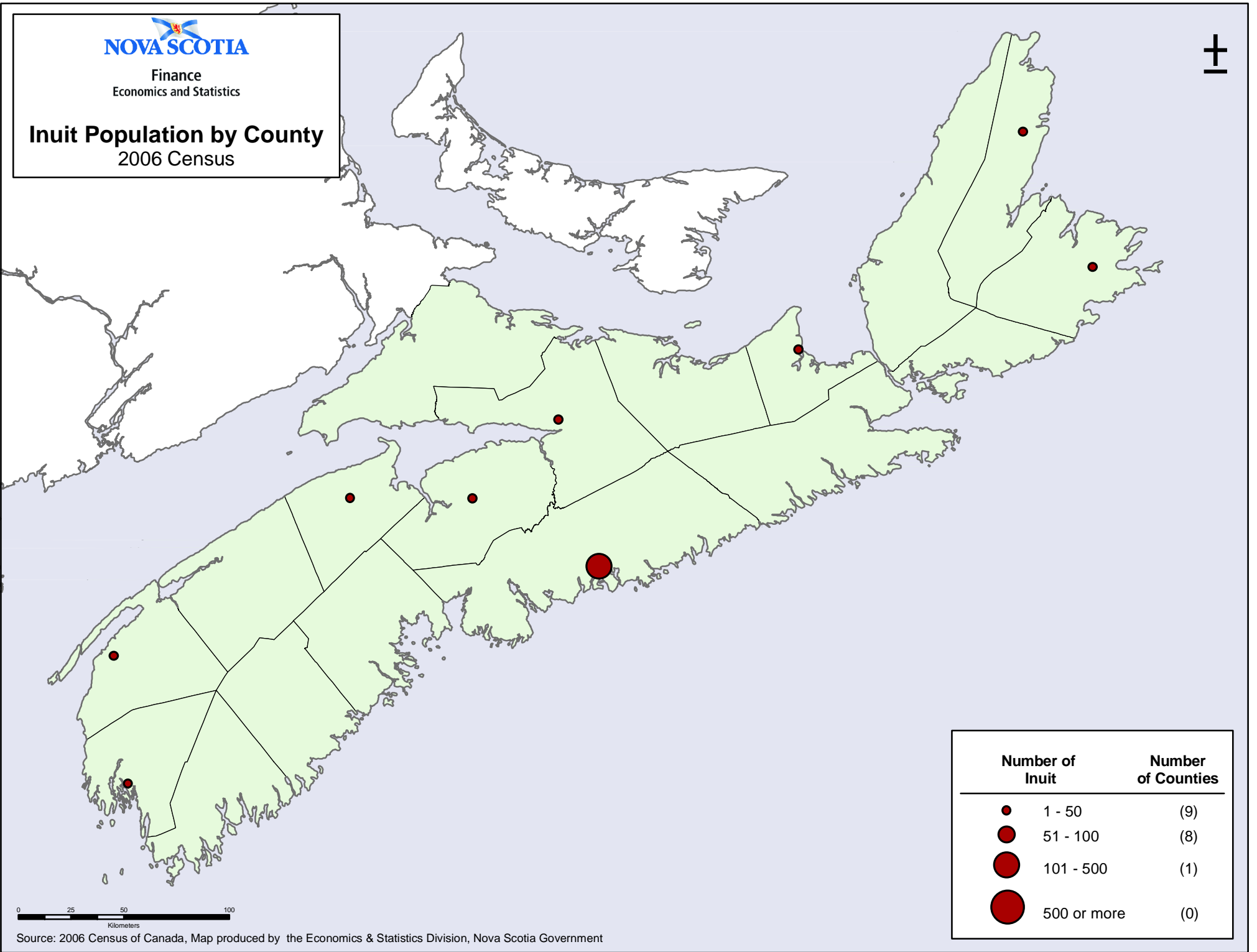
Métis Population by County
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Inuit Population by County
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