

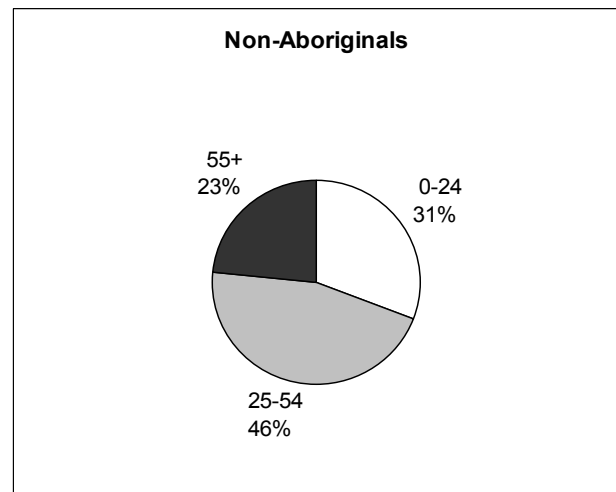
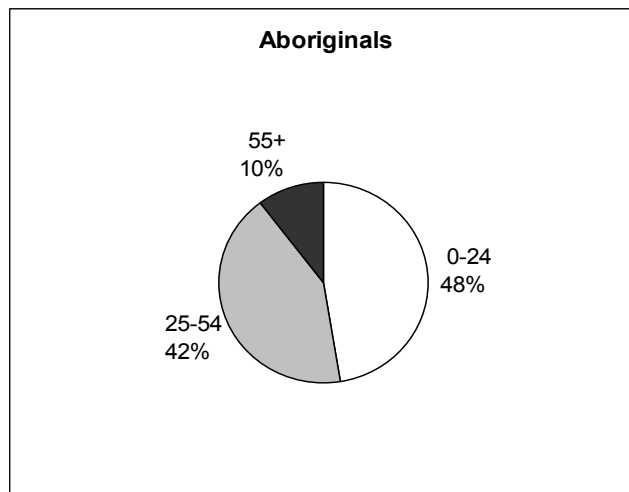
2001 Census Fast Facts: *BC Aboriginal Identity Population – Age Distribution*

British Columbia's Aboriginal population¹ is much younger than its non-Aboriginal population. Forty-eight per cent of the Aboriginal population is less than 25 years old, compared to 31 per cent of the non-Aboriginal population.

Children under the age of five represent 9 per cent of the Aboriginal population but only 5 per cent of the non-Aboriginal population. In contrast, only 10 per cent of the Aboriginal population is over 54, compared to 23 per cent of the non-Aboriginal population. The very-aged (those 85 years and over) account for only 0.2 per cent of the Aboriginal population, while in the non-native population the very-aged constitute 1.6 per cent of the population.

For both Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals, there are more males than females in the younger age groups, while the reverse is true in the older age groups. However, for Aboriginals, females outnumber males beginning with the 20-24 year age group, while for non-Aboriginals this trend begins with the 25-34 year age group.

The median age of the Aboriginal population is 26.8, compared to 38.4 for the population as a whole (both Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals).



¹ Based on Aboriginal identity. The Aboriginal identity population is made up of those persons who reported identifying with at least one Aboriginal group (North American Indian, Métis, Inuit), and/or who reported being a Treaty Indian or a Registered Indian (as defined by the Indian Act of Canada), and/or who were members of an Indian Band or First Nation.

British Columbia Aboriginal Identity Population, 2001
Age Structure of the Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Population

	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Total Aboriginal identity population	170,025	100.0	83,220	100.0	86,805	100.0
0-4 years	15,445	9.1	7,835	9.4	7,615	8.8
5-9 years	17,900	10.5	9,210	11.1	8,685	10.0
10-14 years	18,650	11.0	9,680	11.6	8,975	10.3
15-19 years	16,310	9.6	8,220	9.9	8,095	9.3
20-24 years	12,420	7.3	6,045	7.3	6,370	7.3
25-34 years	25,475	15.0	12,375	14.9	13,100	15.1
35-44 years	27,555	16.2	12,770	15.3	14,790	17.0
45-54 years	18,860	11.1	8,950	10.8	9,915	11.4
55-64 years	10,170	6.0	4,770	5.7	5,400	6.2
65 years and over	7,240	4.3	3,365	4.0	3,875	4.5
<i>85 years and over</i>	<i>355</i>	<i>0.2</i>				
Median age of the Aboriginal identity population	26.8		25.5		28.0	
	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent	Number	Per Cent
Total non-Aboriginal population	3,698,850		1,820,865		1,877,985	
0-4 years	191,190	5.2	97,995	5.4	93,195	5.0
5-9 years	223,870	6.1	114,955	6.3	108,910	5.8
10-14 years	241,250	6.5	123,285	6.8	117,960	6.3
15-19 years	253,530	6.9	132,375	7.3	121,155	6.5
20-24 years	229,895	6.2	115,905	6.4	113,985	6.1
25-34 years	490,255	13.3	238,100	13.1	252,150	13.4
35-44 years	625,785	16.9	304,110	16.7	321,675	17.1
45-54 years	578,180	15.6	284,575	15.6	293,610	15.6
55-64 years	367,770	9.9	183,040	10.1	184,725	9.8
65 years and over	497,125	13.4	226,520	12.4	270,605	14.4
<i>85 years and over</i>	<i>59,680</i>	<i>1.6</i>				
	Total		Male		Female	
Median age of the total population (Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal)	38.4		37.8		39.0	

Sources: Statistics Canada, 2001 Census, Table 97F0011CXB01001
2001 Census Aboriginal Profile, 94F0043CXB01001 (Aboriginal Identity Median Age)
Table 97F0003CXB01001 (Total Population Median Age)