



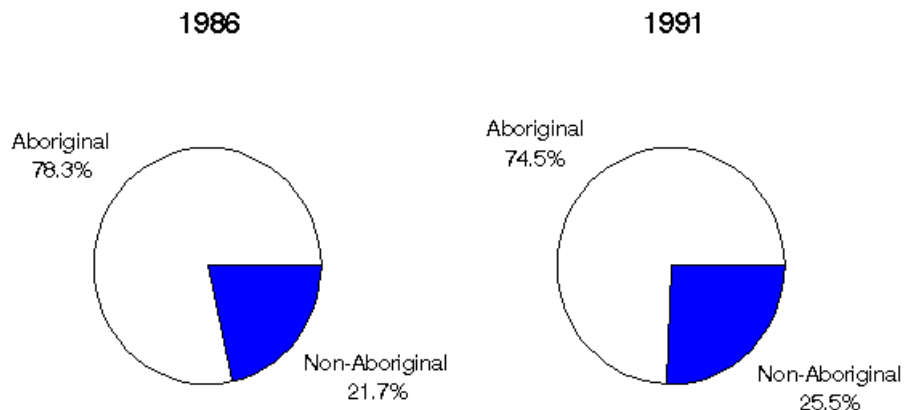
Census 91 Fast Facts

Issue 22: Aboriginal On and Off Reserve

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- In order to provide a more accurate assessment of the Aboriginal population living on and off Indian reserves, the data contained in this report includes the estimated population that was unenumerated in the 1991 and 1986 Censuses.
- The total population, both native and non-native, residing on Indian reserves in 1991 was 54,228, an increase of 14.5 per cent over 1986.

One Quarter of the Population Living on Reserves is Non-Aboriginal



- In 1991 only 40,418, or 24 per cent of the Aboriginal population in B.C. lived on Indian reserves, down from 28 per cent in 1986.
- Over 92 per cent of the Aboriginals living on reserve were single origin North American Indians. However, only 52 per cent of single origin North American Indians live on reserve.
- British Columbia is unique among the provinces in that over 25% of the population on reserves do not have any Aboriginal ancestry. A few of these 13,810 non-Aboriginals on reserves can be attributed to Native and non-Native marriages, but the majority of non-Aboriginal people on reserve are non-Natives living in non-Native communities on land leased from the reserves.
- The proportion of non-Aboriginal population living on Indian reserves is increasing. Between 1986 and 1991 their numbers increased by 34 per cent compared to the Aboriginal population increase of 9 per cent.

Population Living On and Off Indian Reserves

	1991	1986	Percent Change 91/86	Percent Distribution	
				1991	1986
Population On Reserve					
Total	54,228	47,358	14.5	100.0	100.0
Non-Aboriginal Population	13,810	10,285	34.3	25.5	21.7
Aboriginal Population	40,418	37,073	9.0	74.5	78.3
North American Indian Origin Only	37,217	34,418	8.1	68.6	72.7
Other Aboriginal Origins	219	92	138.9	0.4	0.2
Aboriginal & Non-Aboriginal Origins	2,982	2,564	16.3	5.5	5.4
Population Off Reserve					
Total	3,195,815	2,808,940	13.8	100.0	100.0
Non-Aboriginal Population	3,064,660	2,712,680	13.0	95.9	96.6
Aboriginal Population	131,155	96,260	36.3	4.1	3.4
North American Indian Origin Only	34,185	28,770	18.8	1.1	1.0
Other Aboriginal Origins	9,705	6,395	51.8	0.3	0.2
Aboriginal & Non-Aboriginal Origins	87,265	61,100	42.8	2.7	2.2

Note: On Reserve population includes an estimate for incompletely enumerated Indian Reserves of 2,478 persons in 1991 and 5,840 persons in 1986.

Source: 1991 Census of Canada

Provincial Comparison of Population Living on Indian Reserves, 1991

	Population Living on Reserves			Percent Non-Aboriginal Population On Reserve
	Total	Aboriginals	Non Aboriginals	
British Columbia	51,690	37,880	13,810	26.7
P.E.I.	370	330	40	10.8
New Brunswick	2,980	2,750	230	7.7
Newfoundland	505	470	35	6.9
Ontario	30,725	29,040	1,685	5.5
Alberta	24,955	23,705	1,250	5.0
Nova Scotia	5,910	5,655	255	4.3
Quebec	22,180	21,275	905	4.1
N.W.T.	220	215	5	2.3
Manitoba	36,905	36,375	530	1.4
Saskatchewan	30,655	30,235	420	1.4
Canada	207,470	188,270	19,200	9.3

Note: Data in this table does not include an estimate for incompletely enumerated Indian Reserves.

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