

Rapid population growth among First Nations people, Métis and Inuit

In 2016, there were 1,673,785 Aboriginal people in Canada, accounting for 4.9% of the total population. This was up from 3.8% in 2006 and 2.8% in 1996. Since 2006, the Aboriginal population has grown by 42.5%—more than four times the growth rate of the non-Aboriginal population over the same period.

The Aboriginal population in Canada is young and growing

Total population in 2016: 1,673,785 (4.9% of Canada's total population)	Growth (2006 to 2016): +42.5%	Average age: 32.1 years (almost a decade younger than the non-Aboriginal population)
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Source: [Aboriginal peoples in Canada: Key results from the 2016 Census](#)

Home ownership rates steady after years of increase

In 2016, more than two-thirds (67.8%) of households in Canada owned their home. The rate of homeownership has been relatively stable over the last decade. In 2006, the rate was 68.4% and in 2011 it was 69.0%. In contrast, from 1991 to 2006, the homeownership rate rose from 62.6% to 68.4%.

Source: [Housing in Canada: Key results from the 2016 Census](#)

Textiles, clothing and footwear, and automobile sales spur wholesale rise in August

Wholesale sales rose 0.5% to \$62.8 billion in August, led by the personal and household goods and motor vehicle and parts subsectors. Sales were up in four of the seven subsectors, together representing 47% of total wholesale sales. In volume terms, wholesale sales rose 0.4%.

Source: [Wholesale trade, August 2017](#)

The proportion of foreign-born Canadians is close to historic levels

On Census Day, 21.9% of the population reported they were or had been a landed immigrant or permanent resident in Canada. This proportion is close to the 22.3% recorded during the 1921 Census, the highest level since Confederation. Canada had 1,212,075 new immigrants who had permanently settled in Canada from 2011 to 2016. These recent immigrants represented 3.5% of Canada's total population in 2016.

Source: [Immigration and ethnocultural diversity: Key results from the 2016 Census](#)

Top 10 countries of birth of recent immigrants



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