

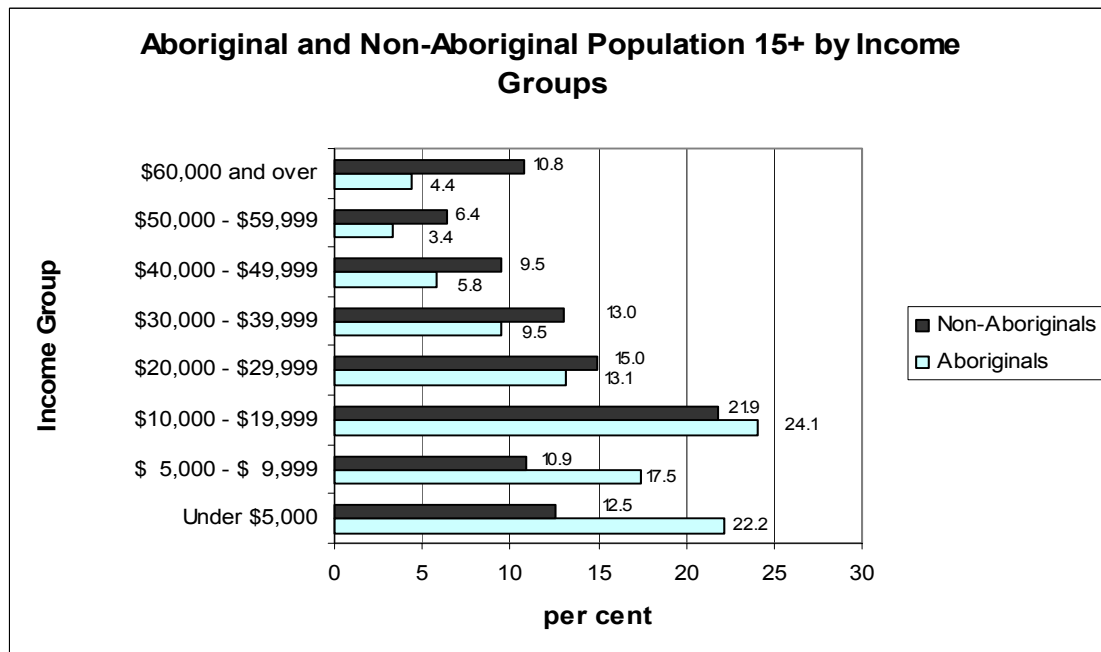
2001 Census Fast Facts: *BC Aboriginal Identity Population – Income and Low Income*

Income

Employment is the main source of income for both Aboriginals¹ and non-Aboriginals, with both groups receiving about 75 per cent of their total income from employment. Government transfer payments make up 20.6 per cent of Aboriginal total income, compared to 11.5 per cent among non-Aboriginals.

Non-Aboriginals were more likely to work full-year/full-time (33.4%), compared to Aboriginals (22.0%). Among those who worked full-year/full-time, average employment income for Aboriginals was considerably lower at \$34,696 compared to non-Aboriginals at \$44,552.

Comparisons within total income groups show the Aboriginal population concentrated at the low end, with 63.8 per cent making less than \$20,000, compared to non-Aboriginals at 45.3 per cent. The total median income² of Aboriginals is \$13,242, compared to \$22,535 for non-Aboriginals.



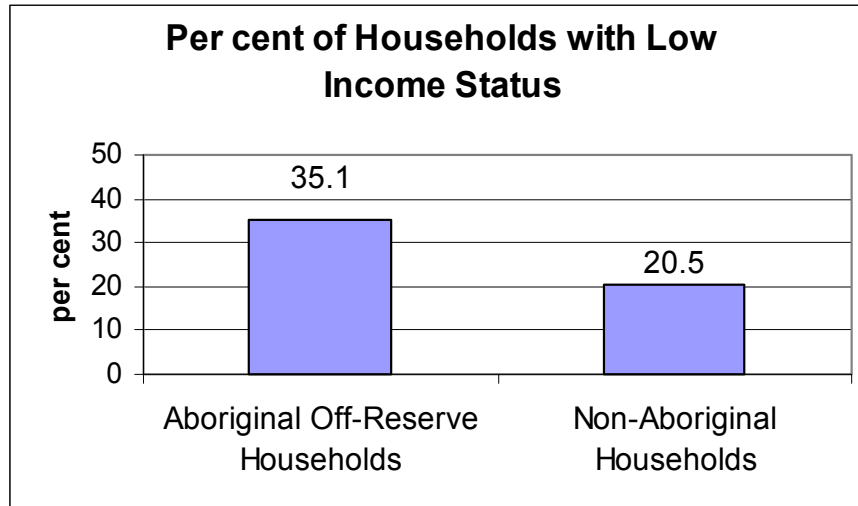
¹ Based on Aboriginal identity. The Aboriginal identity population is made up of those persons who reported identifying with at least one Aboriginal group (North American Indian, Métis, Inuit), and/or who reported being a Treaty Indian or a Registered Indian (as defined by the Indian Act of Canada),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

² Dollar amount that marks the mid-point, i.e. one half of individuals have higher income than the median and the other half have lower income than the median.



Low Income Status of Off-Reserve Aboriginal Households

More than a third (35.1%) of off-reserve Aboriginal households were low income³ compared to a fifth (20.5%) of non-Aboriginal households. Households considered low income are those that, compared to the average household, spend 20 per cent more of their total income on food, shelter and clothing.



³ Low income households are households with at least one economic family living below the low income cut-off for economic family households, or at least one person in low income for non-economic family households. Economic families and unattached individuals living on Indian reserves were excluded in the low income/non-low income statistics. Therefore, the numbers reflect only the off-reserve population.

British Columbia Aboriginal Identity Population, 2001
Selected Income Statistics

	<u>Aboriginals</u>	<u>% of Aboriginals</u>	<u>Non-Aboriginals</u>	<u>% of Non- Aboriginals</u>
Total population 15 years and over by employment income and work activity	118,030		3,042,540	
Did not work in 2000	43,580	36.9	984,820	32.4
Worked full year full time	26,020	22.0	1,016,395	33.4
Average employment income \$	34,696		44,552	
Worked part year or part time	48,425	41.0	1,041,330	34.2
Average employment income \$	14,801		20,375	
 Total population 15 years and over by composition of total income in 2000 %	 100		 100	
Employment income %	74.9		75.8	
Government transfer payments %	20.6		11.5	
Other %	4.5		12.6	
 Total population 15 years and over by total income groups	 118,025		 3,042,540	
Without income	9,130	7.7	160,915	5.3
With income	108,895	92.3	2,881,625	94.7
Under \$5,000	24,180	22.2	360,865	12.5
\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999	19,025	17.5	314,820	10.9
\$10,000 - \$19,999	26,255	24.1	630,205	21.9
\$20,000 - \$29,999	14,270	13.1	431,405	15.0
\$30,000 - \$39,999	10,305	9.5	374,465	13.0
\$40,000 - \$49,999	6,365	5.8	274,345	9.5
\$50,000 - \$59,999	3,670	3.4	185,285	6.4
\$60,000 and over	4,825	4.4	310,240	10.8
Average income \$	19,424		29,999	
Median income \$	13,242		22,535	

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 Census, Table 97F0011XCB01046

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Source of Income and Low Income Status of Off-Reserve Households

Aboriginal Households	Total Number On/Off- Reserve (1)	Number Off- Reserve	Off-Reserve Low Income Households	% of Off- Reserve Households	Off-Reserve Non-low Income Households
Income Sources					
Total - Major Sources of Income	75,880	60,865	21,390	35.1	39,485
Without income	50		45	0.1	-
With income	75,835		21,345	35.1	39,480
Employment income	49,290		6,655	10.9	33,910
Government transfer payments	23,940		14,060	23.1	3,955
Other sources of income	2,605		625	1.0	1,615

Non-Aboriginal Households	Total Number	Low Income Households	% of Non- Aboriginal Households	Non-low Income Households
Income Sources				
Total - Major Sources of Income	1,458,455	298,375	20.5	1,150,370
Without income	3,440	3,435	0.2	-
With income	1,455,020	294,940	20.2	1,150,375
Employment income	980,045	109,385	7.5	865,965
Government transfer payments	302,905	164,690	11.3	134,680
Other sources of income	172,065	20,865	1.4	149,720

(1) Total includes on-reserve households. For the purposes of low income statistics, economic families and unattached individuals on Indian reserves were excluded. The low income cut-offs are based on certain expenditure-income patterns which are not available from survey data for the entire population.

Note: Low income households are households with at least one economic family living below the low income cut-off for economic family households, or at least one person in low income for non-economic family households.

Source: Statistics Canada, 2001 Census, Aboriginal Custom Tabulation done for BC STATS (J2899, Table 16)
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